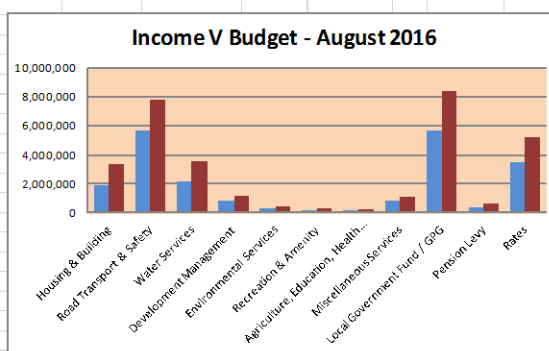
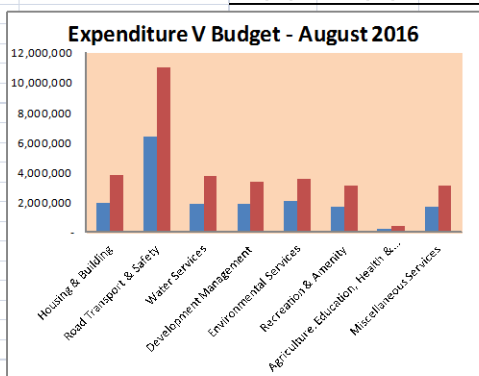


Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st January, 2016 to 31st August, 2016) prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014.

Finance & Water Services Directorate

August 2016 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY August 2016 - FIGURES)

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET	
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
A Housing & Building	2,291,586	3,814,105	60%	1,522,519	1,913,812	3,347,747	57%	1,433,935	(377,774)	88,584
B Road Transport & Safety	8,002,243	10,976,359	73%	2,974,116	5,675,368	7,832,186	72%	2,156,818	(2,326,875)	817,298
C Water Services	2,211,090	3,703,448	60%	1,492,358	2,153,296	3,564,213	60%	1,410,917	(57,794)	81,441
D Development Management	2,202,018	3,395,267	65%	1,193,249	783,050	1,152,938	68%	369,888	(1,418,968)	823,361
E Environmental Services	2,381,616	3,596,984	66%	1,215,368	304,997	467,320	65%	162,323	(2,076,619)	1,053,045
F Recreation & Amenity	2,019,260	3,162,891	64%	1,143,631	172,490	297,500	58%	125,010	(1,846,770)	1,018,621
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	263,595	425,522	62%	161,927	159,929	264,502	60%	104,573	(103,665)	57,355
H Miscellaneous Services	1,985,891	3,124,950	64%	1,139,059	776,460	1,073,837	72%	297,377	(1,209,431)	841,682
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	-	-	0%	0	5,610,592	8,370,659	67%	2,760,067	5,610,592	(2,760,067)
PL Pension Levy	-	-	0%	0	395,118	623,805	63%	228,687	395,118	(228,687)
RA Rates	-	-	0%	0	3,460,948	5,204,620	66%	1,743,672	3,460,948	(1,743,672)
	€21,357,299	€32,199,526	66%	10,842,227	€21,406,059	€32,199,527	66%	10,793,468	48,760	48,759



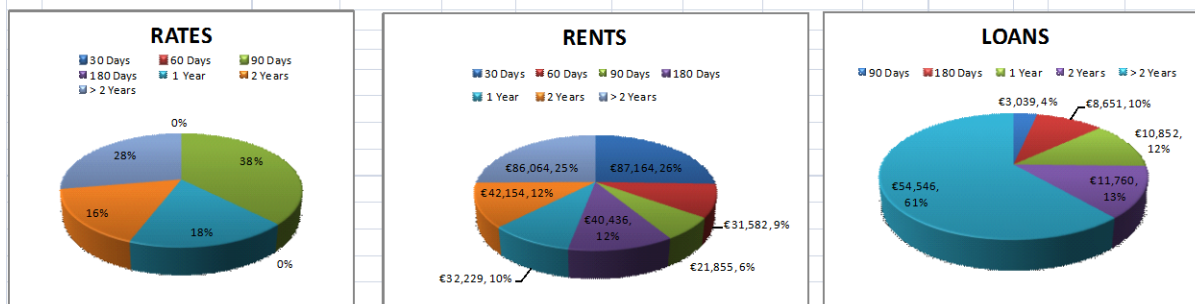
MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF August 2016

- * Water Expenditure in line with Income from Irish Water.

August 2016 - Collection Rates

	€			%			COMMENTARY
	Aug-16	Aug-15	FY 2015	Aug-16	Aug-15	FY 2015	
Housing Rents	1,340,421	1,233,402	1,878,709	79%	81%	86%	Collections up on 2015
Commercial Rates	3,072,434	2,978,833	4,226,300	43%	40%	79%	Collection up on 2015
Housing Loans	108,788	122,758	181,651	52%	50%	65%	Loan collection % up on 2015

August 2016 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES		€0	€1,554,493	€0	€757,976	€680,908	€1,146,915
RENTS	€87,164	€31,582	€21,855	€40,436	€32,229	€42,154	€86,064
LOANS	€2,732	€3,335	€3,039	€8,651	€10,852	€11,760	€58,442

Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo:- Asset Management

In August 2016, a total of 104 issues were raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System (95 related to water and 9 related to waste water. There were 12 Bursts / Leaks with an additional 21 leaks detected through active leak detection.

Water Conservation:

The Unaccounted for Water is 55.8%.

The Following District Metered Areas require Water Conservation / Leak Detection...

DMA Name	DMA Code	Total Nett Inflow m3/day	AFW Total m3/day	UFW Total m3/day	Percentage UFW %
Carrick on Shannon Town	1700_TEMP_005	1956.30	798.533	1157.76	59.181
Corraleehan Scheme	1700_TEMP_010	316.505	80.065	236.440	74.703
Dromahair PWS	2700MA045	694.737	233.69	461.047	66.363
Glenade WTP to Fertagh Res	1700MA007	229.900	56.151	173.749	75.576
Gowel to Kilnagross	1700MA003	244.2	44.406	199.764	81.814
Leckaun & Fivemilebourne	2700MA010	252.000	86.407	165.593	65.712
Manorhamilton PWS	1700MA005	1108.000	731.462	376.538	33.984
Mt. Campbell to Jamestown	1700MA058	221.000	61.141	159.859	72.334
Point X to Drumkeeran	1700MA046	53.500	3.551	49.949	93.363
Point X to Manorhamilton	1700MA001	126.100	32.494	93.606	74.232
School Road Black Road	1700_TEMP_007	101.000	11.404	89.596	88.709
Toomans to Gortfadda	1700MA022	494.800	144.600	350.200	70.776

Capital Update:

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

- Extension to Moneyduff WTP and Watermains extensions to Rossinver / Kiltyclogher.
- Jennings O' Donovan has been appointed Consulting Engineers.
- The total estimated cost of this project is now €8.076 million incl. VAT.
- Planning Application for new pumping station at Cooladonnell reservoir has been granted.

The contract at Moneyduff WTP extension has been tendered and Irish Water has approved at WIAC the preferred Contractor, A further approval GCAC (Group Contracts Approvals Committee) for contracts over €3.0million is an additional requirement. This will delay the actual award of contract and commencement on site which is now more likely to be October 2016.

Extension Supply to Rossinver and Kiltyclogher - Ward and Burke Construction Ltd appointed and works commenced on site on 20th June 2016. Work on the Kiltyclogher rising main is well under way and is programmed to be finished by early September 2016. It is possible that following a period of testing in September that consideration can be given to lifting the boil Water Notice before the end of September. The works on the trunk main to Rossinver will commence in September after Kiltyclogher is completed.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734

Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735

- This project was approved for Funding by WIAC on 21/1/15.
- Nicholas O Dwyer's have been appointed Consulting Engineers.
- All required Planning Permission granted by Leitrim County Council.
- The Design and Tender Documents were approved by Irish Water. Irish Water invited Tenders on 4th May 2016. Unfortunately only one complete tender was received by Irish Water from 6/7 companies invited to tender.
- Irish Water has indicated that the project will be re-tendered in September 2016. Commencement on site not now likely before the end of 2016.
- The all in cost of this project is currently estimated at €2,009,931. incl VAT

Minor Capital Works

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

- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project which is being managed directly by Irish Water.
- **Sampling Programme** -- flow monitoring and sampling at 12 no. WWTP'S in County Leitrim. The contractor **Glan Agua** has substantially completed the works on the various sites in Leitrim and inspection of the completed works has taken place and snag lists prepared. These will be addressed by the contractor in due course. Training and instruction for Leitrim County Council staff will take place soon.
Approx **Estimate in Leitrim = €120,000**
- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme** --level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 13 No. drinking water reservoir sites. Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and prepare contract documents for this contract as a pilot project for IW. Ryan Hanley and Leitrim CaPO are scoping the works required. Ryan Hanley will produce contract documents for procurement by Irish Water of a contractor to undertake these works. These contract documents for Leitrim are a pilot scheme which will be rolled out and used in other counties.
- **DMA Programme** – Upgrade and complete the District Metering Structure on the networks in County Leitrim. The contractor EMR has commenced works on site. The civil works are proceeding on programme were due for

completion in August 2016. Mechanical/electrical works to follow and calibration and commissioning to be completed in early December 2016. **Contract cost €518,000.**

- **Killenna Watermain** replacement (2km) is approved and included in the minor capital programme. **Estimated cost = €100,000.**

(The existing supply along this section is under a threat of a boil water notice due to poorly discoloured water due to poor condition of old cast iron mains.)

Tender Documents with Irish Water CST. We await the appointment of a Contractor by Irish Water.

- **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.**

Estimated Cost: €270,000.

Nicholas O' Dwyer's Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Irish Water and work has commenced on the preparation of design and tender documents.

Budgets approved Drumshanbo - €150,000, Ballinamore - € 51,100, Leitrim Village €6,500, Carrigallen - € 60,000. Planning permissions for the various works have been granted in June, 2016. Tender documents complete and have issued to CST in Irish Water. We await the Procurement of a contractor by Irish Water. Commencement of works on site dependent on procurement.

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

Tender documents prepared by Leitrim County Council were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for the appointment of a contractor from their Frameworks. A meeting was held on 28th July with Irish Water Minor Capital with a view to moving this forward. On 31st August, 2016 the Council were requested to re-do the tender documents. These will be completed and resubmitted in the next week. There have been a number of bursts in recent times and Irish Water notified of urgency and need to appoint contractor ASAP.

- **Drumsna WWTP.** Irish Water has approved an ANB for Minor Capital upgrade of Drumsna WWTP to provide for optimisation of the treatment process. The works require the construction of a balancing tank and level sensor and linked communications to main pumping station. The estimated cost is €62,000. Design and tender document preparation will be undertaken by CaPO and submitted to IW for procurement.

- **Bridge Street- Carrick-on-Shannon**

Irish Water has approved the replacement of old cast iron water mains in Bridge Street, Carrick on Shannon at **an estimated cost of circa €120,000.** Source Civil Ltd were appointed Contractors for these works. Due to the needs of local traders and the tourist season these works have been scheduled to proceed in September, 2016.

- **Ballinamore and Mohill Mains Replacement:** These three watermain replacement jobs have been bundled up and Tobins Consulting Engineers have completed survey and designs. Irish Water has now decided that these Minor Capital works will be procured by Shared Services in the normal way. No definite date for appointment of Contractors at this stage.

- **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**

Irish Water has procured Coffey's Water Ltd. to install inline UVT and Crypto monitors at two water treatment plants in Leitrim at Carrick on Shannon and Moneyduff as part of a larger regional project. Designs have been approved. Works at Leitrim WTP's has not taken place yet and the Water Services Department will follow up with PM John Morris. This contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these

plants based on grab samples. This data will be used by Irish Water to highlight further necessary process improvements at WTP's.

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

1. **New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant at an estimated cost of €50,000** has been approved under Minor Capital. EPS appointed as Contractor and the prefabrication of the structures has been completed. Erection on Site to commence in September.
2. **Chlorination Boosting at Oughteraght Reservoir Estimate €25,000**
Measures put in place to boost chlorine in this network have alleviated this issue. It is considered that additional chlorination boosting at Oughteraght may not be required. This will be monitored by operations.
3. **Two jobs at Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade water treatment plant the upgrade of Filters and raw water diversion at a total estimated cost of €44,000 is approved.** Work has commenced on site.
4. A project to provide “**Filter Run To Waste**” at Carrick on Shannon has been approved by Irish Water on 22nd April 2106. Carrick on Shannon has been recommended by the EPA and is being treated as urgent by IW. EPS has received an order to carry out these works. There is a 10 week works programme for completion.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Training

The Autumn training schedule has been completed and is available on the website and was advertised in local paper, there continues to be strong demand for training.

Mentoring

There continues to be a strong demand for one to one mentoring particularly in the areas of finance, business planning and marketing.

Enterprise Space

The commercial space available in Co. Leitrim has been updated and is now available on websites of LEO Leitrim and Leitrim County Council. The information is compiled in 4 documents – office, industrial, retail and sites. This information was gathered from Daft.ie., myhome.ie and enterprise centres in the county. This will be updated every 6 months.

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur

Applications opened for IBYE and the programme has been revised in that it is now open to under 35's. Now in its 3rd year, the programme continues to build on its successes and LEO are actively promoting it in paper, radio, website, posters, brochures and social media etc

Networking

- An evaluation is taking place on the First Friday's programme.
- Leitrim Business Network continues to meet on a quarterly basis.
- Bookings are coming in steadily for the joint Women in Business Networking event (with Longford) planned for September 2016.

Online trading Vouchers

A half day Online Trading Voucher workshop took place on 30th August which is a **free** information workshop prior to submission of an application for the Online Trading Voucher Scheme.

One to one meetings

Staff continue to meet one to one with clients for advice and signposting to supports.

Taste Leitrim

Leitrim has reached the top 10 Foodie Destinations Finalists for 2016 alongside Boyne Valley, Kilkenny, Loop Head, Derry, Cong, Sligo, Monaghan, the Burren and Dublin coastal villages. Foodie Destination is given to a destination where there are a cluster of high-quality places to eat. These include not just restaurants, but food festivals and farmers' markets. Voting remains open until 9th September with a winner announced on 29th September.

Other

IT Sligo's partnership with The Hive resulted in the first Innovation clinic on 23rd August whereby a business could avail of a one to one review of their specific innovation needs.

The Student Enterprise Programme for 2016-2017 programme is underway and a Schools Co-ordinator event took place in Tullamore during August to prepare for same.

LEO Leitrim and partners have been awarded funding under Smart Data Smart Regions, Erasmus project with a budget of €28,760.

A programme of activity has been prepared for the two USEFE projects – Creative Connections and Graduate Placement and work will begin shortly.

Economic Development

Local Economic Development Committee

Initial work was done on the LCDC website and the domain name www.lcdc.ie is being sought through the IT Dept. The site is based with Leitrim County Council site and contains basic information on the LCDC and the programmes it operates for the moment. The next meeting of LCDC is scheduled for September 12th and amendments required to the Standing Orders for LCDC to operate as a LAG were prepared in August.

LEADER

Meetings of the RDOC were held on August 4th and 29th to look at the programme of work required in advance of opening the LEADER Programme.

High Level Advisory Group (HLAG)

A meeting of HLAG has been arranged for October 14th and 15th 2016 in Carrick on Shannon.

Manorhamilton REDZ

Contact was made with the Manorhamilton Enterprise Forum to check if those selected for the Manorhamilton REDZ Team had been notified by the Forum. A meeting was scheduled for September 26th.

Carrick on Shannon Town Teams

Christmas in Carrick on Shannon Group Update (part of marketing & Citizen Engagement Group)

Four Meetings were held – August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. Some excellent ideas were proposed to encourage greater footfall into the town centre in the off-season leading up to Christmas. A Christmas Schedule of Events is being co-ordinated by Leitrim County Council and the Committee hope to progress a number of initiatives.

Purple Flag

No update on application. This will be examined in September by ATCM. Input provided into national Purple Flag brochure.

Renewable Energy

SECURE Project: Work continued in relation to finalising promotional material. Awaiting Kareila University providing questionnaire to assess energy usage and efficiency across groups in each partner area.

LARES Training

Dates and times were agreed for the LARES training with SEAI. The Economic unit has been co-ordinating involvement of USEFE counties and Donegal (partners in SECURE). All USEFE Counties and Donegal will take part in the training which is due to start on October 13th. The venues will be finalised with USEFE partners on 6th September, 2016.

District Heating System

Following further discussions with the Western Development Commission, the request to tender document was finalised and issued by the Commission at the end of August for the feasibility of a DHS system in Carrick on Shannon. The closing date for replies is 15th September.

Town Incentive Scheme

A number of queries arose in relation to the TIS and it was agreed to set a closing date for this round of applications of 30th September with an Evaluation Panel meeting to be set up for Mid-October.

USEFE

Tourism

Laktive Tourism Itinerary was updated in line with lead project partner's request. It is proposed that 49 Italian senior citizens will travel to the Upper Shannon Erne Region from 20th-23rd of September 2016. USEFE Co-Ordinator has liaised heavily with the lead project partner and Copter, the Italian tour operator, in relation to organising the proposed visit to Ireland.

USEFE had a stand at the Taste of Cavan on the 12th and 13th of August to promote the USEFE initiative. The Blueway brochures were very well received by those who attended.

A questionnaire issued to food producers across the USEFE region on the 2nd of August 2016 to get their feedback in relation to the potential development of a food distribution co-operative in the region. USEFE Co-Ordinator met with Orla Casey from Momentum Consulting on 18th August, 2016 to discuss the regional food distribution model and how best to move forward with it, following the results of the questionnaire that issued to food producers in the region.

Tourism Development

The following actions have been undertaken throughout August, 2016 to facilitate the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the county:

1. A Visitor Survey was carried out at Carrick on Shannon with the purpose of profiling the large number of visitors to this site.
2. A second Leitrim Tourism Ezine was sent out to our database of visitors both nationally and internationally, the ezine links to our website www.enjoyleitrim.com
3. Leitrim Tourism website is now fully operational. We are in the process of compiling a manual which will be provided to all trade members that will enable them to update their own listing on the site
4. On-going social Media Campaign highlighting Leitrim 2016, Tourism in Leitrim and Events taking place in Leitrim during the holiday season.
5. Preparation for SAINT familiarisation trips and assessments.

Development Management

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge

- Works are commencing within 9 estates across the county which obtained funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative.
- Works are also been undertaken in other developments where the Council retains cash deposits and is expected that these estates will also have commenced the formal taking in charge process by year end.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of August. **The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planner each Wednesday morning. 5 no. new pre planning consultations took place during August in addition to a number of other inquires which are dealt with through e-mail.**

Scheme to facilitate testing of Zero Discharge Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems in Co. Leitrim

- The closing date for receipt of completed application forms will be close of business on Friday 30th September 2016. All relevant details of the scheme are available on the Leitrim.ie website.

Development Management

- 16 no. valid planning applications were received in August of which included 4 applications relating to commercial development. Unfortunately a further 5 no. applications were deemed invalid of which all have since had valid applications made on their behalf.
- 18 final decisions on planning applications were made during August, all of which were granted planning permission (15 no. relating to applications for permission and 3 no. applications for retention. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 9 no. applications.
- A major reorganisation of the historic planning application files held in storage from 1964 to present is ongoing by the administrative staff of the Planning Department. This project will result in a more efficient service being provided to customers and staff seeking to retrieve historic files for viewing purposes.

Heritage

- 4 no. newsletters (Heritage Matters) were published during August. The main thrust of the newsletters related to raising awareness of National Heritage Week which was held between 20th – 28th August. In addition, the newsletter notified interested stakeholders of various events being held over the coming weeks
- A comprehensive **National Heritage Week - The County Leitrim Event Booklet** was produced (1,100 no. copies) in addition to 100 no. posters advertising the various events which were organised by approximately 1,000 heritage enthusiasts. The booklet listed all the events taking place around the County during National Heritage Week. Copies were available in the libraries, the Council Offices (Manorhamilton & Carrick), the tourism office, heritage centres, local hotels and various other locations throughout the County. The booklet was well received and the considerable effort by Ms. Aoife Mulcahy, Heritage Officer in its production is duly noted.

Development Contributions Scheme

- Pursuant to Section 48 (5)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015, Leitrim County Council prepared a draft Development Contributions Scheme 2016 – 2019. The Scheme went on public display from 13 July 2016 and all submissions or observations must reach the Planning Authority before 31st August 2016. A total of 2 no. submissions were received.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. The site selection process will be based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the country. These DWWTS inspections have commenced and will be ongoing from now until the end of September 2016.

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

CFRAMs – OPW and their Consultant Jacobs Engineering are working on the development of suitable flood mitigation options regarding the management of flood risk in the Shannon River Basin District in the Leitrim area. The Flood Risk Management Options had Public Consultation meetings which took place within Leitrim on in November 2015. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is leading the CFRAM Programme in part to meet 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 takes place between Friday 15th July 2016 to 23rd September 2016 both dates inclusive with final adoption of plans by end of 2016. The Draft FRMP documents are currently on Public Display in the County Buildings at Reception area and in the Manorhamilton Municipal area offices. Comments and Observations regarding the Draft Flood Plans must be made to the Office of Public Works in writing, by post or email, to arrive no later than **5.30pm on Friday 23rd September 2016** to.

Email: draftplans@opw.ie

Draft Flood Plans Consultation
Engineering Services
Office of Public Works HQ
Jonathan Swift Street
Trim
Co. Meath
C15 NX36

Further information @ www.opw.ie/floodplans

ENERGY:

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

SEAI announced on the 9th June 2016 that Leitrim County Council and its Beneficiaries would be awarded a **Grant of €691,903.78** total eligible costs with a maximum grant amount of €283,964.33 for this SEAI Project.

As part of this Grant 43 no Local Authority houses will get Retrofit Energy upgrade works done. There will be a further 6 Private houses done consisting of Fuel poor and non-Fuel poor homes. A further 10 no Private homes will be done in conjunction with the LEO office and a Credit Union Initiative Scheme. There are 3 no Community beneficiaries' projects consisting of a Community Centre and two no schools.

Tender Documentation was prepared by Housing Department and beneficiaries and Tender Evaluations carried out and all contracts have now been awarded. Works are currently ongoing on the Local Authority houses and the Non-Domestic beneficiaries are 80% complete with Energy works. It will be a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October 2016.

ROADS:

Rural Water Programme:**Housing and Community, Corporate Services, Culture and Emergency Services Directorate****HOUSING:****Housing Allocations**

Offers issued to 31 st August, 2016	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
71	43	62%	26	38%	2

New Tenancies created from 1st January 2016 to 31st August, 2016

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st August, 2016	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
7	40

Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st August, 2016

Accommodation Type	2016	Outputs achieved at 31 st August, 2016
Group Housing Scheme – Existing	0	0
Service Block - Existing	0	0
Local Authority Standard Housing	1	7
Rental Accommodation Scheme (incl. renewals)	3	1
Long Term Leasing (incl. renewals)	2	0
Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)	4	0
Totals	10	8

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2016	No of inspections completed to 31 st August, 2016	% Complete
50	40	80%

Housing Grants

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

2016 Allocation	€409,695.00
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01/01/2016 – 31/08/2016	GRANT	NO	VALUE	
PAID 2016	HGD	6	€44,581.00	
	MAG	7	€21,630.00	
	HOP	16	€68,629.55	
	TOTAL	29	€134,840.55	€134,840.55
Approved not paid	HGD	9	€140,379.01	
	MAG	5	€12,933.00	
	HOP	20	€89,960.36	
	TOTAL	34	€243,272.37	€243,272.37
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved	HOP	12	€45,000.00	Estimated
	MAG	5	€12,500.00	Estimated
	HGD	7	€45,000.00	Estimated
	Total	24	€102,500.00	€102,500.00
			Balance	€480,612.92
			(Estimated)	-70,917.92

Housing Capital

Energy Efficiency Works

Leitrim County Council has proactively sought to improve the Council's Social Housing Stock by securing funding from the Department under the Energy Efficiency Programme in addition to providing a level of match funding from the Council's own financial resources. The Programme has been particularly beneficial to upgrade older social housing stock. Following requests for proposals from the Department in March, the Council has made a submission to upgrade 153 units under Phase 1 energy efficiency works and 27 potential units for Phase II upgrade works at an estimated cost of €390,000 approx. The Council has received preliminary approval to progress with works up to a total cost of €130,000 pending full allocation approval. Contract documents are now prepared with Contractors procured through eTenders and under National Frameworks. If full approved is received, this will complete the energy upgrade works on all Leitrim County Council housing stock.

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Better Energy Communities Area Based Scheme

A submission for grant aid was lodged under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme for an extensive energy retrofitting project on 43 Council housing stocks in Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon during 2016. The submission also included for energy retrofitting to a further 4 Private houses consisting of Fuel poor and non-Fuel poor homes, a further 10 no Private homes which will be done in conjunction with the LEO office and a Credit Union

Initiative Scheme and also 3 no Community beneficiaries projects consisting of a Community Centre and two number schools.

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Tendering is complete with contractors appointed across 7 total contracts. The timeframe for the works complete deadline of 14th October 2016 is short and will require a strong focus to ensure completion.

Voids

The Council made a comprehensive submission in February for maximum funding to continue the refurbishment programme of 32 housing units requiring significant remedial works including 3 dwellings classed as derelict.

In June 2016 the Council received confirmation from the Department of an allocation of €531,700 towards works on 29 void units. Works are progressing on the 29 houses under a number of different contracts with Contractors procured through eTenders and under National Frameworks. These works are progressing well with approximately 90% of the units substantially complete.

In July the Council received confirmation from the Department of an allocation of €130,000 towards works on 3 derelict units. Tender Documentation was prepared by Housing Department and was advertised on eTenders, contractor is currently on site completing this project.

Also in July the Council made a submission to the Department to include an additional 7 no. houses in the 2016 Voids Programme and an additional 1 no. house in the Derelict Scheme 2016. Approval was received for the additional derelict house with an allocation of €40,000, this derelict house will be complete by extending the contract of the contractor already undertaking the works on the 3 derelict houses.

No approval for these additional 7 Voids has been received to date; however the Tender Documentation has been prepared by Housing Department and is currently advertised on eTenders with the intention of appointing a contractor to complete these works once approval of funding is received from the Department.

In September the Council will make a further submission to the Department to include an additional 4 no. houses in the 2016 Voids Programme and awaits approval of such.

When complete these works will return 44 units back to productive use, in what will be the most comprehensive void refurbishment in any one year therefore significantly reducing the Councils vacant properties requiring extensive repair and refurbishment works.

Disability Works in Council Houses

An Adaptation Works (Disability related) scheme for Council housing stock will continue to be funded by the Department in 2016 to facilitate the Local Authority in carrying out adaptation works for tenants to address mobility problems, primarily associated with medical need and disability related. The works will render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of the Tenant, with typical works including, depending on the individual circumstances, installation of level access shower, installation of rails in bathrooms, installation of ramp access to front/back doors, installation of oil heating systems or storage heating and associated works. The funding for these works is based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority.

The Council made a submission in February following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 17 suitable tenancies for proposed disability works costing an estimated €150,000.

In June the Council received confirmation of grant approval of €134,100 (90% funding) with €14,900 (10% from Council's own resources) totalling €149,000 to complete identified works. A contractor has been procured and is currently on site undertaking works at a number of these houses.

In July tender documentations was complete by the Housing department for the extension of an existing house to provide accessibility for a tenant, this contract has been awarded, works are progressing with a completion date of end November.

Currently tender documentations is been prepared by the Housing department for a house extension to provide accessibility for a tenant, the contractor for this project will be procured through eTenders.

All other works under this programme for 2016 will be minor in nature and will be completed by appointed contractor.

Acquisitions

The Council purchased 3 family type houses in Carrick on Shannon in 2015. A building contractor was procured and is currently working on these properties to return them to productive use. The Council is continuing an Acquisition Programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017. To date the Council has purchased/ is engaged in purchasing circa 20 number houses across the county.

Construction - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton: This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing has received Stage 2 approval from the Department and the Design Team can now proceed to Stage 3; Detailed design and completion of tender documentation. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €1 Million. Construction works are anticipated to commence on site by early 2017.

Capital Assistance Schemes

Two properties in Carrick-on-Shannon were acquired by North West Simon in late 2015 / early 2016 through a Capital Assistance Scheme funded by the Department through Leitrim County Council. These properties are currently going through refurbishment contracts to be tenant ready in Q4 2016.

A further approval was received in February 2016 for a project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. In July this project received Stage 2 approval from the Department and the Design Team can now proceed to Stage 3; Detailed design and completion of tender documentation. Construction costs of €276,486 were applied for and received along with an allowance of €5000 for local authority administration costs. Construction works are anticipated to commence in early 2017.

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

Community:

Public Participation Network

- PPN had little activity during August but will be active in September as there are elections to representative bodies planned.
- A total of 175 groups are registered with the PPN
- A series of linkage groups are now being set up

Peace IV

- SEUPB advised that the Leitrim Stage One application for a new plan for the county had been successful and that a Stage Two, final, plan was invited
- At a subsequent meeting with SEUPB, all Peace Partnerships were informed that the application process had been shortened and tightened and that funding is no longer ring fenced.

- Work on the final plan continued through the month. It must be submitted by mid September.

Floral Pride

- Awards night for Floral Pride will take place on Tuesday 25 October in Manorhamilton. All entrants will be invited.

Pride of Place

- The three Pride of Place entries were judged. These were Rossinver, Carrick on Shannon and Drumshanbo Community Council. All visits went very well.
- Awards night will be Saturday 25 November in Belfast.
- Certificates of participation will be presented to the three entrants at the Floral Pride Awards evening.

Comhairle na nOg

- Planning Comhairle na nOg Liatroma 2016/17 commenced.
- The 2016 AGM was set for Monday 17 October in Carrick on Shannon and all second level schools are expected attend.
- National Showcase will take place in Croke Park on Thursday 24 November
- A short video on homelessness was completed with NUIG. This is narrated by Cillian Murphy and will be launched at the AGM.

Leitrim Sports Partnership

Summer Soccer Schools

For the first time 5 Summer Soccer Schools ran in Leitrim across 4 locations in Ballinamore, Leitrim Village, Manorhamilton and Kinlough. 386 children took part in the camps with 9 local coaches working on this programme. Each of the local soccer clubs receive financial reward for hosting the camps with over €11,000 going to our clubs based on the numbers of participants on their camp.

Football for All

Childhood Days Coaching session for children with Autism was held in the Mayflower Centre with 6 users.

The Arts

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

Spark – Artist Tinka Bechert has commenced work with Prior PLM Medical as part of the 2016 Spark Programme.

Festivals and Events – 9 Festivals from across the county have been granted funding under the 2016 Scheme.

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

Artist in the Community – 4 artists were selected to work with 4 community groups across 3 Municipal Districts and the initial facilitated planning meeting has taken place.

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

Leitrim Equation 4 – Work has commenced in producing the DVD of the Leitrim Equation 4 concert which will be launched during Culture Night on Friday 16th September

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

Literature – The programme has been confirmed for the Iron Mountain Literature Festival that will take place in October. As part of the Festival, Leitrim County Council and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre have developed the John

McGahern Award to encourage the development of emerging Irish writers and to pay tribute to the exceptional contribution of John McGahern to literature, and to Leitrim

Wild Words – Wild Words Volume 4 featuring 40 submissions from the 130 submissions received , was launched during the Wild Words Carrick on Shannon Childrens’ Book Festival in August by broadcaster and journalist Alison Curtis of Today FM

Culture Night - A call out was made for venues to participate in this year’s Culture Night and applications have been received from 16 organisations and over 20 events have been confirmed.

Library Service:

Event Programming

Event Programming in August had a strong focus on children and family events, with film screenings taking place in Ballinamore and Mohill Libraries, a bedtime story event in Kiltyclogher, and a family storytime event in Kinlough Library. As part of ongoing Centenary Commemorations, the Library Service presented workshops by children’s authors Patricia Murphy and Gerry Hunt.

Highlights

A number of local Summer Camps incorporated a visit to Mohill Library during the month of August, during which the children enjoyed craft activities, storytelling and a tour of the library. This presented a fabulous opportunity to introduce the children to the range of resources available at their local library, free of charge. Leitrim County Library Service was very pleased to be part of the very successful Wild Words Children’s Book festival in Carrick-on-Shannon on August 13th and 14th.

Summer Library Club for Children

Leitrim County Library Service participated in a literacy pilot, organised by the Libraries Development Unit of the LGMA over the summer months, to present a series of shared storytime sessions for young children together with their parents, grandparents or carers. Sessions took place in Mohill Library during August.

Summer Stars Reading Initiative 2016

This year, Leitrim County Library Service is running a new Summer Reading initiative for children, called “Summer Stars” – this is a national programme taking place across the country. Significant numbers have registered to date.

Libraries supporting Local Festivals

Ballinamore and Mohill Libraries supported local festivals with a number of events, including children’s film clubs, an exhibition, a Games Afternoon, and Art workshops.

Heritage Week 2016

Leitrim County Library Service prepared and presented an impressive programme for Heritage Week 2016, with a total of 8 events taking place in 8 branch libraries. Activities included a children’s art exhibition, knitting demonstration, basket-making demonstrations, lectures and a poetry evening.

Local Studies - ‘Item of the Month’

Local Studies displayed GAA match programmes from Leitrim’s 1994 series of matches.

Fire Service

Building Control

- Received 1 Commencement Notices (valid), 1 Opt Out commencement notice (valid)
- Received 3 Disabled Access certificates, processed 0 Disabled Access certificates
- Received 3 Fire Safety Certificates, processed 0 Fire safety Certificates.

Health & Safety

The programme of H+S inspections continued at station level with Drivers, Station Officers and Senior Officers carrying out further ongoing inspections. Issues raised were logged on the non-conformance register. Arrangements have been put in place to organise noise assessments in all five fire stations.

Fire Station site - Manorhamilton

Work in ongoing on the identification of a suitable site for a new Fire Station in Manorhamilton.

H2020 PIDGIN Project Application

We were asked by the project consortium to become involved in the project as a project partner and assist in the preparation of the project proposal. The project proposes to deliver a new cross border mapping platform that can be used by emergency service managers in managing a major emergency.

Civil Defence

- On 1st August an Ambulance Crew provided assistance at Cloone Agricultural Show.
- On 9th August an Ambulance Crew provided assistance at Ballinamore Agricultural Show.
- On 14th August the Boat Crew provided assistance to our colleagues in Longford Civil Defence at a charity swim at Clondra.
- On 21st August an Ambulance Crew provided assistance at Mohill Agricultural Show.
- On 27th August the Boat Crew and Ambulance Crew provided assistance at a charity swim at Drumsna.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Section in order that the lake water sampling programme could continue.

Signed: _____
Frank Curran
Chief Executive

Date: 13th September, 2016