
Finance & Water Services Directorate

**MARCH 2016 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division**

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| Total | 4,641,817 | 15,235,525 | 22% | 25,925,636 | 6,903,655 | 13,519,020 | 22% | 26,146,988 | 11,577 | 11,577 |

**MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF MARCH 2016**

- Water Expenditure inline with Income from Irish Water.
- Development Management Income is ahead of budget due to £/0 Grant income from Intersep Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.

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**March 2016 - Recourse to Overdraft**

| Days | No. of Days in Overdraft during December 2015 | Interest Incurred | % | G |%
|------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|

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**March 2016 - Collection Rates**

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<td>4,200,380</td>
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<td>10%</td>
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<td>31%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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**March 2016 - Aged Debt Analysis**

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**RATES**

- 51%<br>- 28%<br>- 14%<br>- 5%

**RENTS**

- 75%<br>- 15%<br>- 10%

**LOAN**

- 0%<br>- 100%<br>- 0%

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**30 Days** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**60 Days** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**90 Days** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**120 Days** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**1 Year** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**2 Years** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**> 2 Years** | 0% | 0% | 0%<br>**Total** | 0% | 0% | 0%
**Water Services**

**Operations Update**

**Maximo:**

The month of March saw 73 issues raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System. 63 related to water and 10 related to waste water.

**Water Conservation:**

The Unaccounted for Water is 50.3%. Areas of Priority for IW during 2016. The Following District Metered Areas need Water Conservation / Leak Detection.

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<th>DMA Name</th>
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**Capital Update:**

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

Extension to Moneyduff WTP and Watermains extensions to Rossinver / Kiltyclogher.

Jennings O’ Donovan have been appointed Consulting Engineers. The total estimated cost of this project is now €8.076 million incl. VAT.

Planning Application for new pumping station at Cooladonnell reservoir has been granted.
The contract at Moneyduff WTP extension has been advertised and tender clarifications are being dealt with and Site visits for all tenderers are being arranged. The current Programme envisages award of contract and commencement on site for both contracts in August / September 2016.

Irish Water Capital Delivery are now seeking to fast track the pipelines contract to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver. Three preferred contractors currently under contract to Irish Water have been invited to tender and a tender assessment and recommendation has been forwarded to Irish Water for procurement. A report / paper will be submitted to WIAC April meeting for approval. Once approved the successful contractor will be expected to commence works without delay.

**Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734**

**Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735**

This project was approved for Funding by WIAC on 21/1/15. Nicholas O Dwyers have been appointed Consulting Engineers. Planning Permission granted by Leitrim County Council.

The Design and Tender Documents have been finalised and Irish Water Central Sourcing Team (CST) has checked these and have commented back to NOD’s. The final documents will issue to IW 1st week in April for procurement of a contractor. It is hoped that a contract can be signed circa 16th June 2016.

These two separate projects in IW’s Capital Programme are being completed as one. The all in cost of this project is currently estimated at €2,009,931. incl VAT

**Minor Capital Works**

The total cost of all Projects Approved to date is estimated in excess of €2.5million

- **HSQE Programme** – On hold by IW
  8 No. housing wastewater package plants in County Leitrim. They are considering their position in relation to responsibility for these and are withholding funding.

- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project which is being managed directly by Irish Water.

- **Sampling Programme** – flow monitoring and sampling at 12 No. WWTP’S in County Leitrim. This project is regionalised with IW Donegal office - Project Manager is being progressed with our assistance. Glan Agua has been awarded this contract and works have commenced on various sites. Works will complete in 3-4 weeks. Approx Estimate in Leitrim = €120,000

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme** – level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 13 No. drinking water reservoir sites. This has also been regionalised and Ryan Hanley consulting engineers have been appointed to Design and prepare contract documents for this contract. There has been little or no progress on this project over the last 6 months. This is being project managed by Irish Water. Approx Estimate €91,400
• **Power actuated valves** to replace ball cock valves at 5No. Reservoirs - all works completed and final account has been prepared and submitted to IW Minor Capital Lead for approval. Small claim to be approved. **Contract Value €73,900.**

• **DMA Programme** – Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in County Leitrim. The contract has been awarded to EMR and initial meeting has taken place. Design works to begin immediately. Works will be completed circa July 2016. **Estimated cost: €518,000.**

• **Kilenna Watermain** replacement (2km) is approved and included in the minor capital programme. **Estimated cost: €100,000.** *(The existing supply along this section is under a threat of a boil water notice due to poorly discoloured water due to poor condition of old cast iron mains.)* The Tender Documents were prepared and finalised by Leitrim County Council and were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for procurement of a contractor off their Frameworks. There has been no update from Irish Water on the appointment of a Contractor.

• **Provide Raw Water Sample** to instruments at Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant. Works completed by Veolia Ireland Ltd at a Cost of €8,500

• **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.** **Estimated cost: €270,000.**

  Nicholas O’Dwyers Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Irish Water and work has commenced on the preparation of Design and Tender documents.

  Budgets approved Drumshanbo - €150,000, and Ballinamore - €51,100 and Leitrim Village €6,500 Carrigallen - €60,000. Planning applications prepared and ready for submission to the Council. Design and Tender documents substantially completed.

• **Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000**

  LCC documents were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for the appointment of a contractor from their Frameworks. There have been a number of bursts in recent times. Irish Water notified of urgency and need to appoint contractor ASAP.

• **Dowra and Boley Hill Watermain Replacement.** *(Currently on boil water notice)*

  Dowra - Works completed J.Reilly Plant Hire contractors.

  Boley Hill – Scource Civil Contractors appointed and designs commenced. Road opening Licences being prepared.

• **Drumsna WWTP.** Irish Water has approved an ANB for Minor Capital upgrade of Drumsna WWTP to provide for optimisation of the treatment process. The works require the construction of a balancing tank and level sensor and linked communications to main pumping station. The estimated cost is €62,000. Design and tender document preparation will be undertaken by CaPO and submitted to IW for procurement.
• **Bridge Street- Carrick**
  Irish Water has approved the replacement of old cast iron water mains in **Bridge Street Carrick on Shannon at an estimated cost of circa €50,000.**
  Tenders have been received for these works and are being assessed by CaPO and IW Minor projects. We await notification of appointment.
  Irish Water has been notified of Roads improvements works are to happen here in April / May of this year. The water main upgrade works must happen soon. Reminder sent to Irish Water.

• **Ballinamore and Mohill Mains Replacement:** The replacement of old cast Iron mains at Ballinamore and Mohill measuring circa 6.4Km has recently been approved under Minor Capital Programmes. Irish Water has decided to fast track these works under Major Capital Delivery. These three water main replacement jobs have been bundled up and Tobins Consulting Engineers have completed survey and designs. Irish Water intend to issue a variation for these works in Leitrim to an existing contract currently ongoing in the region with a view to commencement in Q2 2016.

**Other Projects recently approved under Minor Capital works**

1. **New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant estimate €50,000** has been approved under Minor Capital. Irish Water has instructed that this be procured under SCM. – The Council has prepared tender documents and has submitted to Irish Water for procurement. Works should begin soon.

2. **Chlorination Boosting at Oughteraght Reservoir Estimate €25,000**
   Some negotiations with IW on this. Temporary measures in place by boosting chlorine upstream. Not sure the status of this at present. Maybe best tackled as part of the Disinfection Programme review for Leitrim.

3. **Two jobs at Kinlough/Tullaghan – Glenade water treatment plant the upgrade of Filters and raw water diversion at a total estimated cost of €44,000** is approved. Work is yet to commence on scoping of the works and appointment of a contractor.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**

**Local Enterprise Office (LEO)**

**Training**

Training programmes continue to run for Spring/Summer, bookings and payments are made online.

**Networking**

Leitrim Business Network met during Enterprise Week with Guest Speaker Breifne Earley.

**PR**

Local Enterprise Week created a lot of PR between road signs, radio ads, articles in paper, facebook advertisements and a social media campaign to ensure the message was out there. This resulted in good turnout at all events held during the week.
Local Enterprise Week
Enterprise Week took place from 7th-11th March and LEO Leitrim hosted a total of twelve events during the week, including the high profile events of Student Enterprise Awards County Final and National Enterprise Awards County Final.

Events held included the following:

- County Final of the Student Enterprise Awards with winning teams from Carrigallen (Senior Level) and Drumshanbo (Junior Level) going on to represent Leitrim at the National Final in Croke Park on 20th April next.
- County Final of National Enterprise Awards with overall winner Mc Niffes Bakery going on to represent Leitrim at National Final in Aviva Stadium on 9th June.
- Seminars during the week included— Green Business, Get Export Ready, Company Law, Sources of Finance
- Training Programmes ran included – Facebook for Business -Beginners, Content, Imagery and the Power of Storytelling, Start your own Business and Introduction to Designing your own free artists website
- There was also website review clinics, and Leitrim Business Network quarterly meeting

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

Other
The Food Academy Programme completed with food businesses pitching to Supervalu on 1st March in St. Angela’s College, Sligo. A total of 5 Leitrim Businesses took part in this programme, 4 of these are proceeding to trial in Supervalu in May, 2016.

All participating schools in the Student Enterprise Awards County Final had been asked to submit a proposal on how they would make use of a 3D printer and the winning proposal and winner of a 3D printer for their school (sponsored by Local Enterprise Office) was awarded to Mohill Community College.

Economic Development
RDP 2014 – 2020
- Work continued on preparation of Service Level Agreement and queries on the LDS were replied to.

LCDC and Local Community Plan and Local Economic Plan
- LECP logo prepared in English and Irish

Regional Economic Development Zones (REDZ) - Manorhamilton
- Follow up meeting held with groups on March 15th to agree next steps:
  - Community and Leisure - Gerry Creamer (Bee Park) and Declan Boyle (LSP)
  - Culture and Creativity - Sean O’ Reilly, Leitrim Sculpture Centre and Philip Delamere
  - Heritage and Tourism - Vincent Dwyer and Philip Rooney
  - Town Planning and Development - Bernard Greene, Nollaig Whyte and Ronan Haslette

Purple Flag
- Meeting held with Late Night group to help complete application for renewal
- Early Evening Appeal group organising meeting in March also.
• Plans set in place for 2016 Public Perceptions Survey

Renewable Energy Group
• Word received that SECURE application was successful and kick-off meeting will take place in May

Carrick on Shannon Town Development
• The Town Offer Group met to agree their next steps following full town meeting in February.
• Marketing and Citizen Engagement Group will meet in April.

USEFE
Application submitted to Local Diaspora Engagement fund to harness the connection with the Diaspora through key local festivals in the four counties. It will also involve training of USEFE partner staff and festival organisers as well as promotional material to be distributed to Diaspora at the festivals.

• USEFE Steering Group Meeting was held on the 1st of March 2016 in Longford Co. Council. An update was given on each sectoral group’s activity

• USEFE Co-ordinator presented an update on the Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Project to the Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Ballinamore Municipal District Meetings on the 14th, 21st and 29th of March. A general update was provided on each sectoral group’s activity.

Tourism Development
The following actions have been undertaken throughout March 2016 to facilitate the continued promotion of the tourism initiatives in the County:

1) Leitrim Tourism hosted a joint stand with Waterways Ireland to promote the Shannon Blueway at the Telegraph Outdoor and Adventure show in the Excel Exhibition Centre London. The trade were asked to submit special offers which were distributed to show attendees. A competition also took place.

2) Social media campaign was conducted in conjunction with the Telegraph Outdoor & Adventure show on the relevant sites.

3) A call for Community Diaspora funding was opened for events that will attract Diaspora to return to Leitrim.

4) The Tourism officer attended the Tourism Ireland Canadian road show which consisted of events in Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa. Over the 4 days presentations showcasing the Leitrim offering were made to over 300 tour operators, travel agents and media.

5) The tourism website is in its final stage and will be going out for review.

6) Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained.

Development Management
Manorhamilton - Progress ‘Manor 2020’
• A workshop was held on Tuesday 15th March with the Planning & Town Development Group which was established following the successful Manor Summit. Work has commenced on the preparation of the Progress ‘Manor 2020’ land use strategy as provided for in ‘To the Waters and the Wild: A Plan for the Manorhamilton Rural Economic Development Zone.

Development Contributions Scheme Review
• Work is presently underway in reviewing the County Leitrim Development Contributions Scheme (2004). A draft of the new scheme will be presented to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC on April 25th next.
Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge

- The Council is nearing completion with 3 no. developments awarded funding under the Special Resolution Fund, with outstanding works substantially complete.
- Leitrim County Council await further details of the recently announced €10 million of funding that will be made available nationally to kick start the ‘Taking In Charge’ process focusing primarily on those estates where applications to take the estates in charge have been made to the Local Authority.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of March. The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planner each Wednesday morning. Appointments, which require pre-booking, take place in Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon. 7 new pre planning consultations took place during March in addition to setting up new pre planning application files / scheduling meetings for April.

Development Management

- 13 no. valid planning applications were received in March which included 3 applications relating to commercial development. Unfortunately a further 7 no. applications were deemed invalid of which 3 have since had valid applications accepted.
- 13 final decisions on planning applications were made during March (7 relating to applications for permission, 4 relating to applications for retention and 1 application seeking an extension of duration of planning permission). A request for further information issued with respect to a further 5 no. applications.

Heritage

- The Heritage Officer published 4 no. newsletters (Heritage Matters) during March. This notified interested stakeholders of the closing dates for various grant schemes: the Irish Georgian Society Conservation Grants Scheme 2016, the Heritage Management Grant Scheme 2016, the Community Tourism Diaspora Project, Structures at Risk Fund 2016 and of Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan Grant Scheme 2016.
- Details of the various 2016 Centenary commemoration events, exhibitions and other talks / events organised were also included.
- Details of Heritage Week Training Day for Event Organisers were also included in the last edition.

Delivering remaining projects of the 2007-2013 Programmes

Lough Rinn Recreational Facility:

Leitrim County Council is delighted to again receive 2015 Sports Capital Funding of €200,000 towards the further development of the world Class Lough Rinn Recreational facility which caters for Rowing/Canoeing and Kayaking. We have also secured a 2014 Sports Capital Grant Funding of €150,000. The first phase of these works providing additional pontoon facilities is currently being prepared for tender.

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.

Rowing Ireland is holding a National Rowing Regatta on Lough Rinn on Saturday 14th May 2016 which should attract Rowing Clubs from all over Ireland and will promote Tourism and the Sports venue on Lough Rinn.
ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – All the 2015 NIP Inspections are completed. A review is currently ongoing regards 2014 NIP where the public were notified to rectify problems with their DWWTS and given a specified timeframe to address sites that failed the test. The Council will be inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. We will be selecting these sites based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2016 RMCEI Plan. The 2016 RMCEI Plan was submitted to EPA in January 2016.

CFRAMs – OPW and their Consultant Jacobs Engineering are working on the development of suitable flood mitigation options regarding the management of flood risk in the Shannon River Basin District in the Leitrim area. The Flood Risk Management Options had Public Consultation meetings which took place within Leitrim on in November 2015. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is leading the CFRAM Programme in part to meet Irelands 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.

The OPW in conjunction with their Consulting Engineers plan to have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed by April 2016. It is anticipated that Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans will take place in September 2016 with final adoption of plans by end of 2016.

ENERGY:

Leitrim County Council in conjunction with our Energy Consultants Retrofit Energy Ireland Ltd (REIL) lodged a Better Energy Communities 2016 Application on Friday 26th February 2016 with Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI). Works involved scoping a further project application for the 2016 SEAI Better Energy Communities Grant program with particular emphasis on the community facilities within Manorhamilton town and Carrick-on-Shannon town. Energy Surveys by REIL Specialist Energy Retrofit Ireland (Energy Consultant) were carried out on selected properties to meet SEAI requirements in Manorhamilton and Carrick-on-Shannon for proposed application to SEAI for funding. SEAI will now evaluate all applications within the Country and announcement on Grant Funding should be made before June 2016.

ROADS:

- Area Programme have commenced in accordance with the adopted program
- 3 Year Road Restoration Programme 2016 – 2018 submitted to the Department in accordance with requirements
- Roadwork program prioritised in regard to the special allocation for remedial works arising from the flooding incidents of winter 2015/2016 and brought to the Municipal District meetings.

Rural Water Programme:

Improvement works on the following group water schemes have been approved for grant funding. Works are underway or about to commence. Contractors delayed due to weather conditions.

Cloonsarne – Works on pipelines to commence shortly
Cornabrone/Aghaslane - Works on pipelines to commence shortly
Lough Errill - Works on pipelines complete
Poolboy - Works on pipelines to commence shortly

Discussions also continue with proposed new Group Water Scheme at Carrigeencor. The Council await a response to an application for a 3-year funding programme from the Department of Environment to upgrade an existing Group Water Schemes and provision of a new Group Water and Sewerage Schemes. The total value of the programme is €2.5m.

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

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

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New Tenancies created from 1\textsuperscript{st} January 2016 to 31\textsuperscript{st} March, 2016

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Existing tenents transferred to alternative accommodation to 31\textsuperscript{st} March, 2016

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Private Rented Inspection Programme

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Housing Grants
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|                |                        | HGD   | 6  | €95,791.50 |
|                |                        | MAG   | 3  | €9,890.00 |
|                |                        | HOP   | 13 | €52,451.55 |
| **TOTAL**      |                        |       | 22 | €158,133.05 |

|                |                        | HOP   | 7  | €20,000.00  | Estimated |
|                |                        | MAG   | 1  | €2,500.00   | Estimated |
|                |                        | HGD   | 5  | €40,000.00  | Estimated |
| **Total**      |                        |       | 13 | €62,500.00  | €62,500.00 |

|                |                        |       |     | €234,419.05 |

**Balance**     |                        |       |     | €175,275.95 |

### Housing Capital & Improvement Works Programme 2016

#### Energy Efficiency Works

Leitrim County Council has proactively sought to improve the Council’s Social Housing Stock by securing funding from the Department under the Energy Efficiency Programme in addition to providing a level of match funding from the Council’s own financial resources. The Programme has been particularly beneficial to upgrade older social housing stock. Following requests for proposals from the Department in March, the Council has made a submission to upgrade 153 units under Phase 1 energy efficiency works and 27 potential units for Phase II upgrade works at an estimated cost of €390,000 approx. The Council has received preliminary approval to progress with works up to a total cost of €130,000 pending full allocation approval. These houses will now get surveyed. If approved this will complete the energy upgrade works on all Leitrim County Council housing stock.
**Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Better Energy Communities Area Based Scheme**

Work is ongoing on a competitive submission under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme for an extensive energy retrofitting project in Manorhamilton for grant aid during 2016. The scheme will include Council housing stock in Carrick on Shannon and also some public/community buildings.

**VOIDS**

A strong focus continues in relation to prioritising vacant units for inclusion in the 2016 Programme for returning vacant properties to productive use. A request for a prioritised listing of units with details of necessary works and estimated associated costs was received on 28th January to assist the Department in making their allocation decisions. The Council made a comprehensive submission in February for maximum funding to continue the refurbishment programme of 32 units requiring significant remedial works including 3 dwellings classed as derelict and awaits an allocation approval response from the Department.

**Disability Works in Council Houses**

An Adaptation Works (Disability related) scheme for Council housing stock will continue to be funded by the Department in 2016 to facilitate the Local Authority in carrying out adaptation works for tenants to address mobility problems, primarily associated with medical need and disability related. The works will render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of the Tenant, with typical works including, 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. The funding for these works will be based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority. The Council made a submission in February following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 17 suitable tenancies for proposed disability works costing an estimated €150,000 and awaits a full approval response from the Department but has received preliminary approval to progress with works up to a total cost of €43,000 pending full allocation approval.

**Acquisitions**

Three family type houses were purchased in Carrick on Shannon in 2015. These properties are currently being assessed for upgrade works to be carried out in 2016. The Council will continue an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 - 2017.

**Capital Assistance Schemes**

Two properties in Carrick-on-Shannon were acquired by North West Simon in late 2015 / early 2016 through a Capital Assistance Scheme funded by the Department through Leitrim County Council. A further approval was received in February 2016 for a project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. The Council will have 100% tenancy nomination rights on all these CAS scheme properties from the Housing Waiting List.

**Community:**

**Public Participation Network**

- The Leitrim Observer covered PPN topics including the environmental sector and linkage groups.
- A training day was held for all representatives on County Council Committees
- Leitrim Disability Equality Network was met with a view to establishing a thematic group.
- A total of 172 groups are now registered with the PPN

**Comhairle na nOg**

- The Comhairle met once and is pursuing its selected topic for 2016, which is Homelessness in Leitrim.
• The Comhairle Steering Group met once to monitor progress on the delivery of the work programme for the year.

Peace IV
• The Peace IV Partnership structure has been agreed with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. It will take the form of a sub-committee of LCDC and will be set up in April.
• A workshop on the preparation of action plans was attended. The Leitrim plan will be prepared during the period between now and the end of August.

Interreg
• The initial application to SEUPB for funds to develop a greenway between Manorhamilton and Enniskillen was successful. The second phase entails preparation of a detailed business plan and this must be completed in April.
• SEUPB workshops were attended on the sustainability and equality sections of the business plan.

Leitrim Sports Partnership
Leitrim Athletics Schools Programme
Leitrim Sports Partnership in association with Leitrim County Athletics Board held the Leitrim Primary Schools Sports Hall Athletics Competition which is part of a National Sports Partnership Programme. This programme involved 17 primary Schools with over 649 children participating on this programme over the 3 days.

Dromahair Operation Transformation Programme
Dromahair GAA club in partnership with Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered an O.T. community fitness programme for the people of Dromahair GAA club and surrounding villages. This was a 7 week programme, involving, ladies & men circuit’s classes, Bootcamp style programme for all, and family walks on Sunday mornings. There was optional weigh in programme for all participants, all participants paid for each programme they participated on. The programme was a great success with 90 ladies and 40 men taking part over the 7 weeks and in the progress the club raised €12,000 for the GAA club. The club have decided to continue to the programme for a further 6 weeks.

Girls Active Programme
This is a joint programme between the Health Services Executive North West and Leitrim Sports Partnership. This programme is aimed at teenage girls that participated in the girl’s Active programme in their School over 16 weeks. We had 7 Post Primary Schools involved with 146 girls participating in this programme.

Shannonside Women’s Group Charity walk
Female members of the local Traveller Community in partnership with the Leitrim Development company, Breffni Family Resource centre and Leitrim Sports Partnership organised a chairty 5k family walk in Carrick on Shannon. 42 participants completed the walk.

Ballinamore Rehab Care Group
Sports Partnership delivered a six week kurling and boccia programme to the Rehab care group in Ballinamore with 10 participants involved, 5 women and 5 men.
Irish Wheelchair Programme
Sports Partnership delivered a 6-week “Go For Life Games” programme for all service users in the IWA centre in Carrick on Shannon with 10 people participating each week.

St. Ciaran’s Day Service
This programme is delivered in the day centre for the service users, all participants get opportunity to get active while dancing to Zumba dance programme. We have 8 people participating on this programme.

National Learning Network
Sports Partnership delivered a six week chair aerobics and exercise programme to 12 people in the National Learning network centre.

Drumshanbo Vocational School Special Needs Unit
Sports Partnership delivered a six week basketball programme for the students in the special needs unit was delivered to 8 students.

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

Creative Space Scheme- 5 artists have applied for temporary occupancy of vacant retail units drawn up at the Bush and 3 will be selected.

Spark –Leo Scarff has completed his residency with Mohill Enterprise Centre for the Spark programme and 9 companies have now applied to be considered for the next Spark programme.

Festivals and Events – 9 Festivals from across the County have been granted funding under the 2016 scheme

Artists in Schools – 4 Artists and schools are now commencing the 2016 Residencies.

Artist in the Community – A call out has been made for Community Groups to participate in the 2016 Artist in the Community scheme.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios – Artist Kate Wilson and writer Gerry Boland are continuing their Residencies

Leitrim Equation 4 – Work has commenced in producing the DVD of the Leitrim Equation 4 concert.

Youth Theatre- Autumn/winter term is in place for 5 existing Youth Theatre groups in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon and Carrigallen with a new junior group in Manorhamilton.

Library Service:
Event Programming
A full programme of activities took place in all branches across the county, including regular I.T. classes, Craft and Hobby Group Meetings, Film Screenings, Citizen Information Mobile Clinic in Mohill Library, Reading Groups and Creative Writing Workshops. Regular Comhrá classes took place in Ballinamore, Kinlough and Manorhamilton Libraries during March. Specially coordinated activities took place to mark
Seachtain na Gaeilge 2016, from March 1st-17th, and to celebrate World Book Day on 3rd March, 2016. Highlights included the following:

- Mohill Library presented a crochet workshop, in which participants learned to make St Patrick’s Day rosettes and shamrocks.
- Easter Craft events took place in a number of libraries.
- Leitrim 2016 Centenary Lecture Series - the Library Service presented a number of public lectures during the month of March, all of which were very well attended.
  - March 2nd, in Carrigallen, Helen Litton delivered a talk on ‘Tom Clarke, 1916 signatory’, who has strong family connections to the area.
  - March 3rd, in Ballinamore, Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh explored the topic ‘Commemorating 1916: What are we commemorating and why.
  - March 19th, in Manorhamilton, Professor Lucy McDiarmaid gave a very illuminating presentation on the Women of 1916 entitled ‘Provision for Girls’: Women, Gender, and the Easter Rising.

**Class Visits**

Schedule of class visits by local primary and secondary schools continued in Branch Libraries across the county:

- On March 3rd, Helen Litton gave a presentation Tom & Kathleen Clarke to Leaving Cert History students from Carrigallen Vocational School and Moyne Community School.
- On March 10th, Mohill Library hosted a special seanfhocal workshop with two groups of children from the Hunt National School.

**Local Studies - ‘Item of the Month’**

To mark the tenth anniversary of the death of John McGahern, who died on March 30th 2006, Ballinamore Library prepared a display of his works, including a signed copy of The Collected Stories, which generated significant interest during the month.

**Fire Service**

**Building Control**

The Fire Services Department received 3 Commencement Notice’s (valid and 1 Disabled Access Certificates and processed 2. A total of 3 Fire Safety Certificates were received and 5 were processed.

**Traveller Accommodation – Fire Safety**

Circular Letter 9/15 from the National Directorate to local authorities requested a programme to improve fire safety standards at all designated Traveller accommodation in the county. A Local Steering Group was established. A meeting of the Local Steering Group was held on 14th March, 2016 where an update on the remedial works completed to date in Shannonside View Halting Site, Rosebank, Carrick-on-Shannon was provided by the Housing Department. It was agreed to schedule fire safety training on the site during April. The reports (LA Final Report and LA input into National Final Report) will be prepared once the outstanding remedial works and fire safety training is completed.
**Cross Border Emergency Management meeting**
A member of the Fire Services staff attended the Cross Border Emergency Management Group meeting in Enniskillen on 9\textsuperscript{th} March, 2016. Progress on the development of a Cross Border mapping project was reported and the work programme for the group for 2016 was finalised.

**Cross Border CFO meeting**
A member of the Fire Services staff attended the cross border meeting of CFO’s held in Omagh on 10\textsuperscript{th} March, 2016. Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue service launched their new Flooding Response capability in response to recent flooding events.

**Fire Training**
Our Fire Fighters completed the following training courses in March, 2016: Compartment Fire Behaviour training, Pump Operators course and Swiftwater Rescue Refresher training.

**Civil Defence**
- A Volunteer completed a Swift Water and Flood Responder Instructor Course delivered by Civil Defence Headquarters during February / March.
- Civil Defence was requested to demonstrate the Sonar and underwater Camera equipment in use by our Boat Crew to a number of Civil Defence Teams at a regional training event in Cork. The event was a success with requests for further demonstrations to additional Civil Defence Units.
- A number of Volunteers are undertaking an Emergency First Responder Course with our colleagues in Longford Civil Defence. This training is due to conclude in May.
- Assistance continued to be provided to the Environment Section undertaking lake water sampling in March, 2016.

Signed: ___________________________  
Frank Curran  
Chief Executive  

Date: 13\textsuperscript{th} April, 2016