MISSION STATEMENT

To make Leitrim a sustainable, creative, inclusive county where individuals, family and business can flourish
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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present on behalf of Leitrim County Council the 2017 Annual Report which outlines the activities and achievements of Leitrim County Council. The report follows the format of our Corporate Plan 2015-2019, which provides a framework for the organisation to deliver on our agreed mission, key strategic objectives and supporting strategies for the five year period covered.

Leitrim County Council continued to advance objectives to ensure that Leitrim is a sustainable, creative, inclusive County where individuals, family and business can flourish. In this context, significant progress continued to be made in 2017 in areas such as the provision of physical and social infrastructure, economic development, environmental improvements and developing sustainable communities as detailed in this report.

The Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) continues to set the strategic direction and high level goals to drive economic, social and community development in the county up to 2021 and significant progress is being made.

Among the other noteworthy achievements during the year were:

- Multi-million euro funding and project delivery achieved for communities across the county under the Town and Village, CLAR, RAPID, Outdoor Rural Recreational Infrastructure and REDZ schemes
- Major capital projects including the construction of Phase 2 of the N16 Cornacloy to Sradrine Realignment Scheme and realignment of 1.4km section of N16 at Drummahan
- Tourism growth continued to be a priority for the Council through active marketing of bespoke tourism products and with significant investment in tourism infrastructure such as the Shannon Blueway, Greenways, Lough Rinn Recreational Facility and other angling and tourist attractions
- The Council has been actively pursuing innovative solutions to facilitate the design of a wastewater treatment system for rural single houses
- Following ongoing collaboration with the Council and the Town Team, Carrick on Shannon retained the Purple Flag Status which is a standard for a vibrant, well-managed evening and night time economy
- The Upper Shannon-Erne Future Economy Project has progressed a number of initiatives in 2017 including securing significant Enterprise Development funding to develop Digital Innovative Hubs
• Taste Leitrim - a 5 year Food Strategy has been developed for 2017-2021 and was launched during 2017.

• 2017 was a transformational year for Leitrim County Council’s Arts Programme as it prepared the groundwork for a new multiannual strategy

• Work progressed on the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAMs) with the OPW on the development of suitable flood mitigation options regarding the management of flood risk in the Shannon River Basin District in the Leitrim area.

• Under Rebuilding Ireland Leitrim County Council has a social housing delivery target 2017-2021 of 167 units. In 2017 Leitrim County Council delivered 27 of these units through acquisitions, Voids reinstatement and Voluntary Housing Body provision.

• The Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2014-2018 had achieved over 90% of the target of 46 Units of Accommodation at the end of 2017

• Leitrim County Library Service became part of a national library system in 2017. Library members now have free access to over 15 million items in the 333 library branches across the country.

• The Public Participation Network (PPN) progressed considerably in 2017. The inaugural Voluntary and Community Sector Awards proved hugely successful

• 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.

• Leitrim Age Friendly Alliance in conjunction with the Older Persons Council launched a new Age Friendly Strategy for 2017-2020

• The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) continued to deliver key programmes during 2017 to support business throughout the county. Leitrim was the strongest performing county for On-line Trading Vouchers for small businesses administered by the LEO office. The Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme saw the placement of 23 students in work placements in Leitrim.

The embedding of the three Municipal Districts in Leitrim continued to ensure the delivery of effective public services to our communities. The Corporate Policy Group and the three Strategic Policy Committees continued to review and recommend policy to the Council. The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) continues to be actively involved coordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funding and in the implementation of community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan.
The Annual Report also includes a section on progress to date achieved in meeting the objectives of our Corporate Plan and a report on the performance of the local authority as measured by the National & Local Performance Indicator for 2017. The National Performance Indicators are subject to ongoing scrutiny by the National Over-sight and Audit Committee.

Despite ongoing resource pressures, 2017 was a successful year for Leitrim County Council. The performance and outputs detailed in this report were made possible through the combined efforts of the elected members and staff of this authority, working in close co-operation with our key stakeholders, most notably the people of the County themselves. We want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank and publicly acknowledge the role and contribution of all concerned for their commitment and dedication to securing our vision and in making continued significant progress throughout 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.

Councillor Sean McGowan
Cathaoirleach

Lar Power
Chief Executive
ELECTED MEMBERS OF LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL 2014-2019

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire
Councillor Des Guckian
Councillor Sinead Guckian
Councillor Seadhna Logan
Councillor Sean McGowan
Councillor Enda Stenson

BALLINAMORE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Councillor Brendan Barry
Councillor Gerry Dolan
Councillor Callian Ellis
Councillor Caroline Mulvey
Councillor John McCartin
Councillor Paddy O’Rourke

MANORHAMILTON MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Councillor Mary Bohan
Councillor Frank Dolan
Councillor Padraig Fallon
Councillor Felim Gurn
Councillor Sean McDermott
Councillor Justin Warnock
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Following the Local Elections Local Authorities were required to establish new SPC’s in line with the guidelines set out in Circular LG 07/14 and in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

At the Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council the establishment of three (3) SPCs, aligned to the three Service Directorates, and anchored in the main local government functions/services, was approved by the Members:

- Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC
- Housing Policy, Social and Cultural Development SPC
- Environmental, Transportation and Infrastructural Policy SPC

Each SPC is to consist of six (6) elected members and four (4) nominees from sectoral interests. The Council is and remains the decision making Authority, and it is the task of the SPCs, as committees of the Council, to advise and assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy. The SPC system is intended to give Councillors and relevant Sectoral Interests an opportunity for full involvement in the policy making process from the early stages.

Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC

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Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC met on X occasions in 2018

Issues considered by SPC:

- Pillar 1: Policies & Plans
  - Economic Strategy & Implementation Review
  - Diaspora Strategy
Pillar 2: Planning & Sustainable Development
  o Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
  o County Heritage Plan

Pillar 3: Marketing & Promoting a Positive Image
  o Tourism Strategy Review
  o Rates Incentive Scheme Review
  o Casual Trading Bylaws (Public Consultation)

Pillar 4: Maximising External Opportunities
  o Digital Strategy
  o National Broadband Plan

### Housing, Social and Cultural Development SPC

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<td>Ms. Sarah Searson, Director, The Dock, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim</td>
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<td>Interim nominee pending establishment of new Creative Sector Network</td>
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### Housing Policy, Social & Cultural Development SPC met on 4 occasions in 2018

**Issues considered by SPC:**

- The SPC Work Programme 2018
- Housing Grants
- Housing Programme
- Mortgage to Rent Scheme
- Environment and Community Awards Scheme
- Traveller Accommodation Programme.
- Leitrim Healthy Ireland Strategy,
- Age Friendly Strategy
- Sports Strategy
Environmental, Transportation and Infrastructural Policy SPC

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<td>Trade Union (National Pillar)</td>
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Issues considered by SPC:

- River Basin Management Plans (Second Cycle)
- Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Litter Upkeep – Review of Incentives
- CFRAM Final Plan
- Forestation
- Roads Safety Programme
- LIS Scheme Operation
- Irish Water Interface with Leitrim County Council
- Local link Transportation Unit Interface
- Rural Water Programme
Economic Development

- To lead, mobilise and support Enterprise and Economic Development in Leitrim, in conjunction with relevant agencies, and ensure that our physical and social infrastructure is sufficiently developed to support this.

High Quality Sustainable Living Environment

- To improve, protect and promote the natural and man-made environment, encourage and facilitate participation by citizens in the development of their communities and promote an inclusive, creative, active and vibrant County.

Maximising Organisational & Operational Capacity

- To maximise the potential of our Human, Financial and ICT resources to optimise organisational capacity and performance and ensure high quality services and information tailored to meet the needs of all our customers.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To lead, mobilise and support Enterprise and Economic Development in Leitrim, in conjunction with relevant agencies, and ensure that our physical and social infrastructure is sufficiently developed to support this.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

2018 was a productive year for the Local Enterprise Office with dedicated support made available across the county. Supporting, nurturing and developing the entrepreneurial capacity and potential of local people, start-up and newly formed small and micro businesses is critical to the continued economic success of the county.

Financial Supports

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*Courses include Start your Own Business, Managing Finances, GDPR, PAYE Modernisation, Social Media Marketing etc

National Enterprise Awards

Co. Leitrim finalist and representative at The National Enterprise Awards during 2018 was Global Green Sustainability.
Women in Enterprise
LEO Leitrim hosted 3 Women’s Networking events in March, July and December in conjunction with LEOs Longford and Westmeath as well as hosting National Women’s Enterprise Day in October alongside 15 other LEO offices.

Student Enterprise Awards
The 2017/2018 school programme involved all 7 Co. Leitrim secondary schools with 150 students attending the county final, while approx. 1400 students availed of the in house visits to schools. Winners of the Leitrim County Final who were selected to attend the National Final in Croke Park were; Buzzy Books, St. Clare’s Manorhamilton (Senior), Sheepfeeders, Drumshanbo Vocational School (Intermediate), Slide it Out, St. Clare’s Manorhamilton, (Junior).
The 2018 National Schools Programme involved 10 schools with over 300 students and was won by Aughavas National School.

**Leitrim Business Network**
The Leitrim Business Network was established to exploit the power of business networking. Leitrim Business Network is proudly supported by Local Enterprise Office and meet four times per year. www.leitrimbusinessnetwork.com

**Trading Online Vouchers**
There was continued interest again in the Trading Online Voucher programme with 11 vouchers approved during 2018 to Co. Leitrim businesses, giving them the opportunity to create an ecommerce website, a payment system or booking system on their websites.

**Enterprise Promotion**
- With assistance from LEO Leitrim, businesses in Co. Leitrim had the opportunity to attend the following events; Showcase (2 businesses), Enterprise Zone at the National Ploughing Championships (1).

**Brexit**
2018 was a busy year for Brexit Supports. Four separate clinics were held in the last quarter in various locations, where clients had the opportunity to speak to someone on a one to one basis. A Brexit Breakfast also took place during quarter 4.

**Other**
- IT Sligo continue to meet clients in The Hive, Carrick on Shannon
- Local Enterprise Week 2018 took place from 4th-9th March with 10 separate events hosted including a Jobs Fair on 9th March.

**European Programmes**
LEO Leitrim continue to deliver the other programmes including;
- Co-Innovate which is a cross border research and innovation (R&I) initiative funded under the INTERREG VA Programme, which aims to increase the numbers of SMEs engaged in cross border research and innovation in the regions of Northern Ireland, Border Counties and Western Scotland.
- The WISE project partnership financed by the ERASMUS+ Program introduced an apprenticeship style learning placement framework tested with at least 40 female entrepreneurs in participating regions who will experience work in a high growth STEM enterprise for a structured placement period.

**Leitrim Design House**
Supported by LEO, the Leitrim Design House continues to develop and expand its range of services. Highlights from 2018 include;
- Successful artwall exhibitions
- Revamp of shop including new video display
- Plein air painting programme ran over summer months
During 2018 the Council continued to carry out a wide range of actions and projects to support economic development and create the correct environment throughout County Leitrim to allow enterprises to start, grow and expand. This council carried out these actions through the direct provision of capital infrastructure, the forward planning of future projects and working in collaboration with other key stakeholders and agencies to ensure Leitrim is well positioned to secure the resources necessary to deliver on its objectives.

**Leitrim Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

The LCDC met eleven times during 2018. The meetings dealt with the general operation of the LCDC and monitoring of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) as well as programmes which the LCDC is responsible for oversight of including, Rural Development Programme – RDP (LEADER element), Social Inclusion Community Activation (SICAP) programme, Leitrim Peace IV programme, Healthy Ireland Fund and the Community Enhancement Programme.

**LCDC Annual Report**

Leitrim Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) prepared, adopted and submitted its annual report to the Local Authority by the March 31st 2018 which set out the performance of its functions in the previous calendar year 2017.

**Sub-Committees of Leitrim LCDC**

**The Social Inclusion and Equality Committee**

The role of the Social Inclusion and Equality Sub-Committee was to monitor progress locally against targets set nationally and also look at how agencies on the sub-committee can engage further with the programme. The sub-committee met four times during 2018 and reviewed and approved the mid year and end of year reports prepared by the programme implementer.

**The Rural Development Operational Committee (RDOC)**

The Rural Development Operational Committee (RDOC) is comprised of representatives from the LCDC as Local Action Group, Leitrim County Council as Financial Partner and Leitrim Development Company as Implementing Partner. The RDOC met 3 times during 2018 and provided input into operational issues in relation to the rollout of the programme and also acted in an advisory capacity to the LCDC.

**IMPLEMENTING THE COMMUNITY ELEMENT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)**

One of the main functions of the LCDC is to prepare, implement and monitor the Community elements of the six-year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for its Local Authority area. The LCDC commenced a review of the Community Element of the LECP during 2018 which included measuring performance against the targets set out in the LECP. Updates were requested from the various enablers / stakeholders on the Sustainable Community Objectives and workshops were held on the submissions received.

**Programme Oversight and Management Activity**
The programmes overseen by the LCDC in 2018 were the Social Inclusion Community Activation programme (SICAP), the Rural Development/LEADER Programme, the Peace IV programme, the Healthy Ireland Fund & the Community Enhancement Programme.

**SICAP**

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

Following a three stage evaluation process, Leitrim Development Company was appointed to deliver the SICAP Programme 2018 – 2022. The Funding Agreement between the Department of Rural and Community Development, Leitrim County Council and Leitrim LCDC was signed on 5th January 2018. The contract with the Programme Implementer (PI) for the 12 month period up to December 2018 was for €524,650.04. Some of the key achievements of the SICAP Programme in 2018 is as follows:-

**Goal 1 -Groups**

- Forty-six (46) local community groups were supported under Goal 1 including community groups in disadvantaged areas, disability groups, and groups representing new communities, Travellers, disadvantaged men and disadvantaged women. Forty six (46) community annual plans developed for these groups and implemented over 2018
- Eight (8) community groups were awarded small grants from SICAP to assist their development and to implement initiatives to support target groups at risk of social exclusion. Initiatives developed with these grants included men’s groups, integration initiatives for new communities, mental health support for Travellers and access for people with disabilities.
- Groups were supported to draw down over €80,000 in additional funding from a range of sources including LEADER, National Lottery, Community Enhancement Funds, Grow it Yourself, HSE, County Council Estate Grants, Creative Ireland, Energia, Agenda 21 Environmental grants and Community Integration Funds

**Goal 2-Individuals**

- 394 individuals (233 males and 161 females) received support under Goal 2 in 2018.
- Forty seven (47) individuals progressed to employment through a range of SICAP employment supports.
- Fifty nine progressed to self-employment through a range of SICAP enterprise supports.

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEADER)**

LEADER is the community led approach to local development delivering EU funding into rural businesses and communities through Ireland’s Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. The Leitrim Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is the Local Action Group (LAG) with ultimate responsibility for the delivery, implementation and finances of the LEADER programme. Leitrim County council is the lead financial partner responsible for maintaining and retaining records of all financial aspects of the programme. Leitrim County Council is also responsible for making payments to project promoters on behalf of the LAG.

The LEADER elements of RDP 2014-2020 will provide €5,998,474 over the lifetime of the programme to support the sustainable development of County Leitrim.

The Total value of projects approved in 2018 by the Local Action Group (LAG) was €2,397,032.73. At the end of 2018 20 No. claims had been paid amounting to €276,652.14 or approx. 6% of the overall LEADER budget for Co. Leitrim.
Administration Costs of €296,790.25 was paid to the Implementing Partner Leitrim Development Company for 2018. The cumulative administration cost from the commencement of the current Rural Development Programme to the end of 2018 is €677,380.59.

**Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF)**

Leitrim County Council applied for and was successful in securing funding for Public Realm Improvement Works at Carrick on Shannon under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) as part of Project Ireland 2040. The overall cost of the project is €8.63 million with funding of €2.899 million secured for 2019. The procurement of an Architect Led Project Design Team was also advanced to the appointment stage during 2018. The duration of the construction programme is 15 months with construction anticipated in Q3 2019.

**RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

Category 1 applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in September under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the towns of Ballinamore and Manorhamilton. The Ballinamore Project had an overall cost of €1.3 million for the upgrade of St. Felims College into a community and enterprise space. The estimated cost of the Manorhamilton project was €1.935 million for public realm improvement works to the town and enhancement works to the Industrial Park. Whilst the projects were unsuccessful under the initial announcement in November 2018 it is hoped that approval of funding for the projects will be obtained in 2019. Planning and project developmental works is proceeding to ensure the projects are shovel ready once selected.

A category 2 application was submitted for the Town of Mohill with a view to develop a design framework of living for Mohill town, which will further enhance and develop the Smart Green Mohill concept in the town of Mohill. If successful this work may lead to a Category 1 application in further rounds of funding.

**GREENWAYS/BLUEWAYS**

An application seeking developmental costs of €635,000 was submitted by Leitrim Co. Co on behalf of the Leitrim, Cavan and Sligo County Councils to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in November 2018 under the National and Regional Greenways Fund for the 58km Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) project. A decision on this project will be announced in June 2019.

Work continued on the Shannon & Shannon/Erne Blueway project with significant progress occurring in the Drumshanbo section.

**TOWN & VILLAGE 2018**

Work has continued during 2018 in completing the Towns and Villages projects that were approved in 2017. In collaboration with the various community groups noteworthy projects such as the Cloone Cross county facility and the Manorhamilton Castle have been delivered. These project are bringing real economic, social and recreational benefits to their areas. Leitrim County Council secured €737,520 in DRCD funding for nine projects under the Towns and Village Scheme during 2018 in order to continue to rejuvenate the towns and villages of County Leitrim and make them more attractive places for people to live, work and invest in.

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Drumkeerin  Completion of Enterprise Hug  €43,400.00
Glenfarne  Enhance Ballroom of Romance Glenfarne  €88,000.00
Kilnagh  To build extension to Community Centre  €89,600.00
Leitrim Village  Village Enhancements  €28,520.00
Manorhamilton  Construction of town centre car park  €96,000.00
Tullaghan  Village Enhancements  €92,000.00

Total  €737,520.00

It is envisaged that all schemes will be fully expended and drawn down by mid 2019 as per Scheme Outline Requirements.

CLAR 2018

Leitrim County Council continued to attract CLÁR funding in 2018 in order to deliver a targeted investment programme for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas which have high needs. Nine projects were approved by the DRCD under measure 1 (Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures) securing a total grant €249,794. It is envisaged that all these projects will be completed by February 2019. Five projects were approved by the DRCD under Measure 2 (Play Areas/MUGA’s) with a total Grant of €130,442 allocated and all of the projects to be completed by March 2019.

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<td>Erection of digital Speed safety signs at school</td>
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During 2018 Leitrim County Council continued to invest in outdoor recreation infrastructure to support the rural tourism industry and to provide better recreational options for local people and families to enjoy the countryside.

Design and construction procurement for upgrade works on elements of the following trails occurred during 2018:

- Yellow River Pedestrian Bridge on the Leitrim Way
- Pedestrian Bridge on the SLNCR at Dromahair
- Demonstration stretch of the Cavan Leitrim Greenway at Ballinamore

Two schemes received approval under Measure 1 of the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (Small Scale Maintenance/Promotional and Marketing) with a total grant of €40,000.

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Three schemes received approval under Measure 2 (Medium Scale New developments/Upgrade of Existing Trails) with total grant aid of €496,019 being secured.

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**Broadband**

Leitrim County Council is working in collaboration with the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) to deliver high speed broadband to the whole county of Leitrim. The National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the Government initiative which aims to deliver high speed broadband, defined as a minimum of 30Mbps download and 6Mbps upload, to every premises in Leitrim and the preferred bidder is to be announced early in 2019. Leitrim County Council have a Broadband Officer in place who is currently liaising with telecommunication providers to ensure the rollout of infrastructure with the minimum of delays and who will be the primary point of contact for the National Broadband Plan Company (NBPCo).

**WiFi4EU**

The European Commission proposed an investment package of €120 million throughout the EU to promote access to wireless connectivity in public places for the benefit of citizens and institutions with a public...
mission. This will enable Wi-Fi to be available in public areas such as town centres, parks, libraries, public buildings. Leitrim County Council sought funding when the EU wide call was opened on the 7th November and secured €30,000 which will be match funded by a further €30,000 from the Irish Government. It is intended to roll out WiFi in the successful town centres of Manorhamilton & Mohill with this funding and there is potential for a further €30,000 during 2019 to deliver for the other towns in County Leitrim

Leisure Centre

Leitrim County Council has a licence with Aura Leisure to operate, maintain and promote both the Leitrim Leisure Centre and the Acres Lake pool facilities. Throughout the course of 2018 the total number of customers using the Aura Leisure Centre rose to 159,265. The figure that accessed the Acres Lake pool facility during the open season was 2105 consisting of 485 Adults and 1620 children. Quotations for upgrade works to the biomass chimney and replacement of pump drives were obtained in Q4 2018 with the works scheduled for 2019.

HiLAG

The High Level Advisory Group met in Carrick on Shannon in May 2018 to secure the on-going support and engagement of Leitrim connected people in Dublin and elsewhere as well as key local business people. The focus of the meeting was the creation and sustainment of jobs in all areas and building sustainable communities by developing economic collateral to assist those in decision making positions.

County Promotion

The IDA in conjunction with Leitrim County Council have identified the strategic importance of having an IDA site with planning permission in place for the construction of a 2000m2 Advanced Technology Building (ATB) in Carrick on Shannon. The IDA has indicated that a site of this nature with planning permission in place would form a key element of Carrick on Shannon’s overall package when seeking to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to the town. To achieve the desired outcome Leitrim County Council have undertaken a procurement process to secure the services of an Architect lead design team to prepare the planning documentation for a 2000m2 Advanced Technology Building (ATB) on the IDA Lands at the Castlecarragh Rd. The preferred architectural firm has been identified and it is intended to enter into a contract in January 2019. It is envisaged that planning permission will be secured during Q2 2019.

Ambassador Publication

Within the context of County Promotion Leitrim County Council have commissioned a series of Interviews with “Leitrim Ambassadors” selected to share their experience of setting up and or running a business in County Leitrim. The Interviews were conducted by Carole Coleman photography by Brian Farrell. The publication will be finalised and launched in 2019 with a view to being a tool to showcase businesses in Leitrim and promote the County as a place to invest and locate a business.

CCTV Carrick on Shannon

Leitrim County Council worked with Carrick Community CCTV Ltd on developing the specification for the Carrick Town Centre CCTV Scheme including support to complete the application form with the Garda Commissioner, the grant application for the Department if Justice, in addition meetings of the Carrick CCTV
committee were facilitated by Leitrim Leitrim County Council. In addition Leitrim county Council facilitated the Electric Skyline scope of works through the existing framework that the Council has with Electric Skyline aswell as making application to ESB for additional power points required for the scheme. The RFT and scope of works were developed towards the end of 2018 with a view to advertising via Etenders in early 2019.

**Town Teams**

Leitrim County Council supported the work of the Town Teams in Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon as well as facilitating meetings in Mohill. Administering meetings in terms of venue, notice of meetings, and follow up actions after the meetings in between meetings. The REDZ Town team in Manorhamilton focused on a number of issues including a phase 2 of the REDZ plan and the preparation of the RRDF application. The Carrick Town Team focused on various actions, including Purple Flag renewal, Carrick Community CCTV, and the URDF submission.

**Purple Flag**

During 2018 Leitrim County Council administered the public perception survey which is linked directly to the purple flag interim renewal. In addition window stickers for businesses in Carrick on Shannon were printed showing the purple flag membership. Purple flag self assessment was carried out in June 2018 in advance of the submission being made to the ATCM for renewal of purple flag status for Carrick on Shannon. Interim renewal was approved and received in Autumn 2019.

SECURE Programme

Leitrim County Council are a partner in the SECURE Programme which is a 3 year (2016 – 2019) transnational project to help build the capacity of partners organisations to deploy successful energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and solutions in housing and public infrastructure. It is co-funded by the EU’s Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme. The learning across peripheral and arctic regions on energy efficiency and use of renewable technologies will be shared between partner organisations and their communities. The project partnership includes eight partners across the Northern and Arctic Region: Ernact in Donegal, Leitrim and Donegal County Councils (ROI), Derry City & Strabane District Council (NI), Association of Local Authorities in Vasternorrland (ALAV) in Sweden, Karella University of Applied Sciences in Finland, Umhvørvisstovanin Faroe Islands and the Ecology Action Centre (Canada). During 2018 a number of energy efficiency pilots were completed in Leitrim County Council including LED lighting at the Dock and both Manorhamilton and Ballinamore Library, other actions in these buildings including door curtains at entrances to maintain heat and destratification fans at the Dock again in relation to maintaining heat. An energy awareness event was ran with North Leitrim SEC group during EU energy week aswll as energy awareness workshops for LCC Staff. In addition a 5 year energy action plan was developed for buildings owned by Leitrim County Council with a view to making the buildings more energy efficient over time. As part of the SECURE programme Leitrim County Council are now going to develop an RFT for a Renewable Energy Strategy for the County aswell as a Building Management System for the Aras building both of which will be delivered in early 2019.

Staff of Leitrim County Council attended two partner meetings during 2018, one in the Faroe Islands and one in Donegal 3 claims were completed and submitted for approval during 2018.
SECURE Programme Partners meeting in Leitrim
Mohill Town Painting Scheme Town and Village 2017 - Lower Main Street Before

Pictures of same 3 premises after Town Painting Scheme Complete
Boardwalk Drumshanbo

REDZ Food Event 2018 – The Organic Centre “Harvest Feast”
Quail Farm
Margaret & Lena Kasser, “Eurolingo” Ambassador

FACILITATE AND SUPPORT BALANCED AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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HERITAGE
The Planning Department re-established the role of Heritage Officer within Leitrim County Council at the end of July. The Heritage Council part funds the role and provides training and advice through their Heritage Officer programme.

The Heritage Officer commenced work on the preparation of a new Heritage Plan for Co. Leitrim and re-established the Heritage Forum to assist in this important task. In addition to promoting heritage matters in general and updating the Council website, the Heritage Officer also undertook the Creative Ireland funded Traditional Shop Fronts project for Co. Leitrim.

The Planning Authority successfully obtained funding for 4 projects under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and funding for 2 projects under the Structures at Risk Fund, both funds operated by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

FORWARD PLANNING

VACANT SITE LEVY
The Planning Authority undertook extensive research in the preparation of a report outlining the manner in which the Vacant Site Levy would be implemented in Leitrim. The draft variation to the County Development Plan and the draft amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan were published in February 2018. Leitrim County Council made Variation No. 1 of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021 and Amendment No. 2 to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 at the May Council and Carrick on Shannon Municipal District meetings respectively. The Variation and Amendment amends the existing policy framework to incorporate the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 with respect to the introduction of the Vacant Site Levy and extended provisions of Urban Renewal and Regeneration. Whilst consideration has been given to applying these provisions particularly with regard to sites identified as suitable for urban regeneration, no site has yet been proposed for inclusion on the Vacant Sites Register by Leitrim County Council

URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND SCHEME 2018
The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government announced a funding allocation to Leitrim County Council of €2.899m for 2019 under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund on November 26th. This funding announcement is part of an overall Public Realm Improvement Scheme for Carrick on Shannon town centre which will amount to a total investment of €8.67 m over a 3 year period commencing in September 2019 and transforming the existing town centre. The application for funding was led by the Planning Department assisted by the Economic Development Department.

The Public Realm Improvement Scheme will upgrade and enhance the existing streetscapes of Main Street & St. George’s Terrace to include the junction of both streets with Bridge Street. The Scheme extends from Main Street onto the old Dublin Road, lower Summerhill, the Leitrim Road, Priest’s Lane and Church Lane. The Scheme includes the widening of footpaths, introduction of shared surface space at identified locations, to provide enhanced pedestrian crossings, to replace existing road surfaces, to replace existing street lights, the provision of soft landscaping measures and street furniture and to reduce the extent of on street car parking.
An integral part of the overall plan to provide a public car park (105 no. car parking spaces) immediately north of the Primary Care Centre which is presently under construction within the area known locally as ‘Flynn’s Field’ to the rear of Main Street and Bridge Street. This car park will connect through to both streets.

The final element of the scheme is to replace the existing fixed boardwalk along the River Shannon at the property of le boat / Emerald Star and Carrickcraft boating companies and to provide a public floating boardwalk at this location inclusive of landscaping measures and accommodation works. The proposed public boardwalk will connect to the existing car parking area at the quayside and onwards to Quay Road.


DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & BUILDING CONTROL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS
A total of 191 no. valid planning applications, including 25 no. application seeking retention of planning permission, 10 no. applications seeking an extension of duration of planning permission and 1 no. application seeking outline planning permission were received during 2018. This increased from the 177 no. valid applications received in 2017. A further 95 no. applications received were considered invalid, primarily relating to poorly prepared applications having been submitted.

Of the valid applications received, 30 no. related to applications for commercial developments, 9 no. applications related to community, sporting and educational developments with a further 13 no. applications relating to forestry, namely forest access provision. The proportion of applications relating to commercial developments remains consistent. There remains an increase in the level of developments being applied for relating to community and sporting uses reflective of the increase in Government support for such uses. These trends are both encouraging and welcomed.
A total of 167 no. decisions were issued in relation to planning applications during the year which was an increase on the number of decisions which issued in 2017 (148 no.). The grant rate was recorded at 97.6% of all decisions made. 2018 marked the first year in over a decade whereby planning applications for multiple house developments (more than 5 no. houses) have been made. Of note, planning permission was granted to develop an inflatable water park at Lough Allen and for a 38 no. pitch campsite at Kinlough which further demonstrates confidence in the local economy and the importance of the tourism and hospitality sectors. Other notable commercial developments for which planning permission was granted included the redevelopment of the former Gilmartin’s Cash & Carry on the Dublin Road, Carrick on Shannon for use as a hardware retail store and bulky goods showroom display areas and the construction of 3 no. industrial units in Drumshanbo.

Of the unsuccessful planning applications, one of the 4 no. applications which were refused planning permission by Leitrim County Council was subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála (Derrysallagh wind farm with respect to the laying of electrical cable underground). No decision had been made on this application during 2018. In addition, 4 no. of appeals were decided by An Bord Pleanála during 2018 in which the decision of the Planning Authority was upheld on 3 no. appeals. The one decision which was overturned by the Board related to a 123 no. bedroom nursing home in Carrick on Shannon which was refused planning permission.

PART 8 DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS
The Council successfully brought four of its own development proposals through the Part 8 public consultation process during the year. These developments were:

1. 27 No. Dwelling Houses at Autumn View, Summerhill, Townparks, Carrick on Shannon;
2. The construction of a 1km cycle/pedestrian trail including a new footbridge, new car park and entrance road at Drumshanbo Lock and a new pedestrian/cycle road crossing, including widening of the existing footpath on the R208 regional road, as part of the North Shannon Blueway Phase III at Blackrock, Carricknabrack and Corrahuill townlands, Drumshanbo, County Leitrim;
3. To demolish an existing fire station, construct a new fire station and drill tower along with associated site works at Stradermot Td. Golf Links Road Ballinamore;
4. The erection of a proposed roof canopy over the south western area of the Market Yard Carrick-on-Shannon

PRE-PLANNING CLINICS
A total of 85 no. formal pre-planning queries/meetings were facilitated in 2018 with the average waiting time for such meetings or queries being dealt with recorded at 14.4 days. There were numerous other pre-planning queries dealt with by e-mail or telephone which did not necessitate formal meetings.

EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENTS
A total of 25 applications for determination on exempt / non exempt status of a proposed development (Section 5 declarations) were received over the course of the year. A significant number of these applications related to agricultural developments and the exemption certificate is a requirement of various grant aids administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

A total of three applications for a Certificate of Exemption under Section 97 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000- 2018 (exemption from the provisions of Part V) were received in 2018 reflective of the lack of multiple residential unit development presently being proposed across the county.

In 2018, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine referred to this Council 102 no. applications for licences for tree felling and 73 tree planting (which includes Forest Access Roads) applications for...
comment prior to the Department making a decision in respect of same. This compared to 86 no. tree felling and 63 no. tree planting (which included forest road) applications in 2017.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT
A total of 67 new planning enforcement cases were referred to or initiated by the Planning Authority in 2018 up from 49 no. the previous year. 37 no. of these cases were successfully resolved and closed during the year, 19 of these relating to financial/development charge following a blitz of outstanding charges by the Planning Department which commenced in 2018. There was a total of 36 No. Enforcement Notices served under the Planning Acts 2000 – 2018 in 2018.

TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES/UNFINISHED ESTATES
Significant work was done over the course of 2018 in progressing works within a significant number of housing developments which would allow for these developments to be taken in charge by the Local Authority in 2019. The Council continued to progress the resolution of unfinished estates in 2018 with all relevant stakeholders. Work has been ongoing with various developers, banks and bond companies in this regard.

The Local Authority completed the works provided by the financial assistance secured under the National Taking in Charge Initiative from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. €101,950 was obtained under Measure 1 which has allowed works to be completed in nine no. estates to a condition where they are now capable of being taken in charge. An additional €50,000 was obtained under Measure 3 which provided funding for a research project relating to the engagement of legal counsel in relation to development bonds and the undertaking of Site Resolution Plans by Consulting Engineers/Quantity Surveyors with respect to 4 no. housing developments. These Site Resolution Plans have been completed and the Council have submitted details the claims on these 4 no. housing developments to the relevant financial institutions.

TOURISM PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

The following is the current situation regarding Tourist Product development in Leitrim:

Recreational Funding - (80% of Total Project Cost)

Applications were made under the Recreational Infrastructure scheme under the three measures stipulated

1. Measure 1 – (Maximum Grant €10,000)
   (Grants for upkeep and maintenance of already established trails/walkways/cycleways/blueways, improved access to leisure or recreational facilities)

   We received funding for 10 projects under this measure totalling €95,000. Details of the projects are as follows with the figures below showing the 80% funding received.

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All of these projects are completed with the exception of the following:

- **Alteen Waterfall** – This project did not proceed as, after protracted negotiations between the local group and a local landowner, agreement for the use of the land was not reached due to unforeseen circumstances regarding a right of way, and the project could not proceed. € 5000 of this funding was transferred to Dromahair Demonstration stretch of the SLNCR in order to bring their total to the maximum allowable, and provide for additional trail promotion and extra new signage.

- **Shannon Blueway – Marketing & Promotion** - This funding has not yet been spent because it is proposed to spend it after the Measure 3 (€1 million Shannon & Shannon Erne Blueway works) have been completed next summer. It is proposed to use if for extensive promotion after the €1 million Blueway project is complete.

2. **Measure 2 - (Maximum Grant €100,000)**
   We made applications for three greenway demonstration stretches under this measure including
   1) Manorhamilton Demonstration Stretch of Greenway – (SLNCR)
   2) Glenfarne Demonstration Stretch of Greenway – (SLNCR)
   3) Dromod Rooskey Greenway – (Cavan – Leitrim Greenway)

   The Department has not yet made a determination on this measure but we are hoping that a decision will be taken in the coming month or two.

3. **Measure 3. (Maximum Grant €1,000,000)**
   (Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategic Trail Development)
   We made a joint application under this measure with Waterways Ireland for the Shannon and Shannon Erne Waterway. We were successful in being approved for 80% funding for a project to the value of €1,193,941. A joint Steering Group and an Operational committee have been established between Leitrim County Council and Waterways Ireland, for the management and delivery of this project. The project includes three different elements as follows:-

1. **Leitrim Village to Carrick On Shannon – 4.3 km including**
   - Constructing an off-road trail of 1.8 km in length and 3.0m wide; Detail design is well advanced and it will be advertised for Part 8 in February 2018.
   - A three metre wide trail with a dense base macadam material will run along- side the roadway in the widened grass verge at Tullylannon, Leitrim Village and at Hartley Carrick on Shannon. -Total 0.8 km in length; - The work is substantially completed at Tullylannon, except for surfacing which will take place when the weather improves.
   - Approximately 1.7km of the trail will traverse an existing tertiary local road where signage and road-markings will be provided. The design of this is under way for this section. (Note:- a group sachem is planned for this road and we are co-ordinating with them to carry out the works in conjunction with this scheme.)
   - Some Head of Trail works i.e. signage etc., at the Tourist Office (Old Barrel Store)

   Total Cost - **€ 555,055**

2. **Leitrim Village to Kilclare – 4.9km**
- Greenway along the canal From Lock 16 (Leitrim Village) to Lock 9 (Kilclare)
- Unbound surface
- One no. Footbridge
- Two at Grade road crossings;

Total Cost - **€ 254,600**

Part 8 Planning has been approved and consultants have been appointed and detailed design is progressing. Works will commence in the coming months.

The link from Lock 16 to Leitrim Village will be delivered under the Town & Village Renewal scheme detailed later in this report.

(The option of putting pathway under Leitrim Bridge is also being investigated at present.)

3. **Acres lake to Lough Allen – 2.5 km**

- Includes part new trail and part upgrade of existing tow-path along Drumshanbo Canal
- Will link Acres Amenity to Adventure centre at Lough Allen and Hotel complex
- One road Crossing
- Unbound surface in part and part surface dressing surface

Total Cost - **€ 384,286**

Different route options are being examined for the short section between Acres Amenity and the Drumshanbo canal at Acres Cove because of land owner issues and the suitability of the route of the cycleway over a gabion retaining wall. A joint site inspection is taking place Monday 29th January.

A contractor has commenced works on upgrading the section along Drumshanbo canal, including grading, some widening and fencing. It will also be surfaced dressed when weather conditions allow. The detailed design of the road crossing on the R208 and on the section from Drumshanbo Bridge at Blackrock to Lough Allen Adventure centre is being progressed. Because of ecological issues the route had to be somewhat altered. Land owner negotiations are at an advanced stage. A safety audit is now completed and it is planned that this section will go to Part 8 in mid February.

The road crossing on the Blueway at Drumharvour Bridge is also being examined in order to ascertain if it would be feasible to construct an underpass. (However additional funding may be required for such a development).

When completed, this project will deliver a Blueway, Walkway and Cycleway of approximately 22 km. The benefits of this development is huge for the area as it will provide a critical link from Co. Leitrim’s hub town of Carrick on Shannon to the Blueway at Leitrim Village, Kilclare and Drumshanbo, thus inter-connecting the towns and villages with this unique project.

**GREENWAYS**

**SLNCR Greenway – (Sligo to Manorhamilton)**

An application is with Failte Ireland Major Grants for funding for this project. However a decision will not be made by Failte Ireland on the funding of Greenways until a strategy is developed and adopted regarding the development of Greenways. At present the Department of Transport is undertaking this strategy.

Leitrim County Council made a submission to the department which will be taken into consideration by the department.

In the meantime Leitrim County Council is liaising with Sligo County Council in order to reinvigorate the process of engaging with the landowners, particularly on the section in Co. Sligo, and a local deputation recently met with the minister. The next meeting between Leitrim and Sligo Co Cos. is scheduled for 19th February.
Cavan Leitrim Greenway
An application has also been lodged with Failte Ireland for this scheme and we await Greenway Strategy as detailed above.

Demonstrations Stretches of Greenways
We are currently working on the development of two demonstration stretches of Greenway as follows:

- **Ballinamore Demonstration Stretch**
  This is a section of Greenway from Ballinamore to Corgar Lake and is part of the Cavan – Leitrim Greenway Route, and is approximately 2.5 km in length. It has been approved through the Part 8 Public Consultation Process. The funding that has been received will complete the first 1.6km of the scheme and works. LCC are currently in final negotiations with the landowners and these are proving somewhat difficult, but we will continue to progress these matters. The remaining section has been tendered and a contractor recommended for the works. This section is 830 metres in length and an application has been made by the local Trail group to the Leader program for funding, and this is being assessed at present.

- **Dromahair Demonstration Stretch**
  Works in realigning the junction at Fowley’s garage are completed. The design of the pedestrian bridge was agreed and the project has been approved for Part 8 Planning. The project is now with the OPW for approval and it is hoped to go to tender in February. Funding is in place for this work.

THE LEITRIM WAY
Following consultation with and advice from the National Trails office, a survey was carried on the Trail by the Trails officer and a significant number of issues were identified that will require remedial works. In addition to this the Trails Officer compiled a list of affected landowners. A local Trail group has been established and these are going to meet with the effected landowners with a view to getting land access agreements signed.

One of the main items of work to be completed is the construction of a new bridge on the Yellow river. The project has been approved for Part 8 Planning approval and detailed design is well advanced. An application has been made to the OPW for their approval. We hope to go to tender in February. Funding is in place for these works. When landowners are signed up a contract will be put in place for the works.

LOUGH RINN RECREATIONAL FACILITY

The Design/Build contract for the Starting Bridge and Finishing Pontoon was awarded and all Civil/Marine works are now completed on site including the Start Bridge Structure and Finish Pontoon with associated Piles and Anchor blocks.

This will greatly assist in the further development of this Regional Sports Facility and have a very positive impact in attracting Clubs/Regatta/National and International Clubs and people to the region thus enhancing the Tourist potential of the region and giving a much needs economic boost to the area.

The Connaught Branch of Rowing Ireland held their 2017 National Regatta at Lough Rinn on Saturday 13th May 2017 which was a great success with up on 1800 rowers from 40 affiliated clubs located around the island of Ireland with 517 crews and 107 races on the day. This was double the size of the 2016 Lough Rinn Rowing Regatta.

Many different clubs, colleges and groups are also using this facility for training purposes with the National team taking part in an Easter Training Camp 2017 at Lough Rinn.
Canoe Ireland held the 2017 National Canoe Sprint Championships on Lough Rinn on 30th October 2017.

We now have a world Class Lough Rinn Recreational facility which caters for Rowing/Canoeing and Kayaking

**REDZ PROJECT BALLINAMORE**

*REDZ Project Ballinamore* - €125,000

The REDZ Angling project in Ballinamore included the upgrading of the Fishing Facilities at Garadice and Kiltybarden lakes. The project is now completed and the works included the following elements:

- Surfacing of access roadways;
- Provision of car-parking;
- Construction of pathways;
- Construction of Fishing stands for people with disabilities;
- Construction of standard fishing bays;
- Erection of notice boards;
- Provision and erection of marking pegs for competitions;
- Upgrading of pathways;
- Erection of self closing gates;
- Upgrading of toilet block;
- Provision of picnic facilities, etc.

In addition other softer measures such as capacity building workshops and promotion at Angling Shows in the UK and mainland Europe took place.

The World Pairs fishing competition took place at Garadice in 2017.

**REDZ PROJECT DRUMSHANBO**

This project is almost complete and includes the provision of a visitor centre among other works. This will be done in conjunction with the works included in the town & Village program 2017 which is currently commencing.

**CLAR SCHEMES**

Access roads to fishing areas at Herons Shore and Yugon in Ballinglera (both at Lough Allen), and an access road to Carraigallen lake has been completed under this scheme. These works greatly enhanced these fishing areas. These works were completed in consultation and agreement with IFI.

In addition we were successful in being approved a number of Clar grants recently some of which relate to recreational infrastructure. These applications were made by LCC in partnership with local groups. The following recreational infrastructure was approved. All of these works are now completed.

**Measure 1: Funding for 10 Projects received totalling €288,286**

This measure relates to Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures.

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Total works Value - €265,308

**TOWN AND VILLAGE SCHEME**

**Town & Village Scheme Ballinamore 2016**
This scheme was completed in 2017. Under this scheme a major upgrade to the Tourism & Angling hub building in Ballinamore has been completed. Another element of this scheme which was completed included the provision of large Notice boards in Ballinamore along a Heritage trail, which depicts many historical aspects of the town. These boards greatly enhanced the streetscape. This project also included a finger sign post trail around the town.

**Town & Village Scheme Drumshanbo 2016**
This project which was recently completed includes the upgrade of the access road and entrance to the Food Hub in Drumshanbo. Works included the realignment of the entrance, provision of signage, lighting, re surfacing, footpaths, brick paving and decorative walls. This will greatly enhance the access to the Food hub and thus to the proposed privately run visitor centre that is planned for the Shed Distillery at the Food Hub. In addition, under another REDZ funded project, it is also planned to develop further visitor experiences at the Food Hub in the coming year.

**Town & Village Scheme Kinlough 2016**
These works included the provision of a pedestrian link from the town centre to the ECO Park. This project is now completed.

**Town & Village Scheme Mohill 2016**
This project included the provision of a walkway on the R202 in Mohill and is now completed. This will form part of a longer Looped walk that is planned in the area.

**Town and Village schemes 2017**
Leitrim County Council in partnership with local community groups submitted detailed applications to the department under Town and Village schemes in mid 2017 for the following tourism related projects. The following were approved in November 2017. These projects are 80% funded. Leitrim County council are now working closely with the local applicant groups to deliver these projects in 2018.

- **Ballinamore – Major Development at St Felims – €125,000**
- **Carrick On Shannon – Market Yard - €124,000**
• Cloone – Sport Recreation heritage & Nature park + Village enhancement- €93,000
• Dromahair – access to community Park - €60k
• Kinlough – Access to ECO Park - €55,000
• Leitrim Village – Access from Village to Lock 16 - €55,000
• Manorhamilton – Upgrade Castle as tourist Destination, Cafe, repairs to roof, Interpretive media, lighting etc. – Ancillary buildings - €125,000
• Mohill – Part of overall project is a heritage Trail – Overall -€ 100,000
• Rooskey – Upgrade Quay Area – Playground - €125,000
• Drumshanbo Food Hub – Includes a visitor centre

KNOCK AIRPORT (IWAK)
Leitrim County Council are also working with the five other the counties in Connaught and County Donegal on the development of a discovery Centre at Knock Airport. This project is funded under the Major REDZ scheme and Leitrim is an equal partner with the other counties. At present the project is at tender stage for a design / build contract. The works will include redesigning the arrivals area which, when completed, will showcase the different counties, and also additional signage promoting the counties will be erected on the approach road to the airport.

LEADER FUNDED PROJECTS
Leitrim County Council is assisting a number of local and community groups with funding applications to the Leader Program. Some of these projects are tourism related including:
• Demonstration stretch of SLNCR at Manorhamilton:
• Demonstration Stretch of Ballinamore Greenway;
• Walkway at Dromahair;
• Cycling Signage in North Leitrim;

ARROO TRAIL
Leitrim County Council is working with the Leitrim development Company and local community groups in developing this hill walking trail in North Leitrim. LDC has now got all Permissive Access agreements in place with the effected landowners and works will commence shortly with upgrading the trail.
Astro turf

New Astro turf Pitches completed

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE
LOUGH RINN RECREATIONAL FACILITY

Leitrim County Council secured 2014 Sports Capital Grant funding of €150,000 for Phase II of Lough Rinn Rowing Course Project. The works completed the provision of an additional Launch Pontoon adjacent to the existing Launch Pontoon. Works were tendered and a Design/Build Contract was awarded to Deane Public Works who completed all works in 2016.

Leitrim County Council were delighted to receive additional funding under the 2015 Sports Capital of €200,000 towards further development of the world class Lough Rinn Recreational facility and these works were completed in 2017. This provided a Start Bridge and a Finish Tower Pontoon. This will greatly assist in the further development of this regional Sports facility and have a very positive impact in attracting Clubs/Regatta/National and International clubs and people to the region thus enhancing the tourist potential for the region and giving a much needed economic boost to the area. The Connaught branch of Rowing Ireland held the Lough Rinn Rowing Regatta on Lough Rinn on Saturday 13th May, 2017 which attracted rowing clubs from all over Ireland. The rowing clubs had a very positive experience and enjoyed rowing to a large crowd. Many different clubs, colleges and groups are also using this facility for training purposes.

Canoe Ireland held the National Canoe Sprint Championships on Lough Rinn on 7th October 2017. Large crowds from all over Ireland turned out for this event.

Lough Rinn Rowing Course Project featured as an article in the 2017 Leitrim Guardian as a critical piece of Infrastructure for Mohill in County Leitrim and which will play a pivotal role in increasing visitor numbers to the County and hence generates more economic activity and spend within the County.

Lough Rinn Rowing Facility was shortlisted for the Excellence in Local Government Awards which was sponsored by Vodafone under the category “Local Government Innovation”.

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Photo No 1: Lough Rinn Recreational Facility

Photo No 2: Launch Pontoon @ Lough Rinn.
Photo No 3: Start bridge completed in 2017

Photo No 4: Start bridge completed in 2017
LABOUR ACTIVATION MEASURES

The final remaining Intern completed her contract under the JobBridge Internship Scheme in May 2017. The aim of JobBridge is to assist in breaking the cycle where jobseekers are unable to get a job without experience, either as new entrants to the labour market after education or training or as unemployed workers wishing to learn new skills. Internships provide individuals with an opportunity to put into practice skills they have learned during training and/or education, in a workplace setting, to enhance those skills, understand the workplace environment and context and to benefit from a mentor or supervisor’s experience and advice.

The remaining 10 participants on the ‘Gateway’ Labour Activation Initiative also completed their 22 month maximum term on the scheme during 2017. The Scheme provided short-term work and training opportunities for long-term unemployed people who had been on the Live Register for over 2 years. A total of 60 participants were engaged on the scheme across the period 2014 to 2017 and the associated work opportunities have benefited areas such as local amenity upkeep, tourism promotion etc.

A review of Labour Activation Schemes is ongoing by Government at national level.

In September 2017 Local Authorities advertised an initiative to recruit recent graduates with a primary degree and strong interest in one of six skills areas. These employment opportunities will include a structured development programme as part of a 3 year fixed term contract. Leitrim County Council proposes to engage 2 graduates under the Programme – a graduate in the Economic Enterprise and Business Development skills area and a graduate in the Communications and Marketing skills area. Recruitment under the Programme is being co-ordinated by the Public Appointments Service (PAS) and it is envisaged that Graduates will be in place during Quarter 2 2018.
The Annual Roads Budget for 2018 was €12.4 million.

Works completed in 2018 included the following:

- **Realignment of 1.4km section of N16 at Drummahan** – This realignment scheme received Planning Approval in 2017. The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in relation to this Scheme was confirmed in 2018. Detailed Design and associated documents for this Construction Contract were completed in 2018. Preliminary Works on this realignment scheme will get underway in 2019 and it is expected that the main Construction Contract for this realignment scheme will be advertised in 2019. While the construction works are subject to funding by the TII, it is expected to have this re-alignment completed by 2020.

- **Carrick on Shannon By-Pass** – Leitrim County Council has requested the approval of the TII to commence the procurement of a Consultant for this Scheme and if approved it is hoped to appoint a Consultant in the Second Quarter of 2019.

- **National Road Pavement Overlay Schemes** – Detailed Design on the following 3 Pavement Overlay Schemes was finalised in 2018:
  - N4 Jamestown to Drumsna
  - N4 Carrick on Shannon – Attyfinlay Roundabout to County Boundary at Coffeys’s Roundabout
  - N16 Sh анваус to Manorhamilton
  It is expected that these Overlay Schemes will be completed in 2019.

- **80 Km** of Non National Roads were strengthened in 2018.

- **52 Km** of Non National Roads were surfaced dressed in 2018.

- **Drainage Grant** – A Drainage Grant of €231,500 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport for the alleviation of road drainage problems either through new works or remedial works. A total of 16 road drainage schemes were completed in 2018 with this Grant.

- **Bridge Rehabilitation Works** – Bridge Rehabilitation Works under the Bridge Rehabilitation Grant Programme were completed at a total of 6 Bridges throughout the County.

- **Hartley Bridge** – A Consultant was appointed in 2018 to carry out detailed design of the new Bridge required at this location. Part 8 Planning Approval for this new Bridge will be required.

- **Special Maintenance Grant for Road Repairs arising from Severe Weather Events during Winter 2017/2018** – Leitrim County Council received an Allocation of €500,000 from this fund for upgrade works on roads damaged due to the severe winter of 2017/2018. A total of 10 Roads were strengthened with Funding from this Grant in 2018.

- **Safety Improvement Works** - Safety Improvement Works under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Works Programme were completed at a total of 8 locations in the County.

- **Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)** – The Community Involvement Scheme Programme is a joint venture between the Local Community and the Council where the Local Community pay a monetary contribution (15%) towards the cost of the repair/upgrade of their road and the Council then carry out the upgrade works on the road. The Road must be a public road in order to be eligible for this Scheme. In 2018, a total of 15 roads were upgraded under the CIS Programme at a total cost of €611,706 of which €519,950 was grant funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport and €91,756 was funded from local community contributions.

- **Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Programme** – Funding for the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Programme continued in 2018. This Scheme provides funding for Private/Non-Public Roads which are of general public utility and which provide access to parcels of land of which at least 2 are owned or
occupied by different persons engaged in agricultural activity. The total Funding allocated to Leitrim County Council by the Department of Rural & Community Development for this Scheme in 2018 amounted to €550,120 and this Allocation has allowed 24 of the LIS Schemes on our LIS Waiting List to be progressed.

- **Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme** - Leitrim County Council has continued the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme (introduced first in 2017) for the Hedge Cutting Year 2018/2019. This Scheme aims to encourage communities, groups of residents and landowners to cut hedges/trees which require attention along the public road network. The Scheme provides a grant of €75 per km of roadside hedges/trees cut along the public road network subject to a minimum length of road network of 2 km per application. A total of 7 applicants were approved for grant assistance under this Scheme in respect of the Hedge Cutting Season 2018/2019.

**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 nationwide review of Speed Limits on both National and Non-National Roads commenced in 2016. The proposals contained in the Speed Limit Review for County Leitrim were initially advertised for public consultation in June 2017. However, following consideration of Submissions received in response to this public consultation and following discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), further changes to the Speed Limits were proposed and as a result of these proposed further changes to the speed limits, the Draft Bye Laws were re-advertised for public consultation in January 2018. Following this second period of public consultation, the Draft Speed Limit Bye Laws were approved by the TII in relation to Speed Limits on National roads and also approved by Leitrim County Council. The Bye Laws – Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County Leitrim) Bye-Laws 2018 - were approved and adopted by Leitrim County Council in May 2018 and the new Bye Laws became effective on 2nd July, 2018. The new required Speed Limit Signage necessitated by these Speed Limit changes is currently being put in place.

**Road Safety**

The County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020 was published in 2016. The Road Safety Working Together Group met on 2 occasions in 2018 in order to review the objectives set out in this Plan – this Group consists of Representatives from Leitrim County Council, An Garda Siochana, the Road Safety Authority (RSA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the HSE, Carrick on Shannon Education Centre and North Connacht Youth Services. The following initiatives were undertaken in respect of Road Safety in 2018:-

- **Promotion of Road Safety on our Website and via Facebook and Twitter** – particularly leading up to Bank Holiday Weekends and other high risk times on our roads; prior to, during and after severe weather events; promotion of road safety initiatives such as National Road Safety Week, National Slow Down Days, Project EDWARD (European Day without a Road Death) and general road safety advice
- Close and ongoing liaison with the Road Safety Authority in relation to the promotion of Road Safety and Education on Road Safety
- **Transition Year Student Information Day** – The Transition Year Student Information Day was held on 19th April 2018 and included a Workshop on Road Safety and the RSA Shuttle and Simulator attended.
- **“Drive for Life” Programme** – This is an Educational Road Safety Programme delivered to Secondary Schools. The Programme is delivered by a Private Company engaged in road safety promotion and this Programme is a day long programme delivered in Schools around the Country. The Road Safety Office of Leitrim County Council facilitated the provision of the “Drive for Life” Educational Road
Safety Programme in the following Secondary Schools in County Leitrim in 2018 – Carrigallen Vocational School (1 Day Programme) and Drumshanbo Vocational School (2 Day Programme).

- **RSA Child Car Seat Checking Service – “Check it Fits”** – This service visited Carrick on Shannon on 2 occasions in 2018.

- **Leitrim Pony Riding Project** - This Project was provided for Minority / Disadvantaged Groups. This project was ran over the Summer 2018 period and the RSA Road Safety Education Officer visited the Project on 24th July, 2018 and gave the Group a Presentation on Learning to Drive, Horse Road Safety and Road Safety in general. A total of 11 Children benefitted from this Road Safety Education Programme.

- **Speed Monitoring at identified sites in County Leitrim in 2017** – A number of sites were identified by Leitrim County Council for Speed Monitoring in 2018. Leitrim County Council works in close liaison with An Garda Siochana in relation to the results of this Speed Monitoring and some of these sites may form the basis of specific Road Safety Schemes in future years.


- **Driver Feedback Sign** - Leitrim County Council purchased a Driver Feedback Sign in December 2018 with Funding from the Road Safety Budget. This Driver Feedback Sign will be alternated between 6 different locations over the course of 2019. It is hoped that this Driver Feedback Sign will raise awareness among Drivers of their Speed at these locations and will reduce Speeding Violations and will ultimately improve Road Safety.

- **Road Safety Week 2018** – As part of Road Safety Week 2018, Road Safety Briefings were organised for Staff in Leitrim County Council and also staff in Masonite Ireland. The RSA Road Safety Education Officer gave a series of Presentations on Road Safety to staff in both Leitrim County Council and Masonite Ireland.

**OPW Flood Relief Scheme**

**OPW Minor Flood Relief Scheme**

The purpose of the Minor Flood Relief Scheme is to provide funding to Local Authority’s to undertake minor flood mitigation works in order to address localised flooding problems. The funding available under the Scheme is 90% of the cost of the works with the balance of 10% being the responsibility of the Local Authority. The following Minor Flood Schemes were completed by Leitrim County Council in 2018 with assistance from this OPW Grant Scheme:

- **Flood Relief Works at Dromore/Carrigeen, Dromahair** - A Grant of €8,116 was approved by the OPW for these Flood Relief Works and these works were completed in 2018.

- **Flood Relief Works at Rossinver** - A Grant of €59,600 was approved by the OPW for these Flood Relief Works which were substantially completed in 2018.

An Application was made to the OPW in 2018 for Funding under this Minor Flood Relief Scheme for Flood Mitigation Works at Lough Bran, Carrick on Shannon and in January 2019, the OPW approved Funding of €23,122 for these works.

**Drainage Maintenance**

Once off Funding of €50,000 was received from the OPW for Drainage Maintenance Works to Drainage Districts in County Leitrim. This is in addition to the €20,000 allocated from Leitrim County Council own resources towards Drainage District Maintenance in the County.
OPW Capital Flood Relief Scheme – Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAMS) – Approval was received from the OPW to commence works on Flood Relief Schemes in Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim Village and Mohill.

HIGH QUALITY SUSTAINABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT

To improve, protect and promote the natural and man-made environment, encourage and facilitate participation by citizens in the development of their communities and promote an inclusive, creative, active and vibrant County

ARTS

In 2018 Leitrim County Council published its first Culture and Creativity Strategy and signed its first multi-annual framework agreement with The Arts Council. These two documents form the basis of the Council’s forthcoming Arts Plan which will be published in early 2019. The Arts Council Framework Agreement was developed following a decision between the Arts Council and the County and City Management Association to plan for strategic investment in the arts over a longer period. Our agreement concentrates on two basic priorities – engaging communities in the arts (particularly young people) and supporting the development of artists, with both organisations making a joint intention to incrementally raise investment in the arts. The unique place of the artist in Leitrim was one of the findings of a report that was prepared this year by Indecon Consultants for Leitrim County Council in partnership with Fingal, Kildare and Limerick Local Authorities. Leitrim has a remarkably high number of artists as a percentage of the labour force compared to any county in Ireland. This is a consequence of the natural environment and the community that exists here coupled with the effort and commitment of Leitrim County Council, the Arts Council and others. This in turn has given rise to an ever deeper cultural wellspring that is shared by communities and recognised by visitors. Once considered peripheral, the creative sector is now considered valuable collateral with significant capacity to be a central tenet of social, cultural and economic development and it is one of a few areas where Leitrim competes and succeeds nationally and internationally.

Creative Frame

While Leitrim has higher percentages across most of the creative sector, in some disciplines, particularly visual arts, the proportion of artists living and working in Leitrim is dramatically higher than other regions. In response to this we developed one of the country’s most responsive and proactive Professional Development Programmes for artists, not only to help each individual develop as an artist, but to help ensure that an artist can maintain a living in an area such as Leitrim that some would describe as being too remote and rural to do so. Working closely with the Local Enterprise Office has been key in this regard. Creative Frame supports professional and emerging practitioners from all performing and visual arts and design disciplines through a year-round programme of training events, seminars and mentoring, and provides forums for discussion and exchange. Membership continues to grow with 80 new artists joining this year bringing current membership to 290 artists. In the last 18 months we developed and delivered events that featured the Irish Writers Centre, Centre for Creative Practices, Visual Artists Ireland, Irish Film Board, Irish World Academy of Music & Dance, University of Ulster, National Youth Council of Ireland, Words Ireland, Theatre Forum, Create, the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland as well as individual specialists in areas such as collaborative practice, tax, music publication and social media. The programme is already one of the arts office’s most important and successful innovations, and is this year shortlisted for a better a Better Local Government Award. In 2019, with additional support, the plan is to broaden our programme to also help festivals and other arts organisations to become more sustainable and assist them to meet requirements in health & safety, child protection, fundraising etc.
Alongside Creative Frame, the professional development bursary programme helped 22 artists from a total of 35 applications to develop new work. Awards were provided to purchase materials, make CD recordings or work towards new filmworks and publications of poetry and novels. In addition we supported 5 artists to work with mentors in visual arts, film and theatre. Leitrim, Roscommon and Sligo local authorities also continued their partnership to implement a joint film development programme. In 2018 we developed a film completion award for projects already underway and a collaboration award for a filmmaker and writer to work together to develop a new project. Recipients of the Completion Award were Christine Braithwaite and Roisin Gerathy while Niall Flynn with Brian Leyden and Róisín Loughrey with Treasa Nealon received the Collaboration Awards.

Creative Ireland

In May this year Leitrim County Council published its first Culture and Creativity Strategy. The vision of the strategy is to “nurture and foster creative expression in all its diversity; embrace and welcome new ideas; and create the conditions to help turn those ideas into reality and embed creativity into all aspects of social, economic and cultural life of Leitrim.” The strategy describes creativity as the essential skill and mindset that every young person should be encouraged to develop in order to meet the challenges of their rapidly evolving future and this was particularly evident in the first national Cruinniú na nÓg which saw over 30 events being held up and down the county for young people on 23rd June. The main thrust of the Creative Ireland programme however is the ‘Open Call’ to community groups, organisations, venues, artists, writers, performers, archaeologists, historians, archivists and everyone involved in the culture and creative sectors to develop high quality projects and programmes that enable groups and individuals to realise their full creative potential and develop and encourage greater access, knowledge and appreciation of the arts, culture and heritage. To date this year the programme has been working with 25 different groups, helping them to develop projects as diverse as the Samhain parade in Manorhamilton and a dance project at Dromod Train Station with Drumsna Golden Age Group. No applicant is turned away so any group that wants to get involved in the creative sector will be given the help to develop and implement a project of the highest quality and benefit to them and their wider community.

Children and Young People

Membership of Youth Theatre grows each year, far exceeding the national average, expanding to five groups in Carrigallen including Bright Sparks, a group specifically for children with additional needs, while there are three groups at full capacity in Carrick on Shannon and two in Manorhamilton. Leaders take part in an exchange programme between the three centres, further encouraging peer learning among tutors and exposure to a much wider range of approaches to theatre making for young people. In 2019 we will be working with the Arts Council to research the social impact of Youth Theatre on a community and the difference it makes for members in developing their creativity, skills and confidence as young people.

In 2018 the Artist in Schools Scheme was provided to Scoil Mhuire in Carrick on Shannon who worked with visual artist Lucy Hill while artist Martina Coyle worked with children and teachers at the Hunt NS in Mohill. Karen Webster worked with St. Brigid’s NS in Carrick on Shannon while Glasgow based artist Jen Bradley returned to Manorhamilton for the 2nd year running to work on this occasion with St. Clare’s Primary School.

The Wild Words Children’s Book Festival has become an important national event for young people and literature in Ireland with the Irish Writers Centre becoming a partner with the festival this year seeing in it the opportunity to work with the young people who may well be the writers of the next generation. In 2018 we divided our programme into two parts – the weekend programme at the end of June for teenagers from all over Ireland and a month-long programme for younger children, which was held in preschools, primary schools and youth groups across Leitrim throughout June.

Leitrim County Council is a key partner in Music Generation Leitrim, which is led by MSLETB. The project is part of Music Generation - Ireland’s national music education programme. While still in its first year, Music Generation Leitrim has already rolled out its Access Programme to over 20 primary schools, established the
Music Generation Leitrim Children’s Choir in St. George’s Heritage Centre in Carrick on Shannon and developed Ukes4Youth, a cross border ukulele project for teenagers. Future plans will see the further development of the Access Programme into more schools and into a broader range of instruments as well as developments in Music Production in the north of the county and a new commission for traditional arts based in Drumshanbo.

SPARK

The SPARK programme in partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office fosters collaboration between artists and conventional businesses. Previous residencies have been hosted in Leitrim Organic Centre; The Bush Hotel; Cafe Lounge; Leitrim Association for People with Dissabilities; Leitrim Observer; Prior PLM Medical; The Hive and Mohill Enterprise Centre. While a local authority is not your conventional business, throughout 2018 Vanya Lambrecht Ward has been resident in Leitrim County Council where she developed a programme to engage with staff at a semi-public interactive workstation where different arts activities and conversations led staff to consider and reflect on their role within a local authority structure. The programme will conclude shortly with the publication of a box set of images, maps and essays for each member of staff.

The Dock

Thirteen years ago Leitrim County Council developed The Dock to be a cornerstone of the county’s cultural infrastructure and home to the Dock’s visual, performing, community and educational arts programmes and Leitrim Design House. In 2018 our investment in the centre helped ensure that it could be sustained as this cornerstone. Key to its continued success has been the works carried out this year to improve the facilities and ensure that they meet health and safety standards and fire regulations. Its varied and strategically planned programme throughout the year continues to encourage audiences and participants for the arts locally and regionally, and The Dock continues to be a beacon for visitors and a crucially positive endorsement of the rich cultural offering of Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim and the Northwest. The building had 40,000 visitors in 2017 and over 33,000 in the first quarter of 2018 alone. As part of its findings, the recent Indecon Report recognised the Dock’s importance to the region and its support for artists to develop their practice; particularly where it curates, commissions and develops new work and supports projects at a local, national and international level.

Festivals and Venues

Similarly, the Glens Centre and Leitrim Sculpture Centre remain vital elements of the cultural infrastructure to North Leitrim. In particular Leitrim County Council works closely with both venues in the supports they provide to the significant numbers of artists, musicians and theatre makers in the region - providing the opportunity for them to make and present new work. Leitrim County Council also continues its support of the Cornmill Theatre in Carrigallen and Solas Gallery in Ballinamore recognising the extent and quality of the considerable voluntary contribution they undertake to provide and maintain well facilitated theatre and gallery spaces.

Culture Night continues as a valuable platform for venues throughout the county to build their audience and to provide opportunities for people to try something new. While we concentrate on places where people can continue to engage with the arts year round, two other projects this year saw a new theatre company present Myths & Legends, a production at Manorhamilton Castle while artists Sophie Connon and Jessica Kelly presented an evening of arts activities at Mohill Train Station in partnership with the Mohill Railway Preservation Society.

Migration, displacement, farming, forestry and the power of language in translation were themes at the heart of this year’s Iron Mountain festival which featured the 2018 Dublin Literary prize winner Mike McCormack author of ‘Solar Bones’, renowned U.S. poet Tess Gallagher, Irish language writer Darach Ó Séaghdha, ‘The Cow Book’ author John Connell, acclaimed New York writer Kathleen Hill, Enniskillen-born actor and novelist Ciaran McMenamin and Irish-Nigerian author Melatu Uche Okorie. A cornerstone of the
festival, the John McGahern Award for Literature, was presented this year to Cork writer Sean Tanner by Cathaoirleach Sean McGowan.

Over the last two years the Arts Office has been a key partner in the development of Leitrim Dance Project which invited leading national and international dancers to Leitrim to provide professional development training and mentoring for emerging professional dancers from Leitrim, elsewhere in Ireland and internationally. In 2018, funded by the Arts Council, the programme was led by Canadian dancers Yaelle Azoulay and Antoine Turmine with Cormac Begley. The 5-day programme is followed by a 3-day festival in Drumshanbo combining workshops, ceilithe and sessions for dancers of all ages and skill levels.

Planning for the future

In 2019, based on our ongoing research and consultation, our Culture and Creativity Strategy and the Arts Council Framework Agreement, we will be publishing the priorities, strategic objectives and operational plans for the Council’s Arts Programme for the coming five-year period. To carry out this plan we will orient our arts service to meet the challenges of coming years and ensure that Leitrim County Council can continue to serve its citizens and ensure that Leitrim remains a leader in arts development. In particular we will strengthen the supports we provide in the area of professional development through Creative Frame so we can continue to build the capacity of artists as well as festivals, groups and organisations while through Creative Ireland we will continue to involve a greater number and a more diverse range of groups and communities in creative activities.

COMMUNITY

COMHAIRLE NA NOG

Comhairle na Nóg Liatroma continues to enjoy the support of all second level schools and many youth clubs in Leitrim. They launched a ‘Use your Brain Not Your Fist’ video in 2018 which highlights the effects a serious assault can have on both the victim and the perpetrator. The video received national recognition with Pride of Place Awards under Community Wellbeing Category and an National Impact Award. The video was launched in both Carrick on Shannon and Dublin with Minister Katherine Zappone present at the Dublin launch. The video was shown to Comhairli nationwide, presented to Councillors all over Ireland at Regional conferences and to thousands of young people across the country. They continue with their plans to show the video with a supporting workbook in all schools and sporting organizations nationwide and are in negotiations with GAA and Department of Education.
Launch in Carrick and Dublin

Pride of Place Community Well Being Award
PEACE IV

A Peace and Reconciliation Programme of €1.8 million has been approved by Special EU programmes Body and is being rolled out in Leitrim for 2018 and 2019. The programme has three themes:

- **Children and Young People**: Six Programmes worth €328 K ranging from Sports, Arts, Music and Community Leadership have been rolled out to over 400 young people ranging in age from 6 to 24 across Leitrim. The programmes were as follows;
  - Cross Border Exchange Programme
  - Peace Learning for Young People
  - Conflict Tolerance and Difference
  - Diversity through Arts
  - Anti-Social Behaviour Programme
  - Sports4Peace

- **Building Positive Relations**: Six development officers have been appointed to run six programmes across the county with a total budget of €613 K. The programmes ran were as follows;
  - Support for Ethnic Minorities
  - Support for Minority Christian Faiths
  - Events Around Women’s Suffrage
  - Remembering Leitrim’s War Dead
  - Rural Women Along the Border
  - Supporting Kiltyclogher & Cashel Communities
o **Shared Spaces**: A budget of € 550 K has been allocated for three Shared Spaces in Leitrim with Mohill and Kiltyclogher architects appointed and works commenced in 2018.
  - Peace Library in Mohill
  - Refurbishment of Community Centre in Kiltyclogher
  - Construction of a Community Space in Manorhamilton.

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**Age Friendly**

**Leitrim Age Friendly** Alliance and Older Persons Council are working on the 2017-2020 Age Friendly Strategy. Some of the key achievements in 2018 were the representation of Go Games team for Co Leitrim at the national competition and the introduction of Triobikes to improve accessibility to be taken out for a cycle in the natural environment. The bikes are anchored in Nursing Homes in Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton.
The Leitrim Age Friendly County Alliance ensures that all the relevant agencies work together to promote and maintain the best possible health and well being of older people and to make County Leitrim itself a great place to grow old in. It aims to increase the participation of older people in the social, economic and cultural life of Leitrim for everyone’s benefit, improve the health and well being of older people in the county and show how services and supports for older people can be made more responsive, caring, professional and accessible through imaginative and cost effective partnership working.

Leitrim Older Person’s Council is made up of representatives from active age groups from all over the county, and it has three representatives on the Age Friendly Alliance, ensuring that the Alliance is kept up to date with older people’s needs.

Pride of Place

Pride of Place had applications from Tullaghan in Population Category and Comhairle na Nóg, Liatroma in the Community Wellbeing Initiative. Comhairle na NÓg scooped the Pride of Place Award for the Use Your Brain Not Your Fist Initiative.

Comhairle na NÓg Winners of Community Well Being Initiative

Judges in the Tullaghan.

Love Where You Live Awards

Central to the work of the Community Development section is recognition of the work done by people in the community - young people, older people, voluntary groups, etc. In 2018, Love Where you Live showcased the work done in communities all over Leitrim and acknowledged the contribution that individuals and groups make to their communities. Floral Pride has been replaced by
the Love Where you Live Awards and were held in conjunction with the PPN (Public Participation Network). The awards honoured the significant work of community groups, residents’ groups, businesses; schools and individuals in making their area a better place to live, work and visit. The awards received a record number of 108 entries with 300 people attend the awards ceremony in October in Lough Rynn Hotel. Awards were presented for each of the three Municipal Districts: Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton. Each award has been announced in this order.

**Schools Award** – recognises schools that encourage awareness of the natural environment and upkeep of their school surroundings.

*Winners: Drumeela National School, St Manchan’s National School, Mohill, Lough Allen College, Manorhamilton*

An Exceptional Recognition Award was presented to the students and teachers of Rang A Carraig of Carrigallen Vocational School for their pride in everything they do and ability to face the future with ambition and excitement.

**Community Resource Award** – for buildings, spaces and groups providing best service to their community.

*Winners: Drumreilly Active Age, Mohill Family Support Centre, Tullaghan Development Assoc*

**Business Award** – recognising outstanding presentation and green initiatives.

Social Inclusion Award – these groups create opportunities for participation for all.

*Winners: Ballinamore Community Garden, Breffni Community Development CLG, Carrick on Shannon, Drumkeeran Friendship Club*

Best Kept Estates Award – encourages the enhancement of residential estates through voluntary community effort and green initiatives.

*Winners: Dún na Bó, Ballinamore, The pump (Leitrim Village), Pairc An Mhuillain, Manorhamilton*

The keeping of Estates is a huge collaborative and voluntary effort. With this in mind representatives from all housing estates that entered were awarded vouchers to purchase a native tree.

Community Resilience Award – recognises the continued and ongoing work of groups whether long term or newly formed.

*Winners: Keeldra Lake Amenity Development Committee, Leitrim International Community Group, Carrick on Shannon, Kilty Live, Kiltyclogher*

Cleaner and Greener Award – recognises community use of environmentally friendly methods. In recognition of the exceptional work carried out by groups and in honour of the 60th Anniversary of Tidy Towns, an additional award for special merit was issued in each Municipal District.

*Winners: Cloone Tidy Towns, Dromod Tidy Towns, Dromahair Development Association and Tidy Towns*
Special Merit Awards were given to: Ballinamore Tidy Towns, Carrick on Shannon Tidy Towns, Drumkeerin Tidy Towns

**Unsung Hero Award** – recognising outstanding individual contribution to a local community.

*Winners: Lorna McCarthy of Keshcarrigan Development Association, Gabriel Cox of Carrick on Shannon Rowing Club and Michael Lonican of Manorhamilton Tidy Towns Group.*

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**Community Funding**

**Community Enhancement Programme**

Leitrim were allocated €189,068 under **Community Enhancement Programme** with 108 community groups and sporting organizations benefiting from the grant scheme. Funding from €750 to €10,000 was allocated across each of the Municipal Districts for capital expenditure. All funding was divided equally between the 3 Municipal Districts.

Small Grants - € 51,403 funding to:
- 10 Groups in Manorhamilton MD
- 25 Groups in Carrick On Shannon MD
- 29 Groups in Ballinamore MD

Large Grants - €131,867 funding to:
- 8 Groups in Ballinamore MD
- 10 Groups in Manorhamilton MD
- 12 Groups in Carrick on Shannon MD
- Men’s Sheds (special category) - €5792.75 to 4 Men’s Sheds

The large grants were issued to the following groups:

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<td>Replace floor of Hunt Hall with Sports Floor</td>
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<td>Kitchen upgrade - leak in roof (fixed by Leader Funding)</td>
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<td>Mohill Community Network</td>
<td>Continuation of stone wall on Dromod Road in Mohill</td>
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<td>Laptop, Colour Photocopier, Pool Table, Air Hockey, Tables Chairs</td>
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<td>10 laptops, tables &amp; chairs, garden, sensory garden, coffee machine, wall mounted leaflet holder</td>
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<td>Essential repair Community Centre wall - wall in disrepair as old school wall - cracking</td>
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<td>6 laptops, Projector, Printer etc</td>
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<td>Gates &amp; roof</td>
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<td>10 PCs, Desks for Training Suite</td>
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<td>Ballinamore Mens Shed</td>
<td>New kitchen, Wood, Laptop for Members</td>
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<td>Aughavas Parish Improvements Scheme</td>
<td>Gardening equipment</td>
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**Community Smoke Alarm Scheme**

The Community Alarm Scheme ran in 2018 with 48 smoke alarms provided to vulnerable homes in the county where there are currently no smoke alarms installed. Under the community smoke alarm scheme, two 10 year battery operated smoke alarms (Optical and Ionisation) are provided to vulnerable homes in Leitrim who do not currently have them.

**Town and Village Funding**

A new **playground** was constructed in Roosky using Towns and Villages Funding of € 100,000 in conjunction with an upgrade of the quay area, new fencing and carparking facilities.
Leitrim Inter Agency Traveller Services Group is made up of representatives from the relevant agencies in Leitrim and from the Traveller Community and met quarterly in 2018 to work off the IATSG Plan 2018-2020. There are three working groups within the IATSG: Education and Training, Accommodation and Integration and Health and Wellbeing. The TIG supported the Pony Riding and Animal Welfare Project which took place in 2018. Forty-two children aged 11-17 participated in the 2018 programme. The children are from a diverse range of backgrounds including the travelling community, Syrian immigrants, disadvantaged situations and children with physical or behavioural issues.

Public Participation Network (PPN)
Leitrim County Council allocates an annual budget of €30,000 to Leitrim Public Participation Network, which is further supported by funding of €50,000 per annum from the Department of Rural and Community Development. This funding is provided to cover all costs, including salary, of the PPN.

The guidelines for the work and structure of PPNs were updated in May 2017 reflecting the ongoing evolution of PPNs across the country. A National Advisory Group is established to monitor and oversee the work of the PPN’s. Quarterly meetings for Resource Workers were in place to support the workers. A Memorandum of Understanding was agreed between Leitrim PPN and Leitrim County Council. A work plan and budget were also agreed and signed off.

PPN Secretariat
There are nine Community Representatives on the Secretariat. Work on Policies and Procedures, a Constitution for the PPN and a Representatives’ Charter was finalised during 2018. The Secretariat met formally on nine occasions as well as at General and Municipal District Meetings and other community events. Their role is to ensure the continued running of the network. In November 2018 the Secretariat and LCDC Representatives volunteered time to complete the Workplan for 2019.

PPN Groups
There were 262 groups registered with the PPN at year end 2018 which can be broken down as follows:

**Colleges**
- Voluntary and Community: 179
- Social Inclusion: 77
- Environment: 6

**Municipal Districts**
Love Where You Live Leitrim - Awards 2017

One of the most significant projects for Leitrim PPN was the co-sponsoring of annual awards for the voluntary and community sector – Love Where You Live Leitrim. These awards recognised the considerable work of communities in ensuring Leitrim is a better place to live for all. Leitrim PPN sponsored and provided judging for four community awards:

- Community Resource: the shared spaces of towns and villages;
- Social Inclusion: the work done by groups in including and promoting the needs of all our citizens regardless of age, race, ability, creed or health;
- Community Resilience: celebrating the continued work of small groups with few resources and challenges of membership;
- Unsung Hero: celebrating the tireless input of individuals in communities over time and projects.

Three awards were given in each category, one for each municipal district. The judging process allowed for meeting PPN member groups and a wider discussion of the aims and potential of Leitrim PPN as a body facilitating influence on decision making at local and national level. All groups nominated were invited to the awards ceremony in Lough Rynn Castle in October. It has been found that member groups engaging in the awards process participate in the other aspects of PPN membership more fully after being involved in the awards with good partnerships and communications evolving, especially with the Social Inclusion pillar.

Meetings/Events

Bad weather hampered outreach and meetings in the first quarter of 2018. Notwithstanding this, Leitrim PPN held Plenary in March at which a Waste Water Treatment Research Project was initiated. Municipal District Meetings were held in Mohill, Ballinamore and Manorhamilton in Sept/Oct. The Manorhamilton meeting was well-attended and productive but the others were poorly attended despite having speakers from the IFA and HSE Community Team and North West Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force. Outreach work by the Development Officer commenced in April. This involved half day presence in community spaces in Ballinamore and Rossinver at least once a month each. These were complemented by visits to groups at their bases or in their local areas either upon invitation or request. Between the outreach and awards visits, over 50% of all member groups have had face to face contact with the Development Worker. This provides groups with a better understanding of the work of Leitrim PPN.

Communications/PR

Website:

There were 254 news items and 63 events published on www.leitrimppn.ie during 2018.
Analytics showed 40% desktop PC users against 60% phone viewers with negligible use of tablet devices.

**Facebook: From Jan 01 – Dec 31 2018:**
Followers rose from 127 – 377 organically and without paid boosts. Likes rose from 122 – 267.

This was achieved with a regular output of at least 24 posts per week, 4 each weekday and 4 at the weekends. These posts included news of local events, training, funding, public consultations and council news and weather alerts.

Total Reach estimated by Facebook during 2018 was 130, 718. Again, this was organic not paid for. Spike in October can be attributed to the issue of the photos from Love Where You Live Leitrim 2018.

**Twitter:**
Followers on Twitter rose from 78 at the start of January 2018 to 272 on 31st December 2018. The number of impressions gained from the tweets during 2018 was 126.5 K.

**Newsletters:**
Thirteen newsletters were issued during 2018. These were issued on a 2-4 week basis directly to member groups, through the website and social media channels.
Media:
Leitrim PPN issued eight press releases during 2018 which elicited 7 articles in the Leitrim Observer and one brief radio interview. This is an area which can be improved on in 2019.

PPN Training
The introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations in May 2018 was an area of concern to many of our members. In response, Leitrim PPN provided two training sessions – one in Manorhamilton and one in Ballinamore - aimed directly at their needs.

Being Funding Ready was identified from members’ survey as an area of interest to many groups. An information evening was held in Sept. with input from Leitrim Co. Council and Leitrim Development Company on the funding available through their organisations. In addition, speakers from two social banks provided information on bridge funding available for large projects. Lowering Insurance for Community Groups and Banking Security were also discussed.


PPN Consultations
Leitrim PPN issued notice of 27 public consultations during 2018, 8 of which we of local interest. These included the Forestry Policy Review consultation and requesting local input on Brexit.

PPN Representation on Committees:
Leitrim PPN had representatives who sit on the following Committees during 2018:
- LCDC – five representatives.
- Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC – 2 representatives.
- Housing Policy, Social and Cultural Development SPC – 2 representatives.
- Environment, Transport and Infrastructure – 1 representative.
- Joint Policing Committee – 6 representatives.
- Leitrim Sports Partnership – 2 representatives.
- County Childcare Committee – 1 representative.
- Leitrim County Enterprise Fund – 1 representative.
- NW Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force – 2 representatives.
- Leitrim Peace IV Partnership – 5 representatives.
- Leader Evaluation Committee – 5 representatives.
- Leitrim Development Company Board of Management – 6 representatives.
- Leitrim Recreation Forum – 3 Representatives

Collaborative Work
Cooperation work is an integral aspect of the work of Leitrim PPN. Leitrim County Council is an important primary partner. During 2018, Leitrim PPN collaborated with many organisations and agencies. This included planning of programmes and events concerning the community sector as well as collaborative projects with Sligo Institute of Technology and Leitrim Volunteering Information Service under Leitrim Development Company. The PPN worked closely with Community Development Workers from Leitrim Development Company in the promotion of the PPN throughout the County and also the sourcing and signing up of groups to the PPN membership.
Collaborative work during 2018 engaged with –
- Member Groups
- Leitrim County Council
Three significant collaborative projects were undertaken during 2018:
- Waste Water Treatment Research
- Mapping of County Leitrim Defibrillator
- Forestry Policy Review Consultation

These projects spanned the period of 2018 with outcomes due in 2019.

**An Inclusive County**

County Leitrim Public Participation Network encouraged greater activity by groups and ensured community representatives could participate in the various committees and organisations in which PPN is involved. A total of 262 groups registered with the PPN by year-end. Forty representatives sat on eleven committees, seven of which are Council Committees and four external Committees. This level of engagement has ensured that community views are highlighted in the policy making process.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Mattress Amnesty 2018**

During the 2018 Anti Dumping Initiative, further funding was made available from DCCAE to local authorities to hold mattress amnesties in their localities. It was necessary to select two separate locations in Leitrim to best suit the county’s geographic. Mattress Recycling Events were held in Manorhamilton (Civic Amenity Site) and Carrick on Shannon (Pairc Sean MacDiarmada) during August 2018. A total of 427 Mattresses were collected between Carrick on Shannon (276) and Manorhamilton (151). The event ran efficiently with customers co-operating and being very appreciative of this worthwhile initiative.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 2018**

Leitrim County Council held a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday 20th October 2018 at its Civic Amenity Site in Mohill (figure 3.8 A), and at Manorhamilton Civic Amenity Site on Saturday 13th
January 2018. Leitrim County Council created awareness that common household items such as cooking oil and detergents can be considered hazardous if not treated with proper care and consideration. The collection days were an opportunity for people to dispose of such waste items safely. A total of 12.4 tonnes of hazardous waste was collected across both days.

**Green Schools 2018**

There are currently 44 schools in County Leitrim, 40 of which are registered on An Taisce’s Green Schools programme. In the academic year 2017/18, 10 of these Schools were assessed and successfully awarded Green Flag Status in May 2018. The following themes were carried out by these schools during the two-year cycle: Litter & Waste, Energy, Travel, Global Citizenship Litter & Waste, Global Citizenship Energy, Global Citizenship Marine. Some creative ideas and projects to compliment these themes were carried out by the schools and are pictured below:

**National Spring Clean 2018**
An objective was set to get as many community organisations as possible on board An Taisce’s National Spring Clean campaign in Leitrim. The campaign was co-ordinated by mobilising a team to deliver the campaign objectives. All Tidy Towns Groups, Community Road Groups and Schools, sporting groups contacted to provide details on the campaign were provided to groups that signed up. A campaign ‘Keeping Leitrim Lovely’ – was launched with radio interviews, billboard and newspaper advertisements. In building these positive working relationships and through team effort, it resulted in 55 community groups across Leitrim signing up to the campaign and 15 extra Adopt a Road Groups being established. It ultimately led to a very successful National Spring Clean Campaign in Leitrim with approximately 3 Tonnes of roadside litter being collected across the county.

Some of the Volunteers working hard during National Spring Clean

Do you give a Toss’ - Poster published as part of the Awareness Campaign
Reducing waste and

**Leitrim Branded Re-Usable Cup**

Following the successful launch of the Leitrim Branded Re-Usable Cup in 2015, an objective for 2018 was to further encourage individuals to switch to a reusable cup and to persuade coffee shops to accept the reusable cups and offer a reward to those customers that use them. Recycling List Ireland's July campaign was all about single use beverage cups, how to dispose of them correctly and how easy (and good) it is to use a reusable cup. Leitrim County Council re-enforced this message by launching a social media campaign with this theme. Alongside the media campaign a number of re-usable cups, together with marketing materials, were distributed among the Tidy Towns Network and in collaboration with the Environmental Awareness Officer, the Tidy Towns Groups liaised with businesses in their localities. A total of 18 outlets undertook to sell and promote the Leitrim Branded re-usable cups with customers being rewarded with monetary discounts and incentives such as ‘first fill for free’.

**The Big Scoop Campaign**
Leitrim County Council in partnership with Dogs Trust, launched the **The Big Scoop Campaign** during 2018 (Figure 3.12 A). 1,300 schoolchildren in 17 schools were visited by the Leitrim Dog Warden and the during the 2017/2018 school year. An age-appropriate presentation on ‘The Big Scoop Campaign’ and Responsible Dog Ownership was delivered in each class from infants to sixth class. The campaign consisted of a workshop, poster-making and an art competition and an awareness campaign emphasising the importance of cleaning up after your dog. In conjunction with the campaign, Leitrim County Council also installed dog waste bins and mutt mitt dispensers (Figure 3.12 B) at a number of locations in the county.

![Image](Fig. 3.12A)

**Anti-Litter Awareness Poster Competition**
Details of the Leitrim County Council 2018 Anti-Litter Awareness Poster Competition were circulated to all primary schools in Leitrim. A total of 569 entries were received across the different age categories. A judging committee selected the winners in each category with the overall winning poster (Figure 3.13 A) appearing on the Leitrim County Council anti-litter ‘Billboard’ Campaign in July and also winning a Samsung Galaxy Tablet for their school.

3.13A - Anti-Litter Awareness Poster Competition – Overall winning entry 2018

Stop Food Waste

During the Christmas season, Leitrim County Council ran a Social Media campaign regarding preventing food waste during the festive season. Funded by the Local Authority Prevention Network, Leitrim County Council entered into a joint venture with Roscommon County Council, and collaborated with renowned chef Catherine Fulvio to create a recipe book campaign. During the campaign, Leitrim County Council covered food waste prevention tips such as how to avoid food waste at Christmas in the first place by planning effectively and making a shopping list. Information on how to store leftovers properly, how to make the most of leftovers with some delicious tips, and recipes plans were included. Information on reducing food waste in 2019 was also included.
Environmental Awareness Campaigns

During 2018 the Environmental Awareness Officer and the Waste Enforcement Officer collaborated and compiled a ‘Man in the Van’ awareness campaign for media publication and print. The initiative, which was titled ‘Know the Law’, (Figure 3.15 A) and was done as part of the Anti Dumping Initiative 2018, and also in response to reports on the ground of “Man in the Van” type unauthorised waste collectors operating in the county. The Waste Enforcement Officer (WEO) became aware of such Unregulated Waste Collectors during investigations of non routine waste complaints. In order to make the public aware of the dangers and legality of using Unauthorised Waste Collectors, a public information campaign was compiled. The campaign focused on the significant fines and convictions which could be imposed on people who were found guilty of using unauthorised waste collectors. The graphics chosen in the campaign were designed to reflect how harmless, benign and even friendly these illegal operators can appear. The campaign encouraged the public to report such illegal operators to the Environment Department should they encounter any, which also acted as a deterrent to any would-be illegal waste collectors.

Figure 3.15 A – ‘Know the Law’ Advert
During 2018 an initiative to promote public awareness of the use of spy cameras / hidden surveillance cameras was published by LCC. The awareness campaign focused on the fact that hidden trail cameras may be in use at any illegal dumping hot spot where an illegal dumping sign had been erected. The idea of the campaign was to target any potential fly tippers and to make them aware that they may be watched and could potentially be prosecuted and or fined if filmed fly tipping or littering. Trail cameras were never purchased or used due to IT objections on GDPR. It is hoped they will be purchased and used in 2019.

During 2018 an awareness campaign focusing on illegal scrap car dealers and illegal scrap car facilities was designed and published. The campaign, titled ‘Cash for Scrap’ was devised as a direct result of
the discovery of a number of illegal scrap car dealers operating within the county, who were mainly advertising on Social Media. The campaign focused on informing the public that there were a number of illegal operators within the county, but that there were only two permitted scrap car facilities within the county. The names and locations of these permitted facilities were given. It also focused on the convictions and fines that could be imposed on any person found to have used an illegal scrap dealer. This campaign was complemented by an investigation into an unauthorised waste facility and numerous warning letters were issued to the last registered owners of the cars discovered at this unauthorized facility. The campaign raised awareness of the illegality of such practices and LCC hope to see a reduction in these activities as a result in 2019.

**Figure 3.15 C – ‘Cash for Scrap’ – Campaign Advert**

![Image of 'Cash for Scrap' campaign advert]
Anti Dumping Initiative 2018

Leitrim County Council were successful in their grant application for funding from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment to carry out its proposed projects under the Anti Dumping Initiative 2018 in Leitrim.

Leitrim County Council’s grant application was successful and received €45,100 from WERLA to carry out its proposed projects under the ADI 2018 in Leitrim. Also an additional €7,000 was approved to carry out a Mattress Amnesty in the County during the ADI funding period. Details on each of these initiatives are outlined in Case Study No. 3 attached in Appendix C.

A holistic and extensive approach to tackling the problem of illegal dumping was demonstrated through regular engagement with community groups and tidy towns groups across the county which supported them in their efforts in tackling the illegal dumping issue. A regional Anti-Dumping Awareness Media Campaign was launched and ran alongside the Anti Dumping Initiative. During the Initiative in Leitrim, four major clean ups of illegal dump sites in the county were carried out and they were restored to their formative state. Actions were taken to reinforce the national waste enforcement message with a localised media campaign (Man in a Van), CCTV campaign and anti-dumping signage for Bring Bank Sites was erected. Modern technology and training was also sourced for Waste Enforcement staff. The use of Drone Technology, used in particular by waste enforcement staff will significantly ameliorate waste enforcement actions.

The overall Anti Dumping Initiative in Leitrim was a major success and it put the topic of illegal dumping on the agenda for communities across the county.

Figure 3.16 A - LCC Environmental Awareness Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Waste Enforcement Officer at Launch with Minister Denis Naughten.

COMMUNITY WARDENS
Our Community Warden Service, in addition to their enforcement activities in relation to litter and waste disposal, abandoned vehicles and parking offences, continued to monitor our Bring Centre and Amenity Areas and carried out regular Playground Inspections in 2017.

**CFRAM's – OPW**

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

Draft Flood Maps went on Public Display as part of the Statutory Public Consultation from Friday 20th November 2015 to Wednesday 23rd December 2015 inclusive and were available at all Local Authority offices for viewing.

A Stakeholder Workshop took place with OPW/Jacobs Engineering in Athlone on Wednesday 25th May 2016 on Preliminary Options report Stage.

The OPW in conjunction with their Consulting Engineers have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed. Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan for the Shannon CFRAM catchment took place between Friday 15th July 2016 to 23rd September 2016 both dates inclusive with final adoption of plans by end of 2016.

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](http://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.
The Department for Public Expenditure and Reform’s environmental assessment review of the FRMPs and (environmental (SEA/AA) documentation) is complete and any related issues are now resolved.

It's really a political issue as to when these get launched, but the formal submission by OPW to the Minister for F/PER for approval is scheduled to happen Mid-March 2018.

**HOUSING**

During 2018 Leitrim County Council’s Housing Department continued to facilitate the provision of suitable, cost effective, quality accommodation and housing support for people in need of housing. Efforts also continued to improve the social housing stock from the available funding streams provided by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

The relocation programme for Syrian Refugee families continued in 2018 with a further two families being accommodated. In total 15 families were provided with housing in Co. Leitrim over the course of 2017 and 2018. In 2017 Leitrim County Council took the lead on setting up an Interagency group comprising of the various relevant stakeholders within Leitrim in order to provide help and support during the integration process for all the families involved.

**HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT & HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

A total of 292 new housing applications for social housing support were received and processed in 2018. 120 offers of accommodation issued to housing applicants for casual vacancies arising within our existing Social Housing Stock. 81 tenants completed mandatory Pre-tenancy training – this figure is inclusive of 62 newly appointed local authority tenants, 11 transfer applicants and 8 existing tenancies were regularised. Leitrim County Council and all Housing Authorities were required to complete the Statutory Assessment of Housing Need as at 11th June 2017. At the completion of this Statutory Assessment of Housing Needs, i.e. at 28th June 2017, there were 328 applicants on Leitrim County Council’s Housing Waiting List.

**TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME (TAP 2014 -2018)**

The adopted Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2014 – 2018 sets out annual targets for the delivery of outputs in respect of Traveller Accommodation. The target set for 2018 was 7 outputs, 16 No outputs were achieved as outlined hereunder:

- Group Housing Scheme (Existing) 1
- Standard Local Authority Accommodation 7
- Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) 6
- Housing Provided by an Approved Housing Body 2

**Total Outputs for 2018** 16

The delivery of 16 outputs represents a 228% achievement of the target of 7 outputs in 2018 as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018.

In the overall TAP for the five year period 2014 -2018 the target is for 46 Units of Accommodation of which Leitrim County Council has achieved 56 to date (March 2019), this represents a 122.0% completion rate.

**New Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 -2024**
Leitrim County Council is currently in the process of finalising the new TAP for 2019-2024. This is a five year programme and will be developed in consultation with state, semi-state, neighbouring local authorities and voluntary bodies, as well as local interest organisations.

As part of the process an assessment of need has been carried out in December/January in order to assess the current accommodation situation for Traveller families in County Leitrim and based on current and projected demographics a new set of targets will be identified for the five year period 2019 -2024.

**LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (LTACC)**

The (LTACC) is a statutory body established under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 to assist in the delivery of accommodation options for members of the Traveller Community. The role assigned to the LTACC is to facilitate consultation between the Council and Travellers and to advise on any aspect of accommodation for Travellers, assist in the preparation, adoption and implementation of Leitrim County Council’s Traveller Accommodation Programme, advise on the management of accommodation for Travellers and to provide a link between Travellers, Elected Members and Officials of the Council. Membership of Leitrim County Council’s LTACC is made up of 6 No Elected Members, 4. No Traveller Representatives and 3. No Officials from Leitrim County Council. Leitrim LTACC met on three occasions in 2018 and in 2019 the LTACC will be consulted on the formulation of the new TAP (2019 -2024).

**HOMELESSNESS**

The Housing Department responded to 25 homeless presentations in 2018. With the introduction of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) the payment of deposits to assist homeless households in securing rented accommodation is now administered by the Community Welfare Officer (CWO) of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DSASP). A number of meetings of both the Management Group and the wider North West Regional Homeless Forum were held in 2018.

**RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME (RAS) AND SOCIAL HOUSING LEASING INITIATIVE (SHLI)**

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SHLI) are both long term social housing supports provided through direct arrangements between the local authority and the private rented sector. In 2018, the accommodation needs of 11 households were met through new transfers into the RAS and at 31st December, 2018, the accommodation needs of a total of 113 households were being met by RAS. As at 31st December 2017 the accommodation needs of 13 households were being met by SHLI

**HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME**

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a new form of long term Social Housing Support which was introduced in Leitrim with effect from 1st December, 2016. HAP replaces Rent Supplement for those with a long term housing need. A person must be qualified for Social Housing Support in order to be eligible for HAP. Under HAP, a person must source their own private rented accommodation (within specific Rent Caps) and the Local Authority will pay their landlord directly and the tenant will pay a rent to the local authority based on Leitrim County Council’s Differential Rent Scheme. Leitrim County Council accommodated 153 Households under HAP in 2018.

**PRIVATED RENTED INSPECTION PROGRAMME**

A total of 1874 tenancies in the private rented sector in County Leitrim are registered with the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) at the end of 2018. Leitrim County Council completed 175 inspections under our Private Rented Inspection Programme in 2018.
HOUSING GRANT SCHEMES

Leitrim County Council provided grant aid in the sum of €229,992.40 to a total of 45 applicants under the Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme, the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability and the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme. A further 26 grants to the value of €152,356.75 were approved and being progress at year end.

TENANT (INCREMENTAL PURCHASE SCHEME)

While a lot of queries were received under the above Scheme many proved ineligible as they did not satisfy the required criteria under the terms and conditions of the current Scheme. To date 7 tenants have purchased their local authority dwellings under the Tenant (Incremental Purchase Scheme).

ESTATE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Our Estate Management Programme was ongoing throughout the county in 2018 and encompasses the following:-

- Tenancy Sustainment in relation to a number of individual tenancies, including participation in multi-agency case conferences and initiatives in relation to individual or particular issues
- Liaison with North West Simon, the HSE and other agencies in relation to specific tenancies and issues
- Annual Estate Management Grant Scheme - The Housing Department supports the voluntary work of active Residents Associations in local authority estates in the county under the annual Estate Management Grant Scheme. In 2018, a total of 13 Residents Associations received grant assistance under this Scheme.
- The Estate Management Programme is also supplemented by a Community Employment Scheme which is part-funded by the Council, and a Jobs Initiative Scheme, with participants making a very valuable contribution to the maintenance of the communal and green areas within a number of estates.
- In 2018 each of the three Municipal Districts were allocated funding of €2,000 to fund particular local authority estate works. This funding was utilised to carry out general estate enhancement works in a number of local authority estates.
- A Tenant Liaison Officer is employed to progress our Estate Management Programme and to establish best practice in the management and maintenance of our housing stock and to develop estate management initiatives.
- Our Estate Management Programme involves an inter-agency approach involving ongoing liaison with the Gardai, Leitrim Development Company and other relevant agencies in order to create more sustainable communities.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

The Housing Maintenance Team continued to respond to housing maintenance requests from tenants residing in the Council’s Social Housing Stock. A total of 507 repair requests were received in 2018, with 90% of them attended to by year-end.

HOUSING DISABILITY STRATEGY

The most recent Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability, which is a joint strategy between Leitrim County Council and the HSE, was finalised in December, 2016 and covers to the period 2016 to 2020. The Strategy will be rolled out on an ongoing basis with proposed scheduled 5 year reviews. The Strategy sets out an annual target that not less than 5% of all dwellings will be reserved for People with a Disability that are qualified for Social Housing Support. It forms an integral part of Leitrim County Council’s Housing Service
Plan and will promote and support the delivery of accommodation for people with disabilities using all appropriate housing supply mechanisms.

REBUILDING IRELAND

Under Rebuilding Ireland the Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government have set Leitrim County Council a social housing delivery target 2018-2021 of 156 units. In 2018 Leitrim County Council delivered units of this target as follows:

- Housing acquisitions - 16 no.
- Long term voids / derelicts - 11 no.
- Construction - 7 no.
- AHB Build under CALF - 3 no.

SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (SHIP)

Taobh Tire Phase 2, Manorhamilton

This scheme was completed in 2018 and provided an additional 7 units of social housing at Taobh Tire.

Autumn View, Carrick on Shannon

The Design of this scheme progressed throughout 2018. It is proposed to go to tender on this project in early 2019.

ACQUISITION OF SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS

The Council continued its acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified under Rebuilding Ireland Action plan for Housing and Homelessness. In 2018 the Council purchased 16 number houses across the county. The purchase price in each case was fully recouped from the Department. These houses will require some energy and remedial works to return them to productive use in 2019 and the costs of the works will also be funded by the Department.
Overview of House Acquisitions in 2018

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HOUSING Voids Programme 2018

The Voids Programme is aimed at returning long-term vacant local authority properties to productive use. In 2018, the Council made comprehensive submission to the Department to maximise the available funding to complete the reinstatement to useful service of void and derelict units countywide. This Council was successful in returning 27 units back to productive use under these Programmes of which 11 were included in the Rebuilding Ireland target for 2018. The total cost of these works was €502,807 and €363,085 of funding was recouped from the Department in respect of works completed under these Programmes in 2018. This now presents the Council with 27 additional productive properties spread throughout the County. This has significantly reduced the Council's vacant properties which require extensive repair and refurbishment works. The units by area are as follows:

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CAPITAL ADVANCE LEASING FACILITY (CALF)

Under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (Calf), in 2018 approval was received for a project led by Respond AHB to acquire 1 property in Co. Leitrim and for Tuath AHB to acquire 2 properties in Co. Leitrim.
The Council will have 100% tenancy nomination rights on all these CALF scheme properties from the Housing Waiting List.

**TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME**

In 2018 Leitrim County Council carried out a number of Capital projects on Traveller Accommodation

1. **House refurbishment, Mohill** – This is an extensive refurbishment of a Traveller house which required the family to be re-housed in Demountable Dwellings (DD) for the duration of the project.

2. **2 No Chimney rebuilds** - This involved the contracting of a specialist chimney company to rebuild two complete chimneys in Carrick-on-Shannon.

3. **House Extension, Mohill.** This project was completed on foot of an Occupational Therapist report to provide adequate living space for an elderly member of the travelling community.

4. **1 No. Void project in Carrick-on-Shannon to house homeless Traveller family.**

5. **2 No Casual vacancies to house 2 No Traveller families in Carrick-on-Shannon.**

6. **2 No Houses provided in partnership with AHBs in Carrick-on-Shannon and Kinlough.**

**DISABILITY WORKS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY DWELLINGS 2018**

Medical/Disability related adaptation works are carried out to individual units of our housing stock where necessary to render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of a member of the tenant household. Typical works include, depending on the individual circumstances, installation of level access shower, installation of rails in bathrooms, installation of ramp access to front/back doors, installation of oil heating systems or storage heating and associated works.

Adaptation Works were completed in 2018 in respect of 26 local authority dwellings. A total of €126,379 was recouped from the Department in respect of the costs of these Adaptation Works.

**WATER SERVICES**

**RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 – 2018

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government introduced a 3 year Multi Annual Rural Water Programme in 2016 covering the period 2016 – 2018. Under this Multi Annual Programme, Capital Grants totalling €122,106 were paid by Leitrim County Council in 2018 to the following Group Water Schemes (GWS) under the various Measures contained in the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme:-

**Measure 1 (a) – Environmental & Public Health Compliance - Improvements on GWS’s in order to achieve compliance with the quality parameters of the Drinking Water Regulations**

- Breveiga Group Water Scheme Co-Operative Society Ltd. (Formerly Cornashamsogue GWS) – Total Grant of €49,527

**Measure 2 (Block Grant) – Enhancement of existing GWS’s including Network Upgrade Works, Water Conservation Works etc.**

- **Name of GWS**
  - Drumcree GWS

- **Amount of Grant**
  - €5,451
Lismoyle/Coolcrieve GWS  €3,328
Drumaleague GWS  €7,563
Mohercregg GWS  €32,126
Cloonsarn GWS  €9,392
Total Block Grants Paid  €57,860

Measure 4 (b) – GWS’s which wish to be taken over by Irish Water

Tawneyfeacle GWS – Total Grant of €14,719
(This GWS has been approved for Take Over by Irish Water. Significant Network Improvement Works were completed on this GWS in order to bring it up to the standard required for Take Over by Irish Water.)

There will be a new Multi Annual Rural Water Programme introduced in 2019 for the 3 year period 2019 – 2021.

Environmental and Public Health Compliance – Breveiga GWS Co-Operative Society Ltd. (Formerly known as Cornashamsogue GWS) - Leitrim County Council and the National Federation of Group Water Schemes are working closely with Breveiga GWS Co-Operative Society Ltd. in order to progress the upgrade of this Scheme and a regular schedule of meetings with this Co-Operative Society is now in place. A Consultant Engineer has been appointed to complete a Survey and Analysis of the Scheme Network, Design of upgrade to Network, assess existing Water Treatment Facility and provide upgrade options, etc. This Survey is at an advanced stage at present. Source Protection Works on this Scheme were completed in 2018 and these works have led to a significant improvement in the quality of water from the source. Significant Network Improvements works have also been completed in 2018 on this Scheme in order to identify and eliminate leaks on the Network and a significant reduction in the water usage has occurred due to these Network Improvement Works. Leitrim County Council are currently sampling the raw water from this Group Water Scheme in order to determine the optimum treatment process for this Scheme. A fully costed Options Report for the upgrade of this Group Water Scheme has been prepared by Leitrim County Council and was submitted to the Department in December 2018 for their consideration and approval. The completion of the remainder of the Upgrade Works on this Group Water Scheme (Further Network Improvement Works, Upgrade of Water Treatment Plant, and construction of new Reservoir) is dependent on the approval of this Costings Report by the Department and the approval of Funding by the Department.

Group Sewerage Schemes - In relation to Group Sewerage Schemes, works are progressing on Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme. Preliminary Design of the Scheme has been completed. The Scheme was re-advertised for Public Consultation (Part 8 Planning Approval) in 2018 and Part 8 Planning Approval for this Group Sewerage Scheme was granted by Leitrim County Council in January 2019. The preparation of a detailed design for this scheme is currently in progress.

Subsidy to Operational Costs of Group Water Schemes
Group Water Schemes are eligible for a Subsidy payment toward the operational costs of running and maintaining the Group Water Scheme. In 2018, the following Subsidy Payments were made to GWS’s:-

15 GWS’s received Subsidy Payments in respect of the year 2016,
20 GWS’s received Subsidy Payments in respect of the year 2017
15 GWS’s received Retrospective Subsidy Payments.
The total value of all Subsidy Payments made to GWS’s in 2018 amounted to €312,353.
Grant for the Provision/Improvement of an Individual Water Supply to a House (Well Grant)
A total of 5 Individual Well Grants were paid in 2018 in the total sum of €10,039.

WATER SERVICES

Irish Water is the National Utility in charge of the Public Water and Waste Water schemes in County Leitrim since 1st January 2014. Since this time the Council Staff in Water Services have operated on an agency basis in maintaining the water and wastewater plants and networks within the County on behalf of Irish Water under a Service Level Agreement (SLA).

An Annual Service Plan was agreed for 2018 under which Leitrim County Council aimed to deliver services under the terms of the SLA to provide water services to satisfy the needs of Irish Water customers in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements in a cost effective manner.

The Annual Service Plan (ASP) commits the Council to deliver agreed specific objectives and standards of performance taking into account the overall performance assessment proposed by the Commissioner for Energy Regulation (CER) as well as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The 2018 ASP set out the allocated budget and headcount in addition to the Key Performance Targets for Leitrim County Council.

The operational expenditure for 2018 for Water Services in Leitrim County Council utilised to cover the day to day running costs of all plants, pumping stations and networks amounted to €4.35 million.

Asset transfer

Section 12 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 provides for the transfer of Water Services Assets to Irish Water, which is given effect by Ministerial Order. To date 70 assets have transferred to Irish Water. Work is ongoing in the preparation of supporting material for the transfer of further assets which included the subdivision of folios and associated mapping, the registration of unregistered sites, the establishment of legal rights of way and the resolution of outstanding title anomalies.

Drinking Water Supply and Operations

Water in Leitrim is supplied from three main public water supplies. In 2018 a total of 5,525,221m³ of drinking water was supplied and distributed through the networks.

Water Conservation

In order to reduce and control Unaccounted for water (UAF) Irish Water set targets for reduction of UFW in Leitrim of 1Mega Litre (ML) per day to be achieved in 2018. A combination of initiatives were undertaken to try and conserve waters such as;

- Operational Find and Fix under SLA.
- Networks Portfolio (Farrans contractors), Replacement of Old Water mains, Find and Fix, First fix private free service, backyard services which entails removal of old defective asbestos cement back yard water mains & lead service connections and replacement with modern roadside HDPE pipes at various housing estates throughout Leitrim. Also 55 public side leaks were identified and repaired in Carrick on Shannon resulting in savings of 2.5 million litres of water per week equivalent to the daily usage of over 2,700 people up to end Dec 2018.
- Leitrim Direct Labour Find & Fix crew commenced Find & Fix works in Leitrim Village, Ballinaboy, Dromod & Dromahaire District Metering areas (DMA’s) in May 2018. 45 public side leaks were
identified and repaired within these DMAs resulting in savings of 3.2 million litres of water per week equivalent to the daily usage of over 3,400 people up to end Dec 2018. These initiatives which commenced mid April 2018 combined to achieve a reduction in UFW by 1.9 MLD by December 31st 2018 far exceeding the target set of 1MLD.

Wastewater
Under the SLA LCC continue to operate and maintain 12 Wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) throughout the County in 2018. A further 11 WWTP’s were operated under Design Build Operate (DBO). Leitrim County Council maintains all associated foul sewer networks. Necessary improvements works and upgrades at a number of plants were approved by Irish Water and carried out in 2018.

Compliance & Sampling.
Leitrim County Council with Irish Water manages agreed Water - Wastewater Sampling Plan in line with the 2018 Annual Service Plan and the EPA’s statutory requirements. This requires the management of sample taking, collection, analysis and reporting results to Irish Water and the EPA.

Leitrim County Council collected a total of 466 samples from Public and Private Drinking Water Supplies, 241 of which were Operational Water samples from its Water Treatment Plants and Networks. The total number of parameters tested and reported from these samples to Irish Water and the EPA was 6,062. There were no breaches of drinking water regulations in Leitrim, no Remedial Actions were imposed by the EPA or no boil notices were issued.

Leitrim County Council with Irish Water manages 23 Waste Water Treatment Plants in County Leitrim in line with the Licences and Certificates of Operation issued by the EPA. 432 Regulatory samples from Wastewater Treatment Plants and 193 Regulatory samples were collected from the associated receiving waters – rivers and lakes. There were also 22 Operational samples collected and tested. The total number of parameters tested and reported to Irish Water and the EPA from the collected samples was 5,851.

Irish Water’s Capital Investment and Capital Programmes 2018
Irish Water’s Capital Investment Programme delivers improvements in infrastructure to deliver improved drinking water quality, reduced leakage, wastewater compliance, business efficiencies and customer service.

In 2018 Major Infrastructure Projects and Minor Capital Works were ongoing as follows:

IRISH WATER - MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2018

Projects ongoing 2018

1. Moneyduff Water Treatment Plant extension and upgrade:
   Electrical & Pump Services Ltd (EPS) is the main contractor on this project which is valued at €3.84 million. Work continued throughout 2018 and the design/ build works were substantially completed by year end. Treated water from the new extended plant went into supply in November 2018.

   Commissioning and Process proving commenced in 2018 and will proceed in 2019. The completion date is now scheduled for April 2019.
This new extended plant has an increased production capacity to 5,500 cum/day which will secure water supply demands in the North of the County for the foreseeable future.

2. Manorhamilton and Mohill Waste Water Treatment Plants Upgrades.
Coffey Water Ltd was appointed as the main contractor for these works with the commencement date of 15th January 2018. Works progressed with substantial civil works completed by year end. The projected completion date is extended to May June 2019. The all in cost of these works is valued at approximately €3.0 million.

These two new Plants will be handed over to Water Services Leitrim County Council for operation under the Service Level Agreement following a satisfactory commissioning period month of circa 12 months.
Excavation of new storm tank at Manorhamilton.

Capital Investment Plan 2017 – 2021

Drumshanbo WWTP Upgrade is the only project listed for Leitrim in this plan. This feasibility report was substantially completed in 2018 and recommendations for further upgrade of this WWTP will go forward for contract approval as part of Irish Waters 2017-2021 Infrastructure Capital investment Plan.

Major works have taken place at the Drumshanbo WWTP in 2018 having been advanced by Irish Water under a separate Capital Project which is described below.

CAPITAL PROGRAMMES / PROJECTS

In 2018 Leitrim Co. Council received approval and funding from Irish Water for a number of Minor Capital Projects.

Drumshanbo/Ballinamore/ Carrigallen and Leitrim Village WWTP upgrades.

RCC Engineering is the appointed contractor for upgrade works at these 4 No WWTP’s. Work is ongoing and substantial additional works valued at approximately €700,000 have been added as variation to the contract to undertake significant upgrade of Drumshanbo WWTP by improving
aeration and intake works. These additional design build works will be completed early in 2019. The all in cost is expected to be circa €1.5 million.

Disinfection Programme - Leitrim Cavan and Monaghan
Works progressed in 2018 on this programme to upgrade and standardise the primary disinfection and pH control at Carrick-on-Shannon WTP (SLRWSS) and Glenade WTP (Kinlough Tullaghan WSS,) as part of a bundles scheme with water treatment plants in Cavan and Monaghan. The contractor Veolia achieved 75% completion of this design build contract by year end and will be fully completed in early 2019.

Energy Efficiency Programme
The Contractor EPS substantially completed the Energy project at Carrick on Shannon WTP which included primarily for the replacement of certain pumps to yield improved efficiencies and savings on energy costs. During the course of this contract Irish Water issued a variation for additional works to provide for a new transformer and switchgear on site to allow for a change in the import of electricity from the ESB which will reduce tariffs. These works commenced in 2018 and will complete in May 2019.

Water Networks Portfolio Programme;
In 2018 Farran’s Construction continued as the main Framework Contractor for all “networks portfolio” work in county Leitrim. The networks portfolio covers all work on pipelines below ground and includes for all water main upgrades, pipeline, and water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix, backyard services relocation etc.

New Pipelines by Farrans under Network Portfolio;
1. Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell. Work was completed in 2018. An extension was approved by IW which will continue into 2019.
2. Works completed on the following for three projects in 2018
   Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore.
   Replace 4.5 Km old water main at Corraleehan.
   Replace 2.0 Km of old cast iron watermain at Manorhamilton.
New Water network pipelines construction by Farrans.

**VETERINARY SERVICES**

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**Responsible Dog Ownership**

The Animal Warden and Dogs Trust visited Scoil Mhuire Carrick-on-Shannon during ‘Scoop the Poop’ week in March in and a number of primary schools during the year.

![Animal Warden Service visits Scoil Mhuire, Carrick-on-Shannon](image)

**Rehoming of Dogs**

Leitrim Dog Warden Service successfully rehomed 161 dogs to their forever homes in 2018.
Stray Dogs Rehomed in 2018

Neutering and Rehoming Cats

Leitrim Animal Warden successfully trapped, neutered and returned 48 stray and feral cats in 2018.
Stray kittens for rehoming

Pony-Riding and Animal Welfare Programme

Forty-two children aged 12-17 from a range of different backgrounds in Leitrim successfully completed this 10-week programme in 2018. The participants developed skills in horse-riding and responsible ownership of horses and donkeys.

Cathaoirleach Sean McGowan at the Awards Ceremony, August 2018.
Leitrim County Library Service – 2018

Leitrim County Library Service is part of a national library system which provides library members with free access to over 15 million items in the 333 library branches across the country. This service now allows members of the library to request titles and have these delivered quickly and efficiently to their local branches. There were 149,023 visits to libraries, with 111,833 items issued to borrowers during 2018.

National Library Strategy

Mr Michael Ring TD, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, officially launched a new five year strategy for Public Libraries in June. Our Public Libraries 2022–Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities is a progressive strategy which aims to improve access, use and visibility of the library as a community hub, and develop the library as a focal point for community and cultural development.

Libraries Connecting People

Leitrim County Library Service continues to develop and encourage further digital participation, as well as providing users with alternative and flexible ways to access the endless range of online resources. Free high-speed internet access is available on public PCs in all libraries and free WiFi access is now available in each of the 5 full-time libraries. Free introductory computer classes were held in a number of Leitrim Libraries during 2018.

Self-service Technology

Grant funding enabled Leitrim County Library Service to enhance and modernise its services through the introduction of self-service technology in the 5 full-time libraries during 2018, which enables library users to borrow and return books without staff assistance. Self-service printing facilities were extended to Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries in 2018, following a successful pilot project in Carrick-on-Shannon Library in 2017.

Library Event Programming

Throughout 2018, the library service coordinated an extensive programme of events, developed in partnership with local schools, community groups and public agencies. Examples include Foróige, Citizen’s Information, Leitrim Astronomy Club, Age Action, Irish Countrywomen’s Association, Men’s Shed groups and local History Groups. Irish Language Classes, Film Screenings, Computer Classes, were held in a number of branch libraries, while Craft and Games Clubs such as Knitting and Draughts met on a regular basis across the Library network.

Supporting Literacy

Leitrim County Library Service is committed to providing a quality collection of books and other resources, aimed at enhancing reading skills and the enjoyment of reading and learning across all ages. Programmes delivered in 2018 included: Spring into Storytime in April, Summer Stars Reading Programme from June to August, Children’s Book Festival in October and Family Time at your Library in December.

Working with new communities
Leitrim County Library Service works with local partners to reach disadvantaged, marginalised and new communities. For example, the Fáilte Isteach community project for Leitrim, in which volunteers welcome migrants to their community by delivering a conversational English class, ran in Carrick-on-Shannon Library, meeting on a fortnightly basis. This project is a partnership between Leitrim Development Company and the Third Age Project, with over 20 participants.

Healthy Ireland at your Library

The Healthy Ireland at your Library initiative was launched in January 2018 by the Beirne Family of Mohill, “Ireland’s Fittest Family”. A core collection of health-related bookstock, recommended by the HSE, was provided to the nine branch libraries in Leitrim and a wide-ranging programme of events, presentations and workshops was rolled out countywide.

Local Studies

Leitrim County Library Service is committed to supporting local history research and family history enquiries, and to collect, preserve and make available for reference any material relating to the history and heritage of the County. Leitrim Libraries accepted a number of historically significant presentations from local communities in 2018, including a town map of Dromahair, and a set of glasses in Mohill, both believed to be over 120 years old.

Creative Ireland / Decade of Commemorations

As part of Leitrim County Council’s Creative Ireland programme for 2018, Leitrim County Library Service coordinated a varied programme of events for Cruinniú na nÓg on June 22nd and 23rd. The Library Service presented a number of Commemorative lectures during 2018, which included a double-bill on “Ballinamore and the 1914-18 War” and “The Rise of Sinn Fein and the 1918 General Election in Leitrim”, and a presentation on Leitrim’s Mary Reynolds TD 1889-1974, as part of VOTÁIL 100.

Library Staffing

In 2018, we lost a dear friend and colleague, with the passing of Orla Parkinson, Senior Library Assistant at Manorhamilton Library. 2018 saw the retirement of Marion Mulvey, Branch Librarian at Drumshanbo Library, after 44 years service with Leitrim County Council.
Pictured in Mohill Library are members of the Beirne Family, “Ireland’s Fittest Family 2017”, launching Leitrim’s “Healthy Ireland at your Library” programme.
Pictured in Carrigallen Library are participants at a Dog Safety Workshop, facilitated by Paul Cleary from Dogs Trust along with his dog Magic, as part of the Summer Stars 2018 programme.

Pictured in Ballinamore Library is storyteller Niall de Búrca, facilitating a story sharing session, during Positive Ageing Week.
Pictured in Carrick-on-Shannon Library is a group of young people who participated in a series of Yoga for Kids Workshops, as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.

Pictured in Manorhamilton Library are members of the local Active Age group who created beautiful fascinators as part of Bealtaine Festival.

Pictured is Leitrim County Librarian Emma Clancy with Mr. Michael Ring, Minister for Rural and Community Development, at the launch of Our Public Libraries 2022 in June.
Pictured in Manorhamilton Library are local children who took part in the Summer Stars reading initiative receiving their Participation Certificates.

LEISURE AND RECREATION

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

1- Club Support

Safe Guarding 1 Workshops: Leitrim Sports Partnership ran 9 safeguarding 1 workshops with 168 volunteers and coaches attending these workshops all over Leitrim.

Safe Guarding 2 Workshops: Leitrim Sports Partnership ran 2 safeguarding 2 workshops with 17 childrens officers attending the workshops.

Safe Guarding 3 Workshops: Leitrim Sports Partnership ran 2 safeguarding 3 workshops with 13 Designated Liaison officers attending these.

Sports First Aid: Leitrim Sports Partnership ran 2 Sports First Aid Courses with 19 volunteers and coaches attending the courses.
2. Public Programmes

Operation Transformation Walks: Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with RTE and Sport Ireland delivered four O.T. walks in Ballinamore (60), Drumshanbo (100), Dromahair (80) and Manorhamilton (50) with 290 people attending the walks. A total of 290 people participated in Operation Transformation Walks in Leitrim in 2018.

Walking Groups: Leitrim Sports Partnership decided to deliver three daytime walking programmes in Ballinamore (15), Carrick on Shannon (10) and Drumshanbo (16) with 41 people participating on this 8 week programme.
Couch 2 5K Programme: Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Carrick A.C and Ballinamore AC ran 3 Couch to 5K programmes in 2018. A total of 127 people took part in Couch to 5K programmes in Ballinamore and Carrick on Shannon.

Train to Swim a Mile Challenge
Leitrim Sports partnership completed the Train to Swim a Mile challenge in the Aura Leisure centre, as part of this programme all the participants received two coached swimming lessons for 8 weeks and then completed the mile challenge. On the programme we had 13 participants that engaged in the training programme and 20 people completing the mile challenge.

Women on the Water
Leitrim Sports partnership have started this week the Women’s on the Water programme in three venues, Acres Lake, Drumshanbo, and two evening in Lough Rynn Rowing facility with 100 women registered to complete this programme.

Lads on the Lake
This programme is about reactivating men to participate on a kayaking programme and participating in physical activity. We are in the process of completing a six week lads on the lake programme in Acres Lake, Drumshanbo and Lough Rynn rowing facility, Mohill with 55 men.
participating on this programme. At the conclusion of this programme we will encouraging these men to take part and completed the Dawn kayak on the Shannon Blueway.

3. Secondary School Programmes

Girls Active Festival
As part of the HSE Girls Active programme we conclude this programme with a festival of sport for all the participants involved in the programme. This year we completed two days for the Girls active festival in Drumshanbo Vocational school, where the participants got the opportunity to participate in different sports, Dance, Self Defence, Cycling, Olympic handball, Tag Rugby and Go for Life games. We had 90 girls on the first day and 83 girls from 6 post primary schools in Leitrim completing this initiative. A total of 173 participants participated in the girls active programme.

Sports Leadership Programme:
Leitrim sports Partnership ran 6 Level 1 Sports Leadership courses with 132 young adults taking part in this programme. The programme is rolled out through secondary schools teaching participants how to use leadership skills through sport.
Leitrim County Council TY Integration Day
Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Sports Partnership organised and delivered a TY integration day with for all the TY students in the post primary schools in Leitrim. The students got opportunity to participate in physical activity team building games, Road Safety workshop with RSA Simulator Vehicle, Responsible Dog Ownership workshop, and watch a real life Leitrim Fire Service Demonstration by Drumshanbo Fire Brigade Unit. We had students from Ballinamore Community School, Carrick Community School, Lough Allen College, Carrigallen Vocational school, and Mohill Community School with 106 students attending the event on the day.

Paddle’s Up Programme
Leitrim Sports partnership in association with Waterways Ireland completed the Paddle’s up group event with Ballinamore Community School and St Clare’s Comprehensive school with 40 students participating on the day in Acres Lake.

Cycle Right Secondary School Training
We delivered Cycle Right training for the TY students in Lough Allen Community School, Mohill Community College and Carrigallen Vocational School with a total of 64 students completing the training.
4- Primary Schools Programmes

Primary School Gymnastics Programme:
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Carrick on Shannon Gymnastics Club are delivering a Junior Gymnastics programme. This is up and running in Scoil Mhuire Carrick on Shannon (60 pupils, 2 groups of 30), Gaelscoil Liatroma (65 students split into 3 groups) and Annaduff primary school (1 group of 25 students) at present. The students spend one hour a week in the gymnastics club being coached by gymnastics coaches. This programme really helps develop the children’s fundamental skills of movement. There was a total of 150 children participating in the Schools Gymnastics Programme.

Leitrim Community coaching schools programme
We have completed our multi sports programme in the following schools in Leitrim, St Clare’s primary school(171), Kiltyclogher primary school(14), St Patrick’s primary school Glenfarne(50) and St Hugh’s primary school, Dowra(35). Total of children 270 participating.

Sportshall Athletics Primary School Competition:
School Sportshall Athletics Competition: Leitrim Sports Partnership completed heat 2 with 178 children and heat 3 with 323 children and the County final with 230 children participating in the Sportshall Athletics competition in Ballinamore sports complex. A total of 731 children participated in this programme.
Kidz on the Run Programme
Kidz on the Run” programme is an 8 week running/fitness programme in primary Schools, where the coaches deliver one session per week in each School and the teachers deliver a second session with the children. At the end of the 8 weeks, the children will complete a 2k/3k run in Lough Rynn Hotel grounds, Dromahair community park, Lurgy Park, Manorhamilton and in some schools grounds. Also as part of the programme, the coaches will deliver a diet and nutrition strand in partnership with the HSE. We had 27 primary schools involved in this initiative with 1709 participants involved.

Cycle Right Primary Schools Programme
Cycle Right is the National Standard for cycle training and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists. Cycle Right is an inclusive programme. We have started the training in two schools, Gaelscoil Chluainne (32) and Drumcong (26) primary school with 58 children in the senior class participating on this programme.
5- Older Adults Programmes

Go For Life Games Programme:
We Completed a Go For Life Games Blitz day in the Bee Park in Manorhamilton for all the Active Age groups in North Leitrim with 38 people attending the blitz day.

Leitrim’s first Go For Life Games Team
Leitrim Sports Partnership have completed two Go For Life Games afternoons with the Active age Groups in Ballinamore(15) and Carrick on Shannon(15) and Drumshanbo (19) with 49 people attending the workshops. We will be selecting a Leitrim County team to attend the National Go For Life Games in Dublin in June.
We also held and delivered a Go For Life games workshop games between Leitrim’s team and Longford’s team in Cloone in advance of the National with 34 participants involved on the day. A team representing Leitrim took part in the 2018 Go for Life Games held in the DCU on Saturday, 9th June. They were one of twenty four teams of older people from around the country participating in a day of fun sporting activities. The Leitrim team was made up of 12 players from Drumkeeran, Carrick on Shannon and Drumreilly and the team was coached and facilitated by Leitrim Sports Partnership.

Body and Soul Workshop
Leitrim Development company in partnership with Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered the Body and Soul workshop with 145 people attending this event. The LSP delivered a Zumba Gold and Pilates workshop and a flexibility and Mobility workshop.

**Fighting Fit**
This is an 8 week functional Movement class for over 50's, using boxing specific exercise taking place on Friday evenings in Drumsna Boxing Club. This is fun way to get active and get involved in your local boxing club with 21 men participating on this programme.

**Scooch**
Drumreilly Men’s shed completed 3 weeks of Scooch in the Drumreilly community centre with 20 men engaged and completing the programme. There was also an Scooch taster session with Men Sheds members from all over Leitrim in March with 45 men participating.

**Walking Football**
Ballinamore and Drumreilly men’s shed completed one day FAI walking soccer programme in Ballinamore community centre with 9 men participating on the programme.

**6 Leitrim County Council Staff Outing**
Leitrim Sports partnership organised and delivered a LCC staff outing on the Shannon Blueway, all staff members got opportunity to kayak, cycle or run/walk with 40 staff members completing the
outing. The kayaks travelled from Leitrim village to Acres lake, Drumshanbo, Cyclists/walkers travelled from Drunshanbo to return back to the Lough Allen hotel with 40 staff members completing this challenge.

**Healthy Leitrim - Men’s Shed Health**

Men’s Shed Health and Fitness Initiative, we delivered free PSA checks to Leitrim County Council outdoors workers in four depos across four days and we screened a total of 108 LCC outdoor staff workers.

**Shannon Splash**

The Shannon Splash took place on last Thursday 7th June just in front of Carrick on Shannon rowing club. The event was organised by Leitrim Sports Partnership and Swim Ireland in Partnership with Waterways Ireland. Children ages 10 to 18 from youth groups from all over Leitrim took part in water safety, swimming, diving and water polo. Due to the beautiful weather everyone involved looked forward to a dip in the water however safety first, so each participant took part in water safety before they took part in any further activity. The water polo and diving were very enjoyable for all involved. Leitrim Sports Partnership would like to thank Swim Ireland and Waterways Ireland for all their hard work also thanks to Leitrim County Council Civil Defence team, Carrick on Shannon Rowing club and Leitrim Water safety Instructors. **Total Participants 60**

**Dawn Kayak**

We completed the Dawn kayak on the Shannon Blueway and completed the 7.2 km kayak with 60 male and female participants completing the challenge at 5.00am in the morning. **Total Participants: 60**

**Leitrim’s Water Safety Swim Weeks**

The Leitrim County Water safety committee completed five swim weeks in Drumshanbo pool(325) Keeldra lake(217), Cloone, Guilladoo lake, Carrigallen(70) and Lough Melvin, Rossinver(167)
Cleighmore, Ballinaglera (30) children participating in the swim week bring the overall total to 809 children benefiting from the swim weeks.

Leitrim Pony Riding and Animal Welfare Programme

The Leitrim Pony-Riding and Animal Welfare project involves children aged 12-17 a range of backgrounds living in Leitrim. The children developed their horse-riding and animal welfare skills in a safe, secure and animal-friendly learning environment and learned valuable social skills. Forty-two children participated in a ten-week programme during the school summer holidays. The programme also allows boys and girls from a variety of cultures and backgrounds to socialise, integrate and develop equine skills through participation in positive, engaging and fun activities.

7 – Bike Week 2018 9-17th June 2018

Bike Week is the perfect opportunity for children, teenagers, families and older adults to get on their bikes, get active and have some fun as part of Bike Week 2018. Here is a snapshot of the events which took part during National Bike week in Leitrim.
Names of Clubs/ Communities who took part:

St Clare’s N.S. 15TH June 2018
St. Clare’s hosted a parent and child cycle to school day with an obstacle course at school followed by a photograph competition and refreshments, there were approximately 100 participants on the day.
Total participants -100

Scoil Chlann Naofa (Parent Association) 16th June
Scoil Chlann Naofa hosted a school family cycle day, this consisted of a 5 mile cycle for members of the association followed by a bar BQ refreshments afterwards.
Total Participants: 134 pupils, 30 parents, & 6 staff members

Leitrim Glens Cycling Club 18th June.
The Club organised a 10km bike ride around Manorhamilton, to promote national Bike week and also to promote cycling as a form of exercise, with refreshments afterwards.
Total Participants: 40

Newtown Gore N.S 16th June
Newtowngore .S, hosted a family fun cycle day from the school to the local Lake Garadice, where a BBQ and games for the children was organised, and they then cycled back to the school, a total daily distance of 10km.
Total Participants: 60

Drumkeerin National School 15-June
Drumkeerin N.S.hosted a bicycle day, which included a range of cycle races, games and cycling activities that allowed participation from the children,
Total Participants: 77

Breffni Youth Cafe 15th June.
Breffni hosted a bike safety and maintenance workshop, this will allow young people cycling the importance of bike safety and basic maintenance facts, introducing young people to the importance of cycling as a form of exercise and the value of bike safety.
Total participants:20

Anaduff. Irish Country Women’s Association( I.C.A) . 10th June.
The ICA hosted a cycle day, from Leitrim Village to Drumshambo along the Blueway and back, the funding was to pay for hire of the Bikes; the project was designed to encourage cycling as a form of exercise, promote cycle safety, and encourage outdoor activities and to promote physical wellbeing amongst women.
Total Participants: 13

Ballinamore Men’s Shed.
The Ballinamore men’s shed arranged a cycle along the Shannon Erne in Ballinamore, to promote health and wellbeing among men, to encourage participation to encourage cycling as a group form of group exercise. 10 members participated in this programme.

Cycling Sports Day
LSP organised a Sports Day which involved 154 children from 6 schools from all over Leitrim participating in cycling for bike week. The event took place between 10am-2pm in Leitrim Village, there were 5 stations with a different activity in each station. Some of the activities were a mountain bike skills obstacle course, a slow bike race, a relay race, a duathlon and a bike wars game. A great day was had by all.
Schools Cycling Skills & Fun Days
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Trail Cycling delivered a cycling skills and fun team building games for 4/5/6th class students in Glenfarne N.S. (68) in north Leitrim and Gaelscoil Liatroma (44) in south Leitrim. The children get opportunity to improve their cycling skills, learn about cycling safety and participate in fun team building cycling games.

8 - Disability Inclusion Programmes
Swim 4 ALL programme
We started a swim 4 All programme for children with disability and aim of the programme is to learn the children how to swim with one of their parents being available to assist them in the pool. The programme is for 10 weeks with 10 children registered for the programme in the Aura Leisure centre.

Ballinamore Rehab group
We have completed a six week exercises to music, dancing & bowling programme with Ballinamore Rehab group.
Total Participants: 12
St Ciarans Day Service
St Ciarans day service, Carrick on Shannon we completed a zumba dancing programme with 10 people benefiting and attending this programme.

Irish Wheelchair Association
The (IWA) Irish Wheelchair Association Carrick on Shannon we have started a 6 week Chair exercises to music & Go for life games programme with the service users with 10 people participating on this programme.

Childhood Days Service
Childhood Days service in Drumshanbo, we have started a six week fun dancing programme with 9 children benefiting and participating on this programme.

National Council for the Blind of Ireland
Leitrim Sports Partnership in association with NCBI completed a 1 day fun sports day where the blind teenagers got opportunity to participate in boxercise and tandem cycling programme in Leitrim Village community facility. We had 7 children participating on the day.

1- St Ciaran’s Day service
We completed an 8 week zumba dancing programme with 11 service users participating on the programme. Total number 11

2- IWA
We completed an 8 week chair exercise programme with 13 service users participating on the programme. Total number 13

3- Rehab Care
We completed an 8 week exercise to music programme with 12 service users participating on the programme. Total number 12

4- St Ciaran’s Day service
We completed an 8 week zumba dancing programme with 11 service users participating on the programme. Total number 11

5- IWA
We completed an 8 week chair exercise programme with 13 service users participating on the programme. Total number 13

6- Rehab Care
We completed an 8 week exercise to music programme with 12 service users participating on the programme. Total number 12

9 – Community Soccer Programme
7- Community Soccer
Football session for adults users from National Learning Networks/Rehab care (15 participants)
8- Community Soccer
Sports For Peace Cross Border programme - cross border event with clubs from Leitrim involved with fun coaching session held in Ballinamallard (80+ Participants)
Total number 80

9- Player Development Plan Workshops
2 PDP Parent coaches workshops held to educated all stakeholders involved in what is the PDP is and how they can play a role in its development (Carrick Town 15 Participants, Abbey Rovers 50+ Participants)
Total number 65

10- Football For All Childhood Days
We completed one Football session for children/adults users from Childhood Days in Drumshanbo with 9 participants with Autism taking part on the day.
Total Participants: 9

11- Summer Soccer Schools Camps
We completed 4 FAI Summer Soccer camps with 341 children participating on the camps in Abbey Rovers, Ballinamore (81), Carrick town(100), Kinlough(60) and Manor Rangers, Manorhamilton(100). Out of the four camps three reached their full capacity.
Total Participants: 314

12- Player Development
We completed 4 training sessions with the u16 Girls North-West Regional Centre in Sligo with girls participating from north and south Leitrim.
Total Participants:

13- Leitrim Community coaching schools programme
We have completed our multi sports programme in the following schools in Leitrim, St Clare’s primary school(171), Kiltyclogher primary school(14), St Patrick’s primary school Glenfarne(50) and St Hugh’s primary school, Dowra(35).
Total number 270

14- Community Connacht Rugby Programme
The community Connacht rugby development officer complete 6 primary schools coaching sessions in the following schools, Gaelscoile Liatroma (83), Scoil Mhuire (320), Dowra (35), Newtowngore(20), Fatima(64) and Hunt(27)schools with 549 children participating and benefitting from this school club initiative.
Total number 549.
15- Primary Schools 3rd/4th Class Futsal Blitzes
3 venues in Drumshanbo/Kinlough and Ballianmore with 7 schools
200 participants

16- Post-Primary Schools 3rd/4th Class Futsal Competition
Finals held in Drumshanbo with
120 participants

17- Club Futsal Programme U8/U10’s
8 week Block started on Wednesday with u10 and Thursday with u8’s.
60 participants

18- Show Racism The Red Card Workshop
As part of FARE Week 3 Workshops held in Leitrim Village Ballaghmeehan NS and Leckaun NS.
200 Participants

19- Club Mark Workshops
The 3 Leitrim clubs have committed to the FAI Club Mark Entry award which The FAI Club Mark is an award based on best practice in the governance, management and administration of a football club. Each step challenges the club to implement policies and procedures in line with best practice. A workshop was held with each of the clubs to explain the requirements of the Club Mark applications.

20- Ag Sugradh Le Cheile Workshop.
This programme is about parents and children playing together in tutor lead fun classroom activities and games during school hours or as after School programme. We held the following workshop in Leitrim 2018:
We completed 33 workshops in 30 primary schools with 289 parents attending the workshops and 625 children benefiting from this programme.  
**Total number – 289 adults & 625 children**

21- Rehab Care  
We completed a 6 week Go For Life games and Boccia programme with 16 people benefiting from this programme.  
**Total number 16**

22- Primary Schools 3rd/4th Class Futsal Blitzes  
2 blitzs venue in Manorhamilton with 7 schools  
**Total number 120**

23- Post Primary 1st Year Futsal  
Connacht Finals with 10 schools involved  
**Total number 120**

24- Club Futsal Programme U8/U10’s  
8 week Block started on Wednesday with u10 and Thursday with u8’s.  
**Total number 60**

25- Sligo/Leitrim Club Futsal Blitz U8/U10’s  
Two Blitzes held for u8/u10 across two days  
**Total Number 350**

26- Show Racism The Red Card Workshop  
As part of AOP held in Carrick a SRYRC workshop was ran.  
**Total Number 32**
27- Football For All North West session
   Football session for adults users from National Learning Networks/Rehabcare
   Total Number 21

28- Football For All Connacht Schools session
   Football session for u19s from schools who fall under FFA
   Total Number 22

29- AOP- As One Programme
   Football themed block for 4 weeks on Monday’s as part of the AOP- As One Programme which brings estates together with Liscara, Aughameeny, Breffni and O Carolan Court to provide a range of activities for its young people using the facilities in Gaelscoil Liatroma. This programme is aimed at Boys and Girls 7-13yrs to create a sense of community and togetherness while respecting diversity with the group.
   Total Number 34

30- Leitrim Sports Star Awards
   The eight annual ‘Leitrim Sports Star Awards’ took place on Saturday 24th November 2018 in the Landmark Hotel Carrick on Shannon. The purpose of the awards is to acknowledge Individuals, Sports Clubs, Teams, Schools and Community Volunteers for their outstanding contributions to and achievements in sport and recreation in Leitrim. The awards night is organized by Leitrim Sports Partnership with a three course meal, followed by the awards and other entertainment. Special guest speaker was Katie Mullan (Irish Women’s Hockey Captain during world cup).
   Total Number in attendance 260

31- Leitrim Sports Partnership through Sport Ireland and the Dormant account

funding allocation 2018 received €105,600.00 for the following programmes.

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CIVIL DEFENCE

In January two Volunteers were sent to Scotland by Civil Defence HQ to undergo specialised training in the operation of Sonar Equipment. This additional training enabled Civil Defence to provide a more effective response to water based missing person searches. In March July and October requests for assistance from An Garda Siochana resulted in Civil Defence Volunteers assisting in three separate missing person searches. Two bodies were located using Sonar equipment during these searches. The Sonar based search system developed by Leitrim Civil Defence has now been adopted as the standard by Civil Defence Nationally. Volunteers also assisted at a number of other emergency operations during the year. The Coastguard requested Civil Defence assistance in September and October to provide assistance to Cruisers in difficulty on the Shannon. In November assistance was provided to the Environment Department during an oil spill on the Canal in Ballinamore. Assistance was also provided to the Environment Department throughout the year with lake water sampling.

Assistance was provided to a number of Community Events during the year. This assistance involved the provision of Safety Boats for water based events and First Aid services for a variety of local Community events.

Throughout the year Volunteers met on a weekly basis to refresh their skills and undertake courses both locally and at the Civil Defence HQ in Roscrea.

FIRE SERVICES

STAFF

Leitrim County Council employs 4 Senior Fire Officers and 1 Assistant Staff Officer to run the service for the County from headquarters in Carrick-on-Shannon. Leitrim County Fire Service has 5 Fire Stations with the following number of retained fire-fighters employed as of 31/12/2018:

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<th>Station</th>
<th>No. of fire-fighters</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carrick-on-Shannon</td>
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<td>Mohill</td>
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Retirements in 2018

1 Station Officer from Carrick on Shannon retired during 2018, namely Sean Duignan.
EMERGENCY INCIDENTS 2018

Leitrim Fire Service provides an emergency response service to Leitrim and part of north Roscommon by agreement with Roscommon County Council. Fire brigades in the adjoining counties of Donegal and Cavan (Bundoran, Killeshanda, Dowra and Ballyconnell) also provide first attendance cover to parts of Leitrim. In 2018 there were a total of 255 emergency incidents in Leitrim generating 277 callouts serviced by Leitrim brigades.

Leitrim Emergency Incidents in 2018

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type of incident</th>
<th>Total 2018</th>
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<tr>
<td>Chimney</td>
<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Fires</td>
<td>37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Road Traffic Collisions</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vehicle fires</td>
<td>16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bog / Forest /Gorse / Grass</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Storm damage / flooding</td>
<td>70</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Special Service Calls</td>
<td>44</td>
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<tr>
<td>False alarms (good intent)</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>False alarms (malicious)</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>277</strong></td>
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BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS BY TYPE 2018

A pie chart analysis of the incidents for 2018 gives the following breakdown by incident type:

Overall the numbers of calls are very similar when compared to 2017.

Each fire brigade unit covering Leitrim responded to the following number of emergency callouts in 2018. A comparison with other years is also included.

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<th>Station</th>
<th>No of inc. 2018</th>
<th>No. of inc. 2017</th>
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<td>Manorhamilton</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ballinamore</td>
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<td>50</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>16</td>
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Inspections

Leitrim Fire Service carried out a total of 99 inspections under the following Acts in 2018, namely

- Fire Services Act 1981 (Section 24)
- Indoor Licensing Bill, 2003
- Dangerous Substances Act, 1972
- Intoxicating Liquor Acts, 1833 and 1988
- Dance Halls Act, 1935 and 1977
- Gaming and Lottery Act, 1956
MAJOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A successful programme of work was conducted in the North West Region for 2018 and Leitrim County Council staff played an integral role in overseeing and delivering this work.

Training:
- LCC staff attended a Training Course for Information Management Officers

Exercise
The North West Region exercise was conducted by Donegal County Council this year.

National Fire Safety Week 2018
National Fire Safety Week took place during the first week of October.

The theme for the week was “STOP Fire - Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives”. Leitrim fire service prepared a special programme of events.

A local programme of activities was undertaken in Leitrim including visits to primary schools in the area and the fire safety message was presented at each fire station and at prominent road side locations.
ERASMUS + Project - BFIRESAFE@SCHOOL
Leitrim County Council was successful in securing funding of approximately €320,000 from Erasmus for this project. Nine partners from 7 EU countries (Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Spain) and associate partners from 23 EU countries are cooperating together in the Erasmus+ project called ‘BFireSafe@School’. The aim is to increase fire safety awareness in second level schools in Europe by sharing best practice and using innovative digital learning methods. A new fire safety training programme (consisting of classroom and online training) will be developed in 8 European languages and will be available to teachers and pupils aged 13 – 17 all over Europe after the project is over. The project commenced in October 2018 and will finish in April 2021.

Leitrim County Council is the project coordinator of the BFIRESAFE@SCHOOL project.

For further information check out the Leitrim County Council website or follow the project on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and You Tube.
Chief Fire Office Finian Joyce chairing a recent Transnational Project Meeting in the Custom House in Dublin.

New Class B Appliance

Leitrim County Council received delivery of a new Class B appliance in May 2018. It was allocated to Carrick on Shannon fire station. The new appliance was funded by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government through the capital funding programme.
Chief Executive Lar Power, Council Chairperson Finola Armstrong, Director of Service Mary Quinn, Chief Fire Officer Finian Joyce, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer James Malone, Station Officer Sean Duignan and members of the Carrick-on-Shannon fire brigade unit pictured outside the fire station after delivery of the new vehicle.
MAXIMISING OPERATIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY

To maximise the potential of our Human, Financial and ICT resources to optimise organisational capacity and performance and ensure high quality services and information tailored to meet the needs of all our customers.

CORPORATE SERVICES

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

MEETINGS OF LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council Meetings Held:

Bi Monthly Meetings: 6
Annual Meeting: 1
Budget Meeting: 1
Special Meeting: 1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

Municipal District Meetings

Ballinamore Municipal District Meetings: 11
Annual Meeting: 1

Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District Meetings: 11
Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District Special Meeting: 1
Annual Meeting: 1

Manorhamilton Municipal District Meetings: 11
Manorhamilton Municipal District Special Meeting: 1
Annual Meeting: 1

ANNUAL MEETING OF LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting in June 2018, Councillor Sean McGowan was elected Cathaoirleach.

The Agenda and Minutes of Council meetings can be viewed on the Leitrim County Council website www.leitrimcoco.ie

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG)

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) consists of the Cathaoirleach and the Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy Committees, and is supported by the Chief Executive. The role of the CPG includes advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and reviewing of policy for Leitrim County Council. Full decision making power however remains with the Elected Council. The Corporate Policy Group met on 8 occasions in 2018.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

Under Section 19 inserts a new Part 3A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that every county will be divided into municipal districts consisting of specified local electoral areas. The elected members for the
local electoral areas in each municipal district will be known as “the municipal district members” and act in that collective capacity for the purpose of performing a range of reserved functions of the county council in respect of the municipal district. The functions of the members at district level involve a local policy/regulatory role in areas of planning, roads, traffic, housing, environmental services, recreation, amenity, community matters etc. County Leitrim have three Municipal Districts – Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon, and Manorhamilton. Each District have 6 Members one of whom is elected Chairperson of the Municipal District.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Council’s Audit Committee was re-established by resolution at Leitrim County Council’s 2014 Annual Council meeting. The committee comprises 2 (two) Elected members and 3 (three) External Members. The Elected Members appointed to the Committee are Councillor Sinead Guckian and Councillor John McCartin. The role of the Audit Committee is to advise the Council on financial reporting process, internal control, risk management and audit matters. A total of 4 meetings were held in 2018, matters considered included:-

- Statutory Audit Report for the year ended 31st December 2017
- Audit Reports on SICAP, Public Spending Code,
- Fraud Prevention Plan
- Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy
- ICT Security Review
- Risk Register
- Performance Indicators

**JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

No. of Meetings held in 2018 4

**BYE LAWS**

Bye-Laws concerning Casual Trading and Speed Limits were made by Leitrim County Council during 2018

**SECTION 140**

No ‘Section 140’ Motions were submitted by the Council during 2018

**MEMBERS EXPENSES**

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<th>Payments to Members of Leitrim County Council in 2018</th>
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<td>Cathaoirleachs’ Allowance</td>
<td>€20,000.00 (in line with National Regulations)</td>
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<td>Leas Cathaoirleachs’ Allowance</td>
<td>€4,000.00 (in line with National Regulations)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons’ Allowance</td>
<td>€18,000.00 (in line with National Regulations)</td>
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<td>Municipal District Chairpersons’ Allowance</td>
<td>€18,000.00 (in line with National Regulations)</td>
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<td>Members Municipal District Allowance</td>
<td>€18,000.00 (in line with National Regulations)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Members’ Representational Payments</td>
<td>€9,000.00 Arrears paid in 2018 relating to 2017</td>
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<td>Members’ Annual Allowance</td>
<td>€303,726.78</td>
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<td>€90,825.92</td>
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Members’ Mobile Phone Allowance | €3,750.95
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Total | €485,303.65

The Council was represented on deputations and receptions at meetings of the Irish Central Border Areas Network, Chairpersons of the Joint Policing Committees, Meeting with the Taoiseach on Built Heritage, Leitrim People’s Association Dinner Dance, St Patrick’s Day Celebrations in New York, Chamber Awards, Launch on how local authorities can accommodate people with Disabilities, National Commemoration Day, National Enterprise Town Awards, Papal Visit in Knock, President’s Inauguration, Pride of Place Awards, Retail Excellence Awards and Open public Forum on Regulation of Transparency of online political advertising.

Representatives of the Council attended a total of 9 conferences, courses and seminars and 12 training events during 2018. The total cost of these activities, together with ad-hoc expenses paid in respect of attendance at meetings of ICBAN, meeting of Chairpersons of the Joint Policing Committees, meeting with Meeting with the Taoiseach on Built Heritage, Leitrim People’s Association Dinner Dance, St Patrick’s Day Celebrations in New York, Chamber Awards, Disability launch with, National Commemoration Day, National Enterprise Town Awards, Papal Visit in Knock, President’s Inauguration, Pride of Place Awards, Retail Excellence Awards, Transparency of online political advertising which was made up of travel and subsistence and course fees amounted to €31,083.10 (Details of conferences/seminars/training attended by Councillors are contained in Appendices 4 & 5). The total cost of foreign travel in 2018 was €4,215.33 (this figure includes €274.14 - Dinner dance ticket for Leitrim Society of New York Annual Dinner Dance In March 2018, presentation gifts at the Leitrim New York Society Dinner Dance and Leitrim Peoples Association Dinner Dance.

**QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE**

The Council has a pro-active group of middle managers known as the Quality Assurance Group which continues to monitor and report on key Performance Indicators for the organisation which in turn are reported on nationally to the National Oversight and Audit Committee.

The Customer Services Desk in Aras-an-Chontae as well as the public desks in Planning, Finance, housing and Water Services continues to provide front-line services to the public.

**CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS**

In 2018, Leitrim County Council received four formal Customer Complaints. One complaint was received from the Office of the Ombudsman. A detailed response issued to the Office of the Ombudsman in response to the complaint and the decision of the Office of the Ombudsman was not to uphold the complaints.

**MEDIA REQUESTS**

The Designated Media Liaison Officer continued to manage media enquiries in 2018. A significant number of media requests were received in 2018 from the local and national print, online and broadcasting media. The Council continues to actively promote news, events and announcements of funding for projects by issuing press releases and statements to the local print and broadcast media. Information was also disseminated via the news page of the County Council’s website and there was a continued focus on communicating information via the Council’s social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**

The Council continued to proactively using the social media channels to communicate with our customers and promote local authority events and initiatives. The number of followers on the Council’s social media
channels grew substantially in 2018, with At the end of the year, the Council had a total of 4,317 followers on Facebook, 3,539 on Twitter and 208 on Instagram. Social Media has proved very beneficial with the public for instant updates on the Council’s activities with it being particularly commended during times of severe weather events.

**REGISTER OF ELECTORS**

The Register of Electors for 2018/19 was published on 1st February, 2018. The figures in relation to the Live Register at 2017/2018 were as follows:

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<th>Dáil Electors</th>
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<td>Sligo/Leitrim</td>
<td>24,965</td>
<td>26,029</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<th>European Constituency</th>
<th>Parliament</th>
<th>European Electors</th>
<th>Potential European Electors</th>
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<td>Midlands- North West</td>
<td>26,233</td>
<td>491</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**Local Electoral Areas**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**PROTECTED DISCLOSURES**

Pursuant to the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, Leitrim County Council hereby confirms that no request was received in the period 1st January to 31st January 2018 in accordance with the Act.

**Quality Customer Services**

**Freedom of Information**

Activity under the Freedom of Information legislation continued at similar levels to last year, with 96 FOI requests received in 2018. This compares to 99 requests received in 2017, 86 requests in 2016, 52 in 2015 and 18 in 2014. Requests from journalists account for 47% of all requests, while requests from businesses accounted for 40%. 89 requests (93% of total) of the 2018 FOI requests related to non-personal information. 100 FOI Requests were determined during 2017, including 4 requests carried forward from 2017, 68 of these determinations were granted, 15 part-granted and 14 refused, 2 were withdrawn and 1 was withdrawn and handled outside of FOI. There was 1 live FOI request awaiting decision at year end.

The Council’s Model Publication Scheme is published on www.leitrimcoco.ie in line with the provisions of Section 8 of the 2014 Act. The Scheme is designed to facilitate the provision of information to the general public to the greatest extent possible and gives extensive information regarding the Council’s activities and functions. The Scheme also includes a Disclosure Log of all decisions made in relation to non-personal Freedom of Information requests received, updated on a quarterly basis.

Leitrim County Council Annual Report, 2018
HUMAN RESOURCES

Economic Development - To lead, mobilise and support Enterprise and Economic Development in Leitrim, in conjunction with relevant agencies, and ensure that our physical and social infrastructure is sufficiently developed to support this

Labour Activation Measures
In September 2017 Local Authorities advertised an initiative to recruit recent graduates with a primary degree and strong interest in one of six skills areas. These employment opportunities include a structured development programme as part of a 3 year fixed term contract. Leitrim County Council engaged one graduate under the Programme in the Economic Enterprise and Business Development skills area who commenced in June 2018.

Maximising Operational and Organisational Capacity - To maximise the potential of our Human, Financial and ICT resources to optimise organisational capacity and performance and ensure high quality services and information tailored to meet the needs of all our customers
Leitrim County Council recognises that one of its most valuable assets is our staff and continues the drive to maximise efficiencies through organisational rationalisation and restructuring and by service delivery organised in different ways with the ongoing support and cooperation of all staff.

Recruitment and Workforce Planning
The workforce planning process has continued throughout 2018 with a view to streamlining operational processes and to assist in making the best use of available staff resources. There were a total of 14 Staff Retirements in 2018 and 1 Death in Service (R.I.P.). A further 5 permanent staff members resigned during the year while 15 staff members on temporary contracts left Leitrim County Council during 2018. Recruitment activity also continued to be significant however with 34 recruitment competitions advertised to fill a range of vacancies arising. 5 No. permanent staff secured promotion internally during 2018 while a further 7 temporary staff secured permanent contracts. An additional 39 new staff commenced work with Leitrim County Council during the year, on a mix of permanent and temporary contracts.

Gender Breakdown of Interview Board Members 2018

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<th>Gender</th>
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Gender Breakdown of Attendees at Interview 2018

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<td>M</td>
<td>59%</td>
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Staff Profile at 31/12/18 – 321

Staff Learning & Development
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 2018. The Council retained its accreditation as an Engineers Ireland Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Accredited Employer in 2018, following an interim review process – re-accreditation will be subject of a detailed review audit and assessment process in 2019. A comprehensive Learning and Development Plan was implemented in 2018 which is complemented by the Staff Education Scheme, providing support to staff members pursuing further education opportunities. The Staff 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 also continued during 2018. The Council’s Service Level Agreement for the provision of an Employee Assistance Programme was renewed for 2018 and is due for review in 2019.

The Council’s HR Management System – CORE HRM - provides an integrated end to end modular IT solution. Current Core HRM System Modules include Personnel Management, Superannuation, Training, Payroll, Time & Attendance, Recruitment and Business Intelligence Reporting. Employees can access their individual employment records, pension calculator, online payslips, training details and submit leave requests etc with significant automation while the manager dashboard supports approvals, automated reminders and team analytics. Additional modules have been developed at national level for Safety Management and PMDS and these modules are the subject of an ongoing pilot testing phase with a view to national roll-out during 2019. The Service Level Agreement with the Local Authority Shared Payroll & Superannuation Centre in Portlaoise – MyPay – continued to operate successfully during 2018.

Quality Customer Services
Higher Education Grants
Leitrim County Council’s involvement in processing Higher Education Grants came to an end in 2018 with the last remaining student in receipt of a grant from Leitrim County Council completing their course. All new applications, including applications from students changing courses or progressing to new courses, are made online to SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland).
Expenditure on Higher Education Grants in 2018 was €1,008 (Ordinary Maintenance). There were no renewal applications received for the 2018/19 academic year.

FINANCE

In 2018, Leitrim County Council returned a surplus of €3,466 and succeeded in reducing the cumulative general revenue deficit to €266,639. This was supported in part, by higher than expected levels of income from the NPPR (Non Principal Private Residence Charge) in the year in addition to increased collection of outstanding revenue.

MOTOR TAXATION

During 2018 a total of 38,227 vehicle licence transactions were processed for Leitrim which represented an increase of 0.05% on 2017 transactions. The details are as follows:

- Motor tax counter transactions – 12,298 (32.17%)
- Motor tax postal transactions – 1,911 (5.00%)
- Online transactions – 24,018 (62.83%)

The online motor tax service allows customers to renew their Motor Tax 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through the website www.motortax.ie.

PROCUREMENT

The public procurement process spans the whole project life cycle, from definition of need through to the end of the useful life of an asset or the end of a contract. Leitrim County Council has developed a Corporate Procurement Strategy and Action Plan and established a Procurement Unit to ensure value for money and compliance in the procurement of works, goods and services within Leitrim County Council. This Unit will continue to collaborate with the Office of Government Procurement to maximise the use of national frameworks, and engage with the small and medium size business sector within County Leitrim, to raise awareness of public sector procurement requirements and build capacity within the sector to facilitate effective procurement and competition locally.

COMMERCIAL RATES

Following the completion of the Rates Revaluation Programme in 2017, the revised property valuations came into effect on 1st January, 2018. In 2018, a total of 1,090 commercial rates customers received their rates demands to the value of €5,427,118. The total % collection at year end on commercial rates was 83% which represents a 2% increase on the 2017 collection figure.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

WiFi4EU

In 2018 ICT secured three vouchers under the WiFi4EU scheme. The aim of this scheme is to provide high-quality Internet access across the EU to citizens and visitors via free of charge Wi-Fi hotspots in public spaces. The value of each voucher is €15K and this is being match funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development thereby giving us a total of €90K. Work is due to commence on the installation of the network in 2019.
Hyperconverged Infrastructure Project

In 2018 Leitrim County Council went to tender seeking to upgrade its outdated datacentre hardware with a hybrid cloud solution comprising of on premise, hyper converged infrastructure and integrated public/private disaster recovery cloud interface.

HCI is an IT framework that combines storage, computing and networking into a single system in an effort to reduce data center complexity and increase scalability. HCI results in cost savings in areas including data centre power and space; IT labour; and avoidance of licensed software such as backup or disaster recovery tools.

The tender was won by Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) and their Boyle based partner ProCloud Ltd.. The value of the tender is in excess of €300K over 5 years.

Front L. to R . Mary Quinn, Director of Services, LMCC, Niall O'Donohoe, Managing Director ProCloud, Brian Supple, Technical Director, ProCloud, 
Back L. to R . Michael Gunning, I.S. Project Leader, LMCC and Kevin Glancy, Head of I.S., LMCC

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Leitrim County Council has implemented a robust Safety Management System spanning all areas of the organisation. The harmonisation of these policies and procedures strengthens our approach in the management of health & safety, ensuring that all staff, contractors and members of the public are considered and protected from risk to safety and health.

Safety inspection rates significantly increased in 2017 demonstrating our commitment to monitor and review safety practices. Other highlights included the upgrading and expanding of the Lone Working System, the facilitation of on-site Health Screening and the development of the Health & Safety Portal.
## APPENDIX 1 – STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

### Appendix No. 1

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)**
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

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<td>Water Services</td>
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<td>3,200,667</td>
<td>66,103</td>
<td>73,071</td>
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<td>Rates</td>
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<td>5,427,117</td>
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<td>Local Property Tax</td>
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<td>8,956,315</td>
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<td>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer from/(to) Reserves</td>
<td>249,719</td>
<td>(246,253)</td>
<td>(836,923)</td>
<td>(824,549)</td>
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<td>Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</td>
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<td>3,466</td>
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<td>General Reserve at 1st January</td>
<td>(264,105)</td>
<td>(266,479)</td>
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<td>(280,639)</td>
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## Appendix No. 2

### Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31st December, 2018

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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total Creditors</strong></td>
<td><strong>14,468,262</strong></td>
<td><strong>14,446,533</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets / (Liabilities)</strong></td>
<td><strong>865,217,894</strong></td>
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<td><strong>865,217,894</strong></td>
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**Unaudited figures subjected to change**

### Appendix 3

**Membership of Committees following the Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council on 6th June, 2014 (updated to reflect any changes arising).**

Membership of Committees following the Annual Meeting of Leitrim County Council held on 6th June 2014

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<th>Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly</th>
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<th>Councillor Frank Dolan</th>
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### Ballinamore/Ballyconnell Joint Drainage Committee
- Councillor Paddy O’Rourke
- Councillor Caillian Ellis
- Councillor John McCartin
- Councillor Gerry Dolan
- Councillor Caroline Gildea co-opted in place of Councillor Martin Kenny on 14th March 2016

### Association of Irish Local Government
Will be voting delegates at the Association of Irish Local Government Annual Conference and will also be the permanent delegates to the Standing Policy of the Association of Irish Local Government for the full five year term

- Councillor Sean McGowan elected 26th June 2015 to replace Councillor Mary Bohan
- Councillor Sinead Guckian
- Councillor Paddy O’Rourke elected 7th March 2016 to replace Councillor John McCartin

### Local Authority Members Association
- Councillor Sean McGowan

### PEACE III Partnership
- Councillor Mary Bohan
- Councillor Sean McDermott
- Councillor Brendan Barry

### Leitrim County Enterprise Fund Limited
- Councillor Felim Gurn
- Councillor Justin Warnock

### Irish Central Border Areas Network
- Councillor Sean McDermott
- Councillor Paddy O’Rourke elected 26th June 2015 to replace Councillor Caillian Ellis

The Cathaoirleach is an ex-officio member.

### Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited
- Councillor Mary Bohan

### Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
- Councillor Sinead Guckian
- Councillor Enda Stenson
- Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire
- Councillor John McCartin
- Councillor Seadhna Logan
- Councillor Des Guckian

### Regional Drugs Task Force
- Councillor Sinead Guckian

### Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Training Board

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<th>Committee Name</th>
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<td>Local Community Development Committee</td>
<td>Councillor Mary Bohan, Councillor Paddy O’Rourke, Councillor Enda Stenson</td>
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<td>Governing Body of The NUI Galway</td>
<td>Councillor John McCartin re-elected on the 11th January 2016</td>
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<td>Library Advisory Committee</td>
<td>All Members, Councillor Caroline Gildea co-opted to Leitrim County Council to replace Cllr Kenny on 14th March 2016</td>
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<td>Lough Oughter and Gowna and River Erne Drainage Committee</td>
<td>Councillor Paddy O’Rourke, Councillor John McCartin</td>
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<td>Councillor Caillian Ellis, Councillor Felim Gurn, Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire</td>
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<td>County Leitrim Local Sports Partnership</td>
<td>Councillor Enda Stenson, Councillor Frank Dolan, Councillor Caillian Ellis</td>
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<td>Audit Committee</td>
<td>Councillor Sinead Guckian, Councillor John McCartin</td>
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<td>Disability Advisory Group</td>
<td>Councillor Felim Gurn, Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire, Councillor Des Guckian</td>
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Leitrim Joint Policing Committee

Councillor Sinead Guckian
Councillor Mary Bohan
Councillor Justin Warnock
Councillor Caillian Ellis
Councillor Des Guckian
Councillor Brendan Barry
Councillor Padraig Fallon
Councillor Finola Armstrong-McGuire
Councillor Sean McDermott
Councillor Enda Stenson
Councillor Felim Gurn
Councillor Gerry Dolan
Councillor John McCartin

Tourism Alliance
Cllr Felim Gurn – Manorhamilton Municipal District - appointed 15th Sept 2014
Cllr Finola Armstrong McGuire – Carrick Municipal District - appointed 8th Sept 2014
Cllr Caillian Ellis – Ballinamore Municipal District – appointed 7th October 2014

1916 Centenary Committee
Cllr Sean McDermott- Manorhamilton Municipal District - appointed 15th Sept 2014
Cllr Sinead Guckian – Carrick Municipal District – appointed 8th Sept 2014
Cllr Paddy O’Rourke – Ballinamore Municipal District – appointed 7th October 2014
Cllr Brendan Barry – Ballinamore Municipal District – appointed 2nd March 2015

Steering Committee on Comhairle na nOg
Councillor Paddy O’Rourke appointed 26th June 2015 Annual Meeting

Board of Arigna Enterprise Fund Ltd.
Councillor Brendan Barry appointed 25th April 2016 at Ballinamore Municipal District Meeting

Peace IV Committee
Councillor Justin Warnock - Manorhamilton MD. Appointed 15th February 2016
Councillor Enda Stenson - Carrick-on-Shannon MD Appointed 14th March 2016
Councillor Gerry Dolan - Ballinamore MD. Appointed 22nd February 2016
### APPENDIX 4 - DETAILS OF CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS ATTENDED BY THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

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<th>Details of the Conference/Seminar</th>
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<td>Celtic Conferences - Nursing Home Support Scheme</td>
<td>Cork</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>Celtic Conferences – New Affordable Houses Schemes</td>
<td>Louth</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government - Rural Social in Transition</td>
<td>Dundalk</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>Sea MacDiarmada Summer School 2018</td>
<td>Leitrim</td>
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<td>August</td>
<td>2018 Parnell Summer School</td>
<td>Wicklow</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>Celtic Conferences - EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020</td>
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No Conferences/Seminars were attended by Elected Members during the following months: May, July, September, October, November 2018.

### APPENDIX 5 – DETAILS OF TRAINING EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL IN 2018

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<th>Month</th>
<th>Details of Training Events</th>
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<td>Association of Irish Local Government – Module 1 – Councillors &amp; Journalists- How best to convey your message as</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>Association of Irish Local Government Annual Conference</td>
<td>Waterford</td>
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<td>LAMA 2018 Spring Training Seminar</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>Association of Irish Local Government – Module 2 - Councillors and Community Safety – A Briefing on Joint Policing Committees and Presentation on “Use Your Brain Not your Fists” Project (Leitrim County Council/Comhairle na nOg).</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>Association of Irish Local Government – Module 3 – Irish Water and a Single Public Water Utility</td>
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<td>September</td>
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<td>LAMA 2018 Autumn Seminar – Tourism – It’s Economic Benefits – Role of Local Authorities</td>
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<td>October</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>Association of Irish Local Government Autumn Training Module 6 – General Data Protection Regulations and the Elected Member</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>Irish Onsite Wastewater Association Conference</td>
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No Training Events were attended by Elected Members during the following months:- January, March, July, or August 2018.
Corporate Plan-Annual Progress Report 2018

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 2018 and follows the same format as the Corporate Plan itself.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**
  - LECP: The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and relevant SPC have continued the work of implementation during 2018.
  - SICAP: Year three of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) through the LCDCs was completed. The annual action plan for 2019 will be considered by the LCDC in December 2018.
  - LEADER: The LEADER Programme continued during 2018, supported by Leitrim Development Company as implementing partner and Leitrim County Council as financial partner.

- In 2018 the **Local Enterprise Office** (LEO) continued to work in collaboration with other agencies such as the Department of Social Protection, working towards the concept of a “One Stop Shop” for Enterprise supports. In 2018 the LEO Office engaged in the following initiatives:
  - Support Micro Enterprise Sector – In 2018 the LEO supported the Micro Enterprise sector with grant support and soft supports including training and mentoring. In 2018 a new grant was introduced offering technical assistance to micro exporters.
  - In 2018 the LEO Office introduced a new range of Brexit supports to local business.
  - Enterprise Education - The Student Enterprise Awards were delivered during 2018 at both national and secondary school level.
  - Enterprise Promotion - LEO delivered a week long programme of events during National Enterprise Week, which included a jobs fair.
  - LEO supported the Leitrim Business Network in the delivery of four networking events during 2018.
  - National Ploughing - LEO supported one client to attend the Enterprise Zone.
  - A number of Women in Business Networking Events took place during 2018.
  - In 2018 the LEO Office has delivered two partner ERASMUS projects.

- **Town Teams**: Leitrim County Council continued to engage with 3 Town Teams, namely Carrick on Shannon, Ballinamore and Manorhamilton to support the development of town centres and hinterlands in a collaborative manner.

  Leitrim County Council, with the support of the Town Teams, has made a funding application for Carrick on Shannon under the Urban Regeneration Fund which has now received confirmation of funding, while three further applications were submitted under the Rural Regeneration fund for the towns of Manorhamilton, Ballinamore and Mohill.

- **Purple Flag**: The Council in close co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce applied for and successfully retained purple flag status for Carrick on Shannon, during 2018.

- **Business Diaspora Engagement**: The preparation of a Diaspora Strategy is at an advanced stage and will be completed in early 2019.
• **SECURE**: Leitrim County Council continued its role as a partner under the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) co-funded SECURE Project around building smarter energy communities. SECURE is a 3 year (2016 – 2019) transnational project to help build the capacity of partner organisations to deploy successful energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and solutions in housing and public infrastructure.

• **USEFE** is jointly funded between Bord Na Mona, ESB and the counties of Leitrim, Cavan, Roscommon and Longford. The 2018 work programme included:
  - **Tourism**
    - Establishment of an Angling tourism project
    - Regional workshops held with service providers across four counties
    - Joint submission to Inland Fisheries Marketing Strategy
    - Presentation at the World Canals Conference 2018
    - Completion of the Laktive Tourism Project funded under the COSME Programme
  - **Renewable Energy**
    - Establishment of a Regional Sustainable Energy Group
    - Scoping of Biomass Supply Chain project application with IT Sligo
  - **Diaspora**
    - Completion of two communication workshops
    - Completion of County Strategies and Regional action plan
  - **Food**
    - Ongoing work on EU TRINNO project including staff exchanges and partner meetings
  - **Regional Enterprise Development Fund**
    - Ongoing work on the implementation of LoCaL Digital and Innovation Network project under the fund
  - **Economic Platform**
    - Networking Breakfast Briefing held with businesses across the region with address from Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation
  - **Communications/marketing**
    - Establishment of standalone project website

**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, 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. During 2018 a total funding of approx €1m was secured through the above mentioned schemes.

**Infrastructural Development**

**Roads**

- The 2018 roads program was agreed by the Municipal Districts and rolled out. In addition funding was also received in regard to the Local Improvement Schemes and the Community Involvement Schemes. The initial allocation delivered 12 LIS schemes with an additional allocation recently announced, while 15 CIS schemes were supported.
- During the year the Council prepared the next multi-annual Restoration Improvement Grant program for 2019 – 2021.
- The Compulsory Purchase Order process has now been completed for the N16 realignment scheme at Drummahan. It is anticipated that this scheme will progress to construction in 2019.
• Detailed design is nearing completion on the following new overlay schemes:

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

• The Council continued to support the Tidy Towns Committees across the county with financial support through the GMA and assistance from the area structures on an ongoing basis.

**OPW Flood Relief Scheme**

In 2018, Leitrim County Council completed 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 Capital Flood Relief Scheme – Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAMS)**

In 2018 Leitrim County Council received approval from the OPW to commence work on the Flood Relief Schemes in

Carrick on Shannon
Leitrim Village
Mohill

In 2018 Leitrim County Council received €50,000 funding from the OPW to carry out drainage works on the following drainage districts:

Eslin Drainage Districts.
Headford Drainage Districts.
Rynn/Black Drainage Districts.
Ballinamore/Ballyconnell Drainage Districts.

**Road Safety**

The County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020 was published in 2016. The Road Safety Working Together Group continued to meet in 2018 with a presentation to the Joint Policy Committee in Quarter 3 on road safety.

**Rural Water Programme**

Under this Multi Annual Programme, funding was received by Leitrim County Council in 2018 in respect of the following:-

**Measure 1 – Improvements to GWS’s - Drinking Water Regulations – Water Quality**
Breveiga GWS (formerly Cornashamsogue GWS) – Source protection works have been completed on this Scheme in 2018. Network improvement works remain to be completed and a Consultant Engineer has been appointed to design a treatment plant.

Measure 2 – Enhancement of Existing Schemes
- Drumcree GWS. Network Upgrade Works have been completed
- Drumaleague GWS – Networks Upgrade Works are ongoing subject to funding availability.
- Lismoyle / Coolcrieve GWS – Networks Upgrade Works are ongoing subject to funding availability.
- Cloonsarn GWS – Network Upgrade Works have commenced and are currently in progress
- Mohercregg GWS – Works are at an advanced stage of completion.

Measure 4 (b) – Take Over of GWS’s – 100 % Funding
- Tawneyfeacle GWS – this GWS has been approved for Take-Over by Irish Water. However, works are required to the Scheme in order to bring it up to the standard required for take over and a Consulting Engineer is currently working on network upgrade design.

Measure 4 (d) – Group Sewerage Schemes
- Hartley / Cartown GSS - Preliminary design of this Scheme has been completed. This Scheme is now at Part 8 Public Consultation Stage.

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 2018:-
- North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme Phase 11 construction is substantially complete by the DBO Contractor and the operational stage will soon commence.
- Manorhamilton and Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant construction stage is ongoing and currently being operated by the DBO Contractor.
- Work has commenced on the upgrade of 4 no wastewater treatment plants during 2018.
- Leitrim County Council continued to work with Irish Water on the delivery of watermain replacement and leak detection programmes during 2018.

Tourism
Leitrim County Council continued to invest in the promotion of County Leitrim as a tourism destination during 2018, in collaboration with key partners such as Waterways Ireland, Failte Ireland, and Inland Fisheries Ireland. The following promotional events were delivered during the year to date:
- Attendance at trade shows, including Meitheal.
- 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.

In 2018, the Council continued to update and promote Leitrim Tourism through enjoyleitrim.com. Leitrim County Council supported priority investment areas in tourism based upon an open call for projects under the General Municipal Allocation and continued the development of the Slow Adventure Tourism concept.
In 2018, the Hidden Heartlands brand proposition was launched. This will overlap in a collaborative manner with the Wild Atlantic brand proposition. The Council completed the Economic Appraisal of the SLNCR Greenway and completed an application for funding towards the planning and developmental costs for this project.

High Quality Sustainable Living Environment

Environment

- In 2018, the Environment Department continued to carry out all inspections as required under the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) as approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) including farm surveys, waste water discharge licences and Domestic Waste Water Treatment System inspections under the EPA National Inspection Plan.
- In 2018, the WERLA delivered priority actions in the following areas:
  - Enforcement of Household Waste Management Legislation.
  - Waste Tyres,
  - End of life vehicles
  - Illegal dumping activities in particular the dumping of construction and demolition waste and fly tipping.
  - Packaging, with a focus on very large operators.
- In 2018, Leitrim County Council worked in collaboration with LAWCO on River Basin Management Planning with greater public engagement and participation in the making and application of the River Basin Management Plans and Programme of Measures.

Planning & Sustainable Development

- The Planning Authority commenced preliminary work on the preparation of a new County Development Plan (2021-2027) during 2018. A Variation to the existing County Development Plan was made in May to give effect to the provisions of the Vacant Site Levy. The Planning Authority also inputted into the preparation of draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Regional Assembly.
- The Planning Department managed the preparation of an application for funding under the Urban Reservation and Development Fund 2018 for a Public Realm Improvement Scheme for Carrick on Shannon and an application for funding under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund 2018 for a Public Realm Improvement scheme for Manorhamilton. The Local Authority has received funding of €2.899m in 2019 for Carrick on Shannon with the value of the project over the course of 3 years extending to €8.67.
- The Council continued to progress the resolution of unfinished estates in 2018 and the next tranche of taking in charge applications will be progressed through the process in mid January when 45 no. housing developments will be advertised for taking in charge.
- The pre planning process continued in 2018. The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planner normally each Wednesday morning. To the end of November, a total
of 89 no. pre application consultation files had been created which necessitated approximately 45 meetings with the remainder of queries dealt with through correspondence.

- 187 no. valid planning application has been received to 14th December 2018, with 33 no. of the applications lodged relating to commercial developments. This compares to 170 no. applications received during the same period in 2017.

- 7 no. Part 8 Public Consultation Applications were dealt with by the Planning Authority during 2018. These included an extension to Aras an Chontae, a 27 no. social housing scheme at Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon, a replacement Fire Station in Ballinamore with the Public Realm Improvement Scheme in Carrick on Shannon currently on public display.

- The Council appointed a new Heritage Officer in July has begun the preparation of a replacement Heritage Plan. This has included the establishment of a new Heritage Forum is being arranged. The Heritage Officer has managed the Creative Ireland funded Traditional Shopfronts project in Co. Leitrim which in nearing completion. In addition, the Heritage Officer has updated the Heritage Section of the Council website, updated the heritage mailing list, visited a number of heritage sites across north Leitrim and dealt with a range of public enquiries which included graveyard conservation, tree planting, event promotion, funding sources, protected structures and conservation of archaeological sites.

- The Planning Authority successfully obtained funding for 4 projects under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and funding for 3 projects under the Structures at Risk Fund, both funds operated by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Emergency Services
Leitrim Fire Services continued to provide emergency fire services in the County. In 2018 progress was achieved in the following areas:

- Leitrim County Council was part of a joint procurement contract with Roscommon as the lead authority for the purchase of a new Class B appliance for Leitrim Fire service. We took delivery of a new Class B appliance in May 2018.
- Approval was received for the funding of 2 new 4x4 vehicles.
- Leitrim fire service continued to lead the Cross Border Emergency Management Group aimed at improving cross border cooperation in dealing with major emergencies.
- Approval was received from the Department of the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for capital funding to carry out improvement works at Ballinamore and Drumshanbo fire stations.
- Work commenced on site on the Ballinamore project.
- A site for the development of a new fire station in Manorhamilton was acquired.
- Approval was received under the Erasmus+ programme for a new EU wide fire safety project with 9 partners from 7 EU countries to develop a new fire safety education programme for second level schools in Europe.

Civil Defence
- Leitrim Civil Defence participated in a number of search and recovery activities during 2018, in collaboration with other state agencies.
• Leitrim Civil Defence continued to roll out training nationally to counties who are using the sonar system for water based searches as developed by Leitrim Civil Defence.

**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 2018, 63 new tenancies were created in standard local authority accommodation, this figure is inclusive of 10 transfers and 9 RAS contracts which were negotiated. At year-end 253 households were in receipt of HAP payments.

The Statutory Assessment of Housing Need was completed in June 2018, which required a detailed review of all approved housing applicants. On completion of the detailed assessment the net need identified was 304 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 2018.

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 61 outputs have been achieved which equates to 132.61% delivery rate. The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee met 4 times in 2018 and monitored the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme and other matters arising.

In 2018 the Housing Department continued to secure exchequer funding to facilitate the following:-

• **Acquisitions.** Leitrim County Council purchased eighteen houses in 2018 under the housing acquisition programme funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (Department). Six of these houses were purchased under the Buy and Renew scheme. All of the houses required some upgrades / remedial works and approximately 13 of them will be returned to productive use by year end with the remaining units to be completed by early 2019. In addition two units were purchased by Approved Housing Bodies under the CALF funding stream during 2018.

• **Voids Programme.** In 2018 funding was approved for 28 houses.

• **Disabled Person Grants.** In 2018, twenty three grant applications have been approved and works on these units have been substantially completed with 2 house extensions under construction at present.

• **Planned Maintenance Programme.** Under the Council’s 2018 Planned Maintenance Programme, a program for the installation and the replacement of fire detection and carbon monoxide detection devices was commenced.

• **Housing Capital Construction Programme.** Seven new houses were constructed at Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton, during 2018, and these are now completed.

• **The Refugee Resettlement Programme** continued in 2018, supported by the local Refugee Interagency Steering Group and co funded by the Department of Justice and Equality and the EU Asylum Migration and Integration Fund.

**An Inclusive County**

• **A Peace and Reconciliation Programme** of € 1.8 million is being rolled out in Leitrim for 2018 and 2019. The programme has three themes;
  - *Children and Young People:*
  - *Building Positive Relations:*
  - *Shared Spaces:*

• The **Public Participation Network** continued to grow during 2018 with 253 groups registered.
• **Comhairle na Nóg Liatroma** continued to enjoy the support of all second level schools and youth clubs in Leitrim. They launched a ‘**Use your Brain Not Your Fist**’ video which highlights the effects a serious assault can have on both the victim and the perpetrator. The video received national recognition with plans for it to be shown in all schools and sporting organizations nationwide.

• **Leitrim Age Friendly** Alliance and Older Persons Council progressed actions under the 2017-2020 Age Friendly Strategy. Some of the key achievements in 2018 were the representation of Go Games team for Co Leitrim at the national competition and the introduction of Triobikes to improve accessibility.

• **Pride of Place** had applications from Tullaghan in Population Category and Comhairle na Nóg, Liatroma in the Community Wellbeing Initiative.

• **Love Where you Live Awards** were held in conjunction with the PPN. The awards received a record number of 108 entries with 300 people attending the awards ceremony in October.

• Leitrim were allocated €189,068 under the **Community Enhancement Programme** with 108 community groups and sporting organizations benefiting from the grant scheme.

• A new **playground** was constructed in Roosky under the Towns and Villages Funding Scheme.

• The **Traveller Interagency Group** met quarterly in 2018 and action plans are in place for three core groups; Education, Accommodation and Health.

• 46 Smoke Alarms were provided under the **Community Smoke Alarm Scheme**.

**Sports and Recreation**
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.

The 8th Annual Leitrim Sports Star Awards Night took place on 24th November, 2018 in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon with guest of honour, Irish Ladies Hockey Captain Katie Mullen. Ms Dereval Rooney 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 2018.

**Arts**
In 2018 Leitrim County Council published its first Culture and Creativity Strategy and signed its first multi-annual framework agreement with The Arts Council. These two documents form the basis of the Council’s forthcoming Arts Plan which will be published in early 2019.

• **The Dock** In 2018 an investment in the centre helped ensure that it could be sustained as a cornerstone of the counties cultural infrastructure. This work improved facilities and addressed health and safety standards and fire regulations.
• **Creative Frame** supports professional and emerging practitioners from all performing and visual arts and design disciplines. Membership continues to grow with 80 new artists joining this year bringing current membership to 290 artists.

• The SPARK programme in partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office fosters collaboration between artists and conventional businesses.

• The Glens Centre and Leitrim Sculpture Centre remain vital elements of the cultural infrastructure to North Leitrim. In particular Leitrim County Council work closely with both venues together with the Cornmill Theatre in Carrigallen and Solas Gallery in Ballinamore.

• **Culture Night** continues as a valuable platform for venues throughout the county to build their audience and to provide opportunities for people to try something new.

• Migration, displacement, farming, forestry and the power of language in translation were themes at the heart of this year’s **Iron Mountain festival** which featured the 2018 Dublin Literary prize winner Mike McCormack author of ‘Solar Bones’.

• Over the last two years the Arts Office has been a key partner in the development of Leitrim Dance Project which invited leading national and international dancers to Leitrim to provide professional development training and mentoring for emerging professional dancers from Leitrim, elsewhere in Ireland and internationally.

• **Children and Young People.** Membership of Youth Theatre grows each year, far exceeding the national average, expanding to five groups in Carrigallen including Bright Sparks, a group specifically for children with additional needs, while there are three groups at full capacity in Carrick on Shannon and two in Manorhamilton.

• Leitrim County Council is a key partner in Music Generation Leitrim, which is led by MSLETB. The project is part of Music Generation - Ireland’s national music education programme.

**Library**

• Leitrim County Library Service implemented a broad programme of new technologies which have transformed service delivery in Leitrim libraries in 2018, with self-service printing facilities available in Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton Libraries and self-service lending kiosks in each of the 5 full-time libraries.

• Leitrim County Library Service continues to develop and encourage further digital participation, as well as providing users with alternative and flexible ways to access an endless range of online resources.

• “Healthy Ireland at your Library” is a national programme that aims to establish libraries as a valuable source within the community for health information.

  Leitrim County Library Service launched this initiative in January 2018, with the help of “Ireland’s Fittest Family” - the Beirne Family from Mohill.

• Leitrim County Library Service was pleased to be involved in the development of the new national library strategy “Libraries Ireland 2018-2022” which was launched by Minister Michael Ring TD in June of this year.

• The promotion of literacy, culture and heritage is at the heart of library programming and an exciting calendar of events was delivered in 2018, further enhanced by Leitrim County Council’s involvement in the Creative Ireland programme.

**Maximising Operational and Organisational Capacity**

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The three Municipal Districts of Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton continued to operate in 2018 and held monthly meetings and they also adopted the General Municipal Allocation for Municipal District Works. 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 2018 and a number of policy matters were progressed and brought to the full Council for adoption. The Joint Policing Committee also met on four occasions in 2017 and progressed actions included in the Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan. A public meeting of the JPC was also held in May in 2018 in Manorhamilton with the theme of ‘Youth Safety in Leitrim’.

Staff Learning & Development
The workforce planning process has continued throughout 2018 with a view to streamlining operational processes and to assist in making the best use of available staff resources. 2018 saw a rise in the level of recruitment activity with 32 positions advertised and a total of 39 new staff commencing work with Leitrim County Council during the year, on a mix of permanent and temporary contracts.

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 2018. A comprehensive Learning and Development Plan was implemented in 2018 which is complemented by the Staff Education Scheme, providing support to staff members pursuing further education opportunities. The staff mentoring programme and the Employee Assistance Programme were continued in 2018.

Managing Risk & Resources
Leitrim County Council continued to adopt a prudent approach to expenditure during 2018, resulting in the delivery of services within budget. Leitrim County Council has prepared a Corporate Risk Register in collaboration with the Audit Committee and each Directorate within the Local Authority. The 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 2018.

Quality Customer Services
In 2018, 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, 2017. The extended Quality Assurance Group and the Management Team also met to review and analyse the data relating to the National & Local Performance Indicators for 2018.

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.

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 2018. 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,

Lar Power
Chief Executive

**APPENDIX NO. 7 NATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2017**

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<td>C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2017</td>
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<td>E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2017</td>
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<td>The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2017</td>
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<td>A. Expenditure during 2017 on the repair and maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA compiled on a continuous basis from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, divided by the no. of directly provided dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2017</td>
<td>€1319.18</td>
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<td>Expenditure on repair and maintenance of LA stock compiled on a continuous basis from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, including planned maintenance expenditure but excluding expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes</td>
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### Housing: H3 & H5

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<td>A. The Time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2017 when a new tenancy had commenced in the dwelling, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2017</td>
<td><strong>70.25 wk</strong></td>
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<td>B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2017 ready for re-letting, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2017</td>
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<td>The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2017 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)</td>
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<td>The number of weeks from when the previous tenant vacated the dwelling up to the date of the new tenant’s first rent debit totalled for all dwellings re-tenanted in 2017</td>
<td><strong>4004.14 wk</strong></td>
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<td>Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings</td>
<td><strong>€983472.4</strong></td>
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<td>A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2017</td>
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<td>B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2017</td>
<td>111</td>
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<td>C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2017 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations</td>
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<td>D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2017</td>
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### Housing: H6

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<td>A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult</td>
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<td>Roads: R1 &amp; R2 Approved</td>
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<td>The % of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2017</td>
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<td>85 %</td>
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<td>The % of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2017</td>
<td>2 %</td>
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<td>19 %</td>
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<td>32 %</td>
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<td>20 %</td>
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<td>A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2017</td>
<td>15.8 km</td>
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<td>A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2017</td>
<td>€1627840.00</td>
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<td>B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2017</td>
<td>3.6 km</td>
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<td>B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2017</td>
<td>€114422.00</td>
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<td>C1. Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2017</td>
<td>56.9 km</td>
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<td><strong>Motor Tax: R3</strong></td>
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<td><strong>A.</strong> The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2017</td>
<td>62.84 %</td>
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<td>% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2017</td>
<td>1.00 %</td>
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<th><strong>Waste: E1</strong></th>
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<td><strong>A.</strong> The number of households, based on the 2016 Census, who are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2017</td>
<td>7975</td>
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<td><strong>B.</strong> The % of households within the local authority (also as per the 2016 Census) that the number at A represents</td>
<td>64.29 %</td>
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<td><strong>A1.</strong> Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2017</td>
<td>351</td>
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<td><strong>A2.</strong> Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017</td>
<td>283</td>
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<td><strong>A3.</strong> Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2017</td>
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<th><strong>Litter Pollution: E3</strong></th>
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<td><strong>A1.</strong> The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was unpolluted or litter free</td>
<td>1 %</td>
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<td><strong>A2.</strong> The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was slightly polluted</td>
<td>1 %</td>
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<td><strong>A3.</strong> The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was moderately polluted</td>
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<td>A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority</td>
<td>14.58 %</td>
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<td>Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017 by a builder or developer on the local authority</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2017 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2017 undertaken by the local authority</td>
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<td>A4. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was significantly polluted</td>
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<td>A5. The % of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2017 was grossly polluted</td>
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<td>C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development</td>
<td>60.0 %</td>
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<td>Planning: P4 &amp; P5 Approved</td>
<td>A. The 2017 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census</td>
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<td>AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2017</td>
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<td>A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt</td>
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<td>B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant</td>
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| D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations | 8.00 % |
| E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings | 32.00 % |
| F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2017 | 24 |
| Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000 | 15 |
| Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations | 2 |
| Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings | 8 |
refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application

The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2017 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period

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If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave:

25 staff were on long term sick leave in 2017 including 13 who were out for more than 60 days, 3 of whom were out for the full year. Excluding long term sick leave brings the indicator figure back to 558 certified sick days or 0.95%.

| A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017, divided by the WTE no. | €3919.06 |
| Total revenue expenditure on Account Elements | €1018602 |

**Corporate: C3 Approved**

| A. Total page views of the local authority's websites in 2017 | 217574 |
| B. Total number of followers at end 2017 of the LA's social media accounts | 6119 |
| The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority | 2 |

**Finance: M1 & M2 Approved**

<p>| A. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2013 in the Revenue Account from the Income &amp; Expenditure of the AFS | €-1579451 |</p>
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<td>F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2017 as a percentage of Total</td>
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<td>Income from the AFS statement</td>
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<td>G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2017</td>
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<td>A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017</td>
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<td>A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2017</td>
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<td>B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2017</td>
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<td>A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017</td>
<td>101</td>
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<td>A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>New tenancies created</td>
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<td>Loc 4</td>
<td>Housing</td>
<td>% achievement Traveller Accommodation Programme targets</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Loc 5</td>
<td>Planning</td>
<td>Number of formal pre planning enquiries and average waiting time</td>
<td>88 (16.85 working days)</td>
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<td>Loc 6</td>
<td>Environment</td>
<td>% schools participating in environmental campaigns (Green Schools)</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Loc 7</td>
<td>Water</td>
<td>% of unaccounted for water</td>
<td>50.5%</td>
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<td>Loc 8</td>
<td>Youth/Community</td>
<td>Participation in sport (Leitrim Sports Partnership Events / Activities)</td>
<td>10,791</td>
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<td>Loc 9</td>
<td>Youth/Community</td>
<td>Usage of social infrastructure:</td>
<td>4,340 visitors per 1,000 population</td>
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<td>• No. of visitors to local authority facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population</td>
<td>4.594</td>
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<td>• No. of childrens playgrounds per 1,000 pop directly provided/facilitated by LCC</td>
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<td>Loc 10</td>
<td>Youth/Community</td>
<td>Number participating in Arts activities</td>
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<td>Loc 11</td>
<td>Corporate</td>
<td>% Customer Contacts closed within 4 weeks</td>
<td>95.38%</td>
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<td>Loc 12</td>
<td>Finance</td>
<td>% suppliers paid within 15 days</td>
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<td>Loc 13</td>
<td>Economic Development</td>
<td>Number of start-ups through LEO/local services (not including non eligible start ups who availed of training and mentor support).</td>
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<td>Business vacancy rate</td>
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<td>Tourism</td>
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