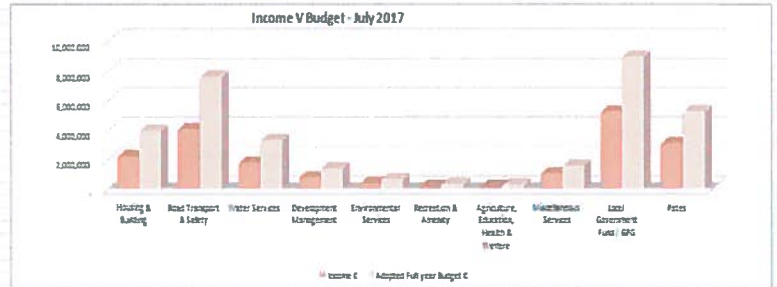
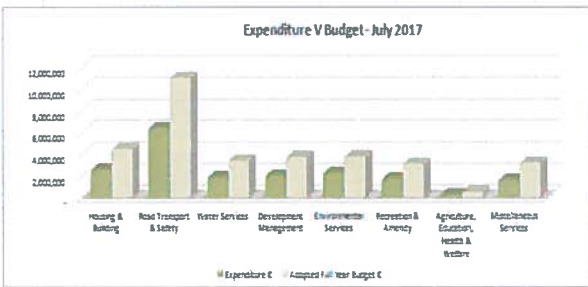


Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st January, 2017 to 31st July, 2017) prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014. Finance & Water Services Directorate

JULY 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY JULY 2017 - FIGURES)

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET	
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding	Actual Overall	Fav/(Unfav) €
A Housing & Building	2,528,927	4,437,795	57%	1,903,868	2,172,407	3,920,801	55%	1,748,394	(356,520)	160,474
B Road Transport & Safety	6,408,549	11,059,859	58%	4,651,310	4,033,973	7,594,997	53%	3,561,024	(2,374,575)	1,050,287
C Water Services	1,814,416	3,356,670	53%	1,542,254	1,751,294	3,292,124	53%	1,540,830	(63,121)	41,425
D Development Management	1,953,182	3,708,501	53%	1,755,319	750,385	1,356,904	55%	606,519	(1,202,797)	1,148,800
E Environmental Services	2,234,408	3,765,495	59%	1,531,087	338,180	615,031	55%	276,851	(1,896,228)	1,254,236
F Recreation & Amenity	1,636,203	3,083,430	53%	1,387,227	157,118	298,870	53%	141,752	(1,539,085)	1,245,475
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	260,505	453,433	58%	192,928	134,132	257,228	52%	123,096	(126,772)	69,433
H Miscellaneous Services	1,588,325	3,172,054	50%	1,583,729	1,005,209	1,539,937	65%	534,728	(583,116)	1,049,001
LG Local Government Fund / GPG			0%	0	5,224,517	8,956,315	58%	3,731,798	5,224,517	(3,731,798)
RA Rates			0%	0	3,059,600	5,245,029	58%	2,185,429	3,059,600	(2,185,429)
	€18,484,913	€33,877,237	56%	14,592,324	€18,626,816	€33,877,236	56%	14,450,420	141,903	141,904



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF JULY 2017

- * Water Expenditure in line with Income from Irish Water

July 2017 - Recourse to Overdraft

No. of Days in Overdraft during July 2017

0

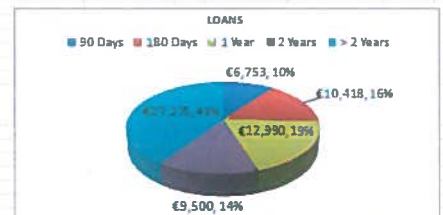
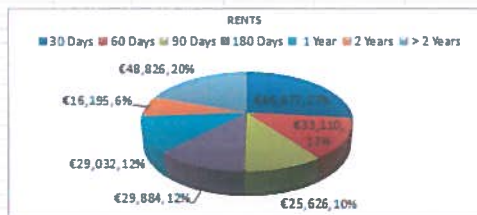
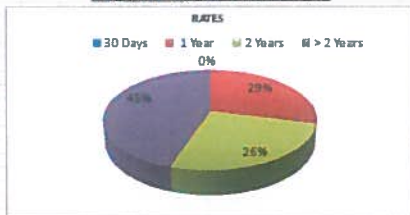
Interest Incurred

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July 2017 - Collection Rates

	YTD			YTD			COMMENTARY
	€ Jul-17	€ Jul-16	€ FY 2016	% Jul-17	% Jul-16	% FY 2016	
Housing Rents	1,225,360	1,158,843	2,043,175	81%	78%	88%	Collections are up on 2016
Commercial Rates	2,538,897	2,662,896	4,157,307	46%	50%	81%	Collections are down on 2016 First half year 2017 moieties rate reminders were issued in July
Housing Loans	100,733	94,892	168,124	56%	49%	65%	Collections are up on 2016

July 2017 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€2,026,035	€0	€0	€889,450	€800,439	€1,378,611
RENTS	€66,677	€33,110	€25,626	€29,884	€29,032	€16,195	€48,826
LOANS	€0	€11,719	€6,753	€10,418	€12,990	€9,500	€27,175

Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo: Asset Management

- The month of July saw 101 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System 74 related to water, 14 to waste water and 13 were classified as 'other'.
- There were 42 Bursts/Leaks detected and repaired.

- 5 No new Drinking Water Connections and 3 Waste Water Connections.

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

Capital Update:

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

The Contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October 2016. There has been some slippage in the programme and EPS are slightly behind on programme at this point in time. EPS are seeking a three month extension of time which will push out completion of the new plant to end of January, 2018. This has yet to be approved by Irish Water and Jennings O Donovan Consulting Engineers. 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 11.0 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 approx 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 to get a budget to cover these extra works and get them done separately. All in total project cost is €2.0 million

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

Closing date for receipt of Tenders was 25th January, 2016. Leitrim County Council CaPO together with Nicholas O' Dwyers Consulting Engineers and Irish Water has completed the evaluation of the tenders and letters on the outcome of the tendering process issued in June, 2017. A start date on site is likely in September, 2017 with a one year contract for the design build phase and a further one year operational contract. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017- 2021

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

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant Project No. 10015050

This project is included in Irish Waters Capital Investment Plan for 2017-2021. This project is at an early stage and Irish Water is currently seeking the appointment of Consultants as Employers Representative. This project is bundled with similar works on Waste Water Treatment Plants in Cavan and Monaghan.

Minor Capital Works

The total cost of all projects approved to date is estimated in excess of €2.5million.

Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks.

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:

1. Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell
2. 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.

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.

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. The project will 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 the upgrade of raw water pumps, high lift pumps, pumps at Mong

Reservoir to include some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong and the plant has been approved and a budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital projects expenditure. J.B. Barry's Consulting Engineers has been appointed as ER on this project. The data gathering exercise is complete and we would hope that final contract documents will be completed and issued to the market by ERVIA soon.

Disinfection Programme – Leitrim, Cavan and Monaghan

Irish Water Asset Strategy has sought tenders for the upgrading of all 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 provides for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards.

A working group has been set up with representatives from each County and Irish Water staff. The tenders have now been evaluated and the scorecard has been completed. The Tender Evaluation Groups recommendation was submitted to ERVIA on 7th June 2017 for appointment of the preferred contractor. We await confirmation of their decision and appointment of the preferred contractor. If approved it is hoped that works may commence in August, 2017.

Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon

Irish Water wish to appoint contractors to provide design and build services to upgrade and optimise the treatment processes at existing Water Treatment Plants in these four counties. The Glenade Water Treatment Plant in Leitrim is included in this bundle. We are currently engaged with Irish Water on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade 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 ten Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Waters appointment of a Contractor for these works.

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. Total cost: €518,000.

Killenna Watermain

Replacement of 2km of old cast iron watermains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. Irish Water has now appointed Sean Quigley Contracts Limited to this job. The initial contract meeting was held on 14th June, 2017. The Contractor is currently organising his mobilisation to site and materials purchase etc. A road opening licence is being negotiated with the Roads Department of Leitrim County Council. We expect work will commence on site by mid August, 2017. 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, but would expect that these minor works on this small bundled Waste Water Treatment Plants to commence in Quarter 3, 2017 with a view to completion before the end of the year. 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 is 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

Leitrim CaPO completed the tender evaluation and made its recommendation on the preferred bidder to Irish Water in January, 2017. Irish Water appointed Mast Construction Limited as PSDP and PSCS for construction of these works and a meeting was held with this Contractor on 25th May, 2017. Mast commenced works on site in July 2017 with Stage 1 Site Investigation Works. Mast will submit a design for approval and a road opening licence will be sought based on the design. The works are scheduled to commence on 21st August with a programme of 10 weeks to complete the works.

Manorhamilton Cast Iron Watermain Replacement

This Minor Capital Water Project may not go ahead and may be done as part of network portfolio in 2018 by the new framework Contractor.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting

The third meeting of the Evaluation and Approvals Committee took place on 18th July and a total of 10 projects were considered with 8 receiving letters of offer. The total awarded was €76,605.

Training

Autumn training programmes are currently being advertised on the LEO website and newspaper advertising will take place in August/September.

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. Marketing the programme will commence shortly.

Other

- LEO Competitive Funds Programmes
 - Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme is progressing well and to date 22 of the 24 allocated students have commenced work placements. The first two students placed will have their 6 months placement completed in early July.
 - The second phase of the Creative Connections Programme continues to progress well and the first pop-up event takes place in August (Virginia Show, Cavan). The website and craft trail publication are currently under development.
- The closing date of the LEO Innovation Investment Fund is 31st July. This is a new scheme which will work with Investor Ready LEO clients who typically will have short term investment requirements, to implement their innovative development plan. The programme will incorporate one to one mentoring to assist the promoter prepare an investor ready plan.

Food Strategy

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

Mohill Sustainable Energy Communities

Mohill Sustainable Energy Communities project is progressing well with its energy master plan and completing the work approved under the Better Energy Communities funding approved earlier this year.

Economic Development

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon

Purple Flag

Purple Flag Assessment took place in Carrick-on-Shannon on Friday 28th July, 2017.

Carrick-on-Shannon Town and Village

Town Brochure completed.

CCTV

Queries in relation to funding and group formation forwarded to the Department. A Public Meeting took place on 24th July, 2017 and the maps were arranged based on final agreed locations for CCTV cameras.

Town Teams – Rooskey

- Meeting held with Roscommon County Council regarding the rollout of the Community Plan
- Meeting arranged with Elected Members in Carrick-on-Shannon and Boyle Municipal Districts to outline the process.

BOI Enterprising Towns

- Dates agreed for Assessors visits.

Diaspora Strategy

- Meeting arranged with partner counties for preparation of Diaspora Strategy
- Request to quote document prepared and circulated to other counties for comment
- Request to Quote document issued to four companies
- Assessment meeting set up with other counties

Healthy Ireland

- Contact made with Co-ordinator and discussion on Leitrim LECP Fit with Healthy Ireland Initiative

SECURE Project

- Queries on claims responded to and updates were provided to the Lead Partner
- Partners notified of Leitrim Project Meeting and Seminar Itinerary

USEFE

- The final Laktive Tourism project claim was submitted to the Italian project partners for approval.
- Enterprise Ireland notified USEFE that we were successful in acquiring funding to develop a feasibility study for the development of a network of ICT enterprise centres/e-hubs across counties Cavan, Leitrim and Longford.
- Following a tender assessment meeting on the 3rd July the USEFE Co-Ordinator appointed Future Analytics as the Consultants to develop the feasibility study.

Tourism Development

The following actions have been undertaken throughout July, 2017 facilitating the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the County:

Filming took place as part of the EU SAINT Project as follows:

- Twelve Activity Providers across Leitrim were given the opportunity to have their activity/accommodation filmed as part a pilot which will eventually see worldwide promotion of Slow Adventure in Leitrim.
- Filming took place across Leitrim with the various providers over three weeks and Leitrim Tourism provided direction, advice and support for the production company.
- The areas filmed included the following: Battlebridge, Ballinaglera, Dromahair (Edergole and Mullagh, The Organic Centre, Rossinver, Teapot Lane, Fenagh, The Food Hub at Drumshanbo, The Shannon Blueway and Fowley's Falls at Manorhamilton
- As part of the SAINT Project Leitrim Tourism worked with Leitrim SMEs to develop activity and accommodation clusters. The clusters consist of two day and one day slow adventure experiences in Leitrim.
- Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners.
- Leitrim Tourism continued to support both the Tourist Information Point at Glencar Waterfall and the Angling and Tourism Centre in Ballinamore.
- Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
- Continued presence on all social media platforms was maintained including featuring a town of the week and a weekly Friday focus.
- Promotion of festival and events throughout the county.

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 the a research project on development bonds. The Council have appointed a firm of Consulting Engineers (Collins Boyd Consulting Engineers) to prepare Site Resolution Plans with respect to four estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. These Site Resolution Plans will be completed by the end of August allowing 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. This legal opinion will be finalised by the end of August.
- No submissions were received on the six estates which were advertised for taking in charge in June. These will now be brought to the September meeting for consideration of taking in charge.
- In conjunction with the Roads Section we hope to advertise a further 10 estates to be taken in charge in September.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of July. Two new pre planning consultations took place during July in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management

- 7 valid planning applications were received in July of which 1 related to commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 3 applications sought retention of planning permission and no application was sought for an extension of duration of planning permission.
- A further 5 applications was deemed invalid of which 3 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 final decisions on planning applications were made during July all except two of which were granted planning permission (14 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 applications during the month of July.

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.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28No 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.

River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018 – 2021)

The public Consultation process on the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018 – 2021) runs for a 6 month period until **Thursday 31st August, 2017**. The Draft River Basin Management Plan can be viewed on the following website: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/>

VETERINARY SERVICES

Abattoirs

- Slaughter returns: **June 2017:** Cattle 62, Sheep 162, Pigs 0
(Slaughter returns for July 2017 not yet available)

Dog Control & Welfare

Dog Warden Service returns for **July 2017** as below;

- 19 stray dogs, 7 dogs surrendered, 16 dogs re-homed, 5 dogs re-claimed by owner, 4 dogs died, no dog euthanized,
 - 18 complaints/notifications received,
 - 31 dog warden inspections
 - 2 dogs neutered, 6 neutering vouchers issued,
 - 23 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.

Horse Control & Horse Welfare

An 8-week Pony-riding & Animal Welfare course for 18 disadvantaged teenagers from Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumsna & Mohill finished on 3rd August. The course was highly successful and enjoyed full participation. Funding was provided by Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine, Leitrim Development Company and Leitrim County Council.

ROADS:

- Annual Area Programme works under way
- Works are completed on Town and Village Improvement Schemes at Kinlough and Manorhamilton and works on Town & Village Improvement Scheme at Mohill is nearing completion.
- Road Crews concentrating on surfacing and strengthening works at present
- Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.
- Verge Trimming ongoing along National Roads
- Verge Trimming ongoing at Junctions of Local Roads and Regional Roads
- **N4 Road Works Speed Limit Order** – A Road Works Speed Limit Order of 60 km/Hour in respect of the N4 Dromod Rooskey By Pass commenced with effect from 28th July, 2017 and will remain in place until 22nd December, 2017

CLAR Programme

- Tender & Design Works are complete in respect of three Fishery Roads under this Scheme (Carrigallen Lake Road, Yukon Shore Road & Heron Shore Road) and it is expected that works on these roads will be completed in September.
- Design Works are complete in respect of School Crossings at Drumkeerin, Carrick on Shannon & Ballinamore with the works due to commence shortly. Contractors have commenced upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the CLAR 2016 Programme

REDZ

- Works have commenced on both of the REDZ Scheme Roads (St. John's Lake and Garadice Lake) with works due to be completed by October.

Rural Water Programme:

Enhancement of Schemes - Works on the following schemes are being progressed at present: Antfield GWS, Drumaleague GWS, Drumkeelan GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcreeve GWS, Mohergregg GWS and Tarmon GWS.

- Poolboy GWS has been completed
- Approx 50% of the works to Mohergregg GWS completed
- Drumkeelan & Lismoyle Coolcreeve GWS's - Road Opening Licence applications submitted.

Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS. Investigation and report on current Water Treatment Plant procured. Tenders received for the appointment of a Consulting Engineer. Discussions ongoing with the 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) and arrange

with the Consultant Engineer (Ensen) to progress the design element. Health & Safety Questionnaire Received from Ensen.

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

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 31 st July 2017	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
63	32	65%	17	35%	14

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

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 31 st July 2017	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
2	45

Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st July 2017

Accommodation Type	2017	Outputs achieved at 31 st July 2017
Group Housing Scheme – Existing	0	0
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	3

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2017	No of inspections completed to 31 st July 2017	% Complete
70	69	98.57%

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 – 31/07/2017	GRANT	NO	VALUE	
PAID 2017	HGD	13	144,787.13	
	MAG	7	19,764.85	
	HOP	23	98,072.38	
	TOTAL	43	262,624.36	
Approved not paid	HGD	6	63,742.20	
	MAG	1	4,066.00	
	HOP	12	56,498.74	
	TOTAL	19	124,306.94	
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
				€414,931.30
Balance				€21,804.70

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. Appointment of a Contractor is being progressed through the Building Works Framework.

Disability Works (Local authority dwellings)

In April the Council made a submission following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 29 suitable tenancies for proposed disability adaptation 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 and Leitrim County 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 some of these house required refurbishment works and contracts are in place to complete energy efficiency works and remedial works to these houses 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. Contractor commenced on site in early June. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €885,000.

Capital Project Appraisal for Construction of Social Housing in Carrick on Shannon.

A capital project appraisal for the construction of 20 social housing units in Carrick on Shannon has received Stage 1 Approval in principle from the Department to the value of €3,949,500. Appointment of Design Team is being progressed.

Capital Assistance Schemes – Saint Vincent de Paul, Ballinamore

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. This project has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a contractor. Construction works will commence on site in April 2017. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €207,000.

Community:

Peace IV

- The Assessment Committee met on Friday 7th July and on their recommendation, the Peace IV Partnership Committee approved the following 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

- A contract has been awarded to Blu Zebra Ltd. to carry out the Consultation Process.
- Shared Spaces and Services, consultations are underway
- The Programme Launch will take place on International Peace Day on 21st September.

Public Participation Network

There are currently 200 groups registered with the PPN. Interviews took place on 14th July for the Resource Worker and a panel has been formed. The Department have given sanction for a 2 year contract.

Age Friendly

A meeting was held with the Age Friendly Alliance on 5th July to agree the strategy for 2017-2019. The lunch date of the strategy will take place on 28th September during Positive Ageing Week.

Environmental and Community Awards

Judging has commenced for the Environmental and Community Awards. Judging has been completed in Schools and businesses, estates, cleaner and greener. Eanna Ni Lamhna and Billy Flynn are the Judges for the Environmental awards. Judging for the Community Awards will commence in August once a judge has been chosen by PPN.

Pride of Place

Bornacoola (0-300 population category), Carrigallen (300-1000 population category) and Manorhamilton (Creative Place Initiative) have been chosen for Pride of Place entries in 2017. The judging takes place on 10th and 11th August.

Smoke Alarm Scheme

A community smoke alarm scheme is now in operation to provide battery operated smoke alarms to vulnerable homes in the county who do not currently have them. It is hoped that these will be installed by volunteers in addition to Leitrim Integrated Development Company who operate the Warmer Homes Scheme.

Community Facilities Scheme

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

Leitrim Sports Partnership

St Ciaran's Day Service Zumba Dancing Programme.

We delivered an 8 week Zumba dancing programme with St. Ciaran's Day Service with 10 people completing the programme.

IWA Chair Exercises

Completed an 8 week chair exercise and fun games programme in the Irish Wheelchair Association Centre in Carrick-on-Shannon with 16 people benefiting from the programme.

Rehab Care Nutrition and Go For Life Games Programme

Delivered an 8 week programme in the Rehab Care centre in Ballinamore with 12 adults participating and benefiting from the programme.

Childhood Days Games and Dancing programme

Completed an 8 week Games and Dancing programme in Drumshanbo with 6 children benefiting from this programme.

Active Age groups

Completed a 3 week chair aerobics and exercises programme with the Active Age Groups in Ballinamore, Carrigallen and Mohill with 64 people participating over the three week programme.

FAI Summer Soccer Schools

Leitrim Community Soccer Development Officer organised and delivered 4 summer soccer camps in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon, Ballinamore and Kinlough with 340 children participating on the summer soccer camps.

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 other meetings planned for Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. A total of 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 has been organised.

Spark – Leitrim County Council has been selected as the next company to work and all interested artists attended a site visit at the Council Offices. Nine proposals were received and the shortlisted artists have been invited for interview.

Festivals and Events –8 Festivals received funding under the scheme from across the County for 2017

Artists in Schools –8 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 –4 Community Groups were selected to participate in the 2017 Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and 4 artists selected to work alongside them. A facilitated planning meeting has taken place ahead of their projects.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios –2 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 first term has been completed.

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 awaiting the decision.

Iron Mountain Literature Festival – The programme is in the process of being finalised and 31 applications have been received for the John McGahern Award.

Culture Night – Events are being planned for Culture Night for Friday 22nd September.

Library Service:

Event Programming

Event Programming in July had a strong focus on children and family events, with film screenings taking place in Ballinamore and Mohill Libraries, art and craft workshops in Drumshanbo and Dromahair Libraries,

and family story time events in a number of libraries. In addition, libraries held Reading Group meetings, language sessions, Astronomy Club meetings and creative writing group sessions. Manorhamilton Library hosted the ICA Seanfhocal exhibition during the month.

Highlights:

- Carrick-on-Shannon Library supported the Purple Flag assessment on July 28th by preparing a themed display of library stock and hosting a Puppet-making workshop for all the family.
- A number of workshops were held in the Events Space of Drumshanbo Library, as part of the Joe Mooney Summer School.
- Ballinamore Library presented a series of drama workshops for young people, celebrating the work of Jane Austen on the occasion of the 200 year anniversary of her death. The 17 participants delivered an inspiring performance to an audience of family and friends. (45 attended)
- Drumshanbo Library hosted a visit from the Dowra Summer Camp, with over 25 children taking part in a Craft Workshop.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure

- This is a major national reading initiative which is running throughout the summer months, with associated workshops, storytelling sessions etc taking place in libraries across the county. For example, Dromahair Library hosted a creative art workshop for children while Drumshanbo, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton Libraries hosted Storytelling events for all the family.

Fire Service

Building Control

- **Commencement Notices:** Received 5 all valid.
- **Fire Safety Certificates:** Received 2 Fire Safety Certificate, processed 5.
- **Disabled Access Certificates:** Received 0 Disabled Access Certificates, processed 5.

Fire Stations – Capital Works

Works are progressing on the proposed Capital projects for the Fire Stations

Meeting with National Directorate

The National Directorate called a meeting of all Chief Fire Officers in the Custom House to review the aftermath of the Grenfell fire tragedy. They are planning to set up a national Fire Safety Task force to review all aspects of fire safety.

Major Emergency Management

A meeting of the North West Regional Working Group was held in Buncrana. Plans for the regional live exercise in Leitrim in late 2017 were advanced.

Civil Defence

Civil Defence continued to provide Civil Defence assistance at a number of events in the county in July, 2017.

Signed: 

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Date: 11th August, 2017

