
FINANCE & WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE

MARCH 2018 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY MARCH 2018 - FIGURES)

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<th>EXPENDITURE</th>
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<td>A Housing &amp; Building</td>
<td>856,362</td>
<td>4,355,372</td>
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<td>B Road Transport &amp; Safety</td>
<td>2,726,729</td>
<td>12,318,831</td>
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<td>766,547</td>
<td>3,394,137</td>
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<td>901,160</td>
<td>4,151,951</td>
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£7,707,023 £6,999,065 22% £7,252,042

£7,889,424 £6,999,065 22% £7,416,642 £124,499 (£134,499)

MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF MARCH 2018

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

MARCH 2018: Recourse to Overdraft

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<th>TTD</th>
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MARCH 2018 - Aged Debt Analysis

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<th>Days</th>
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<td>€</td>
<td>1,121,175</td>
<td>1,055,305</td>
<td>813,266</td>
<td>697,077</td>
<td>568,256</td>
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65% | 55% | 45% | 35% | 25% | 15% | 5% |
Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo: - Asset Management

570 issues raised on Maximo, (Irish Water Asset Management System) in March, 2018.
- 98 No. related to Water, 10 No. to Waste Water,
- 21 No. First Fix completed,
- 8 No. were LA Complaints,
- 7 No. new connections (wastewater(2), domestic water(5)) and,
- 426 No. other.

Storm Emma, First Fix Survey’s and meter replacements are the main reason for the large number of ‘other’ issues.

Water Conservation:
UFW is 50.5% as per Audit end of 2017

The UFW has increased from 48.5%. This could be due to higher demand on water during the winter period and also due to weather condition and resources on the ground.

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

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<tr>
<th>DMA Name</th>
<th>DMA Code</th>
<th>Current Input Volume m³/day</th>
<th>%UFW (IFM)</th>
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<td>Carrick on Shannon Town</td>
<td>MA1120</td>
<td>1734</td>
<td>63%</td>
<td>1085</td>
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<td>Dromahair PWS</td>
<td>MA7001</td>
<td>639.7</td>
<td>65.1%</td>
<td>416</td>
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<td>Gowel to Kilnagross</td>
<td>MA1122</td>
<td>394</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>328</td>
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<td>Toomans to Ardrum Res</td>
<td>MA1124</td>
<td>504</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>320</td>
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<td>1344.7</td>
<td>27.5%</td>
<td>382</td>
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<td>220</td>
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<td>Eslin to Mohill</td>
<td>MA1121</td>
<td>277</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>194</td>
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<td>Leckauen &amp; Fivemilebourne</td>
<td>MA7008</td>
<td>282.3</td>
<td>70.4%</td>
<td>199</td>
<td>39.8</td>
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Capital Works Update:

North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme
The contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October 2016. Works are ongoing but are delayed and the Contractor EPS has sought a further extension of time and has submitted a revised programme which indicates completion on 15th October 2018 which will be 50 weeks overdue the original programme. Irish Water has not received any valid claims on this contract and the Extension of time if granted will be time only without costs. There will be some cost implications associated with this delay for Irish Water which will be dealt with under the contract. The delay in contract completion will not impact on water production in NLRWSS as EPS continue to operate the existing plant during the construction phase. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning / process proving period. Following this the new plant will be handed over to Irish Water / Leitrim County Council for operate under the SLA. The Contractor EPS is operating the existing water treatment plant and the water produced is meeting all of the necessary drinking water standards. The Contract sum is €3.84 million.

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

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
Coffey Water Ltd has been awarded this Contract and the date of actual commencement of the contract is 15th January 2018. Nicholas O’ Dwyers Consulting Engineers is the Employers Representative on this project. Coffey’s have mobilised to site and their programme for completion is December 2018. Coffey Water Ltd will operate the two WWTP’s at Manorhamilton and Mohill from the commencement date (15th Jan 2018) during the Design / Build 1 year phase following which they will also operate and maintain for a further year as a process proving/commissioning phase. Therefore the new upgraded WWTP’s will be handed over to Leitrim County Council for operate under the SLA sometime in January 2020. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

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

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant
This project is included in Irish Waters Capital investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan. It is at Gate 2 – Preliminary report stage. Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the Feasibility study and Preliminary Report on the bundled scheme. The kick off meeting with Atkins took place on 26th September 2017. The CaPO office in Leitrim will be preparing background information, as constructed drawings and historical performance data on the existing WWTP at Drumshanbo and we will be making observations on the options for upgrading. Whilst
the Drumshanbo WWTP is bundled with the 5 other WWTP’s in Cavan for the purposes of the Feasibility study and Design Options reports etc it is likely to go forward as a separate contract for construction sometime in 2019.

**Minor Capital Works**

**Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks**

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

1. **Pipeline replacement**

Under this “Networks Portfolio” Irish Water continue to approve substantial water main replacement projects in County Leitrim under this programme and Farrans has been issued with Orders to commence the following 4 No projects

1. Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell. Work began in November and progress was good in December on this new trunk main which should be completed by end of April 2018.
2. Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore Reservoir into Town – Work has begun on the designs for this new water main and physical work on site work commenced in March 2018. These works are being done primarily to improve water quality and will be completed in July 2018.
3. Replace 4.5 Km of old PVC watermain at Corraleeahan which is failing regularly and bursting causing disruption to service. Work will commence in May 2018 and will be completed by October 2018
4. Replace 2.0 Km of old cast iron watermain at N16 Manorhamilton from Main Street westwards along the N16. Farran’s has undertaken the initial site investigations and are preparing the designs. Work will commence on this Projects early in May 2018.

The CaPO office will provide all planning and background information on all pipeline projects and approve the designs for replacement pipelines. A Resident Engineer from CaPO section will supervise and project manage Farran’s work.

2. **Find and FIX**

Find and fix is included in the network portfolio. A meeting was held with Irish Water in their Cavan Offices on 6th December 2017 to discuss the roll out of the “Leakage Reduction Programme” for County Leitrim for 2018. Irish Water set out the target for this project of a reduction by 1MLD in unaccounted for water in 2018 or approx 12.5% in UFW. Irish Water has allocated a budget of €675,000 to fund this project in 2018. Leitrim County Council is engaged in the recruitment of the 4 man team of 1 No Assistant Engineer plus a 3 man crew of caretaker and skilled outdoor staff. This team will be put to work on active targeted leak detection and repair and will be focussing on the Carrick on Shannon DMA to start. The work of repair of found leaks will be shared between the in house fix crew and the framework contractor Farran’s. This find and fix initiative will be managed by a PM from the CaPO office and the new Assistant Engineer and will include other initiatives “First Fix”, “Back Yard services”, “lead service replacement” and “pressure management” etc.
3 First Fix customer side leakage
Work is ongoing by Farren’s on a list of 60 domestic customers with excessive (>5.0cum/day) usage and some leaks on private property have been addressed and repaired. The CaPO office are facilitating on this.

Energy Efficiency Programme
This project requires the replacement of all major pumping at Carrick on Shannon WTP i.e. Raw water pumps, High Lift Pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir with more efficient ones. Also included are some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong reservoir. J.B. Barry’s Consulting Engineers are acting as ER. EPS limited has been awarded this contract. Designs and Pump selection is currently being approved and actual work on site will commence once replacement pumps are delivered to site. All in cost circa €375k.

Disinfection Programme - Leitrim Cavan and Monaghan
Irish Water asset strategy has appointed Veolia on this project to assess the primary disinfection at all Water Treatment Plants in these three counties with a view to bringing all such facilities up to the new Irish Water standards. The contract includes for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards and undertaking the necessary upgrades. Carrick on Shannon WTP (SLRWSS) and Glenade WTP (Kinlough Tullaghan WSS.) are included in this project. Draft design proposals for both WTP’s have been produced by Veolia and are being considered. Once approved a scope of required works to upgrade the systems will be prepared and budgets agreed and approved by Irish Water.

Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon
Irish Water has appointed EPS contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and optimise the treatment processes at existing water treatment plants in these four counties. The Glenade Water Treatment Plant in Leitrim is included in this bundle. Irish Water will be managing this project with our assistance and we will be expected to act as PM / RE on Leitrim plant only.

Process Optimisation and Control Programme – Reservoir Sites
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have prepared preliminary designs and Tender documents for the delivery of a scope of the works at 10 No Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Water’s appointment of a contractor for these works. Staff from the Capital office will supervise the works when they commence.

DMA Programme
This project to Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in County Leitrim is substantially completed. Minor snagging works outstanding prior to close out of project and agreement of Final Account. Total cost: €518,000.

Killenna Watermain
Replacement of 2km of old cast iron water mains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. The Contractor Sean Quigley Contracts Limited has substantially completed the works here and the main has passed pressure testing and chlorination. The transfer of all connections and decommission of old main are complete. Minor snagging works are outstanding prior to close out of project and agreement of Final Account.
4 No. WWTP upgrades Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore.
ERVIA has appointed RCC engineering as the contractor on this project and a pre commencement meeting was held with the Contractor, Irish Water and Leitrim County Council. A work order has been issued by Irish Water and RCC has commenced works on the detailed design. Some changes / options are being considered by Irish Water in Drumshanbo WWTP. Works will start in Quarter 2, 2018. Contract sum circa €800,000.

Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000
The Contractor MAST Construction Limited has substantially completed works on this new Trunk Water main which was successfully tested in December 2017. Minor snagging works are outstanding prior to close out of project and agreement of Final Account.

Reservoir Cleaning
Irish Water has commenced a programme of Reservoir cleaning in Leitrim and a contractor has been appointed to undertake these works. Nicholas O’ Dwyers are acting as ER on the project and the CaPO office is supervising the works on the ground. 5 Reservoirs were successfully completed to date and others are ongoing.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)
Enterprise Week
Local Enterprise Week ran from 4th-9th March in all 31 Local Enterprise Office areas. In County Leitrim there were 10 events held during the week from training, review clinics to launches and presentations. The high profile events of Student Enterprise Awards County Final and National Enterprise Awards County Final took place during Enterprise Week.

- The winning teams at the Student Enterprise Programme County Final were Buzzy Books, St. Clare’s Manorhamilton (Senior), Sheepfeeders, Drumshanbo Vocational School (Intermediate), Slide it Out, St. Clare’s Manorhamilton, (Junior). These three winners will represent County Leitrim at the National Final of the Student Enterprise Programme in Croke Park on 2nd May.
- The County Final of National Enterprise Awards overall winner was Global Green Sustainability who will represent County Leitrim in the National Final in May.
- A launch of the Taste Leitrim Food Trail map and directory was held on 7th March. All premises have been given a number of the brochures to further promote the initiative.
- The Jobs Fair held on 9th March was a huge success with over 100 jobs on offer and over 700 people turning up on the day.

Training
GDPR and Food Hygiene training programmes have been very popular and additional courses have been added in both areas.

Mentoring
There continues to be ongoing demand for one to one mentoring, particularly in the areas of Business Planning and Social Media Marketing.
Technical Assistance for Micro Enterprise
The new TAME grant saw no uptake in 2017, of the 10 grants awarded to Leitrim in 2018, 3 have been approved to date.

Networking
- The first meeting of the Leitrim Business Network in 2018 was held in March.
- A Women in Business Networking event was held during March in Longford among women from Longford, Westmeath and Leitrim.

Other
- The two Erasmus projects which LEO Leitrim are involved in continue to progress, Smart Data Smart Regions and WISE. Dissemination plays a key role in both and we continue to promote the programmes.
- The Sustainable Energy Communities Project in Mohill continues.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- CCTV
  - Liaise with Technical Expertise Consultant re finalising proposals for Carrick.
  - Liaised with Joe Dolan re follow up on Grant application and Garda Commissioner Approval.
- Carrick Chamber
  Met with Colm Mc Grath to review ongoing projects with the Chamber and set a date for the next Town Team meeting.

Town Teams – Manorhamilton
- Meeting with representatives of the Caislean Hamilton group to discuss progress with the project on the ground and offer assistance.

Town and Village – Mohill
Meeting with Mohill Town and Village to progress the economic development plan, the tender process is complete and consultant selected.
Other elements progressing well including the Heritage Trail and Town Enhancement.

SEC Mohill (Sustainable Energy Communities Mohill)
Meeting with this group as they are finalising a request for tender for the energy masterplan for the town using the SEAI funding, liaised with Housing Section re information required from the Council.

REDZ Food – Taste Leitrim /The Food Hub.
Work is ongoing at the Food Hub in relation to finishing the Food Experience.
Meeting with event manager for the Taste Leitrim Food events for 2018.
Co-ordinated the Launch of the Food Trail Brochures during Enterprise Week.

Social Enterprise Development Fund.
Reminded all enquires of the deadlines for application for this scheme.

Jobs Fair 2018
Co-ordinate the event on March 9th bringing together all stakeholders, developed and distributed post event PR. Circulated a Post event survey to all exhibitors.
SECURE project

- Internal Stakeholder group with chair Mary Quinn – Energy Efficiency Working Group. (Meeting no 5 & 6 took place in March).
- Booked Energy Awareness date with Manorhamilton SEC for EU Energy Week.
- Exploring Energy Awareness training for LCC Staff for delivery during EU Energy Week.

Town Incentive Scheme
Finalised new Town Incentive Scheme with the Head of Enterprise and circulated.

Graduate Internship Programme
Received a number of applications from graduates for this year’s programme, working with the LEO’s in the region. Padraig Harte of Sligo IT and Becky Farrell, USEFE Coordinator to progress.

Employer Information Briefing
This event took place on March 21st with approx 40 employers attending.

Co-Innovate:
Information Workshop took place during Enterprise Week, programme is progressing well.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
The following actions have been undertaken throughout February 2018 facilitating the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the County:

Slow Adventure
1. Attended the final SAINT Transnational meeting in Hoffell, Iceland. Here the International partners who collaborated on this project reviewed our project model. We also attended in Hofn, again in Iceland, as part of the SAINT project, a conference whose title was Adventure Tourism: Innovation and Education Conference where Leitrim SMEs Stephen Wrynn from Way to Go from Fenagh and Lee Guckian from Leitrim Surf in Leitrim Village gave a presentation on how SAINT has, to date, benefitted their businesses.

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

Destination Marketing
3. Took delivery of the Ireland West Airport Go West Magazine which features Glencar Waterfall on the front cover and an extensive advertorial in the magazine itself which has a potential audience of 750,000 passengers.

4. Work is on going on the graphics and design for the new Discovery Centre at Ireland West Knock airport.

Meetings
5. Attended the ITOA workshops in Limerick. This event offered a unique opportunity to meet and sell Leitrim to all members of ITOA who in turn will package and promote Leitrim to over 4,000 global travel trade partners and customers.

Events
6. Work continues for the King of Clubs to be held in Ballinamore in May 2018.
Tourist Information

7. Tourist Information Office opened in Carrick on Shannon for the 2018 season. This is earlier than previous years. It was felt that with last year’s visitor numbers it warranted opening earlier in the season. This year it opened before Easter.

Digital Marketing

8. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.

9. Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained. We are also promoting festival and events throughout the county on our social media channels.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge

- The Council have finalised Site Resolution Plans prepared with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative and has finalised the legal opinion from Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds. The Council have now commenced submitting detailed claims against each of the bonds in question.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of March. 4 no. new pre planning consultations took place during March in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management

- 14 no. valid planning applications were received in March, 1 of which related to a commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 2 no. applications seek an extension of duration of planning permission and 1 application sought retention of planning permission. A further 11 no. applications were deemed invalid, 1 no. of which was submitted 3 times and deemed invalid each time. Another application was submitted twice and deemed invalid on both occasions. 5 no. of the previously deemed invalid applications have had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority. The persistent rate of invalid applications continues to cause concern to the Planning Authority and is reflective of poorly prepared planning applications being submitted.
- 15 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during March, all of which were granted planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 6 no. applications during the month of March.

Forward Planning

- The Planning Authority placed proposed Variation No. 1 to the County Development Plan on public display in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment (No. 2) to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County Development Plan was also placed on public display at the same time. The Variation to the County Development Plan was on public display from February 22nd to March 22nd whilst the Amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan has a slightly longer public display period until April 5th. A recommendation will be brought to the Council at the scheduled May meeting.
- A review of the existing Casual Trading Byelaws was undertaken and revised Bye Laws were placed on public display from Wednesday 17th January 2018 to Monday 19th February 2018. The closing date for receipt of submission was Monday 5th March. A number of submissions and observations were received which are being considered by the Planning Authority. A recommendation will be brought to the Council at the scheduled May meeting.
• The Planning Department attended a sub regional briefing on the implementation of the ‘National Planning Framework - Ireland 2040 Our Plan’ in the Customs House on March 7th. The event organised by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government was also attended by Sligo and Donegal County Councils. Of importance is an impending decision by the Houses of the Oireachtas which would postpone preparation of County Development Plans until the respective Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies have been adopted by the Regional Assemblies. This may delay slightly the commencement of the review of the Leitrim County Development 2015-2021 scheduled for February 2019.

Heritage
• The Council advertised the post of Heritage Officer following the adoption of the budget by the Elected Members last year. A total of 35 no. applications for the post were received and are presently being shortlisted by Human Resources to attend at interview.

ENVIRONMENT:
National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 25 no DWWTS in 2018 as per the new EPA National Inspection Plan (NIP) 2018 – 2021 programme. These inspections will be completed from April 2018 to end of year. The Sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016/2017 there will be ongoing inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections are requested.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2018 RMCEI Plan. The EPA have now released a copy of Local Authority Environmental Performance Assessment Report (2014-2016 Report Leitrim County Council). The 2016 Overall Grade for Leitrim County Council is “Excellent”. The National Average for 2015 was “Above Target”. The ranking for Leitrim is one level above the National average. The EPA have informed Leitrim County Council that the RMCEI Enforcement Plan Evaluation for 2017 had an overall Plan rating of “High” which takes into consideration Environmental Priorities, Environmental Outcomes and Enforcement Resourcing and Plan Review. Leitrim County Council has submitted the 2017 RMCEI Return and the 2018 RMCEI Plan before the submission date of Friday 16th February 2018.

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: [Link to website]

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).

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 shortly.


River Basin Management Planning provides a catchment based framework to protect our waters and develop collaborative approaches to water management that should engage all stakeholders, increase awareness of its value, protect biodiversity and deliver multiple benefits to all stakeholders.

This second cycle River Basin Management Plan aims to build on the progress made during the first cycle.

Leitrim County Council made a detailed submission to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on the Draft River Basin Management Plan (2018 – 2021) before the closing date of 31st August 2017. Leitrim County Council held a Briefing session in conjunction with LAWCO (Local Authority Waters and Communities Office) on the Proposed Areas of Action in Leitrim on Thursday 26th October 2017 to the elected members and to members of the public.

The Draft RBMP is expected to be finalised and signed off in April 2018.

The DHPLG is reviewing all submissions from the public consultation process and its likely such submissions will result in significant changes to the draft Plan. RPS have been engaged by LAWCO to analysis and report on over 900 submissions made directly to the LAWCO. When this report is received LAWCO plan to respond to those who made submissions and also where appropriate to discuss issues raised at the public consultations with relevant public bodies.

The Regional Committees are up and running and recruitment is ongoing (by LAWCO) for additional resources to work in priority areas to be identified in the River Basin Management Plan.
VETERINARY SERVICES

Abattoirs
Slaughter returns: March 2018: 80 Cattle, 169 Sheep and 9 Pigs.

7 Hygiene Inspections were carried out in abattoirs

Small Meat Manufacturing Plants
Two ready meal manufacturers, two meat cutting plants and one meat distributor are under the supervision of Leitrim County Council. 4 Premises Hygiene Inspections were carried out, 0 food samples, 0 environmental swabs and 0 water samples were taken.

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service activities during March 2018 are detailed below;

- 6 stray, 16 surrendered, 13 re-homed, 3 re-claimed, 3 died, 0 euthanised,
- 28 Service requests received, 59 dog warden inspections
- 3 dogs neutered, 1 neutering vouchers issued, 5 dogs micro-chipped.

Responsible Dog Ownership Programme
2 School Visits, 2 Radio Interviews, 2 Newspaper Articles published, 1 Presentation to a Community Group.

Leitrim Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for Stray Cats
15 cats were trapped and tested for pathogenic viruses. 0 cats was put-to-sleep and 15 cats were neutered and returned under the Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Release Programme.

Leitrim Pony-Riding and Animal Welfare Project
Recruitment and selection of participants is complete. 42 candidates aged 12-18 from a traveller, disadvantaged or multi-ethnic background have been accepted on the 10-week programme which commences on 19th June 2018. The Project Launch will be held on 25th May at Moorlands Equestrian Centre, Drumshanbo. Purchase of equipment and recruitment of a Project Co-ordinator is underway.

ROADS:

• Road Crews continuing to carry out routine maintenance works

• Road Crews carrying out Winter Maintenance works as necessary

CLAR Programme

CLAR 2017 Programme – Works are complete on the following Clar 2017 Projects – Pedestrian Crossing & Associated Works at Carrick on Shannon Community School, Erection of Public Lighting at Drumshanbo between Acres Amenity Area and houses at Drumduff North, Pedestrian Crossing at Dromod Health Centre, Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil at Manorhamilton, Erection of Public Lighting at Annaduff National School and Footpath & Public Lighting at Aughnasheelin National School.
Works are in progress and nearing completion on the following Clar 2017 Projects - Pedestrian Crossing, Footpaths and Public Lighting at Newtowngore Community Hall & Car Park (80% Complete), Footpath at Drumshanbo (part of footpath complete with funding allocation received and additional funding will be required in order to complete this project), Upgrade and Refurbishments at Keeldra Lake Amenity Development (90% Complete).
Recreational Trails 2017
Leitrim Way from Drumshanbo to Dowra – Design of the Footbridge on this Walkway is currently in progress.
Dromahair Demonstration Greenway – Design works on this Greenway are in progress
Carrick on Shannon to Leitrim Greenway – Currently preparing Design for Part 8 Planning Approval which will be advertised for Public Consultation. Discussions with Landowner are currently underway. ESB diversion works have been completed by ESB and Public Lighting works have been completed.

Annual Area Programme 2018 & Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018
The Annual Area Programme 2018 and Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018 were approved at the March Meeting of Leitrim County Council. The total value of the 2018 Programme agreed is €13,679,594.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
Leitrim County Council received an Allocation of €250,000 for Local Improvement Schemes in 2018. This will enable approx. 11 LIS Schemes to progress in 2018. This office is currently communicating with applicants on our LIS Waiting List in relation to progressing these LIS Works. In March, a submission was made to the Department of Rural & Community Development seeking further funding for such Schemes in 2018 based on our existing LIS Waiting List.

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)
Leitrim County Council made a Submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in March 2018 for funding for Local Roads under the Community Involvement Schemes 2018. A total of 36 Schemes were submitted for Funding at a total estimated cost of €1,406,667.

N16 Drummahon Realignment Scheme
The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in relation to the Compulsory Acquisition of Land required as part of this Realignment Scheme was made in March 2018 and all affected landowners have been notified accordingly. This CPO will be submitted to An Bord Pleanala for consideration and approval. A copy of the CPO and associated maps and documents are available for public inspection from 28th March, 2018 to 16th May, 2018 and objections may be submitted to An Bord Pleanala.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:

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

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.

Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme – Preliminary Design of this Scheme has been completed. It is planned to re-advertise for Planning Approval for the proposed 3 Pumping Stations on this Scheme. The preparation of a detailed design for this Scheme is currently in progress.
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY, CORPORATE SERVICES, CULTURE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

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Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st March 2018

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## HOUSING GRANTS

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

### 2018 Allocation

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**Balance:** 122,186.85

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### HOUSING CAPITAL

#### Energy Efficiency Works

Phase 2 Energy Efficiency works includes such works as external wall and attic insulation. This Council has identified approximately 17 potential units that require these energy efficiency works and funds to complete these works have been sought from the Department no approval has been received to date.

#### Voids & Derelict Housing Units

Under the Voids Programme in 2017, a total of 17 No. Social Housing Units were returned to productive use at a total cost of €252,678 and €200,684 was claimed from the Department.

The Council made a submission in March for funding to refurbish 21 void units. Surveys and tender documentation are being progress, to procure a contractor to undertake the refurbishment works once funding is approved by 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 2018 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 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 will identify suitable tenancies and make a submission to the Department when requested.
Funding approval was received one extension in the later end of 2017, construction of this extension will be complete in spring 2018.

Acquisitions
The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2017 – 2021, in 2017 the Council purchased 8 number houses across the county. These houses will require some energy and remedial works to return them to productive use in 2018.

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

Capital Construction Project – Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 27 social housing units at Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team has been appointed and work is progressing on the design. Part 8 planning approval was submitted to the Planning Authority on 28th February 2018.

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

COMMUNITY:

Peace IV
- ReBid approval for all 3 Shared Space Capital Projects in Mohill, Kiltyclogher & Manorhamilton. Funding was approved for a ‘Sports 4 Peace’ programme under Children & Young People theme and additional funding for various programmes under the Building Positive Relations was also approved. Overall approximately €660,000 was approved for the Leitrim PEACE IV Programme
- Tenders were assessed for Children & Young People Programmes. A successful Tenderer was not selected for 3 of the programmes. These were re-advertised on eTenders and will be assessed in April.
- Leitrim County Childcare Committee were the successful Tenderer in the Children & Young People Diversity Programme – Conflict, Tolerance & Difference. Contracts are due to be signed in early April and the programme will commence thereafter.
- ‘Sports4Peace’ Tenders were assessed on 27th March and a successful tenderer was selected. SEUPB have approved the tender and the contractor is due to be appointed in April.
- Quotations deadline for Project Management for Mohill Peace Room was 29th March and submissions are for a WW1 Remembrance Project in Leitrim have been sent out and will be assessed in May.
- Two programmes were launched in March; ‘Events Around Women’s Suffrage’ and ‘Rural Women Along the Border’. Both these programmes are being delivered by the North Leitrim Women’s Centre.
• Recruitment commenced for a Community Arts Engagement Officer to work and support the Killyclogher and Cashel communities in a series of activities.

Public Participation Network
At the end of the March 2018 Leitrim PPN had 243 registrations including 14 pending and 1 associate membership.

March was a busy month after the disruption of many scheduled meetings and plans by the poor weather:

• 2018 Budget was approved.
• The Secretariat met with new Chief Executive, Lar Power and Mary Quinn, Director of Services.
• Memorandum of Understanding for 2018 signed off by PPN and Council.
• Annual Report for 2017 was completed and issued to the Dept of Rural and Community Development.
• First County Plenary of 2018 held in Drumshanbo on 21st March.
• Nominations and Elections held for 7 positions, 5 of which were filled.
• Resource Worker met with Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee.

A large part of the work during March was the completion of the Annual Report for Leitrim PPN, feeding into the work of the Department of Rural & Community Development. This report included details of the membership, budget, the working structures, capacity building, outcomes of input at decision-making level and metrics on communications and local and national consultations. The Annual Report includes a section to be completed by Leitrim County Council relating to its support of Leitrim PPN. A jointly completed section sought recommendations for improvement in support and structure from the Department and metrics on the Committee representation of PPN members on Council structures.

PPN Plenary, March 2018
Mr Ian Pudney of Rhatigan and Company Architects gave a presentation on the various matters that require consideration during planning. Plenary approved Leitrim PPN to explore options for waste water treatment in cooperation with third level institutes, other county PPNs and the local authority.

Elections for vacancies filled as follows:

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Online communications continue to improve with Leitrim PPN Facebook followers increasing from 173 to 208 in the last month Twitter following increasing from 129 to 150 in the same period. 18 articles and events were published on Leitrim PPN website during March. The website had 2,224 page views by 889 users over 1,300 sessions. The full analytics package only became available for the full month during March so percentage increases are not reliable this month but will be for the future.

**Comhairle na nÓg**
Comhairle na nÓg “Use Your Brain Not Your Fists” short film ready for launch. Launch of ‘Use your Brain Not Your Fist’ Campaign and short film taking place in the Bush Hotel on 27th April at 11.30am.

**Love Where You Live**
Environmental & Community Awards (formerly Floral Pride) has been rebranded as “Love Where You Live”, with 2 new awards. Jointly sponsored by LCC and PPN, it has been launched and promoted via website, email and social media with a new logo and brochure. Closing date for entries is 20th April.

**Age Friendly**

**Smoke Alarm Scheme**
Smoke Alarm Scheme, providing free smoke alarms for vulnerable households, is being promoted on an ongoing basis through social media, via the Older People’s Council and Active Age Groups, and also in conjunction with Leitrim Warmer Homes Scheme (LDC). 20 households have benefitted from the scheme so far in 2018.

**Community Facilities Scheme & RAPID**
The Minister proposed to launch a streamlined, possibly amalgamated scheme in May. Not yet announced.

**CLÁR Funding**
Three playgrounds were funded under CLAR 2017, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermotts Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7000). Works are now complete. CLÁR 2018 has been launched, and promoted via website and social media, with a closing date for applications of 19th April.

**Traveller Interagency Group**
Traveller Interagency Education, Accommodation and Health working groups have met to progress their specific actions. The 2018 Horse Riding and Animal Welfare Programme is being organised.

**Towns and Villages Funding**
Progressing the 2 Community Development projects funded under 2017 T&V Scheme: 1)Renovations to St Felims College, Ballinamore and 2)Roosky Tourism Initiatives.
Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018 not yet announced.

**LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**
**Sports Leadership Programme:** Lough Allen College, Drumkeeran started the Sports Leadership course in March is the first year that they have participated on this programme. Young people undertaking a qualification in Sports Leadership will learn and demonstrate important life skills such as effective
communication and organisation whilst learning to lead basic physical activities to younger people and their peers. **Total Participants: 22**

**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 Mhuiire 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. **Total Participants: 150**

**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. **Total Participants: 731**

**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. **Total Participants: 38**

**Safe Guarding 1 Workshop:** One Safe Guarding 1 workshop held in Carrick on Shannon with 11 participants completing the workshops representing the following sports and clubs:– Athletics clubs, GAA clubs, Cricket club, and horse riding. **Total Participants: 11**

**Buntus Start Workshop:** Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Leitrim Childcare Committee delivered the second strand of the Buntus start workshops with seven childcare service providers and 11 staff members attending and 120 children benefiting overall from the training. As part of the training there is funding available to purchase eight new Buntus start bags equipment and also there will be two hours of follow up mentoring available to each service provider that completed the training workshop. **Total Participants: 11 staff members & 120 children**

**THE ARTS**

**Creative Ireland** – We have now formulated a 5 year cultural strategy following the launch of the programme in 2017. We are also advertising for a Project Manager to manage the Creative Ireland programmes.

Within the Creative Ireland programme we have also made a call out for events for children and young people as part of Cruinniú na nÓg and also a Creative Ireland Open Call to community groups, organisations, venues, artists, writers, performers, archaeologists, historians, archivists and everyone involved in the culture and creative sectors.

**Creative Frame**– In partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office, the Creative Frame Programme has been developed to facilitate the ongoing training and development requirements of practitioners in the creative sector in Leitrim and the wider region. We are currently in the process of planning our 2018 series of workshops and seminars.

**Spark** – Artist Vanya Lambrecht Ward is currently working with Leitrim County Council on the Spark programme and held an open session for all staff at the Dock. A call out for businesses to be involved for this year has been advertised.
Festivals and Events – 11 applications for 2018 Festivals have been received from across the County and are awaiting approval.

Artists in Schools – 4 primary schools have been selected for 2018 covering the whole County and 4 artists have been appointed to work with the schools commencing in September with a planning meeting in May.

Artist in the Community – 4 Community Groups were selected to participate in the Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and the final group and artist have now completed their project.

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

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

Youth Theatre - 9 youth theatre groups in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton & Carrigallen are taking part in the January/April term and a meeting has been held with the 3 senior youth theatre leaders.

Music Generation – A successful application was made under the Music Generation programme and the position of Coordinator has now been filled by the ETB.

Wild Words – Following the call out for submissions for Wild Words volume 6, 350 entries were received from young people across the country, compared with 160 in 2017.

Film – Under the Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon partnership programme a meeting for filmmakers was held in Sligo and a call out has been made for applications for film bursaries.

LIBRARY SERVICE:
Event Programming
A full programme of activities took place in all branches throughout the county during the month of March, including the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, Computer classes, movie screenings, reading groups, writing groups and craft group sessions. Outreach activities with Leitrim Citizen Information Centre and Foróige took place regularly at Mohill Library. Specially coordinated activities and book displays marked Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018, from March 1st-17th, and to celebrate World Book Day on March 1st and International Women’s Day on March 8th.

Highlights
• Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018
  • Comhrá classes were held in Ballinamore Library.
  • A night of traditional music was held in Ballinamore Library, while Drumshanbo Library presented an afternoon of traditional song from Eamon Daly, with Orla Daly providing the beautiful harp accompaniment.
  • Storytelling sessions as Gaeilge took place in Mohill, Ballinamore and Carrigallen Libraries.
  • Quizzes as Gaeilge (Tráthanna na gCeist) were held with local primary schoolchildren in Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries.
  • Author Anna Heussaff presented writing workshops as Gaeilge in Carrick-on-Shannon Library, to the 6th Class pupils from Scoil Mhuire and the local Gaelscoil.
• **World Book Day**
  Due to the severe weather experienced in early March, the World Book Day celebrations were deferred until later in the month.
  • Carrick-on-Shannon Library hosted a storytelling and musical workshop for the first class pupils from Scoil Mhuire.
  • Ballinamore Library welcomed the 2nd class pupils from Scoil Clann Naofa for a library visit, with everyone dressed as their favourite book characters.
  • Kinlough Library coordinated a special themed art competition in conjunction with the Junior Rooms in the Four Masters NS.
  • Kiltycoghler celebrated with the children from the Junior and Senior Rooms in Kiltycoghler NS, with activities and book prizes.
  • Manorhamilton Library presented storytelling sessions to children from a local playschool.
  • Carrigallen and Mohill Libraries ran ‘Create a Class Poetry Book’ workshops with local schools, which were facilitated by local writer Kevin Patrick.

• **Healthy Ireland at your Library**
  The *Healthy Ireland at your Library* initiative continued across the library network. A further collection of health-related titles has been added to library bookstock in each of the nine branch libraries in Leitrim. A wide-ranging programme of events, presentations and workshops has been rolled out countywide over the past few months. Events held during March included:
  • Sound therapy sessions with the schoolchildren from Kinlough NS, Kiltycoghler NS and Ballaghameehan NS.
  • “Minding your Mental Wellbeing” presentation in Manorhamilton and Mohill Libraries, in association with Mental Health Ireland.
  • Dromahair and Manorhamilton Libraries held special Storytelling sessions with local schoolchildren with a focus on healthy eating and physical activity.
  • “Nutrition for Body and Mind” talks were held in Dromahair, Manorhamilton and Mohill Libraries.
  • Yoga classes for children in Carrigallen Library.

• A special Author Event, featuring writers Gerry Boland and Jessamine O’Connor took place in Carrick-on-Shannon Library.

• Mohill Library hosted a visit by Eivers Lane Playschool Group and the Bornacoola Playgroup, as part of the PEACE IV funded “Sharing from the Start” programme. The visit was the first introduction to the library for many of the children, and provided them with the opportunity to learn in a fun, relaxed, yet inclusive and respectful manner.

• A lecture on “New Views of the Early Universe” by Dr. Creidhe O’Sullivan, Physicist, NUI Maynooth, for the Leitrim Astronomy Club, took place in Ballinamore Library.

• Special themed art and craft and storytelling activities took place in a number of libraries to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and Easter.

• Smarter Energy Efficiency Project – An upgrading of the lighting in Ballinamore Library was carried out.

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**FIRE SERVICE**

**Capital Programme**

**New Class B fire appliance**

Received confirmation from the supplier that the expected delivery date is mid April 2018

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**Fire Stations**

**Manorhamilton:** Payment of monies forwarded to client account in Gearty solicitors. Legal documents (Deed of Transfer) forwarded to solicitors in Manorhamilton for signing.
Ballinamore: Approval obtained from the Department to appoint the recommended tenderer. Further clarifications were sought from the recommended tenderer.

Drumshanbo: Tenders were received for the appointment of architects to design the building. The tenders have to be evaluated.

Fire Service Recruitment
Interviews held for recruit fire fighter vacancies in Manorhamilton. Two applicants qualified, one withdrew. One applicant is being organised to attend forthcoming recruit course. Position is to be re-advertised.

Building Control Activity
- **Commencement Notices:** 3 Received, 1 valid, 2 invalid
- **Short Commencement Notices:** 1 Received, 1 valid
- **7 Day Notices:** 0 Received
- **Opt Out Commencement Notices:** 1 Received, 0 valid
- **Completion Certs:** 0 Received
- **Fire Safety Certificates:** 2 Received
- **Disabled Access Certificates:** 5 Received

Erasmus+ project application
Project application finalised and submitted in advance of the deadline of March 21st.

CIVIL DEFENCE
- From 01 March to 03 March Volunteers remained on standby to respond to requests from the Principal Response Agencies during the severe weather period.
- On the 03 March Volunteers were requested to assist a HSE Ambulance Crew who were dealing with a medical emergency in the Aughacashel area.
- On the 24 March Safety Boat and First Aid assistance was provided during the Head of the River event at Lough Rinn.
- On the 30 March First Aid assistance was provided during a Charity cycle and run in the Lough Rinn area.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Section in order that the Lake Water sampling programme could continue.

Signed: [Signature]
Lar Power
Chief Executive

Date: 13th April, 2018