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Agenda Item No. 2 of the January Council Meeting to be held on 8th January, 2018

RE: Corporate Plan-Annual Progress Report 2017
This report is being presented to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended. The report sets out in summary fashion progress made in relation to commitments set down in the Council’s Corporate Plan for the period 2014-2019. The report specifically highlights the progress made during 2017 and follows the same format as the Corporate Plan itself.

Economic Development
The Council continued to carry out an extensive range of work on promoting Leitrim as a strong location for economic development and facilitating infrastructure and other supports to encourage economic development during 2017. This was carried out through targeted infrastructure provision, proactive forward planning and active marketing and collaboration with other agencies. In addition, a number of applications were submitted for funding around business and Diaspora related activity.

The High Level Advisory Group met in September, 2017 in Drumshanbo and ensures on-going support and engagement of Leitrim connected people in Dublin and elsewhere as well as key local business people

The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the SPC responsible for Economic Development commenced work on implementing some of the projects contained in the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP). Following joint consultations in several locations across the county, the Leitrim Local Development Strategy was finalised and recommended for submission by the LCDC. Approval for the LDS was received in July and a contract was signed with the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht between the LCDC, Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Development Company in July.

SICAP
The current SICAP Programme is ongoing and this programme will finish at the end of the current year. Following a tender process and evaluation Leitrim Development Company were awarded the contract as Service Provider for SICAP 2018-2022 and the contract has been signed. As regards the 2017 SICAP programme a total budget of €524,650.00 was provided.

LEO Competitive Fund: Two programmes were rolled out under this scheme during 2017 across the USEFE region.

1. Creative Connections: a project across the region to replicate the model of Leitrim Deign House across the USEFE region in 2017 with a budget of approximately €70,000.
2. Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme: A strategic graduate placement programme across the USEFE the region with a budget of approximately €146,000

The Council continued to facilitate a Renewable Energy Group comprising additional agencies such as SEAI, NWRA, LDC, UCD and businesses involved in the renewable energy sector.
**Renewable Energy Group:** The Group, chaired by the Chief Executive, met in June and September. The areas of interest for the group are developments across solar, wind and biomass. The group are also the Stakeholder Group for the SECURE project and will be advising on ways of promoting energy efficiency to the wider community.

**Purple Flag:** The Economic Development Unit co-ordinated the renewal application for Carrick on Shannon to retain Purple Flag Status – which is a standard for a vibrant, well-managed evening and night time economy. The formal launch of achieving the Purple Flag standard took place in January, 2017.

**Town Team:** Work continued on the development of a structured Town Team approach in Carrick on Shannon.

**CCTV:** Work on the Garda Commissioner Approval submission was completed in November and approval for the Scheme was achieved in early December, 2017.

Similar Town Groups in Ballinamore, Drumkerrin, Carrigallen and Drumshanbo identified a priority project under the Town and Village Scheme which resulted in a total of 12 successful projects in the Town and Village scheme which resulted in over a €1.1million investment in Leitrim.

The REDZ Programme secured in 2016 for the Taste Leitrim Initiative has been progressing well, the Youth Education Programme around healthy eating, preparing your own food and nutrition worked well over the course of the year with significant numbers of disadvantaged youth engaging in the programme in Mohill. Four Taste Leitrim Food Events took place around the county in Carrick on Shannon, Mohill, The Organic Centre, Rossinver and The Food Hub, Drumshanbo. The capital investment in the Food Hub Food Experience is almost complete.

The Local Enterprise Office continued to provide supports to start up and expanding businesses throughout 2017. A total of 24 grants were awarded under the Financial Supports Programme, and the LEO Office continued to deliver a host of training, networking and mentoring supports, targeting areas such as Lean Manufacturing and Brexit.

LEO Leitrim hosted an Enterprise Week in March with 10 events, as well as hosting Women in Business networking event On National Women’s Enterprise Day in October and a joint Women in Enterprise networking event with LEO Longford in December. The Leitrim Business Network continues to meet quarterly. A total of 300 students (from 10 national schools) and 180 students (from 6 secondary schools) participated in Student Enterprise Programmes with Carrigallen Vocational School winning the Innovation prize in the Junior category at National level. LEO Leitrim also delivers a programme to National School children in Leitrim. LEO Leitrim supported clients to attend Showcase and the Ploughing Championships.

LEO Leitrim continues to deliver national LEO programmes including Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur Programme, and the newly announced in 2017 LEO Innovation Investment Fund (LIIF) as well as the two LEO Competitive Funds Programmes of Graduate Internship for Enterprise and Creative Connections. LEO Leitrim is also working on two Erasmus Programmes – WISE and Smart Regions Smart Data, with partners in Northern Ireland and Europe as well as Co-Innovate with Northern Ireland and Scotland. LEO Leitrim continues to deliver the Taste Leitrim Initiative, having launched the 5 year strategy in early 2017 and a Food Strategy Steering Group has also been established.

The Sustainable Energy Communities Project in Mohill continues to be delivered in 2017, with an Energy Awareness Day taking place in June and funding received under the Better Energy Communities programme. LEO Leitrim also support Leitrim Design House and work with the Arts Office in the delivery of SPARK (Artist in Residence) and The Creative Frame programmes.
Recreation and Amenity
Leitrim County Council has worked actively with Community Groups, Town Teams and various stakeholders in the pursuit of funding and delivery of key projects for the county under the Town and Village Schemes, The Clár Programme, REDZ and Rural Recreation. The Council will continue to prioritise the development of recreation and amenity infrastructure within the county as a means to support economic development and in particular, support the ongoing development of our tourism product. Details of scheme funding and areas of concentration are detailed at Appendix 1.

Infrastructural Development
Non National Roads Network
The Non-National Roads Budget for 2017 was €7.3m. While this was a decrease on the 2016 Budget of €8.3m, it should be noted that the 2016 Budget included €2.0 m for works on roads damaged as a result of storms in December, 2015. A total of 38km of non national roads were surface dressed in 2017 and a total of 60km of non national roads were strengthened in 2017.

- Safety Improvement Works under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Works Programme were completed at a total of 9 locations in the county.
- Bridge Improvement Works under the Bridge Rehabilitation Grant Programme were completed at a total of 7 Bridges throughout the county.

The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Programme received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2017 amounted for €487,947. The Council has a LIS Waiting List of approximately 205 applicants and the 2017 Allocation will allow approximately 20 of these LIS Projects to be completed.

- Leitrim County Council introduced a Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for the first time in 2017. A total of 7 applicants were approved for grant assistance under this Scheme in 2017.
- Declaration of Public Roads - A total of 6 Private Roads in 6 Housing Estates were declared public roads in 2017.
- The Council continued to support the Tidy Towns Committees across the county with a workshop for all in April 2017, financial support through the GMA and assistance from the area structures on an ongoing basis.

National Roads Network
In terms of our National Road network, a total allocation of €1.8m was received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for improvement and maintenance works on National Roads in 2017. Improvement Works completed under this Programme include the following:-

- **Realignment of 2km section of the N16 from Cornacloy to Srardrane Phase 2** – The construction of Phase 2 of the N16 Cornacloy to Srardrane Realignment Scheme was completed in 2017. Works have commenced on the extension of the Greenway as part of these works.
- **Realignment of 1.4km section of N16 at Drummahan** – This realignment scheme received planning approval in 2017. Detailed design and associated documents for this construction contract will be completed in 2018.
- **Leitrim County Council will continue to pursue funding for similar such re-alignment schemes on the N16 including a proposed scheme at Munakill** which it is hoped to seek planning approval for this in 2018.
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- **Provision of 2 Lay-By’s on the N4 Dromod Roosky ByPass** – The provision of 2 Lay-By’s on the N4 Dromod Roosky Bypass was completed in 2017.

- **Leitrim County Council received approval from the TII in 2017 to commence pavement design for Overlay’s on National Primary Roads at the following locations:-**
  - N4 Jamestown to Drumsna
  - N4 Carrick on Shannon – Attynelay Roundabout to County Boundary at Coffey’s Roundabout
  - N16 Shanvaus to Manorhamilton

  Surveys in respect of these proposed overlays commenced in November. The progression of these Schemes to construction phase will be subject to funding approval from the TII

**Speed Limit Review**
Following the publication of new Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, a review of Speed Limits on both National and Non-National Roads commenced in Leitrim.

**Road Safety**
The County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020 was published in 2016. The Road Safety Working Together Group met on two occasions in 2017 in order to review the objectives set out in this Plan.

**OPW Flood Relief Scheme**

**OPW Minor Flood Relief Scheme**
In 2016, Leitrim County council received funding of €47,700 in respect of Flood Relief Works at Mountcampbell. These Flood Relief Works at Mountcampbell were completed in 2017.

In 2017, Leitrim County Council received funding for 2 Minor Flood Relief Projects under this Scheme. Details as follows:-

- **Flood Relief Works at Rossinver** – Funding of €59,600
- **Flood Relief Works at Dromore/Carrigeen, Dromahair** – Funding of €8,116

**OPW Captial Flood Relief Scheme – Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAMS)**

**Flood Relief Works at Leitrim Village** – Leitrim County Council made an application to the OPW in 2017 to carry out Flood Defence Works as detailed in the CFRAMS Project for Leitrim Village.

**Rural Water**
Under this Multi Annual Programme, an allocation of €90,000 was received by Leitrim County Council in 2017 under the Block Grant Allocation in respect of Network Upgrades completed to Group Water Schemes.

**Environmental and Public Health Compliance – Breveiga Co-Operative Society Ltd. (Formerly known as Cornashamsogue GWS)** – Leitrim County Council continued to work closely with this GWS in 2017 in order to progress the upgrade of this Scheme.

**Group Sewerage Schemes** - In relation to Group Sewerage Schemes, works are progressing on Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme. A Consultant Engineer was appointed to complete a preliminary design of this scheme and this preliminary design was completed in 2017. It will now be necessary to re-advertise for planning approval for the proposed three Pumping Stations on this Scheme.
Water Services
Leitrim County Council continues to work with Irish Water under the existing Service Level Agreement to manage, maintain and improve water services infrastructure within the county. The following schemes were progressed by Irish Water in 2017;

- The North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme Phase II Contracts 3a Moneyduff Water Treatment Plant extension currently under construction in 2017 and will be completed in April, 2018. The increased treatment capacity will ensure supplies in the North Leitrim Area for the next 10-12 years. The total estimated cost of €8.076m
- New pipelines to supply treated water from NLRWSS to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver completed in 2017
- Manorhamilton and Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade progressed through Tendering and procurement in 2017 with Contracts signed on 14th November, 2017. Works will commence in December 2017 and will take one year to complete. The total estimated all in cost is in excess of €4m.
- Minor Capital Programme works progressed during the year including the replacement of 2Km of old Trunk Main on the R202 at Mohill and 2.2 Km of old cast iron water mains at Kilenna, Manorhamilton.
- Contractor appointed for replacement of 2.2 Km of old Trunk main on R199 at Mountcampbell with works commenced in November, 2017 and scheduled for completion March, 2018.
- Other various Capital Programmes provided minor upgrade works and process improvements at water treatment plants and waste water treatment plant in Leitrim in 2017.
- Tendering and Procurement of Contractor for the upgrade of 4 Waste Water Treatment Plants at Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore completed and commencement date for works in December 2017 with substantial completion by September, 2018.

Tourism
Leitrim County Council continued to invest in the promotion of County Leitrim as a visitor location in 2017. This investment was strategically aligned with that of other key partners such as Waterways Ireland, Failte Ireland, and Inland Fisheries Ireland and supported through the work of the Leitrim Tourism Growth Alliance(LTGA) and Marketing sub group, to deliver the following promotional activities;

- Attendance at trade shows, including Meitheal, and Holiday shows in Dublin and Belfast.
- Attendance at the National Ploughing Championships.
- Carrying out advertising campaigns through online, radio and social media.
- Hosting of media and tour operator visits to the county.
- Support the operation of the Carrick on Shannon Tourist Office in conjunction with Failte Ireland.
- Support the information units at Knock Airport, Glencar and Ballinamore.
- Update and promotion of the Leitrim Tourism website enjoyleitrim.com which provides the central call to action for all promotion and marketing campaigns.
- In 2017, Leitrim County Council supported priority investment areas in tourism based upon an open call for projects under the General Municipal Allocation.
- 2017 saw the continued development of the Slow Adventure Tourism concept, which is currently been researched under the Northern Periphery and Arctic programme, where Leitrim has been identified as a designated area.

A strong focus continues on the promotion and development of the County as a tourism destination including:

- Development work regarding identified Greenway Projects in the County.
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- Redevelopment of Leitrim Way and its linkage to the Beara Breffni Way.
- Engagement in the development of a fourth strategic tourism proposition by Failte Ireland for the Midlands and Lakeland area.
- Continued development of the Glencar Amenity as a key attractor for visitors to the county along with promotion of other new tourism assets.
- Continued engagement and collaboration with partners in the development of the Blueway concept

2018 will see the full integration of the role and functions of Leitrim Tourism within the Councils Enterprise function. This role will continue to be informed and supported through the work of the Leitrim Tourism Growth Alliance.

**High Quality Sustainable Living Environment**

**Environment**

**RMCEI Plan** – The 2017 RMCEI Plan was submitted by the Environment Department to the EPA in January 2017, and was approved by the EPA. The Objectives provided in the plan were delivered in 2017. Works targeted for the year in the Environment Department were based on the 2017 RMCEI Plan and the same shall apply for 2018.

**National Inspection Program (DWWTS)** – The Water Services (Amendment) Act, 2012 provided for the introduction of a registration and inspection system for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (DWWTS). The Council have inspected 30 No DWWTS in 2017 and these inspections are complete.

**LAWCO**: Leitrim County Council and LAWCO held an engagement and feedback session on the recommended Areas for Action in April and November of this year to facilitate the engagement process. LAWCO have also recently developed a Border Regional Operational Committee (BROC) which comes together on a quarterly basis with the view to improving knowledge sharing. A community information evening ‘Who’s Who in the Lough Melvin Catchment’ was held in the Kinlough community centre on 21st November, 2017 and was well attended.

**WERLA**: The WERLA Office arranged targeted inspections of Illegal Dumping including Construction and Demolition Waste, household Waste Management Compliance including Brown Bin, End of Life Vehicles and Tyres PRI. In addition, a pilot targeted packaging enforcement project was also launched.

**CFRAMs**

The full National suite of 29 Flood Risk Management Plans was submitted to the Department for Public Expenditure and reform for an Environmental Assessment review between early August and early October 2017. It is expected that, that the Department will be in a position to recommend approval by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

**Planning & Sustainable Development**

- The Mid Term Review of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 was completed in July 2017 which included a review of the Housing Strategy contained therein. It was concluded that reasonable progress has been made in realising a significant number of the objectives contained therein and that the existing Housing Strategy remains fit for purpose.

- The Planning Authority has appointed consultants (McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan Ltd. Planning & Environmental Consultants) to undertake the screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan 2015-2021 in relation to the implementation of the provisions 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. This will be placed on public display in January, 2018.

- The Council continued to progress the resolution of unfinished estates in 2017 with all relevant stakeholders. 6 No. estates have already been taken in charge this year and arrangements to commence the process to take in charge a further 20 no. estates by year end. This has been facilitated significantly by the funding secured by the Council through the National Taking in Charge Initiative (Measure 1). The Council have also prepared Site Resolution Plans for 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of this initiative.

- The Planning Department has met recently with The Heritage Council with a view to re-establishing the role of Heritage Officer within Leitrim County Council which role is presently vacant.

- The Planning Authority successfully obtained funding for 3 projects under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and funding for 1 project under the Structures at Risk Fund, both funds operated by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

- 160 no. valid planning applications had been received to 24th November 2017, with 33 no. of the applications lodged relating to commercial developments. This compares to 154 no. applications received during the same period in 2016. A further 60 applications were received during 2017 (up to 24th November) which were deemed invalid which is the same number as received to the same date in 2016.

- Planning permission was granted for a new visitor experience at The Shed Distillery, Drumshanbo and for an extension to the Elasto Metall facility in Manorhamilton. The new Gaelscoil in Carrick on Shannon is presently under construction with an application being considered to develop a 135 bed nursing home adjoining. The Planning Authority also processed 7 no. Part VIII applications for our own development proposals which included a significant extension to our Corporate Headquarters at Aras an Chontae.

- The pre planning process continued in 2016. The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planer. A total of 77 no. formal meetings took place in 2017.

- Leitrim County Council has actively pursued innovative solutions to facilitate the design of a wastewater treatment and disposal facility that would have the potential to have a zero discharge of effluent and, if successful, allow sites with poor percolation characteristics to treat the discharge of treated wastewater in a manner which was not prejudicial to public health.

**Emergency Services**

Leitrim Fire Services continued to provide emergency fire services in the County. Plans to provide a new Fire Station in Manorhamilton progressed with the purchase of a site for the new station on the Sligo Road out of Manorhamilton. Following a capital submission to the Department capital funding of €400,000 was also sanctioned in respect of the refurbishment of Ballinamore fire station on the existing site. Capital funding of €106,000 was also sanctioned for an extension to Drumhanbo Fire Station.

Assistance was provided by Civil Defence to the Principal Response Agencies during a number of missing person searches and water based incidents during the year. Civil Defence continued to assist the Environment Department throughout the year in completing the lake water sampling programme. Civil Defence also provided safety boat and first aid assistance to a number of local community events during the year.
Quality Housing

In terms of meeting housing needs the Council continued to address the housing need of approved housing applicants on the Housing Waiting List. In 2017, 78 new tenancies were created in standard local authority accommodation, this figure is inclusive of 7 transfers, 11 RAS contracts which were negotiated and 2 dwellings that were allocated under the Long-Term Leasing Scheme. At year-end 104 households were in receipt of HAP payments. In order to address supply issues in areas with a high demand for social housing support an ambitious Housing Acquisition Programme was progressed in 2017. At year-end a total of 13 new dwellings were being progressed through this Programme.

The Statutory Assessment of Housing Need was completed in June, 2017 which required a detailed review of all approved housing applicants. On completion of the detailed assessment the net need identified was 328 households deemed qualified for and in need of social housing support. The implementation of the Leitrim Housing & Disability Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability plan was progressed in 2017.

Under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 the target for delivery has been set at a total 46 outputs over the life-time of the Programme. To date 49 outputs have been achieved which equates to 106.5% delivery rate. The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee met 4 times in 2017 and monitored the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme and other matters arising.

In meeting the housing needs of the wider community to support housing modifications under the housing grants schemes, the Council received an allocation of €436,736. This allocation was fully committed in 2017. Efforts continued to upgrade and enhance the Council’s Social Housing Stock. Funding in the order of €200,000 was expended under the 2017 Voids and Derelicts Programme and a total of 17 units were upgraded via this funding stream.

An Inclusive County

- A two year plan for Peace and Reconciliation, Peace IV, has been approved by the Special EU Programmes Body with Leitrim obtaining funding of just under €1.8 million.
- At the start of 2017 the PPN had 187 registered members. Representatives on 9 Committees including the LCDC, Strategic Policy Committees and LEADER Evaluation. There were two vacancies on the Secretariat and vacancies on Sports Partnership and Peace IV Partnership.
- Leitrim PPN has held a county Plenary and elected representatives to fill vacancies on all committees.
- Comhairle na nOg Liatroma continues to enjoy the support of all second level schools and youth clubs in the county. In 2017, Comhairle, with support from Creative Ireland and North West Drugs Taskforce produced a short video on ‘Use your Brain, Not Your Fist’.
- Leitrim Age Friendly Alliance in conjunction with the Older Persons Council launched a new Age Friendly Strategy for 2017-2020 during Positive Ageing Week.
- Leitrim entered three communities in Pride of Place in 2016, one from each Municipal District. Bornacoola and Carrigallen in the Population Category and Manorhamilton in the Creative Place Category. Bornacoola won a runner up prize.
- The first Community and Environmental Awards, was held in conjunction with the PPN (Public Participation Network). The awards recognised the significant work of community groups, residents’ groups, businesses; schools and individuals in making their area a better place to live, work and visit. Manorhamilton Girl Guides won the overall community award.
• Leitrim were allocated €64,500 under the Community Facilities Scheme funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in 2017. A total of 126 Community Groups were approved for funding.

• Clár Funding was received of €82,805 for three playgrounds in Co. Leitrim namely Glenfarne, McDermott Terrace, Manorhamilton and Fenagh.

• Leitrim were allocated €64,500 funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under RAPID National Programme in November, 2017. This funding was rolled out to 7 towns in Leitrim with minimum allocations of €7,000 to maximum allocation of €10,000.

• Almost €1.1 Million was allocated under Towns and Villages Funding for 2017 to 12 Community Groups.

• The Traveller Interagency Group met on a number of occasions in 2017 and Action Plans are in place for three core groups; Education, Accommodation and Health.

• The Community Alarm Scheme was reactivated in 2017 with 85 smoke alarms provided to vulnerable homes in the county where there are currently no smoke alarms installed.

The Leitrim Joint Policing Committee met on four occasions in 2017. A public meeting of the JPC was also held on Tuesday 28th February, 2017 in the Mayflower, Drumshanbo with the theme of ‘Community Safety in Leitrim’.

The Council’s Sport, Recreation and community Department continued to deliver, in conjunction with Leitrim Sports Partnership, an ever expanding range of sports and recreational activities and participation initiatives to the local communities. Work continued in primary, secondary schools, local communities, local sports clubs and specific target groups throughout Leitrim. Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered a variety of sport and recreation programmes for the disability groups involved in the Leitrim Disability Sports Forum. A number of other education and training workshops were also delivered e.g. Safe Guarding 1, 2 & 3 Workshops.

The seventh annual Leitrim Sports Star Awards Night took place on 24th November, 2017 in the Lough Rynn Castle hotel, Mohill with guest of honour, the former International Rugby and Connacht star, Eric Elwood. Leitrim and Carrick on Shannon A.C. Athletic Star Eanna Madden was the overall winner of the Leitrim Sports Person Star of the Year award. The night was a great success and it was celebration of the outstanding achievements of Leitrim sportspeople in a wide variety of sports in 2017.

Children and Young People
Leitrim Youth Theatre Company grew by 28% expanding to eight groups in three centres. In September, Music Generation announced that Leitrim will receive €340,000 over three years to increase access to high-quality, subsidised vocal and instrumental music education programmes for children and young people throughout the county.

Creative Communities
The Artist in Communities Scheme mirrors the Artist in Schools Scheme encouraging participation in high quality arts projects by community groups. Culture Night continues as a very valuable platform for venues throughout the county to expand and build their audience bases and to provide opportunities for people to try something new.

Festivals
In 2017, the Iron Mountain Literature Festival looked at themes of place, migration and history in a gathering of writers, activists and musicians. Traditional Arts in 2017 saw the development of a specific strand for young trad musicians as part of the Music Generation programme. We have also been working
closely with Leitrim Dance Project which combines a weeklong professional development programme for Sean Nós dancers. Funding through a Festival and Events Scheme to a range of arts festivals to enhance the quality of their programming and their capacity to deliver events to audiences in the county is also provided.

**Cultural Infrastructure**

The Dock is an iconic cornerstone of Leitrim’s Arts Infrastructure garnering a substantial national and international reputation and providing a crucial service to the community with its high quality cultural offering being key to the town of Carrick on Shannon, and its visitors and citizens. In addition to the Dock, The Glens Centre, Solas Gallery and Cornmill Theatre are all integral partners in the continued development of various aspects of the arts in the county. Leitrim County Council support to Leitrim Sculpture Centre is provided for two Leitrim based artists taking residence at LSC.

**Supporting Leitrim Artists**

Creative Frame is a user-driven continuous professional development network for the creative sector of Leitrim and the wider region. Over the last 12 months membership has grown from 120 to 260 practitioners with over 400 artists on our wider database. The Individual Artists Bursary programme is designed to support the development of emerging and established Leitrim based professional artists from any arts discipline. This year we allocated a total of €12,500 to 21 applicants in the areas of visual art, theatre, dance, film and literature. Under the title ‘SLR Film’ Leitrim, Roscommon and Sligo local authorities have come together with representatives of the film sector to develop a joint film development strategy.

In 2018 the Leitrim County Council will publish its new Arts Strategy as well as a Culture and Creativity Strategy as part of the Creative Ireland programme.

**Maximising Operational and Organisational Capacity**

**Supporting the Elected Member**

The three Municipal Districts of Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton continued to operate in 2017 and held monthly meetings and they also adopted the General Municipal Allocation for Municipal District Works. The Municipal District also received a number of presentations at their meetings from staff across a range of service areas. Regular meetings of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC; Housing Policy, Social and Cultural Development SPC and Environmental, Transportation and Infrastructural Policy SPC took place throughout 2017 and a number of policy matters were progressed and brought to the full Council for adoption. The Joint Policing Committee also meet on four occasions in 2017 and progressed actions included in the Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan.

**Staff Learning & Development**

The workforce planning process has continued throughout 2017 with a view to streamlining operational processes and to assist in making the best use of available staff resources. There were a total of 5 staff retirements in 2017 and 1 Death in Service (R.I.P.). A further 5 permanent staff members resigned during the year while 25 staff members on temporary contracts left Leitrim County Council during 2017. Recruitment activity also continued to be significant however with 32 recruitment competitions completed to fill a range of vacancies arising and a total of 25 new staff joining Leitrim County Council on either permanent or temporary contracts during the year. Following detailed Business Improvement Reviews (BIRs) in the Environment, Planning and Finance functions a range of actions were implemented to deliver efficiencies in the respective areas.

The Performance Management and Development System (PMDS) for staff continued to be closely linked to the Annual Service Delivery Plan as adopted by the Members, and the associated Departmental Team Plans, in 2017. The national Competency Framework, aimed at developing a competency-based approach
to performance development within the local government sector, continued to be implemented at senior and middle management levels as part of the PMDS process in 2017. A comprehensive Learning and Development Plan was implemented in 2017 which is complemented by the expansion of the Staff Education Scheme, providing support to staff members pursuing further education opportunities. 32 Staff are also availing of our Mentoring Programme, providing staff with the opportunity to avail of the advice, assistance and support of more senior staff in relation to aspects of their work and/or career development. The Council’s Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Employee Assistance Programme was extended for 2017 and is due for review in 2018.

Managing Risk & Resources
Leitrim County Council continued to adopt a prudent approach to expenditure during 2017, resulting in the delivery of services within budget. In 2017, the Valuation Office completed a revaluation of County Leitrim and Commercial Ratepayers have been notified of their new valuation which will come into effect on 1\textsuperscript{st} January, 2018. In the year, following a revaluation process, the Local Authority is subject to a Rates Limitation Order which is set by the Minister and Leitrim County Council is subject to such an order in 2018. Leitrim County Council has prepared a Corporate Risk Register in collaboration with the Internal Audit Committee and each Directorate within the Local Authority. The Internal Audit Committee has an advisory role in promoting good accounting practices and improving the focus on value for money throughout the organisation. In this regard, the Committee provided oversight to the ongoing activities of the Internal Audit function during 2017.

Quality Customer Services
In 2017, the Quality Assurance Group continued their role in the review of the National and Local Performance Indicators. All data was compiled, validated and submitted to the LGMA in advance of the deadline for submission of data on the National Performance Indicators in April, 2016. The extended Quality Assurance Group and the Management Team also met quarterly to review and analyse the data relating to the National & Local Performance Indicators for 2017.

The Internal Communications Working Group finalised the Communications Strategy and Guidelines for Leitrim County Council in June, 2017. The Social Media Group continued to ensure maximum use of the Council’s social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter promoting the wide range of activities occurring across all service areas. The number of followers on the Council’s social media channels continues to grow and is currently in excess of 5,500 followers.

Conclusion
The foregoing achievements were made possible through the combined efforts of the Elected Members and Staff of this Authority and, together with the many voluntary and community organisations with whom the Council interacts. We wish to thank them for their commitment and dedication to securing our mission, vision and goals in 2017. We look forward to continuing to deliver high quality services to all our customers and to working with all stakeholders in order to develop County Leitrim as a vibrant and attractive County for people to live, work, invest and visit.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Gilhooly
Chief Executive
Recreation and Amenity
Leitrim Council will continue to prioritise the development of recreation and amenity infrastructure within the County as a means to support economic development and in particular, support the ongoing development of our tourism product. The following is an over-view of the projects that have been advanced in 2017 under the various funding streams accessed by Leitrim County Council.

Town and Village
- 8 Schemes under the Town & Village 2016 were approved with a Total Grant of €380,000. All the works were completed in 2017
- 12 Schemes were approved in October, 2017 at a total value of €1,098,538. All schemes will be fully expended and drawndown by mid 2018 as per scheme requirements.

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<td>Hot Desk-Bus Shelter-Trail-Lighting</td>
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<td>Tourism Initiatives &amp; Use of Vacant Sites</td>
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REDZ
- Two schemes were approved in 2016 with a total grant of €300,000.
- Ballinamore REDZ is fully completed.
- Carrick-on-Shannon REDZ: Contractors are on site and all works will be completed by early 2018.

Outdoor Rural Recreational Infrastructure Scheme
Three Schemes received approval with a total Grant of €480,000:
- SLNCR Greenway from Sligo to Manorhamilton
- Cavan Leitrim Greenway from Ballinamore to Belturbet has been made to Failte Ireland Major Grants Fund.
- A Greenway from Leitrim Village to Carrick on Shannon to connect into the existing Blueway

2017
- 10 Schemes received approval under Measure 1 (Small Scale Maintenance/Promotional and Marketing) with a total grant of €95,000.

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<td>Acres Lake Access</td>
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All works have been completed and drawdown of funds has been requested from the Department.

1 Scheme received approval under Measure 3 (Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategic Trail Development) which was a joint application between Leitrim County Council and Waterways Ireland. The total grant approved €955,153. This scheme has three different elements and work has commenced. All aspects of the entire project to be fully completed by mid 2018.

Clar 2017

10 Projects were approved under measure 1 (Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures)-Total Grant €288,268. These schemes are 90% funded. It is planned to complete 8 projects by the end of the current year with the other 2 to be completed by February 2018.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Official School name / Community Facility</th>
<th>Agreed CLÁR funding</th>
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<td>It is proposed to install a pedestrian crossing to serve the Gaelscoil which will link the existing car park at the Castle to the Gaelscoil.</td>
<td>Gaelscoil Cluainin</td>
<td>€38,000</td>
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<td>Provide a Pedestrian Crossing between the community car park at Gorby’s Bar &amp; Lounge and the current footpath on the opposite side of the road.</td>
<td>Newtowngore Community Hall Group</td>
<td>€41,400</td>
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<td>Provision of speed safety signs, provision of a pedestrian crossing to allow the safe crossing area for students outside the school and the provision of road markings.</td>
<td>Carrick on Shannon Community School</td>
<td>€33,300</td>
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<td>Erect street lighting from Acres to the houses of Drumduff north.</td>
<td>Drumduff North Acres Residents Association</td>
<td>€27,900</td>
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<td>100m footway from St. Mary’s NS to the Aughnasheelin community hall</td>
<td>St. Mary’s National School</td>
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<td>Provision of a pedestrian crossing to allow the safe crossing area for vulnerable road users access the local health centre and playground.</td>
<td>Dromod Development Association</td>
<td>€19,800</td>
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<td>Erect Street lighting</td>
<td>Annaduff National School</td>
<td>€10,800</td>
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Groundworks for footpath and construction of safety rail/barrier alongside the path. | St. Clares Primary School | €30,000
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Construction of a footpath/walkway along the river. | St. Patrick’s National School | €30,000
Construction of a new 1.8 m wide concrete footpath along the school boundaries | St. Joseph’s NS | €12,068

- 4 Projects were approved under Measure 2 (Play Areas) – Total Grant €95,672. These schemes are 90% funded. 2 projects will be completed by year end with remaining 2 due to be completed by March, 2018.

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<td>Resurfacing of Playground area and new playground equipment.</td>
<td>McDermott Terrace Residents Association</td>
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<td>Repair and upgrading of Playgrounds to address health and safety concerns.</td>
<td>Glenfarne Community Development Trust CLG</td>
<td>€43,805</td>
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<td>Installation of new Self closing gate and a multi spinner carousel.</td>
<td>Fenagh Development Company Ltd</td>
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<td>New Surface of Tennis Court</td>
<td>Dromod Development Association</td>
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- 2 Projects were approved under Measure 3 (Targeted Community Infrastructure Needs) – Total Grant €83,179. Both of these projects will be completed by year end

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<td>Resurface existing pier; Renovate and upgrade existing changing facilities and toilets and install shower facilities; Replace roadside fence; Provide car parking facilities; Provide picnic tables, sand to swimming area and</td>
<td>Keeldra Lake Amenity Development, Cloone</td>
<td>€50,000</td>
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<td>Replacement of the existing 1990 rowing pontoon and a trolley for safe use and storage of a training boat</td>
<td>Carrick on Shannon Rowing Club,</td>
<td>€33,179</td>
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Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

2nd January, 2018

Agenda Item No 3 of the January Council Meeting to be held on Monday 8th January, 2018.

RE: Capital Programme for the forthcoming 3 years

Dear Member,

In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended, the Council must, at the beginning of each financial year, receive an updated report of the planned Capital Programme for the forthcoming three years. The Programme must be prepared having regard to the resources likely to be available to the Local Authority on the basis of a realistic and prudent assessment of the position, on the basis of the information available at the time and having regard to the measures proposed by the Local Authority to generate funding/match funding as required.

The attached appendix provides a detailed breakdown of the Capital Programme 2018 – 20, while the following narrative provides some context and highlights.

Housing & Building:
The Housing Capital Programme for the three year period 2018-2021 will see a continuation of the Construction / Acquisition Programme in line with the Government’s action plan for housing and homelessness entitled ‘Rebuilding Ireland’, in addition to the continuation of the investment in the upgrading of the Council’s existing stock.

The Council will continue to focus on the Housing Construction Programme with the following schemes to be progressed to completion in the period 2018 – 20:

- Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton: Project Cost - €880,000.
- Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon: Project Cost - €3,949,500
- Attirory, Carrick on Shannon: Project Cost - €3,743,850

Road Transportation and Safety
It is anticipated that the N16 realignment scheme at Drummahan will be advanced to construction stage, while the N16 Munakil scheme will progress through the detailed design process during 2018.

It is anticipated that three new overlay schemes will commence during 2018 on national roads as follows:

- N4 Carrick on Shannon
- N4 Jamestown Drumsna
- N16 Manorhamilton

Environmental Services
The Fire Service will accept delivery of a new Class B fire appliance during 2018, while work will commence on the refurbishment of Ballinamore Fire Station and the extension of Drumshanbo Station. Leitrim County Council will also progress the construction of a new Fire Station in Manorhamilton, with an expected completion date of late 2019.

Leitrim County Council will engage with all stakeholders to progress the development of outlined Greenway and Blueway projects within County Leitrim, subject to the availability of grant funding and the cooperation of stakeholders. Glencar Waterfall, located in North Leitrim represents an iconic tourist attraction and funding will be sought to further develop the Waterfall and General Amenity to support tourism development within the County. Leitrim County Council will also pursue grant funding to develop a new branch Library in Carrick on Shannon.
Rural / Community Development
Leitrim County Council will continue to engage with the Department of Rural and Community Development and other funding agencies to secure capital funding for County Leitrim. Over the period 2016 / 17, the Council secured €4.8m for Rural Development projects in collaboration with Town Centre and Community Groups. It is anticipated that continued support will be provided by this Department over the period 2018 - 20 under the Town and Village Initiative.

Conclusion
The Programme as set out above represents an ambitious programme of capital works over the coming three year period, much of which is contingent on the necessary funding being secured. Leitrim County Council is committed to actively pursuing the necessary resources to facilitate implementation of the projects detailed. Periodic reports will be presented to the Members as Programmes are progressed.

Yours sincerely

Joseph Gilhooly
Chief Executive
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<td>Office Extension at Aran-an-Chontae</td>
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**Housing & Building Total:**

3,620,000, 7,770,000, 4,550,000, 15,780,000, 16,674,000, 356,000, 0, 5,000,000, 0

| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | 016 Drumkeen (Planning/Budget) Construction Phase | 500,000 | 3,000,000 | 1,118,500 | 4,638,500 | 4,638,500 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | 016 Ryn Road (Planning/Budget) Planning Design Phase | 50,000 | 50,000 | 3,000,000 | 3,050,000 | 0, 4,050,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | 016 Roundabout (Planning/Budget) Road Improvement | 1,000,000 | 1,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | MH Pavement (Carndonagh) | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | 016 Roundabout (Planning/Budget) Road Improvement | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | N5 Resurfacing | 100,000 | 750,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,750,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | Rooskey Bridge | 100,000 | 750,000 | 1,000,000 | 850,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | Sligo Bridge | 50,000 | 400,000 | 50,000 | 450,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | Llurin Bridge | 50,000 | 350,000 | 50,000 | 350,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | Ryn Road Carndonagh | 100,000 | 800,000 | 250,000 | 1,550,000 |
| Roads & Transportation | Roads Capital Programme | FUNDED | 3,000,000 | 11,620,000 | 5,418,500 | 24,743,000 |

**Roads & Transportation Total:**

3,000,000, 11,620,000, 5,418,500, 16,763,500, 16,763,500, 0, 0, 0, 0

| Water Services | Rural Water | Annual Group Water Schemes - 3 per year | 150,000 | 200,000 | 150,000 | 500,000 |
| Water Services | Rural Water | Annual Group Sewerage Schemes - 3 per year | 300,000 | 200,000 | 300,000 | 900,000 |

**Water Services Total:**

800,000, 300,000, 300,000, 1,400,000, 1,400,000, 0, 0, 0, 0

| Waste Management | Garbage Remediation | Disposal Site | 100,000 | 100,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Waste Management | Recycling Centres | Ballygad - Murrisk | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Waste Management | Recycling Centres | Ballygad - Manor | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Fire Service | Fire Stations | & Construction for Fire Station Manorhamilton | 200,000 | 400,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Fire Service | Fire Stations | Extension of Fire Station, Dromahane | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Fire Service | Fire Stations | Ballinamore Fire Station Refurbishment | 300,000 | 100,000 |
| Fire Service | Fire Appliances | Class B Fire Appliance | 403,113 |
| Fire Service | Fire Appliances | Class A Fire Appliances | 403,113 |
| Fire Service | Fire Appliances | Class C Fire Appliances | 0 |

**Environmental Services Total:**

1,035,113, 1,406,000, 1,500,000, 3,135,113, 2,848,113, 0, 20,000, 0, 0

| Watering and Causening | Greenway Projects | Lough Rynn Greenway (Nth St) | 15,000 | 2,500,000 | 5,500,000 | 8,015,000 | 6,000,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Greenway Projects | Lough Lannan Greenway (Sth St) | 25,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Leitrim Way | Upgrading | 150,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Outdoor Recreation Area | 150,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Lough Rynn Leitrim Greenway | Demonstration Stretch | 150,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Lough Rynn Recreation Centre | Wastewater Treatment System | 150,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Lough Rynn Recreation Centre | Completion of new branch library | 450,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Lough Rynn Recreation Centre | Entrance, car park and Viewing Area | 100,000 |
| Watering and Causening | Lough Rynn Recreation Centre | River projects identified in the Tourism Strategy | 100,000 |
| Wildlife and Tourism | Tourism Product Development | Lough Rynn Waterfall / Amenities | 100,000 |
| Library Service | Recruit on Shenan | Site Purchase new Branch Library | 100,000 |
| Library Service | Recruit on Shenan | Construction new Branch Library | 500,000 |
| Library Service | Recruit on Shenan | Adaptation new Branch Library | 30,000 |

**Recruitment & Retention Total:**

147,013, 6,935,000, 11,300,000, 16,635,000, 16,572,500, 0, 1,667,500, 3,459,000, 0

| Town and Village | Countywide | Rural Villages | 1,000,000, 1,000,000, 1,000,000 |
| Town and Village | Countywide | Shared Services | 100,000 |
| The Book | Books Works | 10,000,000 |

**Overall Totals:**

11,589,113, 34,815,000, 22,038,500, 62,636,613, 51,743,113, 300,000, 300,000, 300,000, 300,000
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisc.

22nd December 2017

To: Cathaoirleach and gach Ball

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Re: Disposal of Freehold Interest in Property – No. 16 Dristernan, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

Dear Councillor,

Approval is requested for the disposal of the freehold interest in the property as set out hereunder and subject to the consideration and the conditions as outlined hereunder.

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<td>Leitrim County Council</td>
<td>House and adjoining site comprising circa 0.717 Acres (0.29 Hectares) in the townland of Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim (Freehold Interest Registered in name of Leitrim County Council - Folio No. LM115L)</td>
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The Leasehold Interest in this Property was transferred to Mr. John Joe Cullen, by way of Transfer Order dated 26th April 1977 under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966 and Mr. Cullen’s Leasehold Interest in this Property was registered in Folio No. 115L. Leitrim County Council’s ownership of this Property is registered in Folio No. LM115L. The property has been sold on a number of occasions and Gerard and Susan O’Dell of 11 Millmount Avenue, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath are now the Registered Leasehold Owners of this Property. The O’Dell’s, as the Registered Leasehold Owners of this Property, have applied to Leitrim County Council for the Purchase of the Fee Simple Interest in this Property under the Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978. Solicitors for Gerard and Susan O’Dell are Kieran Murphy and Company Solicitors, 9 The Crescent, Galway. The Conversion of Leasehold Interest to Freehold Interest is a statutory right in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001, the Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 and the Housing Act, 1966. Accordingly, it is proposed to dispose of the Freehold Interest in this Property to the applicants, Gerard and Susan O’Dell who are the Registered Owners of the Leasehold Interest in this Property, subject to the following conditions:

**Conditions:**
1. The Purchase Fee for the Conversion of Leasehold Interest to Freehold Interest is a nominal fee of €30.00
2. All Legal Fees associated with the Conversion of the Leasehold Interest to the Freehold Interest in this Property will be the responsibility of the applicants, Gerard and Susan O’Dell.
3. The applicants, Gerard and Susan O’Dell, will be responsible for the payment of any other fees which apply, namely, Transfer Order Fee, Land Registry Fees, Stamp Duty Fees and any other relevant fees
4. The Property being disposed of is being disposed in its present condition and the disposal is not subject to Planning Permission.

This item will be included on the Agenda of the January Council Meeting at which it may be considered.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Johanna Daly
A/Senior Executive Officer
Housing Department.
Area outlined in red and marked 'A' to be transferred from Leitrim County Council to Gerard & Susan O'Dell = Circa 0.029Ha
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FINANCE & WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

OCTOBER 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 2017 - PROGRESS)

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$37,499,044 $22,017,252 $5,481,792

MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF OCTOBER 2017

Water Expenditure in line with income from Irish Water.
Development Management income is ahead of budget due to LEO Grant Income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.

OCTOBER 2017 - Reserve in Excess

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Operations Update

Maximo: Asset Management

63 calls logged on Maximo (Asset Management System) in October, 2017. Breakdown as follows: Water (48), Waste (5).

- LA Complaints: 2
- First Fix: 5
- New connections: water (2), waste-water (1)

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

North Leitrim Regional Water supply Scheme
The contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October, 2016. Works are ongoing but are somewhat delayed. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning / process proving period 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 December, 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 are currently ongoing. 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 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. It is anticipated that the contract will be signed in early November. A commencement date will be set sometime late November/December and work will commence on the design phase and progress to the build phase early in the New Year. Coffey Water Ltd will operate the two WWTP’s at Manorhamilton and Mohill from the commencement date once it is set. 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 sometime in November/December, 2019. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017- 2012
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 sometime in 2019.
Minor Capital Works

Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks

ERVIA has appointed Farran’s Construction of Northern Ireland as the main Contractor for all “networks Portfolio” work in this region which includes Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan. The networks portfolio covers all work on pipelines below ground and includes for all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc.

1. Pipeline Replacement

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. Work will begin on this new trunk main in November of this year and should be completed by February, 2018.
- Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore Res into Town – Work has begun on the designs for this new water main and work is likely to commence early in the new year.
- Irish Water has approved two further pipeline works at Corraleehan and Manorhamilton and has issued work orders to Farrans to undertake. Initial designs will commence soon and works will hopefully commence in February, 2018.
- The CaPO Office will liaise with Farrans and provided background information on all projects and approve the design for replacement pipelines.

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 Farrans. This find and fix initiative will be managed by a Project Manager 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).

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.

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 has been 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 IW standards. The contract includes for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards and undertaking the necessary upgrades.
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Carrick on Shannon WTP (SLRWSS) and Glenade WTP (Kinlough Tullaghan WSS.) are included in this project and the initial inspections have taken place and background information is being provided to the contractors Veolia.

Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon
Irish Water wish to appoint contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and 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 IW on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade WTP.

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 No Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Waters 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.

Killen Watermain
Replacement of 2km of cast iron water mains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. The Contractor Sean Quigley Contracts Limited has substantially completed the works here and individual connections are being transferred to the new main. All works should complete by end of November and all customers will be receiving water from the new main.

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. IW 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 the New Year with six month contract duration. Tendered Contract sum €612,064.

Inline UV 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
The Contractor MAST Construction Limited has substantially completed works on this new Trunk Watermain. The new main is currently under test and when passed work will begin on the transferring of all connections from the old to the new main and decommissioning of the old main. All works will be completed by the end of the year.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)
Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting
The fourth meeting of the Evaluation and Approvals Committee took place on 23rd October where a total of 6 projects were considered with 5 receiving letters of offer. The total awarded was €52,500.
Training
The final training of the autumn/winter schedule is currently being delivered.

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 Enterprise Day for applicants was held on 17th October. The Bootcamp takes place during November.

National Women’s Enterprise Day
LEO Leitrim hosted a successful National Women’s Enterprise Day event on 12th October with guest speaker Moira Geary discussing Practical Strategies to Removing Roadblocks and Barriers to Success. Sinead Gillard, the Leitrim Ambassador for National Women’s Enterprise Day also gave an insight on how she built Jinny’s Bakery to become the successful business it is.

LEO Innovation Investment Fund (LIIF)
The Pitch Day for the LIIF Programme was held on Training Programme was held on 26th October in Sligo. Of the 15 participants from the 4 counties (Leitrim, Longford, Donegal and Sligo), a total of 7 received investment, unfortunately none of which were from Leitrim.

LEO Competitive Funds
Both the Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme and Creative Connections Programme are progressing well with the programmes due for completion in December.

Erasmus Programmes
The first partner meeting of the WISE (Women Entrepreneurs in STEM) Programme took place in Omagh on 25th October with partners attending from Germany and Norway.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
  • Purple Flag
    ○ Purple Flag Award announced by ATCM
    ○ Social Media information on award circulated
    ○ Press Release and Photograph sent to Leitrim Observer
    ○ Prize Winner of VIP Award selected and notified
  • Enterprising Towns
    ○ Met with judges and participated in adjudication of Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton
  • CCTV
    ○ Contact made with Gardai in relation to date for national CCTV Sub-Committee Meeting – December 7th is next date. Gardai will follow up nearer with further details
    ○ Information requested on company names and number to finalise form
    ○ Information requested on evidence of matched funding to put with application form
    ○ Awaiting completed way-leaves to put with application
    ○ Form completed subject to information needed above

Town Teams – Rooskey
  • Meeting organised by facilitator with 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 insurance 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 should be awarded early November
- Partner Meeting, site visits and Conference Agenda Finalised and all speakers confirmed
- Logistics organised for partner meetings and Conference

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

1. The SAINT Project Digital Marketing campaign ran to test market the Slow Adventure tourism experiences. The marketing activities consisted mainly of digital marketing elements.
2. 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.
3. Attended the Over 50’s EXPO at the RDS 20th to 22nd October.
4. Hosted SAINT Transnational meeting Leitrim in October 23rd to 26th at Lough Rynn Castle where project partners from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Scotland and Northern Ireland attended. A full programme of activities with Leitrim SMEs including Adventure Gently, The Organic Centre, Bike Trails, Edergole Kitchen and Leitrim Surf.
5. Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners.
6. A marketing campaign took place that actively targeted Active Age and 50s Plus. Accommodation providers in the county provided special offers which were advertised under a Leitrim umbrella in The Munster Express, The Kerryman, The Belfast Telegraph, The Carlow Nationalist, The Meath Chronicle and the Irish Examiner.
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 winter period.
8. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
9. 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.
10. Video editing took place on the various SAINT Project Slow Adventure cluster videos which will provide each cluster with a video for their business use and these can also be used to promote the Slow Adventure experiences in Leitrim.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge
- Works have been completed in all but one of the housing estates (9 no.) across the county which obtained funding under Measure 1 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. The Council have finalised Site Resolution Plans prepared with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. The Council are now preparing a detailed claim against each of the bonds in question. The Council is awaiting clarification with respect to a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds.
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The Council is at an advanced stage of advertising a further suite of estates for taking in charge which includes the 9 no. estates which received funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative.

Pre Planning
- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of October. 10 no. new pre planning consultations took place during October in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management
- 10 no. valid planning applications were received in October of which 5 no. related to commercial development. One application by ElastoMetall Ireland seeks to construct a new office extension, goods inward factory extension and new workshop at their existing facility in Manorhamilton. Of the applications lodged, 4 no. applications sought retention of planning permission and one application sought an extension of duration of planning permission. A further 8 no. applications were deemed invalid of which only 2 no. had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority.
- 12 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during October all of which were granted planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 12 no. applications during the month of October.

Zero Discharge Pilot Programme
- Leitrim County Council has been actively pursuing innovative solutions to facilitate the design of a wastewater treatment and disposal facility that would have the potential to have a zero discharge of effluent and, if successful, allow sites with poor percolation characteristics to treat the discharge of treated wastewater in a manner which was not prejudicial to public health. Through a process whereby the Council sought expressions of interest, 13 no. potential site owners were invited to participate in a willow based evapotranspiration Pilot Scheme. The Council presented the proposed parameters in within which this scheme will operate at a workshop in the Bush Hotel on 18th October.

Forward Planning
- The Planning Authority is undertaking 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.
- The Planning Authority prepared a presentation for the Economic, Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee on 11th October in relation to the draft National Planning Framework. A submission will be prepared in advance of the deadline for submission which is November 10th 2017.
- The Planning Authority prepared a presentation for the Environmental, Transportation & Infrastructural Policy Strategic Policy Committee on 10th October in relation to the Forestry & Bogs.

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.


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: October 2017: 77 Cattle, 188 Sheep and 29 Pigs

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service returns for October 2017 as below;

- 7 stray dogs, 16 dogs surrendered 19 dogs were re-homed, and 1 dog re-claimed by owner, 0 dogs died, 0 dog euthanised.
- 38 service requests received, 50 dog warden inspections
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- 11 dogs neutered, 4 neutering voucher issued, 16 dogs micro-chipped.

**Responsible dog ownership**
A programme of Responsible Dog Ownership talks in Leitrim libraries was delivered in association with Dogs Trust in September.

**Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for stray cats**
The Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Programme were progressed during August. Inspections were carried out by the Animal Warden in relation to cats. 27 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.

**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 (98% Complete), Carrick on Shannon National School (60% Complete) & Ballinamore National School (60% Complete).
Works are complete in respect of the upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the CLAR 2016 Programme.

**CLAR 2017 Programme** – Works are in progress on the following Clar 2017 Projects – Pedestrian Crossing & Associated Works at Carrick on Shannon Community School, Erection of Public Lighting at Drumshanbo between Acres Amenity Area and houses at Drumduff North, Pedestrian Crossing at Dromod Health Centre, Erection of Public Lighting at Annaduff National School, Pedestrian Crossing, Footpaths and Public Lighting at Newtowngore Community Hall & Car Park, Footpath & Public Lighting at Aughnasheelin National School, Footpath at Drumshanbo, Upgrade and Refurbishments at Keeldra Lake Amenity Development and Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil at Manorhamilton.

**Recreational Trails 2017**
Leitrim Way from Drumshanbo to Dowra – A Consultant has been appointed to carry out design works on this Walkway. Planning Approval was obtained for a new Foot-Bridge on this Walkway at the Ballinamore Municipal District Meeting in October 2017.

Dromahair Demonstration Greenway – Currently at Part 8 of the Planning Process in relation to the construction of a pedestrian bridge and footpath adjacent to the existing bridge over the Edergole River. A Consultant has been appointed to carry out design works on this Greenway.

**REDZ Projects 2017** – Works are complete on both of the REDZ Scheme Roads - St. John’s Lake and Garadice Lake.

**Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**
Leitrim County Council continues to promote the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme which was introduced in 2017. This Grant Scheme 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 deadline for submission of Grant Application Forms under this Scheme has
been extended to 29th December, 2017.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – A LIS Allocation of €250,000 was received by Leitrim County Council from the Department in September 2017. A total of 8 LIS Projects will be completed under this LIS Programme in 2017. Local Contributions have been sought in respect of the projects which are proceeding with works to be completed by the end of December 2017.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works Scheme on Local & Regional Roads 2018 – Leitrim County Council submitted a total of 17 No. Projects for funding under this Scheme in 2018 at a total cost of €565,000.

Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2018 (Bridges on Local & Regional Roads) - Leitrim County Council submitted a total of 7 No. Bridges for funding under this Scheme in 2018 at a total cost of €200,000.

OPW Minor Flood Relief Scheme – In October 2017, Leitrim County Council received an allocation of Funding from the OPW in respect of the following Minor Flood Relief Works:-

- Flood Relief Works at Rossinver - €59,600 (90% Funding)
- Flood Relief Works at Carrigeens, Dromahair - €8,116 (90% Funding)

Construction of 2 No. Lay-Bys on the N4 Dromod Roosky By-Pass
Funding of €280,000 was received from the TII in respect of the provision of 2 Lay-Bys on the N4 Dromod Roosky By-Pass. These works commenced in October 2017 and will be completed by the end of November 2017.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:
Rural Water Programme:
Enhancement of Schemes - Works on the following schemes have been completed – Drumkeelan GWS Lismoyle/Coolcrieve GWS, Tarmon GWS, Mohercregg GWS, Antfield GWS and Poolboy GWS

Enhancement of Schemes - Upgrade Works on Drumaleague GWS are now scheduled to commence in November.

Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS - The GWS are currently in the process of appointing 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-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme - Planning Approval underway for pumping stations on Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme. Consultant Engineer (Ensen) has completed a Preliminary Design of this Scheme following which Planning Approval will be sought for proposed Pumping Stations on this Scheme and a detailed design of the Scheme will be progressed.

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

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

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

**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 has been appointed.

**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 December.

**COMMUNITY:**

**Peace IV**
- The PEACE IV Team have reapplied to SEUPB for funding available in the Building Positive Relations, Children and Young People and Shared Spaces Themes

- Service Level agreements have been granted to 5 programmes which means they can now roll out their programmes:
  Building Positive Relations Programme 1: Support for Ethnic Minorities
  Building Positive Relations Programme 2: Support for Minority Faiths
  Building Positive Relations Programme 5: Events around Women’s Suffrage
  Building Positive Relations Programme 7: Rural Women Along the Border

- 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:
  Kiltyclogher/Cashel Community Hall Upgrade
  Sexton Hall in Manorhamilton

**Public Participation Network**
There are currently 207 groups registered with the PPN. A Plenary will be held on the 14/11/2017 to fill vacancies in the LCDC and one vacancy on Peace Partnership.

**Comhairle na nOg**
Comhairle na nOg AGM will be held on 23rd November in the Bush Hotel. There will be a presentation on ‘Use your Brain not your Fist’ campaign as well as workshops on Personal Safety, Song Writing, Your Issues in Leitrim and Fitness.
Age Friendly
Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 is now in place and all key agencies are working off the implementation plan.

Environmental and Community Awards
The awards night for the Environmental and Community Awards was held on 12th October in Bush Hotel and hosted by Eanna Ni Lamhna and Eleanor Shanley. Awards were presented for seven categories, with one winner of each category in each of the three Municipal Districts – Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton. The outright winner was awarded to Manorhamilton Girls Brigade.

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. Awards night will take place on 02nd December, 2017.

Smoke Alarm Scheme
80 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 Dept and we are in the process of allocating the funding.

Clár Funding
Three playgrounds have been approved funding, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermotts Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7000). Glenfarne and McDermotts Terrace playgrounds are currently out for tender.

Traveller Interagency Group
A meeting was held with the TIG on 10th of July with a further meeting scheduled for 16/11/2017.

Towns and Villages Funding
€1,093,583 allocated to Leitrim County Council for 12 community development projects

RAPID Funding
Leitrim County Council has been allocated €64,500. It will fund capital projects that will improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged areas and tackles social exclusion in urban areas or provincial towns only. The Programme will include capital funding for projects falling under the strategic themes of Living and Well Being (C1) and Inclusion (C4) as stated in Leitrim’s Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Projects aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas. Urban areas are defined as Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Kinlough, Drumshanbo, Mohill and Dromahair. Examples of projects include CCTV, Community Gardens, Public Realm improvements, Streetscaping, Youth facilities and play/recreation spaces, energy efficiency type projects and projects in support of Creative Ireland. A minimum of € 7000 and a maximum of €15,000 will be approved for each project. Closing date is 22nd November, 2017.
LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Couch to 5k
Couch to 5K is a beginners running programme which will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks with the aim of the group participating in a 5K run at the end. This programme received huge interest with over 77 participants registered. **Total Participants: 77**

Men on the Move
Men on the Move is a physical activity programme run by Leitrim Sports Partnership that is aimed at men over 35 years, to get them active, have fun and improve fitness levels. Leitrim Sports Partnership currently has two Men on the Move programmes running in Mohill and Drumshanbo which will run for 8 weeks. We had 13 men that registered in Mohill and 5 in Drumshanbo. **Total Participants: 18**

AGSL
Ag Sugradh Le Chéile or ‘Playing Together’ is a programme which encourages active play between parents/carers and children the programme was developed by the Health Service Executive and run by Leitrim Sports Partnership. The Ag Sugradh Le Chéile workshops have taken place in Drumlea, Balinamore, Cloone, Drumshanbo and Ardfarney schools.

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: 161**

Older Adults – Fitsticks workshop
Leitrim Sports Partnership facilitated a Fitsticks workshop in advance of the launch of Leitrim’s Positive Ageing Strategy. This took place in the Lough Allen Hotel, many older adult community groups were represented and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day. We had 80 older adults that participated on the day. **Total Participants: 80**

Safe Guarding 1 Workshop
Leitrim Sports Partnership in held 1 Code of Ethics course (Safe Guarding 1) in Carrick on Shannon and in October with 15 participants attending the workshop.
**Total participants: 15**

Sports Disability Forum & Programmes
Leitrim Sports Disability Forum met on 26th October. The group is composed of representatives from all the disability groups in Leitrim the purpose is to provide sports and physical activity options to people with disabilities in Co. Leitrim. Through the forum a wide range of physical activities have been and are currently being provided to the various disability groups. The meeting was very successful with a large number of disability agencies represented.

Walking Groups
We ran 3 walking groups beginning of October in Drumshanbo, Carrigallen and Carrick on Shannon. There was no interest in the Carrigallen group so it was postponed; we had 10 participants for the Drumshanbo
group and 10 for the Carrick Group. We had to cancel Carrick on Shannon programme due to numbers as well. **Total Participants: 20**

**TY Olympic Handball in Schools**
Leitrim Sports Partnership Community Coaches Paul & Pat have been coaching Olympic Handball with TY student in Ballinamore Community School, Mohill Community College and Carrigallen Vocational School over the past few weeks. All students have taken up the sport very well and Leitrim Sports Partnership is organising an Olympic Handball Blitz to conclude the programme. **Total Participants: 83**

**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. Public meetings have now taken place in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. Fourteen Community Groups from across the county are currently working with artists as part of the Open Call in developing 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 begun work with Leitrim County Council on the Spark programme

**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/December 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

**Drumshanbo Artist Studios** – Artists Margot Quinn and Cathy Reynolds have begun their residencies in the studios

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

**Youth Theatre** - The 2017 Term 2 has started in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton & 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 the position of Coordinator has been advertised by the ETB.
Iron Mountain Literature Festival—The Festival took place over the weekend of 6th, 7th & 8th October and received national press coverage. Anne Griffin was announced as the winner of the John McGahern award during the Festival.

Artist Bursaries—A call out has been made to Leitrim based artists to apply for the 2018 Bursary scheme.

LIBRARY SERVICE:
Event Programming
A busy programme of activities took place in all branches across the county during the month of October, including the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, Reading Group meetings and creative writing groups in Carrigallen, Mohill and Ballinamore Libraries. In addition, meetings of the local Astronomy Club and local Conradh na Gaeilge took place in Ballinamore Library. The Photography programme, in association with the HSE continued in Ballinamore, with an exhibition planned for November.

Highlights
- Class visits at pre-school, primary and secondary level continued.
- Ballinamore Library was visited by the 3rd-6th class children from the Hunt School in Mohill and Scoil Chlann Naofa Ballinamore on October 12th— who were taking part in an historical tour of the town, as part of a joint history project.
- In partnership with The Dog’s Trust, Leitrim Library Service presented a number of Dog Safety Workshops in Mohill, Ballinamore and Carrick-on-Shannon Libraries during mid-term.
- Ballinamore and Mohill Libraries offered free introductory computer classes to 16 participants during October, as part of a Digital Skills for Citizens programme funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.
- Carrigallen Library held an open morning to celebrate 15 years of library services in the community.

Children’s Book Festival 2017
Children’s Book Festival is a national celebration of books and reading, which takes place during the month of October. This is a major highlight of the Library calendar, and plays an important part in raising awareness and usage of Children’s Services.
Ballinamore, Carrick-on Shannon, Drumshanbo and Manorhamilton Libraries hosted storytelling events and author visits. Dromahair Library held the first meeting of their newly-formed Junior Book Club.

FIRE SERVICE
Capital Programme
New Class B fire appliance
We received confirmation that work has commenced on the manufacture of our new Class B fire appliance. The expected delivery date is January / February 2018.

Fire Stations
- Manorhamilton: Steps are being taken to finalise legal transfer of site being purchased for new fire station in Manorhamilton.
- Ballinamore: Project plan is being drafted and tender documents being prepared.
- Drumshanbo: Project plan is being drafted and tender documents being prepared.

Licensing applications
Processed a number of licence applications for the annual licensing courts during October.
Major Emergency Management

Plans for the regional exercise to be held in Leitrim in December 2017 are being advanced. A number of sub group meetings were held. Date for Regional Exercise now finalised for December 5th.

National Fire Safety Week

A full programme of events was organised and delivered by fire service personnel during National Fire Safety Week including primary schools programme, talks to Active age groups, distribution of smoke alarms, fire safety awareness signs around the county, distribution of fire safety leaflets. A number of posts were also released on our social media channels promoting fire safety awareness.

Building Control

- **Commencement Notices**: Received 2, valid
- **Opt Out Commencement Notices**: Received 2, valid
- **Completion Certificates**: Received 2
- **Fire Safety Certificates**: Received 3, processed 1
- **Disabled Access Certificates**: Received 3, processed 1

CIVIL DEFENCE

- 1st October First Aid services were provided during the Annual Tour De Breifne cycle event which started in Leitrim Village.
- From 2nd to 8th October assistance was provided to An Garda Siochana during an extensive land and water based search for a missing person.
- On 14th October the Boat Crew provided assistance to a disabled Cruiser in the Keshcarrigan area.
- On 14th October assistance was provided to a Cruiser in difficulty at Roosky Bridge.
- Assistance was provided to the Environment Section with lake water sampling.

Signed:  
Joseph Gilhooly  
Chief Executive

Date: 15th November, 2017
## FINANCE & WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### NOVEMBER 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

**PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 2017 - FIGURES**

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**Expenditure & Budget - November 2017**

**Income - November 2017**

**Main Points as at END of NOVEMBER 2017**

- Water Expenditure in line with income from Irish Water.
- Development Management Income is ahead of budget due to LEO Grant income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.

### NOVEMBER 2017 - Recourse to Overdraft

**No. of Days in Overdraft during NOVEMBER 2017**

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Appendix 5 - Council Meeting 8th Jan 2018
Operations Update

**Maximo**: Asset Management
- In November a total of 75 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System.
- 60 No. related to Water,
- 4 No. to Waste Water,
- 6 No. First Fix completed,
- 5 No. were other.

**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

North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme
The contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October 2016. Works are ongoing but are somewhat delayed. The Contractor is requesting an extension of time of 6 months to complete works on 26th April 2017. This has no impact on water production as EPS continue to operate the existing plant during the construction phase. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning / process proving period. Following this 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 and the contract was signed in early November. A pre commencement meeting has been set for 13th Dec 2017. The contractual date of actual commencement of the contract will be agreed at this meeting and is likely to be in early January 2018. The first months will involve the Design work and no work will start on site until designs are approved. Coffey Water Ltd will operate the two WWTP’s at Manorhamilton and Mohill from the commencement date i.e. from early January 2018. 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 sometime in January 2020. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017-2012
There is only 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. It is at Gate 2 – Preliminary report stage. Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the Feasibility study and Preliminary Report on the bundled scheme. The kick off 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 sometime in 2019.

**Minor Capital Works**

**Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks**

ERVIA has appointed Farran’s Construction of Northern Ireland as the main Contractor for all “networks Portfolio” work in this region which includes Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan. The networks portfolio covers all work on pipelines below ground and includes for all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc.

1. **Pipeline replacement**

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. Work began on this new trunk main in November and should be completed by end of March, 2018.
- Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore Reservoir into Town – Work has begun on the designs for this new water main and physical work on site work is likely to commence early in the New Year.
- Irish Water has approved two further pipeline works at Corraleehan and Manorhamilton and has issued work orders to Farrans to undertake these. Initial site investigations and designs commenced in November and works will hopefully commence on these two early in the New Year.
- The CaPO office will liaise with Farrans and provided background information on all projects and approve the designs for replacement pipelines. Construction supervision and project management will be by the Leitrim CaPO office with all work orders raised on Irish Waters Maximo System.

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 Farrans. This find and fix initiative will be managed by a PM from the CaPO office. The Engineers’ 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)**

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**

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 has been 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 IW 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 (SLRWSS) and Glenade WTP (Kinlough Tullaghan WSS.) are included in this project and the initial inspections have taken place and background information is being provided to the contractors Veolia. A draft report on Carrick on Shannon WTP disinfection has been produced by Veolia and is being considered. Once approved a scope of required works to upgrade the systems will be prepared and budgets agreed and approved by Irish Water.

**Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon**
Irish Water wish to appoint contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and 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 IW on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade WTP.

**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 No Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await IW’s 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 work outstanding prior to close out of project. Total cost €518,000.

**Killenna Watermain**
Replacement of 2km of old cast iron watermains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. The Contractor Sean Quigley Contracts Limited has substantially completed the works here and individual connections are being transferred to the new main. All works on the main were substantially completed in November and the main has passed pressure testing. All that remains is the transfer of connections and decommission of old main.

**Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP upgrades**
ERVIA has appointed RCC Engineering as the contractor on this project and a pre commencement meeting was held with the Contractor, Irish Water and Leitrim County Council. A work order will now be issued by Irish Water and following which the works will commence in the New Year with a12 month contract duration. Contract sum circa €800,000.

**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 and is ongoing.
Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000
The Contractor MAST Construction Limited has substantially completed works on this new Trunk Watermain. The new main is currently under test and when passed work will begin on the transferring of all connections from the old to the new main and decommissioning of the old main. Hopefully all works will be completed by the end of the year.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

Economic Development & Planning:
Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Training
The final training of the autumn/winter schedule is currently being rolled out – Social Media Marketing for Tourism Providers, Brexit Breakfast, Using Facebook for Business Advanced.

Mentoring
There continues to be a strong demand for one to one mentoring – financial, marketing etc.

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 Bootcamp took place during November, with a closing date of 21st November for submission of business plans. IBYE pitch day takes place on 4th December followed by County Final and Presentation on Awards on 6th December.

Brexit Seminar
A joint Brexit seminar was held on 27th November with LEO Longford, with guest speakers Anne Lannigan, Enterprise Ireland, Gerard Brady, IBEC and John Finn, Treasury Solutions.

One to one meetings
The LEO staff continues to meet one to one with clients for advice and signposting to supports.

LEO Competitive Funds
- The Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme placements are coming to an end in mid December. A total of 22 of the 24 placements were filled. A request for a project extension to utilise the remaining budget was made to Enterprise Ireland and was unsuccessful.
- The Creative Connections Programme is winding up, having had its last pop up event in Longford in November. The Inside [Craft] brand has been developed, as well as a website and craft trail publications. The steering group are committed to maintaining the network and a proposal is being developed for submission to the four LEO’s towards assistance in the future with the initiative.

Erasmus Programmes
The Multiplier event for Smart Data Smart regions took place on 27th November at the Brexit Event.

Economic Development
Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- CCTV
  - Preparation and Submission of Garda Commissioner Approval Form Section 38(c)
  - A meeting took place with the steering group to update on progress.
  - A meeting took place with the local Superintendent re preparing the relevant paperwork.
  - Finalise Application and back up paperwork for funding application.
Town Teams – Manorhamilton
- Meeting with Manor Redz (Town Team) in Manorhamilton.
- Reviewed Town and Village for 2016 with Caislean Hamilton.

Town and Village – Mohill
Meeting took place with the Mohill group around the funding allocated under Town and Village 2017. The group are ready to move on this project as soon as possible.

REDF – Taste Leitrim /The Food Hub.
Work is ongoing at the Food Hub in relation to finishing the Food Experience.
Finalised the schedule for the Winter Feast Event at the Food Hub in December.

Women in Business Networking Event
Finalising speakers, venue, marketing and promotion of the joint women in Enterprise Networking Event with Longford.

SECURE project
- Hosted the Leitrim partner Meeting of the SECURE programme over the 28th to 30th November.
- Managed partner meetings and Energy Conference.
- Started preparation for Claim no. 3.
- Plan for Stakeholder meeting no. 5.

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

1. Leitrim Tourism attended meetings with the Recreational Strategy Group for both the Angling working Group and Waterways working group.
2. Tourism Officer took part in the LEADER Evaluation for Tourism projects at the offices of LDC in Drumshanbo.
3. An ezine went out to a number of our databases proposing Leitrim as a wedding venue in which The Bush Hotel, The Landmark Hotel, The Lough Allen Hotel and Spa and Lough Rynn Castle and Estate were highlighted as ideal venues for weddings in Leitrim.
4. The HENGEL International Angling Show took place in Kortrijk in Belgium. Leitrim Tourism had a stand at this show and sent accommodation providers and local angling expertise to represent Leitrim at this event with a view to highlighting the Benelux King of Clubs competition taking place in Leitrim in 2018.
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 winter period.
8. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
9. 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.
10. Video editing took place on the overall SAINT Project Slow Adventure video which will provide which will be used to promote the Slow Adventure experiences in Leitrim.
11. The Leitrim Tourism Office relocated from The Old Barrel Store to the top floor of the Jail.
12. A press release was prepared to highlight the visit of the transnational partners from the Slow Adventure in the Northern Territories (SAINT) Project to Leitrim.
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge

- Works have been completed in all but one of the housing estates (9 no.) across the county which obtained funding under Measure 1 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. The Council have finalised Site Resolution Plans prepared with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. The Council are now at an advanced stage of finalising a detailed claim against each of the bonds in question. The Council has received clarification with respect to a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds and this legal advice has now been successfully concluded.

- The Council is at an advanced stage of advertising a further suite of estates for taking in charge which includes the 9 no. estates which received funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative. At present, the individual Departments are preparing their recommendations on foot of a request from the Planning Department.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of November. 2 no. new pre planning consultations took place during November in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management

- 18 no. valid planning applications were received in November of which 3 no. related to commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 2 no. applications sought retention of planning permission and one application sought an extension of duration of planning permission. A further 8 no. applications were deemed invalid of which 4 no. have had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority.

- 13 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during November all of which were granted planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 12 no. applications during the month of November.

Forward Planning

- The Planning Authority is undertaking 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. These proposals will be placed on public display towards the end of January / early February.

- The Planning Authority made a detailed submission in relation to the draft National Planning Framework on November 10th 2017. This followed a presentation to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC and discussion at the November Council meeting.

Heritage Officer

The 2018 budget approved by the Elected Members included provision for the appointment of a full time Heritage Officer. The Planning Department will liaise with the Human Resources Department and with the Heritage Council with a view to advertising this position early in the New Year. The support of the Heritage Council in this regard is welcomed and acknowledged.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2017 and these inspections are completed. 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 have 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. The EPA have just informed Leitrim County Council that the RMCEI Enforcement Plan Evaluation for 2017 had an overall Plan rating of “High” which takes into consideration Environmental Priorities, Environmental Outcomes and Enforcement Resourcing and Plan Review.

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

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.


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: November 2017: 93 Cattle, 244 Sheep and 26 Pigs

Three hygiene inspections were carried out.
Small Meat Manufacturing Plants
Two ready meal manufacturers, two meat cutting plants and one meat distributor are under the supervision of Leitrim County Council. The meat sector continues to grow in Leitrim. One distributor recently obtained approval from Leitrim County Council to cut fresh meat and produce minced meat and meat preparations. Five hygiene inspections were carried out in November.

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service returns for November 2017 as below;

- 12 stray, 7 surrendered 19 re-homed, 6 re-claimed, 0 died, 0 euthanised,
- 42 Service requests received, 51 dog warden inspections
- 7 dogs neutered, 3 neutering vouchers issued, 14 dogs micro-chipped.

Leitrim Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for stray cats
16 cats were trapped and tested for disease. 7 cats were put-to-sleep and 9 cats were neutered and returned under the Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Programme.

ROADS:
- Annual Area Programme works were completed at the end of November 2017
- Road Crews continuing to carry out routine maintenance works
- Road Crews carrying out Winter Maintenance works as necessary

CLAR Programme
- Works are complete at the School Crossings at Drumkeerin National School and Ballinamore National School.
- Works are nearing completion at the School Crossing at Carrick on Shannon National School (80% Complete).
- Works are complete in respect of the upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the CLAR 2016 Programme.

CLAR 2017 Programme – Works are in progress on the following Clar 2017 Projects – Pedestrian Crossing & Associated Works at Carrick on Shannon Community School, Erection of Public Lighting at Drumshanbo between Acres Amenity Area and houses at Drumduff North, Pedestrian Crossing at Dromod Health Centre, Erection of Public Lighting at Annaduff National School, Pedestrian Crossing, Footpaths and Public Lighting at Newtowngore Community Hall & Car Park, Footpath & Public Lighting at Aughasheelin National School, Footpath at Drumshanbo, Upgrade and Refurbishments at Keeladra Lake Amenity Development and works are complete at the Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil at Manorhamilton.

Recreational Trails 2017
Leitrim Way from Drumshanbo to Dowra – Design of the Footbridge on this Walkway is currently underway.

Dromahair Demonstration Greenway – Planning Approval has been obtained for the construction of a pedestrian bridge and footpath adjacent to the existing bridge over the Edergole River. Design works on this Greenway have commenced.

Carrick on Shannon to Leitrim Greenway – Construction of a footpath at Leitrim Village commenced in November 2017. Currently preparing Design for Part 8 Planning Approval which will be advertised for Public Consultation in early 2018.

REDZ Projects 2017 – Works are complete on both of the REDZ Scheme Roads - St. John’s Lake and Garadice Lake.

Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme
Leitrim County Council continues to promote the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme which was introduced in 2017. This Grant Scheme 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
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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. To date, 7 Applications have been approved for payment under this Scheme. Full Details and Application Forms for this Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme are available from the Roads Department of Leitrim County Council. The Deadline for submission of Grant Application Forms under this Scheme has been extended to 29th December, 2017.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – A LIS Allocation of €250,000 was received by Leitrim County Council from the Department in September 2017 and works on 8 LIS Projects will be completed with this Allocation and these works have commenced. A further LIS Allocation of €237,947 was received at the end of November 2017 and this will enable a further 12 LIS Projects approximately to be completed. Therefore, approximately 20 LIS Projects will be completed with this 2017 LIS Allocation of €487,947

Construction of 2 No. Lay-Bys on the N4 Dromod Roosky By-Pass – Works on the construction of these 2 Lay-Bys were completed in November.

National Road Network
- N16 Cornacloy to Sradrine Phase 2 – The construction of Phase 2 of the realignment of the N16 from Cornacloy to Sradrine was completed in 2017. Works have commenced on the extension of the Greenway as part of these works.
- N16 at Drummahon – Planning Approval was obtained for the realignment of 1.4 KM of the N16 at Drummahon.
- Preliminary Design of Road Pavement Overlays on the N4 & N16 – Leitrim County Council received an allocation of €62,205 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in October 2017 for Preliminary Design for Overlays on National Roads at the following locations:-
  - N4 Jamestown to Drumsna.
  - N4 at Carrick on Shannon from Roundabout at Attifinlay to Roundabout at County Boundary at Coffey’s
  - N16 Shanvau to Manorhamilton.

Surveys in respect of these Overlays are underway in November and the progression of these Schemes to construction phase will be subject to funding approval from the TII.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:

Rural Water Programme:
Enhancement of Schemes - Works on the following schemes have been completed – Drumkeelan GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcreeve GWS, Tarmon GWS, Mohercregg GWS, and Antfield GWS.

Enhancement of Schemes - Upgrade Works on Drumaleague GWS are currently in progress.

2017 Block Grant to above 6 No. Group Water Schemes in respect of above Upgrade Works completed in 2017 – Grants totalling €103,301 issued to the above GWS’s in respect of above upgrade works completed in 2017 and a total of €103,301 has been recouped by Leitrim County Council from the Department in 2017 in respect of these Upgrade Works to these GWS’s.

Carrigallen Group Water Scheme – Upgrade works were completed to Carrigallen GWS in 2017 in order to improve Water Quality on this Group Water Scheme. These works included Chlorine Boosting on the system. These works were completed with funding from a Specific Grant of €11,553.61 from Leitrim County Council.

Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS - This GWS is currently in the process of appointing 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-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme - Consultant Engineer (Ensen) has completed a Preliminary Design of this Scheme. It will be necessary to re-advertise for Planning Approval for the proposed 3 Pumping Stations on this Scheme. The preparation of a detailed design for this Scheme is currently in progress.

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

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

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New Tenancies created from 1st January 2017 to 31st November 2017

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Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st November, 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

## 2017 Allocation

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**Balance** €-38,235.85

Please Note:

Of the Approved Not Paid Applications above (€48,985.55) Completion Reports have only been received for 5 Applications totalling (€15,972.15). This amount will be paid in December. None of the Applications Received Not yet Approved will be paid before 31/12/2017.

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

**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 has been appointed. And work is progressing on the design.

**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 December.

**COMMUNITY:**

**Peace IV**
- The PEACE IV Team have reapplied to SEUPB for funding available in the Building Positive Relations, Children and Young People and Shared Spaces Themes
- Service Level agreements have been granted to 5 programmes which means they can now roll out their programmes:
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 1: Support for Ethnic Minorities
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 2: Support for Minority Faiths
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 5: Events around Women’s Suffrage
  - Building Positive Relations Programme 7: Rural Women Along the Border
- 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:
  - Kiltyclogher/Cashel Community Hall Upgrade
  - Sexton Hall in Manorhamilton
Public Participation Network
At the end of the Nov 2017 Leitrim PPN had 246 registrations including 25 pending and 1 associate membership. A County Plenary was held for all member groups on Nov. 14th. While the turnout was small, 31 members, the engagement was of good quality with plans for another Plenary in March 2018 and for thematic input into the Workplan and actions for the coming year. The following vacancies for PPN Representation were ratified:
- Secretariat, Social Inclusion Pillar – Eileen Clinton nominated by Dromahair Development Association;
- Secretariat, Carrick on Shannon – Peadar Flynn, nominated by Mohill Resources CLG;
- Peace IV, Social Inclusion – Ethnic Minorities – Mary Atymungo, nominated by Leitrim International Cultural Group;
- LCDC, Social Inclusion – Mary Hyland, nominated by Breffni Family Resource Centre;
- LCDC, Community & Voluntary- Helen Doherty Harte, nominated by Ballinamore Development Group.

Comhairle na nÓg
Comhairle na Nog AGM was held on 23rd November in the Bush Hotel. There was an excellent presentation on ‘Use your Brain not your Fist’ campaign given by Rosie Dolan. There were excellent workshops on Personal Safety, Song Writing, Youth Issues in Leitrim and Fitness.

Age Friendly
Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 is now in place and all key agencies are working off the implementation plan. A meeting is scheduled for 07th December 2017.

Pride of Place
The awards night will took place on 02nd Dec 2017 with over 800 people in attendance representing 32 counties. Leitrim had three entries with Bornacoola and Carrigallen in the population category and Manorhamilton in the Creative Place Category. The awards acknowledge the achievements and the invaluable work undertaken by volunteers and those involved in local community development. Bornacoola achieved the runner up position in population category and was recognised for its strong sense of community. Bornacoola has a range of very successful community groups which were recognised by the Judges such as their vibrant Youth Club, their ever expanding GAA club, their renowned Drama Club and the umbrella group Bornacoola Development Association. The Development Association run the very successful Lough Rynn Harvest Festival and Vintage Day now in its 23rd year which funds many other community groups within the parish.

Smoke Alarm Scheme
85 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 Dept.

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 Dept and we are in the process of allocating the funding.

Clár Funding
Three playgrounds have been approved funding, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermotts Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7000). All contracts have been awarded and works will commence in 2018.

Traveller Interagency Group
Traveller Interagency Group meeting was held in November 2017. It was agreed at this meeting that the Education, Accommodation and Health Subgroups would be reinstated with training put in place for each group. In addition, it was agreed that funding available for training would be given to the Horse Riding and Animal welfare programme.
Towns and Villages Funding
€1,098,583 allocated to Leitrim County Council for 12 community development projects

RAPID Funding
Leitrim County Council has been allocated €64,500. It will fund capital projects that will improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged areas and tackles social exclusion in urban areas or provincial towns only. The following projects were recommended and approved by the LCDC and each MD.

- Manorhamilton Enterprise Forum: Additional CCTV for Manorhamilton €7,000
- Dromahair Arts and Recreation Centre: Energy Efficiency Upgrades for Pavilion Building €10,000
- Ballinamore Community Council: Energy Efficiency Lighting for Community Hall €10,000
- Drumshanbo Tidy Towns: SAFE pathway from Hilly Rd to St Patrick’s National School €10,000
- Breffni Youth Café: Refurnish and upgrade purpose built cabin €7,000
- Leitrim Association of People with Disabilities: 8 Seater Bus €10,500

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
Leitrim Sports Star Awards 2017
The Leitrim Sports Star Awards is about acknowledging individual’s performances, best Sports Clubs, Teams, Schools and Community Volunteers for their outstanding contributions and achievements to sport and recreation in Leitrim for 2017. On the night in Lough Rynn Castle Hotel, we had 194 people in attendance and our guest of honour was Eric Elwood former Ireland rugby and Connacht rugby legend. Total Participants: 194

Leitrim Mental Health Services Fitness Programme
Leitrim Sports Partnership with the support of Leitrim Mental Health Services delivered a fitness initiative for service users in the Aura Leisure, Carrick on Shannon. This programme last 5 weeks with 5 participants involved in the programme. We also have programme being delivered in Manorhamilton with one of our tutors completing a one to one programme. Total Participants: 6

Adult Swimming Group
Leitrim Sports Partnership is an adult swimming group in the Aura Leisure Centre. The programme is on every Tuesday and Thursday evenings with 12 people registered on the programme. This group is for people who are comfortable swimmers and are capable of completing a coached training programme with the overall aim of increasing their fitness levels and improved swimming technique. The programme will be finished in December. Total Participants: 12

Olympic Handball School Programme.
Leitrim Sports Partnership community coaches Pat O’Toole and Paul Kilgannon have been coaching Olympic Handball with Transition Year students in Mohill Community College, Ballinamore Community School and Carrigallen Vocational School for the past eight weeks. Due to the success of the programme, we decided to host an Olympic Handball Blitz day for boys and girls with the three schools involved in the programme. The Blitz day saw a total of eight matches take place including boys final and a girl’s final at the end of the day. The boy’s final comprised of Ballinamore and Mohill schools, with Ballinamore proving the stronger side. The girl’s final comprised of Carrigallen and Ballinamore, again with Ballinamore coming out on top. All students were highly participative with running subs throughout the game. Well done to students and teachers from all schools involved. Total Participants: 70
Safeguarding 2 Workshop
Leitrim Sports Partnership completed their second Safeguarding 2 workshop for the year in November with 9 participants benefiting from 6 different sports, Swimming, GAA, Soccer, basketball, Rowing and horse riding. **Total Participants: 9**

Men on the Move Programme
The Men on the Move programme is going very well in Mohill with 14 men participating twice weekly. At the start of the programme, all the participants completed a full health check and after the 8 week they will be given another health check and the results will be assessed and feedback given to the participants on the difference over the 8 week programme. **Total Participants: 14**

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) and Mohill(20). **Total Number: 181**

CE Sports Development Coaches
The 2 LSP sports coaches who coordinate and manage the delivery of the sports and recreational programmes in Leitrim Schools for the LSP have just completed coaching in 5 Primary Schools in Leitrim and all the children to participate in multi sport activities in a fun environment. In Drumeela NS we had 30 students, Fatima 70 students, Drumcong we had 100 students, Annaduff we had 193 students and Leitrim Village we had 222 students participating on this programme. **Total Number: 615**

Sports Leadership Programme
Leitrim Sports Partnership is delivering the Sports Leadership course in four post primary schools in Leitrim, Ballinamore (24), Mohill (30), Carrick on Shannon Community School (22), St Clare’s Comprehensive School (30) with 106 students participating on the programme. **Total Number: 106**

Disability Programmes
Leitrim Sports Partnership are delivering the following disability programmes in Leitrim:
- Ballinamore Rehab Care programme, we delivered a nutrition and exercise programme for 8 weeks with 15 people benefiting from the programme.
- IWA group programme, we delivered the Go For Life Games programme in the IWA centre in Carrick on Shannon with 13 service users benefiting from this programme.
- St Cianan’s Day Service centre, we delivered a Zumba dancing programme for 10 service users in the day centre. **Total Number 38**

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. Public meetings have now taken place in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. 14 community groups from across the County are currently working with artists as part of the Open Call in developing 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 begun work with Leitrim County Council on the Spark programme.

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 are in progress for the September/December 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.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios – Artists Margot Quinn and Cathy Reynolds have begun their residencies in the studios.

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

Youth Theatre - The 2017 Term 2 has started in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton & 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 the position of Coordinator has been advertised by the ETB.

Artist Bursaries- A call out was made to Leitrim based artists to apply for the 2018 Bursary scheme, 35 applications were received and 24 awards were agreed.

LIBRARY SERVICE:

Event Programming

- A full programme of activities took place in all branches across the county during the month of November, including the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, Reading Group meetings, craft group sessions and creative writing groups in Carrigallen, Mohill and Ballinamore Libraries. Dromahair Library’s Junior reading Group continued to meet, and a presentation with the local Astronomy Club took place in Ballinamore Library.

Highlights

- Class visits at pre-school, primary and secondary level continued. Kiltyclogher Library was visited by the children from Kiltyclogher NS and Ballaghameeohan NS, while Curraagh NS, Gaelscoil Cluainín and St. Clare’s NS dropped into Manorhamilton Library during the month of November.
- Ballinamore Library hosted a photographic exhibition, which arose from a photography project held in association with the HSE.
- On Wednesday 15th November, Carrick-on-Shannon Library held Science Week Shows about “Spectacular Cassini at Saturn”, attended by pupils from Drumboylan NS, Tarmon NS and Kilnagross NS.
- Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries organised presentations on Budget 2018, in association with Leitrim Citizens Information Service
- As part of Leitrim County Council’s Creative Ireland programme for 2017, the Library Service coordinated a series of drama workshops for children in Ballinamore Library during the month of November.
- Drumshanbo Library’s programme of Lumra craft workshops in association with the ICA finished on 11th November.
- Ballinamore, Manorhamilton and Mohill Libraries continued to roll out free introductory computer classes during November, as part of a Digital Skills for Citizens programme funded by the Department of Communications, Cimate Action and Environment.
To celebrate College Awareness Week (November 20th-27th), Ballinamore Library presented a “Ready for College Event” on Monday 20th November, which was attended by over 50 students from the Transition Year class in Carrigallen Vocational School and the Leaving Certificate class in Ballinamore Community School. The event comprised a total of three presentations on various aspects of third level education, including choosing the right course, navigating the application process and what to expect when you arrive in college.

FIRE SERVICE

Capital Programme

New Class B fire appliance
Work is progressing on the manufacture of our new Class B fire appliance. The expected delivery date is January / February 2018.

Fire Stations

- **Manorhamilton**: The legal documents for the purchase of the site new fire station in Manorhamilton have been sent to the respective solicitors.

- **Ballinamore**: Project plan was drafted and tender documents prepared, sent to Housing for review.

- **Drumshanbo**: Project plan was drafted and tender documents prepared, sent to Housing for review.

Licensing applications

A number of licence applications for the annual licensing courts are still ongoing.

Storm Ophelia

Prepared a report on the impact of the recent Storm Ophelia in Leitrim and sent it to the Department. Attended a review workshop later organised by NDFEM in Tullamore.

Major Emergency Management

Staff attended the National MEM annual conference in Athlone. Plans for the regional MEM exercise to be held in Leitrim on 5th December 2017 are almost finalised. Invitations issued to participants.

Building Control

- **Commencement Notices**: Received 1, valid
- **Opt Out Commencement Notices**: Received 7, valid 4, invalid 3
- **Completion Certificates**: Received 2, valid
- **Fire Safety Certificates**: Received 3, processed 1
- **Disabled Access Certificates**: Received 1, processed 2

CIVIL DEFENCE

- On 02 November assistance was provided to Environment Staff who were dealing with a hydraulic oil spill on the canal in the Ballinamore area. Protective booms were deployed at Lock 7.
- On 11 November Volunteers participated in Avian Flu refresher training hosted by the Department of Agriculture in Sligo. Civil Defence will continue to remain available to assist Department of Agriculture Staff in recovering suspect birds from our waterways.
- Assistance was provided during the Month to the Environment Section during Lake water sampling.

Signed: 
Joseph Gilhooley  
Chief Executive

Date: 14th December, 2017
Report on proposed Amendments to County Leitrim Casual Trading Bye-Laws (2009) to January 8th 2018 Leitrim County Council meeting

Background
The first Casual Trading Bye-Laws for Co. Leitrim were adopted in 2005 under the Casual Trading Act 1995. There have been 2 subsequent reviews of the Bye-Laws in 2009 and again in 2013. No amendments were made to the Bye-Laws as a result of the last review in 2013. It is now considered appropriate to again review the existing Bye-Laws.

All of the existing designated Casual Trading Pitches (Schedule 1 refers) are located within urban areas. When deciding whether to designate any land as a casual trading area or to revoke a designation made in Bye-Laws under the Act, a Local Authority shall have regard to the proper planning and development of its functional area (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof), the development plan for its functional area and any special amenity order (within the meaning in each case of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1993) relating to its functional area, the traffic likely to be generated by the casual trading in the casual trading area and to all other matters that it considers relevant to its decision.

Amendments to Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2009
There are currently 27 no. designated Casual Trading pitches located in the towns and villages dispersed throughout the county. Currently 3 no. of these pitches are licensed and in use (1 no. each in Drumshanbo, Mohill and Ballinamore respectively).

As a result of the limited demand for Casual Trading pitches and having to the provisions of the Act as outlined above, it is proposed to reduce the number of designated pitches from 27 no. to 20 no. by removing the pitches from the following locations:

- 2 no. located at Old Church Street/ Library corner, Manorhamilton.
- 1 no. located at High Street Ballinamore.
- 1 no. located at St Georges Terrace, Carrick on Shannon.
- 1 no. located at Main Street, Drumkeeran.
- 2 no. pitches located at Manorhamilton Road, Drumkeeran.

Further locations details of existing pitches are included on page 2.

It is proposed to amend the existing Casual Trading Bye-Laws accordingly.
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All references within the Casual Trading Bye-Laws will be amended to reflect the omission of the 7 no. designated Trading Pitches as outlined above. The First Schedule which provides the location of the Casual Trading pitches will be amended accordingly. It is not proposed to amend the existing schedule of fees which is presently €400 for an annual licence in Carrick on Shannon and €200 for all other locations.

### Next Steps

Subject to the Council’s agreement, it is intended to place the proposed amendments on public display for a period of a month beginning on January 17th, 2018. Submissions and representations will be invited from interested parties to the proposed changes. A 2 week period is provided after the end of the period for inspection of the proposed Bye-Laws, to make submissions in writing to the Local Authority in relation to proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws. The Local Authority shall, before deciding whether to make the Bye-Laws, take into consideration any submissions duly made to it and not withdrawn. All existing traders will be notified separately from the advertisement of the review through the placing of public notices in at least 2 no. local newspapers and on the Council website / through social media. It is intended to bring the matter back to the May meeting of the Council for approval. The making of Bye-Laws under the Casual Trading Act 1995 is a reserved function.

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Shane Tiernan  
A/Director of Services
Report on proposed Amendments to Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2019 to January 8th 2018 Leitrim County Council meeting

Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2019

At the November 2017 Council meeting, Cllr. Sinead Guckian submitted the following Notice of Motion:

Following the recent presentation on the successful potential of the Pilot "Waste Water one off zero discharge system", and the associated expensive costs of same, at the November meeting of Leitrim County Council I will ask the Chief Executive to commence the process now, to adjust the Council’s Development Contribution Scheme to waive the planning Development Contribution costs for any applicant who will be participating in this pilot scheme and therefore providing valuable data and research for the sustainability of rural living and culture in Leitrim.

The Executive replied as follows:

The Executive accepts the suggested approach has the potential to support the Pilot Scheme. This matter will be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee for consideration at their next meeting in December, 2017.

As outlined in our response to the submitted Notice of Motion, the Executive accepted the merits of the motion as submitted. It is not considered necessary to review the 2016 - 2019 Development Contributions Scheme in its entirety to make provision for an additional exemption to accommodate this recommendation.

It is suggested that exemption q) to the Development Contributions Scheme 2016-2019 would read as follows:

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Permission granted for individual dwelling houses after 6th November 2017 to approved participants in the scheme to facilitate testing of Zero Discharge Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems in Co. Leitrim shall be exempted from development contributions under this Development Contribution Scheme’
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This matter was presented to the Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Policy Strategic Policy Committee at the December 14th 2017 meeting. It was agreed at that meeting to bring it forward to the Council meeting for approval.
There are 2 other matters which the Planning Department would like to use this opportunity to clarify with respect to the operation of the Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2019, namely extensions and replacement dwellings. Certain operational issues have become apparent with regard to the wording of the relevant exemptions and waivers and whether or not in practice these provisions are reasonable.

At present, the adopted Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2019 provides for the following:

Exemption / Waivers

  o) The first 40 sq. m. of extensions to a residential development where the house has not been extended previously including by exempted developments. The floor area of all extensions in excess of 40 sq. m. shall be subject to the application of the Scheme.

Reductions

  g) For redevelopment projects, a charge only of the net additional development (e.g. a redevelopment totalling 200m² of which 150m² is replacing existing development, contribution is only required for the additional 50m²).

Extensions

A dwelling house in a rural area with a floor area of 250 sq. m. or less pays a maximum of €2,000 development contribution regardless of whether the dwelling house has a floor area of 125 sq. m. or 250 sq. m. In an urban area, a minimum payment of €4,000 is required with an additional €18.50 per sq. m. applying in excess of 216 sq. m. In relation to extensions, it is considered reasonable that unless the combined floor area of the house and extension exceeds 251 sq. m. in a rural area or 216 sq. m. in an urban area, the applicants should be exempted from development contributions.

It is proposed to amend the relevant Exemption / Waivers as follows:

| o) | The first 40 sq. m. of extensions to a residential development where the house has not been extended previously including by exempted developments. The floor area of all extensions in excess of 40 sq. m. shall be subject to the application of the Scheme. This shall only apply in a rural area where the cumulative floor area of the house and extension exceeds 251 sq. m. or in an urban area where the cumulative floor area of the house and extension exceeds 216 sq. m. |

Replacement Houses

The Development Contribution Scheme does not deal specifically with replacement houses but with ‘redevelopment projects’ in general. The Scheme as constructed is equitable with
regard to commercial developments where a credit is given for the existing development floor area. However, in relation to the replacement of dwellings and in particular rural dwellings, it fails to take cognisance of the categorisation or banding of 250 sq. m. floor area or less. It is contended that where an existing dwelling house in a rural area which it is proposed to replace is less than 250 sq. m. in floor area, that a development contribution should only be sought for the floor area in excess of 251 sq. m. A worked example may be helpful in this regard.

An existing dwelling house has a floor area of 140 sq. m. The proposed replacement dwelling has a floor area of 275 sq. m. The existing Development Contribution Scheme would suggest that an allowance is given for the existing 140 sq. m. and that the additional 135 sq. m. that would be subjected to the provisions of the Development Contributions Scheme at a rate of €18.50 per sq. m. The applicable contribution in this instance would be €2,497.50. However, it is considered that insufficient consideration is given to the existing dwelling as a two tier band system operates in the Scheme above and below 250 sq. m. It is contended that unless the replacement dwelling house exceeds 251 sq. m. that no development contribution should be forthcoming. In the worked example, a contribution would then only be applicable for the extent of the replacement dwelling in excess of 251 sq. m., namely 24 sq. m. @ €18.50 per sq. m. = €444.00.

In urban areas, as a minimum payment of €4,000 is required irrespective of floor area, this ceiling is only exceeded when the floor area is greater than 216 sq. m. when an additional €18.50 per sq. m. is applied. A similar allowance for the replacement of urban dwellings should therefore apply.

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Recommendation

As the proposed amendments relate only to the operation of reductions and exemptions / waivers and not to the actual rate of development contributions, it is not considered necessary to advertise the draft amendments for public consultation.

Bernard Greene,  
Senior Planner
Agenda Item No 8 – To approve increasing the loan in the sum of €152,750 which was previously approved by the Members at County Council Meeting on Monday, 11th January 2016 to €167,392. This loan has been provided to the North West Simon Community for the purposes of the purchase of 2 dwellings in Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

Dear Member,

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) 2014 - 2016 provides housing for people with specific categories of need through Approved Housing Bodies. Under this scheme, funding of up to 100% of the approved cost of a project can be provided in cases where all prospective tenancies are taken from the local authority Housing Waiting List. Funding for projects is provided by way of a grant from this Department to the local authority who provides the funding to the relevant Approved Housing Body in the form of a 30 year mortgage. The loan charges are waived provided the terms of the scheme are complied with. This requires the AHB to enter into a legal agreement with the local authority creating a ‘mortgage charge’ on the property or properties. The AHB provides, and maintains the properties. Allocations are made by the AHB in consultation with the local authority to approve applicants on the Housing Waiting List.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government has approved a revised grant of €167,392 for the purpose of assisting the provision of housing accommodation under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 by North West Simon Community with the acquisition of two family type dwellings at No. 60 and No. 61 Oaklands, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.

I recommend that the Members approve the recommendation to increase the loan to €167,392 to the North West Simon Community in accordance with terms of Circular/Memorandum VHU 2/02 in respect of the project. The acquisition of these dwellings has assisted the local authority to meet housing need in Carrick-on-Shannon where there is considerable demand for social housing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Quinn,
Director of Services,
Housing, Corporate,
Cultural & Emergency Services.
Presentation on Forestry

to       Leitrim County Council
by       Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)

Séamus Dunne, Senior Inspector
Ann Cunningham, Assistant Principal
Tom McDonald, Regional Inspector
Seppi Hona, District Inspector

8th January 2018
Government Policy on Forestry

To develop an internationally competitive and sustainable forest sector that provides a full range of economic, environmental and social benefits to society and which accords with the principles of sustainable forest management.
Role DAFM and the Forest Service

The role of the Department

“To lead the sustainable development of the agri-food, forestry and marine sector and to optimise its contribution to national economic development and natural environment’.

Forest Service Role

• Implement national forest policy;
• Administer Forestry Grant Schemes;
• Control felling;
• Forest protection and ISPM15;
• Carry out the National Forest Inventory.
Forestry in Ireland

• Ireland has planted over 300,000 ha of land since 1990.
• Forestry sector contributes €2.3 billion to GDP;
• 12,000 people employed;
• Nearly 4 million cubic metres of round wood harvested each year. This will more than double to 8 million cubic metres by 2035;
• Total mitigation contribution from Irish forests and solid wood products is about 4.3m tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year
• In 2013, Ireland was the largest exporter of MDF to the UK;
• 90% of all panel boards are exported;
• Demand for forest products is expected to increase by 20% by 2030
Afforestation Trends

![Graph showing afforestation trends from 1920 to 2020 with two lines representing private and public sectors. The graph peaks around 1980 and 2000 with fluctuations.]
Roundwood Logs Forecast

[Diagram showing trends in volume (1000 m³ overbark) from 2016 to 2035 for different sectors and the total volume.]
Ireland’s Thriving Processing Sector

Sawmills

5 large sawmills, Balcas (NI), Glennon Brothers, Murray Timber Group, ECC Timber Products, GPWood.

3 medium sawmills, Coolrain, Laois, Woodfab.

Panel Boards

Masonite Producing door skins
SmartPly producing OSB
Medite producing MDF
Current Issues and Developments

• New Forestry Act commenced 24\textsuperscript{th} May 2017 – Licensing Authority
• Continued expansion of land area under forest (6,000+ha/year)
  Land availability
  Environmental requirements (Habitats/Species/Water)
• Certification
• Mobilisation of timber
• Increasing broadleaf cover
• Forest fire and storm damage
• Forest Health
• Climate change
Forestry Programme 2014-2020

Increase forest cover

Wood and forest biomass production

Carbon capture & climate change mitigation

Support for forest owners

Environmental and social benefits of new and existing forests

24,500 ha planted (2014-2017)

300 km private harvesting roads (2014-2017)
## Afforestation Scheme – Current Grants and Premiums

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<td>2,165</td>
<td>180</td>
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- Grant and premium increases proposed under **Mid-term review** – mostly for broadleaves
- Minimum broadleaf requirement of 15% for every site to be introduced
Afforestation
Site Notice and Public Consultation (Forestry Act 2014)

• Site Notices - Must be in position for five weeks

• Applications and decisions advertised on DAFM website;

• 3rd parties may make submissions

• DAFM website contains list of all notifications and decision made

• Forestry Appeals Committee – to hear appeals on decisions on afforestation, forest roads and felling licence applications
### Referrals

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<th>Environmental Consideration</th>
<th>Referral body</th>
<th>Referral period</th>
<th>Referral for other schemes note: public consultation only applies to the Afforestation and Forest Road Schemes</th>
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<td><strong>1. WATER QUALITY</strong></td>
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<td>1.1 Is the area designated potentially acid sensitive?</td>
<td>Referral to protocol which specifies consultation with the EPA in certain cases.</td>
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<td>1.2 Is the area &gt;5 ha and sensitive for fisheries?</td>
<td>Inland Fisheries Ireland</td>
<td>4 weeks</td>
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<td>1.3 Is the area non-sensitive for fisheries and &gt;40 ha?</td>
<td>Inland Fisheries Ireland</td>
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<td>1.4 Is the area &gt;10 ha and within a catchment area of a Local Authority designated water scheme?</td>
<td>Local Authority</td>
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<td><strong>2. DESIGNATED HABITATS</strong></td>
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<td>2.1 Is the area within a NHA, pNHA, SAC, SPA or National Park?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>6 + 2 weeks</td>
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<td>Specify site code(s)</td>
<td>Local Authority</td>
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<td>2.2 Is the area within a Hen Harrier SPA, will operations occur between the 1st April and 15th August inclusive?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>6 + 2 weeks</td>
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<td>2.4 Is the area within a NPWS referral zone for a NHA, pNHA, SAC, SPA or National Park?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>6 weeks</td>
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<td>2.5 Is the area within 3 km upstream of a NHA, pNHA, SAC or SPA of National Park?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>6 weeks</td>
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<td>2.6 Is the area within a Freshwater Pearl Mussel 6 km zone?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>6 + 2 weeks</td>
<td>6 + 2 weeks</td>
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<td>If “Yes”, the Forestry &amp; Freshwater Pearl Mussel Requirement Forms A and B should be included with the application.</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>6 + 2 weeks</td>
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<td>2.7 Is the area within a Freshwater Pearl Mussel catchment?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
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<td>2.8 Does the area contain a current REPS plan habitat?</td>
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<td><strong>3. ARCHAEOLOGY</strong></td>
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<td>3.1 Does the area contain an archaeological site or feature with intensive public usage?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>2 months</td>
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<td>Local Authority</td>
<td>4 weeks</td>
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<td>3.2 Does the area contain or adjoin a listed archaeological site or monument?</td>
<td>NPWS</td>
<td>2 months</td>
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<td><strong>4. LANDSCAPE</strong></td>
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<td>4.1 Is the area within a prime scenic area in the County Development Plan?</td>
<td>Local Authority</td>
<td>4 weeks</td>
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<td>Specify site code(s)</td>
<td>Inland Fisheries Ireland</td>
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<td>4.2 Are there any other High Amenity landscape considerations?</td>
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<td><strong>5. SIZE FOR NOTIFICATION TO LOCAL AUTHORITY</strong></td>
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<td>5.1 Is the area greater than 25 ha?</td>
<td>Local Authority</td>
<td>4 weeks</td>
<td>N/a</td>
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<td><strong>6. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS</strong></td>
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<td>6.1 Specify</td>
<td>As necessary</td>
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Note: The Department has agreed referral matrices with NPWS (see Forest Service Circular 2 of 2013) whereby applications adjoining or upstream of designated area can be assessed without automatic referral to NPWS.

Note: If present, all items listed may require the Forest Service to consult with prescribed bodies. Consultation is dependent on the type and scale of the operations proposed and determined on a case-by-case basis. Referral periods listed are the minimum applicable. Other schemes may be subject to the referral process described above, on a case-by-case basis.
## Environmental Checks – IFORIS System

### Assessment to Determine EIA Requirement

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<th>Project Description</th>
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<td>1. The description and characteristics of this afforestation project outlined in the Form 1 for EIA determination has been examined?</td>
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<td>2. The existing and use outlined in the Form 1 for EIA determination has been examined?</td>
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### Existing Land Use

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<th>Cumulative effect and extent of project</th>
<th>Last Social Run Date: 10 Dec 2017</th>
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<td>3. Is the total area of the application 50 ha or greater (net digitized area)?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>4. Does the application, together with existing afforestation of 0 years or less within a 500 metre radius, constitute an area greater than 50 ha?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>5. Does the application, together with other Form 1 applications within 500 metres and recommended for approval but not yet planed, constitute an area 50 ha or greater?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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| What is the approximate % of forest cover at present in the applications footprint? | 10.71 |
| What was the approximate % of forest cover in the applications footprint 5 years ago? | 8.1 |
| What is the approximate % of forest cover at present within 5 km? | 10.74 |
| What is the approximate % of forest cover 5 years ago within this 5 km buffer? | 7.72 |

### Water

| Does the application and its associated operations threaten the achievement of “good ecological status” recovery objective set for the underlying waterbody or waterbodies under the WFD River Basin Management Plan? | Yes | No |
| What is the approximate % of forest cover currently in the underlying waterbody (or waterbodies)? | 14.97 |
| What was the approximate % of forest cover in the underlying waterbody (or waterbodies) 5 years ago? | 13.88 |
| Is the site within an area designated as potentially and sensitive by the Forest Service? If yes, insert comment in comment box | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| Is the site within an area designated as sensitive to fisheries? | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| Has the proposed development been identified in the application as being greater than 10 ha and located within the catchment of a Local Authority designated water scheme? | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| Will compliance of the proposal to the Forestry and Water Quality Guidelines, and any additional conditions attached to the approval be sufficient to prevent any potential significant impact to aquatic zones and their Q value? | Yes | No | NA | SA |

### Soil

| Is the site likely to require more than one application of fertilizer? | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| Is the site within an area of high nutrient sensitivity? | Yes | No | NA | SA |

### Protection of Fresh Water Mussel FFIM

| Are there populations of the Fresh Water Pearl Mussel likely to be affected by the proposed development? | Yes | No | NA | SA |

### Archaeology

| Does the area contain an archaeological site or feature with intensive public usage? | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| Does the area contain or adjoin a listed archaeological site or monument, archaeological area, zones of archaeological amenity or World Heritage Sites? | Yes | No | NA | SA |

### Adherence to the normal standards of the Forestry and Archaeology Guidelines

| A - Specific conditions regarding buffer zones etc | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| C - Archaeological Monitoring during ground preparation or drainage works | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| D - Archaeological Assessment | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| E - EIA | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| F - Refusal in part | Yes | No | NA | SA |
| G - Refusal | Yes | No | NA | SA |
### Environmental Checks – IFORIS System

#### Appendix 9 – Council Meeting 8th January 2018

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<td><strong>Landscape</strong></td>
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<td>24. Is this site within a prima secus area in the County Development Plan or within an area listed in the Inventory of Outstanding Natural Landscapes or in a Landscape Conservation Area?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>25. Is this site in any other High Anxiety Landscape?</td>
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<td>26. Were comments from the Local Authority received and examined?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>27. Were comments from the Local Authority requested?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>28. Is the forest design submitted (and any additional design improvements recommended) sufficient to prevent any significant impact on the landscape and does the design comply with the Forestry and the Landscape Guidelines?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Designated Habitats</strong></td>
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<td>Nature reserves and national parks, special protection areas and areas of conservation designated pursuant to Directive 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC, SACs, etc. (NB: Afforestation can not be recommended without explicit approval of NPWS). Candidate, indicative and proposed sites are also included.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>29. Is this proposed area within 1km upstream of a European or national designation including SACs, cSACs, SPA, OSPAs, NNRs, pNNRs, Nature Reserves and National Parks?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Non Designated Habitats</strong></td>
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<td>31. Should this application refer to the Forest Service Ecologist?</td>
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<td><strong>Social</strong></td>
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<td>32. Following referral to the Forest Service Ecologist and/or NPWS, in evaluating the scale and significance of any potential impact, the following was recommended:</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>A - Adherence to Forest Service Guidelines</td>
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<td>33. Does the proposed area impact on a Way-Marked Way?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>34. Does the proposed area impact on a densely populated area?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>35. Does the proposed area impact on an area commonly used by the general public for recreation?</td>
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<td><strong>Resident</strong></td>
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<td>36. Is there a significant risk of accidents, having regard to substances or technologies used? If so, describe in Inspectors comments box below</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>37. Is the proposed application within 3km upstream of the border with Northern Ireland?</td>
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<td>38. Will the proposed project be likely to have a significant transfrontier impact? If so, describe in Inspectors comments box below</td>
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<td>39. Is the proposed application within 500m of the border with Northern Ireland?</td>
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<td><strong>Public Participation and NGO participation</strong></td>
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<td>40. Comments and views from the general public and non-governmental bodies were realised and examined</td>
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<td><strong>Determination</strong></td>
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<td>Any significant potential effects identified above must be considered having regard in particular to:</td>
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<td>- the transfrontier nature of the impact</td>
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<td>- the probability of the impact</td>
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<td>EIA: On the basis of this examination this application be subject to the EIA process</td>
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What is Forestry Land?
Other schemes

• **Neighbour-wood**
  • Supports the development of attractive close-to-home woodland amenities for public use and enjoyment

• **Woodland Improvement**
• **Forestry for fibre**
• **Agro-forestry**
• **Native woodland scheme**
• **Forest roads**
Grant-Aided Afforestation 2016
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In general CDP is very supportive of forestry expansion, forest management and timber mobilisation.

Encourages development of forestry based employment including haulage and harvesting, certification, adding value to timber

Supports development of bio-fuels sector, promotion and adoption of wood energy systems in public buildings, expand sawmills and stake producing facilities
Forestry in Leitrim in 2016

• Over €2.4m in forest premiums paid to 374 farmers.

• 433 hectares of new forests planted (62 applications)
  • nearly all by private land owners
  • 39 land owners had addresses in Leitrim; 13 in surrounding counties.
Forestry in Leitrim – Talking Timber Events
Employment in the Forest Industry

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New Planting in Leitrim 1990 – 2016 (ha)
Ash Dieback findings

2012 - First finding in a plantation

2013 - First finding in the wild

2017 - Widespread in hedgerows in southeast of County

Unhealthy mature trees in roadside hedgerows are dangerous

Rods Act, 1993 (Section 70) – Dangerous Structures, Trees etc

Recognising dangerous trees
Thank you

Séamus Dunne, Senior Inspector, DAFM
Ann Cunningham, Assistant Principal, DAFM
Tom McDonald, Regional Inspector
Seppi Hona, District Inspector
8th January 2018