Ref. No. 11/C/05

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 179 (2)(B) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

(i) describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.

The proposal is to carry out the following works;
Implementation of remedial works to Council owned dwellings, at Dristermaun, Drumshanbo. Works include
1. Energy efficiency upgrades and refurbishment of individual units
2. Associated site works in housing estate
3. Provision of amenities and play areas

The location of the proposed development is shown on the attached map.

(ii) evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.

The principles of the Leitrim County Development Plan, 2009-2015 applies to the proposal. The site is not located in the vicinity of any recorded monuments. The proposed development is in accordance with the provisions of the plan, in particular those set out below.

2.10.07 Renewable Energy
The Council will seek to improve the energy efficiency of its existing building stock and to promote energy efficiency and conservation in the design and development of all new buildings in the County and in residential schemes in particular. The Council encourages low energy and passive house design and construction within the County.

Policy 10.07: It is the policy of the Council to support national policy on reducing carbon emissions and increasing energy generation from renewable sources.

2.09.06 Play and Recreation
The Council recognises the importance of play in the development of children. The Council will support initiatives, which encourage play and raise awareness of the importance of play for the health, wellbeing and development of children.

Policy 9.6a To increase the range of public play opportunities available to children.
Policy 9.6b To improve the quality and safety of playgrounds and play areas.

It is considered that the development proposed would not be seriously injurious to the amenities of the area and would be in accordance with the policies and objectives of the County Development Plan.

Appropriate Assessment
A Statement for Screening for Appropriate Assessment has been included in the Part 8 documentation. The statement of screening report concludes that the project will not give rise to significant adverse impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site.

It is considered that the statement of screening report is in general satisfactory and that its conclusions are valid. No AA is therefore required before making a decision in relation to this project.

(iii) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under subsection (2),

The following external bodies and authorities were notified of the proposed development:

- Development Applications Unit, DoEH&LG;
- Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- The Heritage Council;
- An Taisce;

The closing date for receipt of submissions was Friday 27th May 2011. No submissions have been received from the bodies.

The following internal departments were notified of the proposed development:

- Senior Engineer, Environment (LCC)
- Chief Fire Officer, LCC
- District Engineer, Dromahair (LCC)
- Access Officer, LCC

The closing date for receipt of submissions was Friday 27th May 2011. To that date submissions have been received from The Chief Fire Officer, LCC and the Access Officer, LCC.

No submissions from any member of the public.

(iv) summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the manager thereto, and
The Fire Officer has stated that the Fire Authority has no objection to the
works. The report recommends the following;

- Hydrants shall be provided, where required, for fire fighting purposes
- Hydrant indicator marker plates shall be provided
- Any old lug type hydrant connections shall be replaced with new screw
down type hydrants
- All gas and oil storage is to be outside and all fuel storage tanks shall
be located not less than the minimum recommended distance from a
dwelling.

It is recommended that consultation with the Fire Officer be incorporated into
the decision of the Council by way of a stated requirement.

The Access Officer recommends the inclusion of an accessibility condition
and a condition advising that all works should comply with building
regulations.

(v) recommend whether or not the proposed development should be
proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the
report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

It is recommended that the proposed development proceed subject to the
following requirements:

1. The development shall be executed in accordance with plans, particulars,
details and specifications placed on public display, save as is herein under
otherwise required.

2. The development shall conform to the principles of universal design and
takes cognisance of the needs of persons with mobility, sensory or
intellectual impairments. The development shall comply with the
guidance contained in 'Building for Everyone - published by the National
Disability Authority.'

3. Consultation with the Fire Officer shall be undertaken prior to
commencement.

4. All works shall comply with the Building Regulations, current edition.

Geraldine Coen
Assistant Engineer (Planning)

Ciara Tracey
Senior Planner

Jackie Maguire
Leitrim County Manager
Ref. No. 11/C/04

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(i) describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area,

The proposal is to carry out the following works;
Implementation of remedial works to Council owned dwellings, at Treamore Td., Mohill, Co. Leitrim, include:
1. Energy efficiency upgrades and refurbishment of individual units
2. Associated site works in housing estate
3. Demolishing of Houses No. 29, 30, 31 & 32 Treamore
3. Provision of amenities and play areas at Treamore

The location of the proposed development is shown on the attached map.

(ii) evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.

The principles of the Leitrim County Development Plan, 2009-2015 applies to the proposal. The site is not located in the vicinity of any recorded monuments. The proposed development is in accordance with the provisions of the plan, in particular those set out below.

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The Council will seek to improve the energy efficiency of its existing building stock and to promote energy efficiency and conservation in the design and development of all new buildings in the County and in residential schemes in particular. The Council encourages low energy and passive house design and construction within the County.

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No submissions from any member of the public.

(iv) summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the manager thereto, and
The report from the Fire Officer recommends the following:

- Sufficient hydrants shall be provided so that no dwelling is more than 46 metres from a hydrant.
- Hydrants should be of the screw down type to B.S. 750 and hydrant indicator marker plates shall be provided to comply with B.S.3251:1976. The outlet from a hydrant should be no greater than 200mm below adjoining ground level.
- The watermain should be 150mm upvc Class C and form a closed loop on site
- The supply of water to the estate to facilitate fire fighting needs to be investigated: source, size of watermains, pressure and flow etc.

The report states that there is currently only one hydrant in the estate which can facilitate firefighting in terms of water pressure and flow.

It is recommended that consultation with the Fire Officer be incorporated into the decision of the Council by way of a stated requirement.

The Access Officer recommends the inclusion of an accessibility condition and a condition advising that all works should comply with building regulations.

(v) recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

It is recommended that the proposed development proceed subject to the following requirements:

1. The development shall be executed in accordance with plans, particulars, details and specifications placed on public display, save as is herein under otherwise required.

2. The development shall conform to the principles of universal design and takes cognisance of the needs of persons with mobility, sensory or intellectual impairments. The development shall comply with the guidance contained in 'Building for Everyone - published by the National Disability Authority.'

3. Consultation with the Fire Officer shall be undertaken prior to commencement.

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Aoiife Mulcahy  
Executive Planner

Ciaran Tracey  
Senior Planner

Jackie Maguire  
Leitrim County Manager
In accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009
And
Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011
(S.I No. 198 of 2011)
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(A) Introduction – Purpose of the Scheme
The purpose of the Allocation Scheme is to provide a means of determining the order of priority to be accorded in the allocation of dwellings to:

- persons assessed as being qualified for social housing support in accordance with Section 20 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (and associated regulations);
- persons transferring from a dwelling, including from a dwelling provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative or the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and, including transfers to new dwellings being purchased under the Incremental Purchase Scheme.

This allocation scheme applies to -
Dwellings provided under the Housing Acts 1966 to 2009 or Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 -

(i) of which the housing authority (Leitrim County Council) is the owner,

or

(ii) of which the housing authority is not the owner and which are provided under a contract or lease between the housing authority and the owner concerned, including rental accommodation availability agreements, and

(a) dwellings owned and provided by Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to whom assistance is given under section 6 of the Housing Act 1992 for the purposes of such provision.

(B) The manner in which dwellings are allocated
The manner in which Leitrim County Council (hereinafter called the housing authority) will allocate dwellings, or different categories of dwellings, to households referred to in Section 22(3) of the Act of 2009, or to different classes of households, shall have regard to the order of priority as set out in (c) to (h) hereunder.

(C) Order of Priority
In the making of an allocation, the following priorities shall apply in order as set out hereunder:

1. Applicants living in dwellings deemed to be dangerous as defined in Section 3 of the Local Government Sanitary Services Act, 1964 or being displaced by the operation of a local authority.
2. Applicants deemed to be homeless under Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1988.
3. Applicants living in unfit conditions as defined in Section of the Housing Act, 1966
4. Applicants living in overcrowded conditions as defined in Section 63 of the Housing Act, 1966
5. Applicants in need of housing on disability, medical, compassionate or other similar grounds.
6. Elderly applicants in need of housing where elderly is defined as 60 years of age or older and where such applicants are assessed and approved for social housing supports.
7. Applicants not included in any other specific category above, who have been assessed and approved for social housing supports.

'Time on List'
Whilst allocations will be made in accordance with the above order of priority, where a number of applicants fall within the same category, regard shall be had to the length of time that has elapsed since the applicant qualified for inclusion as a qualified applicant for housing by the housing authority. All allocations shall be subject to Section I (II) hereunder.

(D) Reviewing Eligibility for Social Housing Supports
Applicants must be eligible for, and in need of, social housing support at the point of allocation of that support. Changing circumstances may result in a household becoming ineligible for social housing support. Taking into consideration the nature of the change in circumstances, the Housing Authority may undertake a full review of the assessment to determine whether the applicant household remains qualified for social housing support. Rent Supplement recipients must qualify for social housing support in the same way as other households seeking support.

(E) Exceptions
In accordance with Section 20(8) of the 2009 Act, the housing authority, in applying the terms of this scheme to a person may disregard the accommodation that a household currently occupies where the housing authority has reason to believe that a household, or any member of it, has done something, or failed to do something, that has resulted in their accommodation now being less suitable to their housing need than it would formerly have been.

Notwithstanding anything in Section C above, the housing authority may disregard the order of priority given to a household under an allocation scheme where the household is being provided with social housing support in the following circumstances:

- Persons in need of accommodation arising from specified emergency circumstances, including displacement by fire, flood or any other emergency, development, redevelopment or regeneration of any an area by a housing authority, or exceptional medical or compassionate grounds.

- In a dwelling let to the household under a Chapter 4 tenancy agreement having been assessed under Section 20(3), i.e. RAS Accommodation.
In the allocation of RAS accommodation, the housing authority will have regard to the length of time a household has been in receipt of rent supplement; the length of time a household has been on the waiting list for social housing support, or a combination of both; and will be subject to Section (I) (II) hereunder.

(F) Medical Report
Where priority is claimed on Disability / Medical Grounds, the applicant shall submit a report from a Medical Practitioner detailing their disability/medical condition and how this impacts on their housing requirements. The housing authority in considering the awarding of a priority claimed on medical grounds may seek supplementary medical reports in respect of any specific accommodation requirements.

(G) Special Category Allocations
The housing authority may, from time to time, determine as they see fit to set aside for persons of such category or categories as the authority may decide, a particular number or proportion of the dwellings becoming available to the authority for letting.

The following special conditions shall apply in respect of the Allocation Scheme for the Letting of Dwellings:

- allocation to particular classes of household, e.g. older persons, persons with disabilities etc., thus affording priority in the allocation of those dwellings to approved households in the relevant category of need;
- allocation to households transferring from other forms of social housing support (e.g. RAS Units, Voluntary Housing Units) and leased units;
- for particular forms of tenure, including an Incremental Purchase dwelling;

The procedure applied by the housing authority for an Incremental Purchase Scheme will be as set out in Part 3 of the 2009 Act and the Housing (Incremental Purchase) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 252 of 2010). Properties are designated by Manager's Order for use for Incremental Purchase Schemes.

(H) Emergency Allocations
The housing authority, notwithstanding the order of priorities for lettings as set out in this scheme, may, where it considers necessary, make a letting to a person whose need for accommodation arises from an emergency.

(I) Refusals
Part I - Refusals of Offers of Accommodation by Housing Applicants
Households who, without a satisfactory explanation, refuse two reasonable offers will have their application deferred for a period of twelve months.

A reasonable offer is defined in Regulation 12(3) as an offer of accommodation which in the opinion of the authority would meet the needs and requirements of the household and the dwelling is situated in the area of choice specified by the household.
A household will not be offered social housing support during the suspension period and time will not be added on during this period for ‘time on list’ or any other priority determining purposes.

All offers of accommodation shall be notified to the relevant Community Welfare Officer who is responsible for enforcement of the regulations in respect to payment of rent supplement [refusal of accommodation may result in loss of rent supplement payment from the H.S.E].

In general a household at the top of the list will stay there until they either have accepted a property or refused two offers of social housing support.

The only exceptions to this is where the housing authority is offering accommodation because of specified exceptional circumstances, including displacement by fire, flood or other emergency, development, redevelopment and regeneration of an area or exceptional and compassionate grounds. In these circumstances, the housing authority does not need to offer the household accommodation in their area of choice for it to be considered a reasonable offer. Households will not be penalised for refusing an initial offer if the offer is deemed to be a reasonable refusal.

The Refusal Policy will also apply to applicants for a Transfer.

**Part II - Refusal of Housing Authority to Allocate**

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Scheme in regard to an applicant’s entitlement to be considered for accommodation, the housing authority may in exceptional circumstances refuse to allocate, or defer to allocate a dwelling where it considers any of the following apply:

- the person is or has been convicted of engaging in anti-social behaviour as defined under Government legislation,
- that a letting to that person would not be in the interest of good estate management,
- on the grounds of promoting social inclusion
- on the grounds of counteracting social segregation
- where it has been assessed that a person’s accommodation needs cannot appropriately be met, at that point in time, through independent living

The housing authority may also refuse to allocate a dwelling in cases where an applicant:

- refuses to disclose any information which is requested by the housing authority either on the application form or at subsequent interviews and which is required either for the purpose of assessing the application or for estate management purposes.
• will not authorise the provision of data/information on the applicant by other agencies where this data/information is required by the housing authority for estate management purposes, or
• provides false or misleading information at any stage in the assessment or allocation process.

(J) Transfers
Tenants of the housing authority, including tenants of dwellings provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative, RAS, or by AHB’s may apply for consideration for a transfer to other dwellings, under the following circumstances -

• **Down-sizing:** tenants who wish to transfer to a smaller unit of housing authority accommodation.

• **Exceptional medical/disability or compassionate grounds:** where the tenant has a serious disability/medical condition or illness for which the allocation of a transfer to an alternative housing authority dwelling would improve the tenant’s medical condition. The housing authority shall obtain and have regard to a report from an Occupational Therapist/Medical Practitioner in respect of any specific accommodation requirements.

• **Overcrowding:** where the existing accommodation is no longer suitable on the grounds of over-crowding due to an increase in the family composition since the original date of allocation of the property.

The housing authority will not consider transferring a tenant because of unsatisfactory relations with a neighbouring tenant or because of dissatisfaction in general with the estate or the neighbourhood.

Notwithstanding the above, tenants seeking a transfer must fulfil the following requirements to the satisfaction of the housing authority -

**The following conditions also apply to the approval of a transfer request:**

1. Tenants must have a clear rent account with no arrears relating to their existing tenancy
2. The tenants must have complied with all the conditions of their letting agreement
3. The tenants must not have engaged in anti-social behaviour for the previous two years
4. The tenants must have resided in their current accommodation for the previous two years
5. Subject to an inspection of the existing accommodation the property must be in a satisfactory condition
6. The date of application for a transfer will only be set after all the conditions for a transfer have been met in the opinion of the housing authority.

(K) Succession Tenancies
On the death of a tenant, the tenancy may be transferred to the tenant’s partner/spouse or to a member of the tenant’s immediate family normally resident in the dwelling at the date of the tenant’s death. In determining whether or not the tenant’s immediate family was normally resident in the dwelling on the date of the tenant’s death, details included on the previous Rent Assessments will be taken into account. It is a requirement that the details in relation to all persons residing in a housing authority property are declared to the authority and that the rent account is reassessed to reflect the additional member of the household residing in the accommodation. The entitlement to make an application for a succession of tenancy will not apply where the housing authority is satisfied that the applicant for succession deliberately took up occupancy in the dwelling for the sole purpose of obtaining tenancy in these circumstances. The housing authority will make whatever enquiries are necessary to verify any particulars furnished in support of an application for succession.

Under some circumstances where succession is being considered, the housing authority may require the family member to move to another property if it considers the property to be too large or the property has been designed or adapted for the use of someone with a disability who no longer resides in the property. No succession to the tenancy will be considered where the property has been designated as an Older Persons Dwelling (and where the person applying for succession is not an elderly person) save in exceptional circumstances.

(L) Review of / Amendments to the Allocation Scheme.
Leitrim County Council may from time to time review this allocation scheme, and revise it by way of amendments to the scheme or make a new scheme, subject to the approval of the Elected Members of the Council. Before making or amending an allocation scheme, the Council shall provide a draft of the scheme or amendment to the scheme, as the case may be, to the Minister, who may direct the Council to amend the draft scheme or draft amendment, and the Council shall comply with any such direction within such period as may be specified by the Minister. A copy of the Allocation Scheme will be available for public inspection at the offices of the housing authority during office hours and will also be available on the website at www.leitrimcoco.ie.
Re: Item No. 5 on Agenda for Council Meeting on 13th June 2011
Financial Management Report for Quarter Ending 31 March 2011

Dear Councillor,

The Value for Money Report No 23 on Financial Management Reporting in Local Authorities recommended the provision of regular financial management reports to the Elected Council. Furthermore, in accordance with the reporting arrangements under the EU and IMF Financial Support Programme, Leitrim County Council is required to report on its financial position on a quarterly basis to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in a prescribed format. The first report was submitted at the end of May and covered the 3 month period 1st January 2011 to 31st March 2011. In this context, I enclose financial report for the first quarter of 2011.

In relation to the financial reports, the following should be noted:

**Summary Revenue Expenditure by Division:** The report to the end of the first quarter, 31st March 2011, indicates that expenditure is on target. Regular reviews are carried out to ensure that expenditure remains on target. Every effort continues to be made to reduce costs where possible. In addition to Leitrim County Council tendering on its own, where appropriate, some contracts are being tendered on a regional basis through the Western Local Authorities Procurement Group. Other contracts such as Energy are being tendered nationally through the offices of the National Procurement Service (NPS) — within the OPW.

**Summary Income by Division:** The collection of income will continue to remain a challenge during 2011 as the difficult economic conditions impact on the customers of the Local Authority. While the major sources of income are down on previous years, efforts are continuing to put in place payment plans with customers which, can be accommodated within their cash flow and financial plans.

**Public Services Agreement (Croke Park)**

In line with the reporting provisions of the Public Service Agreement (Croke Park), Leitrim County Council has submitted its first report for the period 1 January 2010 – 31 March 2011.

The report reflected total savings achieved under the agreement during the reporting period of €1.3m generated primarily through payroll savings with the non-replacement of retirements, maternity leave, career breaks etc. Other savings have also been generated through re-tendering of
goods and services, introduction of travel and subsistence mileage limits with the aim of creating greater efficiencies and savings in this area, and elimination of outdated allowances.

It should be noted however, that the report submitted only captures savings over the period 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2011. However, during the 2009 period of economic downturn and the various resulting Government directives, significant measures were taken by all local authorities to generate savings and efficiencies. In this context, approximately €2m savings were achieved by Leitrim County Council during 2009, of which payroll savings represented €1.4m, with the balance being achieved through more efficient use of resources, procurement initiatives (both local and on a regional basis) including the re-tendering of plant and tool hire, chemicals and mobile phone contract.

The Council has also experienced a significant reduction in staff numbers (44 no.) together with non replacement for leave (e.g. maternity, parental, long term sick leave) since 2009. This has resulted in changes to work practices, the prioritisation of services and the allocation of staff resources in the most effective manner. This will continue to present challenges for the organisation over the coming months, however the Council is committed to working with all stakeholders under the framework of the Public Service Agreement to deliver on savings and maximise efficiencies.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Maguire
County Manager
### LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

**Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division**

**Year to Date to Quarter End 31/03/2011**

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*Note: The values in parentheses represent surplus or deficit.*
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisc.

13th June, 2011

Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

RE:  Progress Report on the Housing Capital Programme

Dear Councillor,
The current position in relation to the Housing Capital Programme is as follows:

Social Housing Investment Programme (Allocation - €350,000)
The funding received under this programme heading is required to fund commitments on existing schemes in progress or due to be advanced to the construction stage.

- Works are ongoing on the construction of one special needs specially adapted bungalow at Ussan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim.
- Site investigation works are ongoing in relation to the provision of a second special needs specially adapted bungalow at Cullen & Brownhill, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim.
- The balance of the funding available will fund the provision of an extension to an existing local authority dwelling.

Remedial Works (Allocation - €466,747)
The funding allocated to Remedial Works is to fund the completion of a Remedial Works Programme at Treanmore, Mohill and Dristernan, Drumshanbo. It is proposed to complete the project in phases and the first phase of the project was recently advertised for public tender with a closing date of the 30th June, 2011.

Improving the Social Housing Stock (€360,000)
Works are ongoing on the completion of Energy Efficiency Works on a number of vacant and tenanted local authority dwellings to improve the overall energy efficiency of the dwellings and improve their Building Energy Rating (B.E.R).

Improvement Works and Extensions (Allocation - €75,661)
The funding will provide for the construction of an en-suite bedroom facility, wheelchair accessibility and general remedial works to a rural cottage to provide for the specific housing need of the exiting tenant.
Leasing (No specific allocation)
A number of Expressions of Interest have been received under the Long-Term Leasing Scheme and are currently being examined.

Travellers (Allocation €80,000)
A meeting of Council Officials, Officials from the Leitrim Integrated Development Company, the Mohill Travellers and the Elected Members from the Carrick-on-Shannon Electoral Area and the Traveller Consultative Committee took place on Wednesday the 8th of June, 2011. A final decision on the proposed re-development of the existing halting site facility in Mohill as provided for under the 2009-2013 Traveller Accommodation Programme will be made in the next number of weeks. If it is proposed to proceed with the project the funding will be utilised to fund the initial design of the re-development.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Quinn,
Director of Services,
Housing & Corporate Services
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL – SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL SCHEMES

UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT

June 2011

1. **Kinlough/Tullaghan Water Supply Improvement Scheme:**

Consultants T.J.O’Connors, Scheme comprises two Construction Contracts.

- **New Trunk Mains** – Carty Contractors Ltd substantially completed.
- **Treatment Plant** - Veolia Water Ltd. - This new plant is substantially completed and is fully operational.
- **Rising Main** – This is funded under WSIP 2010 – 2012 as a water conservation project. A new rising main from the Water Treatment Plant at Glenade to Fertagh Reservoir will be laid a distance of 8Km to replace the old rising main. This work has commenced and is being undertaken by direct labour.

2. **Leitrim Towns and Villages Sewerage Scheme Bundle 1:**

Consultants Nicholas O’ Dwyers. Scheme comprises three main contracts.

- **Contract A** - network pipelines North Leitrim
  Mc. Gorry Contracts - Substantially completed
- **Contract B** - network pipelines South Leitrim
  Wills Bros - Substantially completed.
- **Contract C – Eleven Treatment Plants Design Build Operate (DBO)**
  Contract signed with Response Engineering Ltd.
  Work is ongoing on this contract with six of the eleven new Waste Water Treatment Plants fully operational. The remaining five Waste Water Treatment Plants will be completed in August 2011. Response Engineering Ltd. have commenced the Operation and Maintenance phase of the contract on the completed WWTP’s and will be in total control of all eleven WWTP’s from August 2011.

3. **Carrick-on-Shannon Sewerage Scheme:**

Tobins Consulting Engineers Galway scheme comprises six main contracts:

- **Contract 1a** Advanced works Main Street / Summerhill - Works completed
- **Contract 2 Site investigations** – works completed.
- **Contract 3A** Gravity sewer along River Shannon – Priority construction works completed.
- **Contract 3B** New sewer network – KDM construction works completed.
- **Contract 3C** Sewer rehabilitation - Mc. Allisters - works completed.
- **Contract 4** DBO Contract for new Waste water treatment plant. Works on the new Waste Water Treatment plant are substantially complete. Process proving and the commissioning phase of the works have commenced. It is anticipated that this WWTP will be handed over to Response Engineering Ltd for the Operation and Maintenance phase of the contract in October 2011.
4. **North Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme – Phase II:**

Consultants Jennings O’ Donovan

This scheme is included as a scheme in planning in the Water Services Investment Programme 2010 – 2012.

Due to water quality issues Leitrim County Council sought and was granted approval to advance to construction the first two stages of the scheme as follows:
1. **Mullies / Brackery** trunk mains upgrade. Completed – This large Group Water Scheme is now supplied with treated water from public water supply from NLRWSS.
2. **Fivemilebourne PWS / Leckaun GWS** – Works completed - These two areas are now supplied with treated water from public water supply from NLRWSS.
3. **Expansion of Water Treatment Plant at Moneyduff**. – outstanding
   The expansion of the NLRWSS to serve a much larger area including supplies to a number of large Group Water Schemes has increased the demand for treated water from our existing Water Treatment Plant at Moneyduff. It is now critical that the production capacity at the Water Treatment Plant be increased to meet the rising demand. Leitrim County Council has recently been granted approval by the Department to proceed immediately with the preparation of the tender documentation and the Abstraction Order which is required to allow an increase in the abstraction from Lough Gill.
4. **Extension of Public water supply to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver**. – outstanding.
   This contract will commence on or after the commencement of stage 3 above.

5. **Leitrim Towns and Villages Sewerage Scheme – Bundle 2 – Preliminary Report**

Consultants Nicholas O’ Dwyers.

The Preliminary Report for this scheme has been submitted to the Department. The PR includes for improved sewerage infrastructure in nine towns and villages including Ballinamore, Carrigallen, Dromod, Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Manorhamilton, Mohill and new infrastructure at Rossinver and Glenfarne.

This scheme has been removed from the WSIP 2010 – 2012 and no further work is planned on this scheme for the present.

As part of the annual review of WSIP 2010 – 2012 Leitrim County Council have submitted to the Department a request for approval to undertake elements of works in the existing WWTP’s which are considered critical to improve effluent discharges from these plants. This is necessary to meet the Council’s obligations under the new Surface Water Regulations 2009 and the “Discharge Licences”. This is now a priority for Leitrim County Council.

__John Mc Guinness__
Director of Services
Infrastructure.
National Primary Route Programme

N4 Dromod to Carrick on Shannon Bypass
The National Roads Authority has approved the Preferred Route Corridor for this route. This is the corridor that was advertised last year during the public consultation. Design work is continuing on the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and production of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This will be completed in the current year. This will require approval of the National Roads Authority before the CPO and EIS can be published.

N16 Cornacloy to Sradine
Grant received this year from the National Roads Authority for design work on the realignment of the N16 at Cornacloy to Sradine. Design work ongoing and it is intended to advertise for planning approval before the end of June.

Construction will commence next year subject to funding being approved.

Non National Roads Programme

Area programme of €9.8m approved for non-national roads at March meeting and includes extra funding of €1.3m received from Department of Transport in May.

John McGuinness
Director of Services
Infrastructure
03 June 2011

To each Councillor

Re: Extra Funding - Road Restoration Improvement Grants

We have been advised that the Department of Transport is providing an extra €1.3m for road restoration improvement grants in the current year. Below is a list of the roads to be improved with this extra grant. Following the severe weather of the previous two winters road surfaces have deteriorated along numerous roads in the county. We have changed the original list published by the Department of Transport due to the deterioration of road surfaces over the previous two winters. The overall share to each individual area remains as previously published. In total this brings our expenditure on non-national roads this year to €9.8m which is slightly up from last years allocation of €9.4m.

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John McGuinness
Director of Service Infrastructure
Report to Council Meeting of 13th June 2011

Re: Progress on other capital projects

Tourism

Leitrim County Council have made application to the Failte Ireland Infrastructure fund in relation to the following projects :

A) Glencar waterfall – Viewing bay, Playground, lakeside walk

B) Lough Rynn – rowing facility, extension of caravan service block, extension of car parking, viewing area.

It is understood that the Glencar application has received positive assessment by Failte Ireland, the council awaits letter of offer, which assessment of the Lough Rynn project is on going.

INTERREG IV A

Leitrim County Council have been informed of a positive assessment from a joint project with Cavan & Fermagh under the rural development measure. These works include redevelopment of the Sliabh an laranin visitors centre, signage and car touring of the Lough Allen Catchment, Angling infrastructure and Glenfarne forest walk. The letter of offer is awaited in respect of these projects.

The Council is also awaiting letter of offer in regard to the Border Uplands Project, which is a geological based project focusing on raised bogs at Sliabh an laranin, Crievelea iron works and Eagles Rock , Glenade.

Walks

The Council in conjunction with failte Ireland has recently completed a redesign and further development of walks at Drumshanbo , Aughacashel and Ballinaglera. This project is being carried out in conjunction with the local communities and is now ready to proceed to application for funding stage.

Workspace

Leitrim County Council are working with Leitrim Enterprise Fund on a cross border project with ICBAN which has secured funding for the development of an Innovative Enterprise workspace and programme , initial tendering has been advertised for this project.

PEACE 111

Phase 1 of PEACE 111 is drawing to closure shortly, approval has been received for approx 1.7 million in relation to phase 2, however a number of issues remain to be concluded, it is expected though that phase 2 should be commencing in the last quarter of 2011.
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,
Cora Droma Ruisc.

7th June 2011

Cathaoirleach agus gach Ball
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

RE: Rural Broadband Scheme

Dear Councillor,

Please find attached report in relation to the above which provides a site specific opportunity for people living in the County to be provided in the future with a Broadband service.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Joseph Gilhooly,
Director of Services,
Planning, Community & Economic Development
The National Broadband Scheme was a government sponsored initiative to bring broadband to areas in Ireland where it was previously unavailable. The National Broadband Scheme (NBS) was entered into with “3” on 23rd December 2008.

The stated aim of the National Broadband Scheme (NBS) was “to provide broadband services to the areas of Ireland that are currently unserved and ensure that every reasonable request for broadband in these unserved areas is met”.

Leitrim County Council reviewed the coverage maps for Leitrim which the DCENR were using in the tender process. This map showed that Leitrim had, according to the DCENR maps, almost full broadband coverage with a very small proportion of the County left to be covered by the NBS. Having considered the map as prepared, Leitrim County Council decided some local action was needed.

**Identifying Broadband Weaknesses**

A survey was carried out across the County to assess the level of broadband availability. The results of the survey were as follows:

- 1,282 surveys returned
- 900 had no broadband (70%)
- 382 had broadband (30%)
- Of those who had no broadband the reasons for this were as follows:
  - 71% stated it was unavailable to them.
  - 21% stated they did not require it.
  - 7% stated it was too expensive.
  - 1% stated other reasons.

Leitrim County Council met with DCENR officials to outline the results of the survey and to discuss how the DCENR maps had been compiled. Leitrim County Council mapped the broadband availability in the county, based on information supplied by providers either directly or through their websites. A number of broadband awareness evenings were held throughout the county. However, despite the investment through this Scheme some households in the county are still unable to receive broadband.

**Rural Broadband Scheme**

The Rural Broadband Scheme was launch on 9th May by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and has been established to enable a basic broadband service to be provided to individual rural premises which are not capable of obtaining a broadband service from existing Internet service providers.

The Scheme has been set up in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture as a measure under the Rural Development Plan using funding from the European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development.
There are certain criteria for applications under the scheme. These are:

- You must be living outside of the areas covered by the National Broadband Scheme,
- You must be living in a rural area in accordance with the Rural Development Plan

There will be a number of phases in the Scheme. This first phase involves inviting and processing applications. The Department will be accepting applications from 9th May 2011 until 29th July 2011.

In the second phase of the Scheme, the Department will check with existing internet service providers to see if they are willing to provide a service to the premises concerned. If they are willing to provide a service, the applicant will be written to and asked permission to be contacted by the companies concerned. If a service can be provided to the applicant in this way, the application under the scheme will be closed.

If none of the companies concerned are prepared to offer a service, then the application will be progressed to the next phase in the Scheme. It is expected that the second Phase of the Scheme to be completed by January 2012 at the latest.

In the third phase of the Scheme, the Department will engage an internet service provider who will offer a basic internet service to applicants. The applicants’ details will be passed to this service provider who will contact the applicants and offer them the service. While the Department will be paying part of the cost of the infrastructure necessary to provide a service under this Scheme, the applicant will be responsible for paying the costs of the service itself. This may include some upfront connection costs as well as monthly charges for the service. Further details of the service and related costs will become available once the Service Provider has been selected.

The Department expect the roll out of this service to commence in early 2012. The Scheme should be completed by the end of 2012 at the latest.

The details of the scheme are on www.dcenr.gov.ie and on the communications page and Rural broadband Scheme. Individuals apply on-line, download an application form or ring the Department on 1850 678 100.

There is a limited time to apply – 3 months from 9th May 2011.