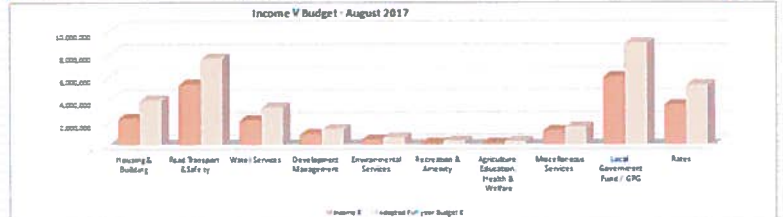
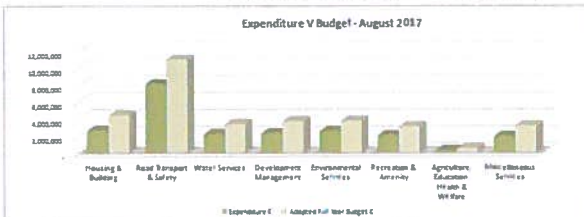


Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st January, 2017 to 31st August, 2017) prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014.

Finance & Water Services Directorate

AUGUST 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY AUGUST 2017 - 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/	Fav/(Unfav) €
A Housing & Building	2,658,874	4,437,795	60%	1,778,921	2,294,794	3,920,801	59%	1,626,007	(364,080)	152,914
B Road Transport & Safety	8,170,080	11,059,859	74%	2,889,779	5,304,134	7,594,997	70%	2,290,863	(2,865,946)	598,916
C Water Services	2,193,316	3,396,670	65%	1,203,354	2,134,219	3,292,124	65%	1,157,905	(59,097)	45,449
D Development Management	2,313,458	3,708,501	62%	1,395,043	923,210	1,356,904	68%	433,694	(1,390,248)	961,349
E Environmental Services	2,544,031	3,765,495	68%	1,221,464	408,094	615,031	66%	206,937	(2,135,937)	1,014,527
F Recreation & Amenity	2,040,948	3,083,430	66%	1,042,482	160,435	298,870	54%	138,435	(1,880,512)	904,048
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Miscellaneous Services	290,713	453,433	64%	162,720	148,951	257,228	58%	108,277	(141,762)	54,443
H Local Government Fund / GPG	-	3,172,054	61%	1,247,730	1,223,280	1,539,937	79%	316,657	(701,044)	931,073
LG Rates	-	-	0%	0	3,496,686	5,245,029	67%	1,748,343	3,496,686	(1,748,343)
	€22,135,743	€33,077,237	67%	10,941,494	€22,064,880	€33,077,236	67%	11,012,556	(€1,063)	(€1,062)



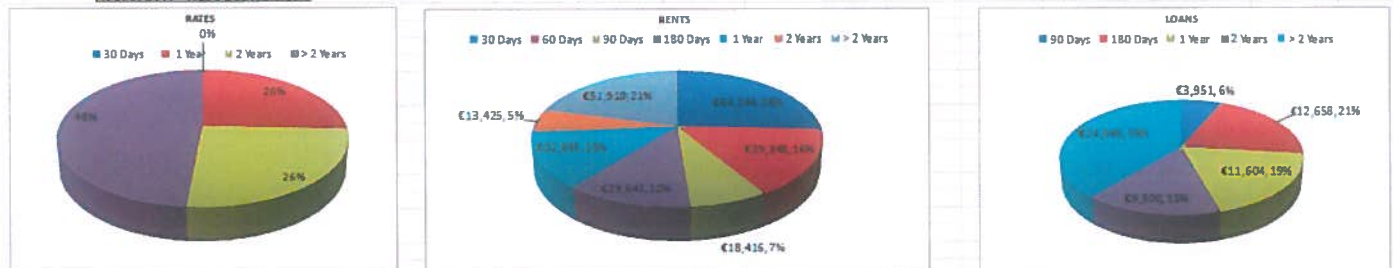
MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF AUGUST 2017
Water Expenditure in line with Income from Irish Water

No. of Days in Overdraft during August 2017	0	August 2017 - Recourse to Overdraft	Interest Incurred	€0
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August 2017 - Collection Rates

	YTD			YTD			COMMENTARY
	€ Aug-17	€ Aug-16	€ FY 2016	% Aug-17	% Aug-16	% FY 2016	
Housing Rents	1,420,609	1,340,421	2,043,175	83%	79%	88%	Collections are up on 2016
Commercial Rates	3,100,432	3,072,434	4,157,307	58%	58%	81%	Collections are in line with 2016
Housing Loans	115,576	108,788	168,124	60%	52%	65%	Collections are up on 2016

August 2017 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€1,696,126	€0	€684,066	€684,102	€1,287,256
RENTS	€64,244	€39,348	€18,416	€29,643	€32,995	€13,425	€51,918
LOANS	€0	€9,220	€3,951	€12,658	€11,604	€9,500	€24,049

Water Services

Maximo:- Asset Management

The month of August saw 109 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System. 78 related to water, 15 to waste water, 6 to new connections and 10 were classified as 'other'.

There were 58 Bursts/Leaks detected and repaired.

Water Conservation:

UFW in this county 49.8%.

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

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

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

The Contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October, 2016. EPS are slightly behind on programme and have sought an extension of time for completion of the Design Build phase up to 31st January, 2018. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning/process proving period up to 31st January, 2019 when the new plant will be handed over to Irish Water/Leitrim County Council to 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 (Project No 10014315)

Ward and Burke Construction Ltd commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. All of the 11.Km of pipelines were completed, tested and commissioned in December, 2016 and the pipelines put into service. The Boil Water Notice on the old Kiltyclogher supply was lifted on 16th December, 2016. Outstanding work on private property which involves approximately 300 meters of service connections from the meters to the rear/backyards of houses situated well off the road is not included in the scope of works for the Ward and Burke contract. A schedule of all such outstanding works is being prepared and we will seek a budget to cover these extra works and get them done separately. All in cost total project €2.0 million.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734 & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735

The closing date for receipt of tenders was 25th January, 2016. Irish Water has issued award of this contract and have sought contractors insurances and bonds etc. The contract will be signed soon and we expect that a commencement date to be set for October, 2017. Following the commencement date in October, 2017 the Design/Build phase is programmed for 1 year with a further one year to operate. Therefore the new WWTP's will be completed by October, 2018 and following the one year operation the hand over to Leitrim County Council to operate under the SLA is programmed for October, 2019. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017- 2021

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

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant Project No. 10015050

This project is included in Irish Waters Capital Investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP's in County Cavan. Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the feasibility study and preliminary report on the bundled scheme. The CaPO Office in Leitrim will be preparing background information, as constructed drawings and historical performance data on the existing WWTP in Drumshanbo and we will be making recommendations on the options for upgrading.

Minor Capital Works

Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks

1. Pipeline replacement

Irish Water has introduced a new funding stream "Networks Portfolio" to address all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc. ERVIA has completed the tendering for this work and Farran's of Northern Ireland are appointed as the main Contractor for all "networks Portfolio" work in this region. Leitrim is included in the region with Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan.

Irish Water is anxious that works under this new programme will take place immediately and before the end of 2017. We have made a number of submissions for water main upgrades in Leitrim and two projects have been approved as priority

- Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell
- Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore

The CaPO Office has provided background information on both of these projects which are scheduled for completion in the current year. Construction supervision will be by the Leitrim CaPO Office.

2. Find and Fix

Find and fix is included in the network portfolio and we are currently negotiating with Irish Water on resources for staffing this new and additional initiative. Leitrim County Council CaPO requires an additional

Engineer and caretaker resource for find and an additional outdoor crew for fix capability. This has yet to be agreed with Irish Water. The work of repair of found leaks will be shared between the in house fix crew and the Framework Contractor Farrans. This Find and Fix initiative will be managed by a Project Manager from the CaPO Office.

3. First Fix Customer Side Leakage

Farrans have been given a list of 60 domestic customers with excessive (>5.0cum/day) usage and will be approaching these with a view to finding and fixing leaks on private property. This to be managed by a Project Manager from the CaPO Office.

- **Energy Efficiency Programme**

Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project to examine the energy usage and efficiency at this facility. Proposals for upgrade of raw water pumps, high lift pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir to include some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong reservoir. A budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital projects expenditure for these works. J.B. Barry's Consulting Engineers have been appointed as ER on this project and six companies have been invited to tender. ERVIA will appoint the preferred bidder before the end of the year with work programmed to start in the New Year. The Project Manager is Francis Gaffney

- **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.

- **Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon**

Irish Water wish to appoint Contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and to 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. We are currently engaged with Irish Water on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade Water Treatment Plant.

- **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 Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Waters appointment of a Contractor for these works. Staff from the Capital Office will supervise the works when they commence.

- **DMA Programme**

Upgrade and complete the District metering Structure on the networks in Co. Leitrim. EMR are the main Contractor on this project which is now substantially completed. Minor snagging works outstanding prior to close out of the project. Total cost: €518,000.

- **Killenna Watermain**

Replacement of 2km of old cast iron watermain which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. Irish Water has now appointed Sean Quigley Contracts Limited to this job. The Contractor has been given a contract commencement date of 14th August, 2017 and 12 week contract duration. The Contractor is currently organising his mobilisation to site and materials purchase etc. A road opening licence has been granted by Leitrim County Council. We expect work will commence on site by middle September 2017 and will be completed well before Christmas. Estimated cost: €350,000.

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

Tendering completed and a recommendation to Irish Water on the preferred bidder was made on 11th April, 2017. Irish Water has submitted the recommendation to ERVIA shared services to complete the appointment and signing of contracts etc. We await this appointment, which is somewhat delayed. We are informed that these works will now most likely commence in early 2018 with six month contract duration. Tendered Contract sum: €612,064.

- **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**

Coffey's Water Ltd. has completed all works at our two WTP's. Commissioning and calibrating of instruments ongoing. The contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants which has commenced.

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

Irish Water has appointed Mast Construction Limited as PSDP and PSCS for construction of these works and an initial meeting was held with this Contractor on 25th May, 2017. The Contractor commenced works on site in July 2017 with stage 1 site investigation works. They have submitted the design which is now approved and a road opening licence and permanent reinstatement details have been agreed with Leitrim County Council. The Contractor has mobilised to site and the delivery of materials and works will commence in the week ending 15th September, 2017 with a programme of 20 weeks to complete the works. However we expect that these works will be completed before the end of 2017.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Training

There has been great uptake so far on the autumn schedule of training.

Outreach Office – Manorhamilton

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

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)

The IBYE Programme is now open with a closing date of 29th September, 2017. A marketing campaign has commenced including social media, radio, cinema and newspaper.

LEO Innovation Investment Fund (LIIF)

The LEO Innovation Investment Fund closed on 31st July and there were 5 applications in Co. Leitrim (21 in the region Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim and Longford). The next step is an Investor Ready Training Programme for the region of which 10-15 businesses can participate, so an evaluation will take place to determine who goes forward.

LEO Competitive Funds

- The Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme is progressing well and a networking event was held on 24th August in the Landmark Hotel for graduates and employers. A midterm evaluation of the programme is currently underway.
- The launch of the Inside [Craft] Network took place on 3rd August at the Virginia Show in Cavan, which was attended by Minister Heather Humphreys. A number of other pop ups shops are currently being finalised.

Taste Leitrim

The Taste Leitrim Food Event in Mohill took place on 15th August at which three local chefs produced delicious dishes in Canon Donohue Hall, Mohill. Proceeds from the night went to the hall and a total of €1,300 was raised from tickets on the door and a raffle.

Food Strategy

The first meeting of the Food Strategy Steering Group took place on July 18th in the Hive.

Mohill Sustainable Energy Communities

Mohill SEC is progressing well with its energy masterplan and completing the work under the Better Energy Communities funding approved earlier this year.

Audit

ASM Belfast were contracted to carry out an audit of governance procedures in the Department of Enterprise and Innovation, Enterprise Ireland (Centre of Excellence) and four LEO's, one of which was Leitrim. The audit was conducted on 4th August last.

Economic Development

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon

Purple Flag

- Follow ups to those involved with Purple Flag Assessment on July 28th completed.

Enterprising Towns

- Meeting arranged with key people to prepare the application and the format for judging was agreed.

CCTV

- Gardai contacted regarding information required and form completed subject to information needed from Company and attachments.
- Budget prepared on project.

Town Teams – Rooskey

- Meeting organised by Facilitator with community. Feedback due in September.

Diaspora Strategy

- Meeting held with partner counties for preparation of Diaspora Strategy. It was agreed to ask three companies to present on their submission as per Invitation to Quote documentation.
- Presentation dates were set up.

SECURE Project

- Updates given to Lead Partner.
- Followed up regarding External Expertise contract progress.
- Draft agenda prepared and sent to Lead Partner.
- Preparatory work done on logistics for Partner meeting.

USEFE

- USEFE Operational Management Group meeting took place on the 1st of August in Leitrim County Council where sectoral updates were provided to the project partners.
- A feasibility study focused on the development of a network of ICT enterprise centres/e-hubs across counties Cavan, Leitrim and Longford was developed under the E.I. Regional Development Fund. A

funding application, accompanied by the feasibility study, was submitted to E.I. under Stream 1 for the August 18th deadline.

- USEFE Co-Ordinator prepared for the Spanish Senior Citizen trip to the USEFE region from the 9th – 13th of September.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator attended the Healthy Ireland Information Event in Dublin on the 31st August, 2017 to find out more about the Healthy Ireland funding initiative and possibilities for regional collaboration.

Tourism Development

The following actions have been undertaken throughout August 2017 facilitating the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the county:

1. An EU Audit of the SAINT project was prepared and audited over a 2 day period by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
2. Staff at the Tourist office attended a one day customer service training with Failte Ireland
3. Adverts were created and designed to promote the Slow Adventure Tourism experiences that were developed from the clusters. 9 experiences in total 3 overnight and 6 day trips.
4. A digital marketing campaign was set up to test market the Slow Adventure tourism experiences, the marketing activities will consist mainly of digital marketing elements.
5. Preparation for visit from SAINT Partners Derry taking place in Leitrim in September
6. Preparation for SAINT Transnational meeting taking place in Leitrim in the coming months
7. Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners.
8. Leitrim Tourism continued to support both the Tourist Information Point at Glencar Waterfall and the Angling and Tourism Centre in Ballinamore. Both centres were restocked for the upcoming busy school holiday period.
9. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
10. Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained including featuring a town of the week and a weekly Friday Focus. We are also promoting festival and events throughout the county.
11. An angling workshop 'Learn to Fish' targeting the youth is been prepared under the Redz programme
12. Preparation for the Ploughing Championships in September and the Over 50's show in October.

Development Management

Unfinished Housing Developments/Taking in Charge

- Works are nearing completion within 8 housing estates across the county which obtained funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative and also in relation to a research project on development bonds. The Council appointed a firm of Consulting Engineers (Collins Boyd Consulting Engineers) to prepare Site Resolution Plans with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. A draft of these Site Resolution Plans has been completed and are being reviewed at present. When completed, they will allow the Council to make a detailed claim against each of the bonds in question. The Council has sought further clarification with respect to a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of questions pertaining to development bonds.
- No submissions were received on the 6 No. estates which were advertised for taking in charge in June. These will now be brought to the Municipal District meetings for consideration of taking in charge. In conjunction with the Roads Section we hope to advertise a further 10 estates in September.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of August. 7 no. new pre planning consultations took place during August in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management

- 21 no. valid planning applications were received in August of which 8 no. related to commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 3 no. applications sought retention of planning permission and no application was sought for an extension of duration of planning permission.
- A further 5 no. applications was deemed invalid of which 3 no. of the invalid applications had a subsequent valid application accepted by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority are undertaking a review of the relatively high levels of invalidation of applications lodged and will work with agents submitting applications with a view to reducing the current levels of invalidation. Up to the end of July, 3 out of every 10 of all planning applications lodged is deemed invalid which is resulting in unnecessary doubling handling of planning applications by the Planning Authority.
- 17 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during August all except two of which were granted planning permission (14 no. related to applications seeking planning permission, 1 application sought retention of planning permission, whilst no application related to extension of duration of planning permission). A request for further information issued with respect to a further 8 no. applications during the month of August.

Forward Planning

- A draft of the 2 Year Progress Report for implementing the objectives of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 has been completed and was submitted to the Council in June with a short presentation being made to the Elected Members at the July meeting.
- The Planning Authority has appointed Consultants to undertake the screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County Development Plan will also be undertaken at the same time.

Scheme to facilitate testing of Zero Discharge Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems in Co. Leitrim
Leitrim County Council contacted the 13 applicants who were approved to participate in the extended pilot scheme in August. The process to develop the parameters of the extended pilot scheme has commenced. However, difficulties have been encountered in putting in place the necessary services for the roll-out of the scheme. The Council continues to be fully committed to the delivery of this scheme and continues to work actively on bringing this matter to a conclusion. The Council committed to be in a position to provide a timescale for applicants within the next month.

Heritage

The Governments Creative Ireland Programme 2017 -2022 is a national collaboration between central and local government to build upon arts, creativity, culture and heritage. Each county has developed a Culture and Creativity Plan for 2017 and now are in the process of developing a 5 year Strategy. Leitrim County Council has been allocated €64,000 and there has been an open call for projects. As Heritage is a key part of this programme nationally and at county level, the Culture and Creativity Plan for 2017, identifies the development of a Heritage Plan and Programme as one of its key initiatives. Guidance from the national Creative Ireland Team on the development of the 5 year strategy has also identified Heritage as a strategic priority and a Heritage Strategy is required as part of this. The local Creative Ireland Team is an in-house cross directorate group. Ms. Vivienne Egan is the Heritage Representative on the Leitrim Creative Ireland team.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2017 and these inspections are ongoing. The sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across

the Country. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016 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 2017 RMCEI Plan. The EPA has recently released a draft copy of Leitrim’s Environmental Enforcement for 2016 Performance Report & Local Authority Assessment. As the time span for observations on the report has passed the Council await the final outcome of the Assessment for 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 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.

The OPW and their Consulting Engineers are currently examining all the submissions before making the final Draft Plan which will be then due to go for Ministerial approval.

Further details on the draft Flood risk Management Plans consultation process, including the date which observations or comments are required, are now available on the website:

www.opw.ie/Floodplans

The Shannon CFRAM Consultants continue to work hard on completing the Flood Risk Management Plans for the Shannon CFRAM areas and these are scheduled for submission to the Department of Public Expenditure (D/PER) for review (including the assessment and checking of the environmental assessments and conclusions)

It is envisaged that that D/PER will complete their review of all Plans by the end of September 2017.

The national Suite of Plans will then be signed off officially by the Commissioners of Public Works and Minister Kevin 'Boxer' Moran T.D. (subject to any final amendments as required), and submitted to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform for approval.

The OPW will be engaging and liaising with the Local Authorities and Elected Representatives as the Plans go through the above-outlined process. In the meantime, the OPW is also working on developing a public-facing website through which the recommended measures and other information around the plans and final maps will be published in due course.

River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018 – 2021)

The public Consultation process on the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018 – 2021) ran for a 6 month period until Thursday 31st August, 2017.

ROADS:

- Annual Area Programme works are in progress
- Road Crews concentrating on surfacing and strengthening works at present
- Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.

CLAR Programme

- Works are complete in respect of 3 Fishery Roads under this Scheme (Carrigallen Lake Road, Yukon Shore Road & Heron Shore Road).

- Design works are complete in respect of School Crossings at Drumkeerin, Carrick on Shannon and Ballinamore with works due to be completed in September.
- Works are ongoing in respect of the upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the Clar 2016 Programme
- **REDS** – Works are ongoing on both of the REDS Scheme Roads (St. John’s Lake and Garadice Lake) with works due to be completed by October.
- **Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme** – Leitrim County Council has introduced a Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme which aims to encourage a joint approach with communities and groups of local residents and landowners for the cutting of hedges/trees along the public road network which need attention. The grant amounts to €50 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees attended to along the Public Road Network subject to a minimum length of road network of 3 km per application. Full details and application forms for this Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme are available from the Roads Department of Leitrim County Council.
- **Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)** – The Department of Rural & Community Development have requested Leitrim County Council and all other Local Authorities to make a submission for funding for LIS Projects in 2017, and following receipt of such submissions and subject to availability of funding, the Department may implement a LIS Programme in 2017. Leitrim County Council will be making a submission for funding for a LIS Programme in County Leitrim in 2017 based on our existing LIS Waiting List. This Submission for LIS Funding will be made in September, 2017.

Rural Water Programme:

- Enhancement of Schemes: Works on the following schemes are being progressed at present: Antfield GWS, Drumaleague GWS, Drumkeelan GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcrieve GWS, Mohergregg GWS and Tarmon GWS.
- Poolboy GWS has been completed
- Approx 70% of the works to Mohergregg GWS are complete.
- Drumkeelan & Lismoyle Coolcrieve GWS’s - Road Opening Licence applications submitted. Upgrade Works have commenced on Drumkeelan GWS.
- Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS. Investigation on and report on current Water Treatment Plant procured. Tenders received for the appointment of a Consulting Engineer. Discussions ongoing with group regarding works to be undertaken and a Public Meeting with all Group Scheme Members is scheduled to take place in September, 2017
- Planning Approval underway for pumping stations on Hartley Group Sewerage Scheme. Hartley Group Sewerage intends to progress the collection of the household contribution fee (€2,250). Consultant Engineer (Ensen) has commenced the design works.

Veterinary Services

Abattoirs

Slaughter returns: **July 2017:** 85 Cattle, 222 Sheep, 9 Pigs
(Slaughter returns for August, 2017 not yet available)

Small Meat Manufacturing Plants

Two Ready Meals manufacturers, one organic meat cutting plant and two distributors are in operation in Leitrim.

Dog Control & Welfare

Dog Warden Service returns for August 2017:

- 16 stray dogs, 6 dogs surrendered, 16 dogs were re-homed, and 9 dogs re-claimed by owner, 2 dogs died, 0 dog euthanized,

- 33 service requests received, 33 dog warden inspections
- 9 dogs neutered, 6 neutering vouchers issued, 11 dogs micro-chipped.

Responsible dog ownership

A programme of school visits has been arranged for 12 Leitrim Primary schools in conjunction with Dog's Trust in September, 2017. A programme of responsible dog ownership talks in Leitrim libraries has commenced.

Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for stray cats

The Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Programme was progressed during August. Nine inspections were carried out by the Animal Warden in relation to cats. A total of 22 cats were trapped, a number of these cats were neutered and returned to their place of origin, some were PTS for health reasons e.g. FIV, FeLV.

Horse Control & Horse Welfare

An 8-week Pony-riding and Animal Welfare programme for 18 disadvantaged teenagers from Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumsna & Mohill concluded on 3rd August. The course was highly successful and enjoyed full participation. Funding for the programme was provided by Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine, Leitrim Development Company and Leitrim County Council. A funding application for funding for a programme in 2018 is being progressed by Leitrim Sports Partnership and Leitrim County Council.

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

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 31 st August 2017	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
71	41	63%	24	37%	6

New Tenancies created from 1st January 2017 to 31st August 2017

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st August 2017	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
4	46

Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st August, 2017

Accommodation Type	2017	Outputs achieved at 31 st August 2017
Group Housing Scheme – Existing	0	1
Service Block – Existing	0	0
Local Authority Standard Housing	1	1
Rental Accommodation Scheme (incl. renewals)	0	0
Long Term Leasing (incl. renewals)	2	0
Housing provided by Approved Housing Body under CAS Scheme	0	1

Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)	5	1
Totals	8	4

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2017	No of inspections completed to 31 st August 2017	% Complete
70	76	108.57%

HOUSING GRANTS

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

2017 Allocation				€436,736.00
01/01/2017 – 31/08/2017	GRANT	NO	VALUE	
PAID 2017	HGD	15	183,419.83	
	MAG	7	19,764.85	
	HOP	27	117,005.88	
	TOTAL	49	320,190.56	
Approved not paid	HGD	6	29,527.50	
	MAG	1	3,666.00	
	HOP	9	41,450.74	
	TOTAL	16	74,644.24	
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved	HOP	8	20,000.00	Estimated
	MAG	2	5,000.00	Estimated
	HGD	1	3,000.00	Estimated
	Total	11	28,000.00	Estimated
				€422,834.80
Balance				€13,901.20

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.

Voids & Derelict Housing Units

The Council made a submission in February for funding to refurbish 16 void units and 1 dwelling classed as derelict. Funding has been received for 16 units by the Department. Work is progressing on a number of these units using direct labour and the remaining units will be complete using Contractors appointed from the Council's Framework Panel.

Disability Works in Council Houses

In April the Council made a submission following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 29 suitable tenancies for proposed disability adaption works and 2 dwellings requiring extensions in order to meet the long term need of the tenants. The total estimated expenditure anticipated under this Programme by Leitrim County Council in 2017 is €231,102, the Council has sought funding of 90% of these costs in the sum of €207,991.80 approximately and awaits a full approval response from the Department.

Acquisitions

The Council is continuing an Acquisition Programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017. In 2016, the Council purchased 25 number houses across the county. In 2017 the Council have continued their Acquisition Programme; to date 2 number acquisitions are complete and a further 7 acquisitions are proceeding. Some of these dwellings required refurbishment works and contracts are in place to complete energy efficiency works and remedial works to these dwellings to return them to productive use in 2017.

Capital Construction Project - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton

This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a Contractor. The Contractor commenced on site in early June. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €885,000.

Capital Construction Project – Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon

Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 20 social housing units (to the value of €3,949,500) at Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team will be appointed in early September.

Capital Project Appraisal for Construction of Social Housing at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon.

A Capital Project Appraisal for the construction of 24 social housing units at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon has been submitted to the Department for Stage 1 Approval in Principal and the Council awaits a decision.

Capital Assistance Schemes – Saint Vincent de Paul, Ballinamore

A project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for the demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. This project has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a Contractor. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €207,000.

Community

Peace IV

- Permission to start was granted by SEUPB and Letter of Offer has been signed. Leitrim is the first border county to receive Permission to Start.
 - The Assessment Committee met on Friday, July 7th and, on their recommendation, the Peace IV Partnership Committee approved four programmes:
 - Building Positive Relations Programme 1: Support for Ethnic Minorities
 - Building Positive Relations Programme 5: Events around Women's Suffrage
 - Building Positive Relations Programme 7: Rural Women Along the Border
 - Children and Young People Programme 4: Anti-social Behaviour Programme
- Service Level Agreements have now been signed for the first three of these programmes.
- It is expected that four more Programmes will be assessed on September 28th, 2017 and if successful Service Level Agreements will be issued shortly thereafter.
 - A contract has been awarded to Blu Zebra Ltd. to carry out the Consultation Process.
 - Shared Spaces and Services: Consultations have been taking place during August with communities from the Minority Faith.
 - A Programme Launch event will take place on 21st September, 2017 - International Peace Day, at The Dock in Carrick on Shannon.

Public Participation Network

There are currently 200 groups registered with the PPN. Ms. Tracy Ferguson, PPN Resource Worker will commence her new role on 14th September.

Comhairle na nOg

Comhairle na nOg have been approved for Creative Ireland for their "Use your Brain, Not your Fist" campaign. The campaign is about spreading awareness around assault and the consequences of assault. The cost of the campaign is estimated at €6,500.

Age Friendly

A meeting was held with the Age Friendly Alliance on 6th September, 2017 to finalise the strategy for 2017-2020. Michael Harding will launch the new strategy on the 27th September in the Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo.

Environmental and Community Awards

Judging has been completed in the Environmental Section by Eanna Ni Lamhna and Billy Flynn. Judging for the Community Awards will be carried out in September by the new Resource Worker and PPN Resource Worker from Roscommon. There will be an awards night in October.

Pride of Place

Bornacoola, Carrigallen and Manorhamilton have been chosen for Pride of Place entries in 2017. The judging took place on 10th and 11th August and was a huge success. There was good coverage in the local print and social media.

Smoke Alarm Scheme

70 smoke alarms have been distributed to date in 2017 under the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme. An additional 100 smoke alarms have been ordered from the Department so we can continue to promote the scheme.

Commúinity Facilities Scheme

The Communities Facilities Scheme is closed with 126 applications received. Approval has been given by the three Municipal Districts and LCDC and all community groups have been notified. Funding has been received from the Department and Community Groups can now submit invoices for payment.

Clár Funding

Three playgrounds have been approved funding, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermott Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7,000). Meetings have taken place with all Community Groups to determine their needs and documentation is being prepared for tendering.

Leitrim Sports Partnership

Women on the Water

This is a 6 week Kayaking programme for women funded by Sport Ireland. The programme is taking place in Acres Lake, Drumshanbo and at Lough Rynn Rowing Facility. The programme proved so popular that a second evening had to be provided in Lough Rynn. The programme commenced on 22nd Augusta and there are 87 women taking part with a waiting list in place.

Carrigallen Multi Sport Summer Camp

Leitrim Sports Partnership held a one week Multi Sport Summer Camp in Carrigallen where the participants had the opportunity to try out different sports including soccer, tennis, Gaelic football, Olympic handball and Kayaking on the town lake. There were 40 participants on the camp.

Carrigallen Kayaking Camp

This summer camp was held over two weeks and was filled to capacity. The coaching was provided by Rivermania. There were 60 participants involved.

FAI Summer Soccer Camps

The summer schools continued from July delivered by Leitrim County Council's FAI Development Officer Damon Kearney. Two camps were held in August in Carrick on Shannon and Ballinamore. There were 105 participants in Carrick on Shannon and 68 participants in Ballinamore.

Irish Water Safety Swim Camps

The final Irish Water Safety Swimcamp of the summer was held in July in Cleighranmore with 20 children participating.

Leitrim Pony Riding & Animal Welfare Programme

This 8 week programme finished in August. Its aim was to introduce young people from travelling and disadvantaged backgrounds to horse-riding, horse management skills and animal welfare. The programme was funded by Leitrim County Council, the Department of Agriculture & Food, Leitrim Development Company and Leitrim Sports Partnership. The programme was extremely successful with a 100% attendance record by participants. 18 children in total took part in the programme.

The Arts

Creative Ireland

The 2017 activation plan was launched in Dublin Castle and we are in the process of formulating a 5 year Cultural Strategy. A public meeting has been held in Carrick on Shannon with two others planned for Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. Sixteen applications from across the county were received in response to the Open Call to develop high quality projects and programmes.

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. A continuous series of workshops and seminars have been organised.

Spark

Leitrim County Council has been selected as the next company to work with Spark. All interested artists attended a site visit at the Council with 9 proposals received and artist Vanya Lambrecht Ward has been selected.

Festivals and Events

Eight Festivals received funding under the scheme from across the County for 2017.

Artists in Schools

Eight primary schools have been selected - 4 for 2017 and 4 for 2018 covering the whole County and 4 Artists have been appointed to work with the schools. A planning session for artists and schools has taken place and the residencies will commence in September.

Artist in the Community

Four Community Groups were selected to participate in the 2017 Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and four Artists selected to work alongside them. A facilitated planning meeting has taken place ahead of their projects.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios

Two Artists have been selected for new residencies and a planning meeting is in the process of being arranged between the Library, The Arts Office and the Artists.

Leitrim Equation 4

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

Youth Theatre

The 2017 term 1 has been completed and Term 2 will start in September

Film

Tenders were invited from individuals and/or companies to develop and manage the initial phase of a new Film Development Programme for the Northwest region shared between Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon Local Authorities and Sinead Dolan has been appointed to the role.

Music Generation

An application has been made under the Music Generation Programme following extensive research and we are currently waiting the decision

Iron Mountain Literature Festival

The programme has been finalised and 31 applications have been received for the John McGahern Award which are being reviewed.

Culture Night

Fourteen venues are confirmed for Culture Night for Friday 22nd September, 2017.

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 and storytelling events in a number of Libraries. A newly-established Draughts Club met weekly in Ballinamore Library. In addition, Libraries held Reading Group meetings, language sessions and a meeting of the Astronomy Club took place in Ballinamore Library.

Highlights

- Mohill Family Support Centre organised visits 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 once again very pleased to be part of the very successful Wild Words Children's Book Festival, August 11th-13th, hosting interactive workshops on book selection for parents and young children in Carrick-on-Shannon Library.
- As part of National Heritage Week, the County Library hosted the Leitrim Launch of Cumann Ceoil Chonmhaicne, the traditional music society. The event was launched by Councillor John McCartin, and included a contribution from Fr. John Quinn. The evening featured a performance of local tunes.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure

Leitrim County Library Service once again participated in this national reading initiative this summer, with associated workshops, storytelling sessions etc taking place in Libraries across the county. For example, Ballinamore Library hosted a lively Teddy Bear's Picnic Storytelling Event while Manorhamilton Libraries presented a series of shared story time sessions for young children together with their parents, grandparents or carers, every Saturday during the month of August.

Libraries supporting Local Festivals

Ballinamore Library supported the local festival with a number of events, including a Children's Film Club, the Cavan/Leitrim Railway Photographic Exhibition and an Art Workshop.

Heritage Week 2017

Leitrim County Library Service prepared and presented an impressive programme for Heritage Week 2017, with a total of eight events taking place in eight Branch Libraries. Activities included a children's art exhibition, myths and legends storytelling event, needlework exhibition, céilí music presentations, community singing event and lectures.

Arts Strategy Consultation

The Arts Office facilitated a Consultation evening on Creative Ireland and the development of a new Arts Strategy in Ballinamore Library.

Fire Service

Building Control

- **Commencement Notices:** Received 1 valid notice
- **7 Day Notice:** Received 1 valid notice
- **Opt Out Commencement Notices:** Received 5 valid notices
- **Fire Safety Certificates:** Received 2 Fire Safety Certificates, processed 5.
- **Disabled Access Certificates:** Received 2 Disabled Access Certificates, processed 3.

Capital Programme

Fire Stations

Works are progressing on the proposed Capital projects for the Fire Stations as follows:

- **Manorhamilton:** Section 183 for the disposal of lands in Manorhamilton for a new site for the Fire Station in circulated to the members in August for consideration at the September Council meeting.
- **Ballinamore:** Further information sent to the National Directorate for funding for new fire station on existing site
- **Drumshanbo:** Capital funding application submitted for an extension to the existing station. A decision in this regard is awaited.

Fire Appliances

In the announcement made by the National Directorate on 17th August, 2017 about funding of new Class B Fire Appliances in the 2018 – 2020 Allocation, Leitrim was not included. However we were given an indication that we would be considered for a second hand appliance.

Major Emergency Management

Plans for the regional live exercise to be held in Leitrim in October 2017 were advanced.

Erasmus Project application


Received notification from Leargas, the National Agency that our project application under the Erasmus programme entitled FireSafety4schools was not successful.

Gartan Fire Payment System

Meeting held to discuss possible implementation of this system in Leitrim before the end of the year. Responses prepared and returned to Gartan.

Civil Defence

- Safety Boat and first aid assistance was provided during Carrick on Shannon Regatta.
- First Aid assistance was provided during Ballinamore Agricultural Show.
- First Aid assistance was provided during Mohil Agricultural Show.
- Safety Boat and first aid assistance was provided during the Leitrim Sub Aqua Club charity swim.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Department to carry out the Lake Water Sampling Programme.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Water Services Department while water sampling on the Shannon at Leitrim Village.

Signed: 
 Joseph Gilhooly,
 Deputy Chief Executive (Temp)

Date: 13th September, 2017