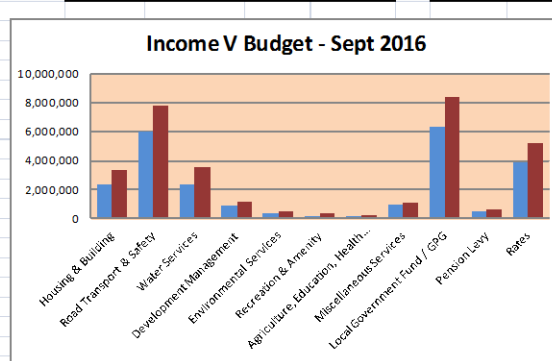
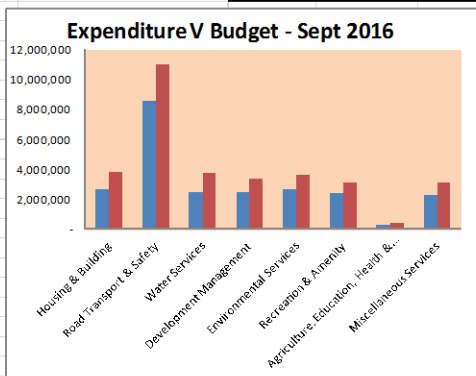


Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st January, 2016 to 30th September, 2016) prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014.

Finance & Water Services Directorate

September 2016 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY September 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	2,655,411	3,814,105	70%	1,158,694	2,348,182	3,347,747	70%	999,565	(307,229)	159,129
B Road Transport & Safety	8,583,092	10,976,359	78%	2,393,267	5,974,669	7,832,186	76%	1,857,517	(2,608,423)	535,750
C Water Services	2,496,299	3,703,448	67%	1,207,149	2,397,069	3,564,213	67%	1,167,144	(99,230)	40,005
D Development Management	2,453,974	3,395,267	72%	941,293	839,528	1,152,938	73%	313,410	(1,614,446)	627,883
E Environmental Services	2,688,895	3,596,984	75%	908,089	347,977	467,320	74%	119,343	(2,340,918)	788,746
F Recreation & Amenity	2,384,830	3,162,891	75%	778,061	213,900	297,500	72%	83,600	(2,170,930)	694,461
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	285,697	425,522	67%	139,825	177,367	264,502	67%	87,135	(108,330)	52,690
H Miscellaneous Services	2,247,642	3,124,950	72%	877,308	928,456	1,073,837	86%	145,381	(1,319,186)	731,927
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	-	-	0%	0	6,291,881	8,370,659	75%	2,078,778	6,291,881	(2,078,778)
PL Pension Levy	-	-	0%	0	433,894	623,805	70%	189,911	433,894	(189,911)
RA Rates	-	-	0%	0	3,893,567	5,204,820	75%	1,311,254	3,893,567	(1,311,254)
	€23,795,841	€32,199,526	74%	8,403,685	€23,846,490	€32,199,527	74%	8,363,037	50,649	50,648



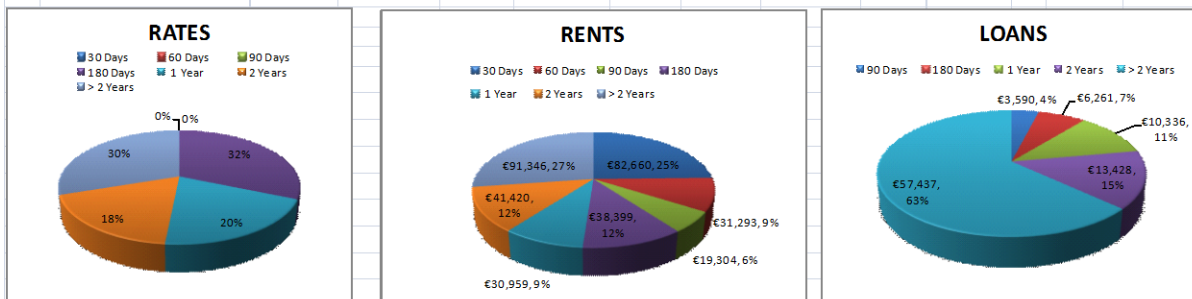
MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF September 2016

- Water Expenditure in line with income from Irish Water.

September 2016 - Collection Rates

	€	€	€	%	%	%	COMMENTARY
	Sep-16	Sep-15	FY 2015	Sep-16	Sep-15	FY 2015	
Housing Rents	1,513,076	1,401,464	1,878,709	82%	82%	86%	Collections up on 2015 in line with increased rents Collection down on 2015
Commercial Rates	3,443,589	3,508,621	4,226,300	63%	62%	79%	
Housing Loans	124,816	138,882	181,651	56%	54%	65%	Collections down on 2015 in line with reduced installments

September 2016 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES		€0	€0	€1,182,007	€761,877	€688,994	€1,136,504
RENTS	€82,660	€31,293	€19,304	€38,399	€30,959	€41,420	€91,346
LOANS	€2,706	€2,592	€3,590	€6,261	€10,336	€13,428	€57,437

Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo:- Asset Management

- In September, 105 issues were raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System.
- 87 related to water and 18 related to waste water.
- There were 35 bursts/leaks detected and repaired.

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)

The contract for the Moneyduff WTP Extension has now been signed and EPS Ltd. has been contracted by Irish Water to undertake the works. A pre-commencement meeting has been held with the Contractor and the 26th October, 2016 is the agreed contractual “commencement date” for this contract. This contract is in two phases, One Year Design Build and Interim Operate plus a further One Year Operate/Commissioning. The contract sum is €3.84 million.

Extension of Supply to Rossinver and Kiltyclogher (Project No 10014315)

Ward and Burke Construction Ltd were appointed and works commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. Work on the Kiltyclogher 6.5km rising main is substantially completed. The mechanical and electrical fit out of the new pumping station commenced on 3rd October, 2016. The programme for the making live of the new supply to Kiltyclogher and the lifting of the Boil Water Notice is mid November, 2016.

The works on the new distribution main to Rossinver (4.5Km) has commenced and is approximately 40% completed. A road closure is required for two weeks from 1st November to 15th November, 2016 on the R282 from Coolodonnell to Rossinver to allow the safe construction of open cut trenches for a pipeline. Overall works scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

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

- These projects were approved by WIAC on 21st January, 2015.
- All required planning permission has been 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 is now likely to be until January, 2017. The all-in-cost of this project is currently estimated at €2,009,931. inclusive of VAT.

Minor Capital Works

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

- **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. Mr. W. Moynihan is the PM in Irish Water and J.B. Barry’s Consulting Engineers has been engaged as ER on this project. An initial site meeting has been held and a data gathering exercise has to be completed by Leitrim County Council to inform the issues.
- **Sampling Programme** - flow monitoring and sampling at 12 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.

Approximate Estimate in Leitrim: €120,000

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme**

(Level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 10 drinking water reservoir sites)

Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed and the scope of the works has been extended to include other items required at these sites. Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers has now produced draft contract

documents for procurement by Irish Water for a Contractor to undertake these works. We are currently assessing these draft documents and we will be making our final comments on them this week. It is anticipated that Irish Water will go to tender on this project in the next couple of months.

Approximate Estimate: €91,400

- **DMA Programme**

Upgrade and complete the District Metering Structure on the networks in Co. Leitrim, EMR has commenced works on site. Progress is satisfactory and the contract is on programme for commissioning and completion in early December, 2016.

Contract cost: €518,000.

- **Killenna Watermain Replacement** (2km) is approved and included in the Minor Capital Programme Tender documents with Irish Water CST. We await the appointment of a Contractor by Irish Water.

Estimated cost: €100,000.

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

Nicholas O'Dwyers Consulting Engineers have been appointed by Irish Water to prepare contract documents for these process optimisation works. Planning permissions for the various works was granted in June, 2016. Irish Water has invited Tenders and site visits by invited Contractors are scheduled for the week ending 7th October, 2016. The closing date for tenders will be 21st October, 2016. Following procurement of a Contractor by Irish Water we expect that works will commence here early in the New Year.

Estimated cost: €270,000.

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

Tender documents prepared by the 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 have been completed and have been resubmitted to Irish Water. The Council awaits the appointment of a Contractor by Irish Water from their Frameworks. As soon as a Contractor is appointed work will commence on the trunk main replacement.

- **Drumsna WWTP**

Irish Water has approved an ANB for a 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 Irish Water for procurement.

- **Bridge Street, Carrick –on-Shannon**

Work on the replacement of the old cast iron watermains in Bridge Street, Carrick- on-Shannon commenced on 27th September, 2016. The Business people on the street were invited to a meeting to inform them of the works plan and are being kept informed of the works as they progress. The works are scheduled to take 6 weeks.

The contract cost is circa €120,000.

- **Ballinamore and Mohill Mains Replacement**

Irish Water has now decided that these Minor Capital works will be procured by Shared Services in the normal way. A new brief is to be prepared for appointment of Tobin's Consulting Engineers to complete the necessary

design and tender documents and agree fees for same. There is no definite date for appointment of Contractors at this stage.

- **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**

Coffey's Water Ltd. has been contracted 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 and works have commenced. All instrument installations to be completed at Leitrim WTP's in October, 2016. This contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants.

- **New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick-on-Shannon Water Treatment Plant.** EPS appointed as the Contractor and the prefabrication of these structures has been completed. Erection on site has commenced. **Estimated cost: €50,000.**

- A project to provide "Filter Run to Waste" at Carrick-on-Shannon has been approved by Irish Water. EPS has received an order to carry out these works. There is a 10 week works programme for completion.

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

1. **Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade Water Treatment Plant**

Filter Run to Waste required. Tender documents to be prepared by CaPO office for procurement of a Contractor by Irish Water.

2. 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 the main pumping station. Design and tender document is underway by CaPO and will be submitted to Irish Water for procurement in due course.

Estimated cost: €62,000.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The third meeting of the Evaluation and Approvals Committee took place on 13th September and a total of 8 projects were considered with 6 receiving letters of offer. The total awarded was €67,034.

Training

There continues to be strong demand for training, courses run during September include Start your Own Business, Managing Finances, Performance, Profitability and Growth, How to Create Visual Impact in Online Marketing and HACCP.

Mentoring

There continues to be a strong demand for one to one mentoring.

Minster Breen's visit to Leitrim

On 30th September last the Minister of State for Employment and Small Business, Mr. Pat Breen T.D. visited the Local Enterprise Office meeting staff, the Chief Executive as well as three LEO clients, The Primary Planet, Mc Niffes Bakery and Carrig Brewing Company. He also met with representatives from Enterprise Ireland and three EI clients in Carrick-on-Shannon.

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur

Recruitment is continuing for IBYE and there has been a great interest to date. The closing date for applications is 14th October, 2016.

Networking

- An evaluation took place on the First Friday's programme. It is hoped to run it again.
- Leitrim Business Network quarterly meeting took place on 15th September in Ballinamore with Guest Speaker Sinead O'Connell from Carrig Brewing.
- A very successful joint Longford and Leitrim Women in Business Networking event took place in Lough Rynn, Mohill on 27th September last and 128 women attended the event.

Online Trading Vouchers

To date 16 clients have received Online Trading Vouchers.

One to one meetings

The LEO staff continue to meet one to one with clients for advice and signposting to supports.

Taste Leitrim

Judging of the Foodie Destinations took place in Leitrim on 11th September last. It consisted of a visit to Jinny's Bakery, The Food Hub, and culminated in a meeting at St. George's Terrace Restaurant for a Taste Leitrim experience of sampling local produce. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful in the bid to become Foodie Destination of the Year.

Other

- IT Sligo continues to use The Hive on a weekly basis.
- Two Leitrim businesses, Chef Sham Sauces and Giolla Liddy, Artwood attended the National Ploughing Championships under the Local Enterprise Village from 20th-22nd September.

Economic Development

Local Economic Development Committee

LCDC website and the domain name www.lcdc.ie are now in place. The site is based within Leitrim County Council's website and contains basic information on the LCDC and the programmes it operates. Once the Leader Programme opens further information will be added. The LCDC met on 12th September and amendments required to the Standing Orders for the LCDC to operate as LAG were approved.

LEADER

Meetings of the RDOC were held on September 13th and 27th to look at the programme of work required in advance of opening the LEADER Programme. A staff member attended a briefing on the on the current rollout of the RDP Programme as did a staff member of the Implementing Partner.

HLAG (High Level Advisory Group)

Invitations were sent to HLAG members for a meeting on 14th - 15th October, 2016 in Carrick-on -Shannon.

Town and Village Scheme

Eight applications were submitted to the Town and Village Scheme following agreement on towns at the September Council meeting. Meetings were held in each of the towns in order to complete applications for the end of September deadline.

Applications covered the following areas:

- Carrick on Shannon – Town Centre event space and infrastructure for off-season events, marketing and promotion.

- Kinlough – footpath linking the town centre to the Eco Park plus signage
- Manorhamilton – public realm improvements on the Carrick-on-Shannon road entrance to the town as well as safety improvements and signage.
- Drumshanbo – improvements at the Food Hub entrance.
- Mohill – footpath improvements to link the town
- Carrigallen – car parking at Cornmill Theatre and the Community Centre
- Ballinamore – trail signage and improvement to the Tourist Information Point
- Drumkeerin – improvement works to the Enterprise Centre

Purple Flag

Notified that the Purple Flag renewal was successful. A meeting was held on 14th September, 2016. Input was provided into the national Purple Flag brochure. Flags were ordered for Carrick on-Shannon local businesses to help promote Purple Flag weekend.

Renewable Energy

SECURE Project

Kareila University questionnaire for communities and Council staff was reviewed and comments returned to Kareila. Update provided on activities to lead partner.

LARES Training

Participants were finalised 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 13th October, 2016. The six training courses are as follows:

- Renewable Energy Policy, Resources and Conversion Technologies
- Renewable Energy Utilisation in an Urban Environment
- Environmental Considerations for Renewable Energy Strategies
- Planning and Implementing Community Engagement for Renewable Energy Strategies
- Energy Mapping for Spatial Energy Demand Analysis
- Achieving Low Carbon Development through the Planning Process.

District Heating System

Follow up was made to the Western Development Commission (WDC) on tenders and they are being assessed in early October.

Town Incentive Scheme

A number of queries arose in relation to the Town Incentive Scheme and these were followed up on. The Evaluation Panel will meet in October.

Botswana Delegation

NUI Maynooth requested the Economic Unit to host a group of delegates from Botswana who are working on developing the first NSS for Botswana. An itinerary was prepared which included all delegates staying in local hotels on 13th September and receiving a number of presentations from Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure on 14th September followed by a visit to the Blueway Project funded under the USEFE Flagship RED initiative.

USEFE

- Meeting took place on 1st September, 2016 with USEFE Co-Ordinator, Mike Feeney, Joseph Gilhooly and Nollaig Whyte to discuss the MedTech sector and how best to proceed.

- A USEFE Operational Group meeting took place on 6th September, 2016 in Leitrim County Council offices at which the USEFE Co-Ordinator provided a review of the USEFE project.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator attended a meeting in Roscommon LEADER Partnership on the 6th September to discuss the Erasmus + Creative Communities Igniting Change project and the Food Incubators Transforming Regions project.
- Local Authority Diaspora Nominee Group meeting took place on the 15th September to discuss the upcoming regional business event in Croke Park on the 3rd November, 2016. The event programme including speakers and stand holders was discussed.
- USEFE Steering Group Meeting was held on the 16th September, 2016. An update was given on each sectoral group's activity.
- USEFE Diaspora Group Meeting took place on Monday the 19th September, 2016 to discuss the upcoming regional business event in Croke Park.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator hosted 49 Italian tourists to the region as part of the Laktive Tourism Project. The group visited the USEFE region from the 20th - 23rd September, 2016 and they were accompanied by the USEFE Co-Ordinator throughout their stay. Key regional attractions visited by the Italian tour group included a bike ride along the Blueway, Arigna Mining Experience, Lough Key Forest Park, Cavan Burren Park and Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre.
- Local Authority Diaspora Nominee Group meeting took place on the 27th September to discuss the upcoming regional business event in Croke Park on the 3rd November, 2016. The event programme and a draft marketing plan for the event were discussed.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator has been working on developing the Regional Business event in Croke Park on the 3rd November, 2016 and has been having meetings with fellow colleagues, seeking quotations from companies, delivering a marketing plan etc.

Tourism Development

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

1. A Marketing campaign to the value of €200,000 was planned and delivered by Ireland West Airport this campaign featured Leitrim and Roscommon in conjunction with Flybe airlines. A competition, editorial, banner adverts and imagery were received.
2. Leitrim entered and were nominated in the top 10 Foodie Destination.
3. SAINT Project - a group 10 trade members travelled to Derry to meet with SME's in the partner county and experience Derry's Slow Adventure Tourism Products
4. SAINT – As part of Leitrim's pilot study, assessments were carried out at various product providers wishing to become involved in the Slow Adventure Tourism offering. Over 20 providers were visited and accessed by an External Assessor.
5. Gaps in our image bank have been identified and a photographer was hired to take county wide imagery of landscape, towns, villages and activities.
6. Attendance at the GB Coach Show in Kilkenny, a good interest in Leitrim as a destination was generated.
7. Attendance at the Connect 16 Show as an observer with a view to exhibiting next year. This was the first year of the show.
8. Leitrim Tourism website is now fully operational. Trade members received their individual login's and are currently updating the site with regard to special offers and packages

9. On-going social Media Campaign highlighting Leitrim 2016, Tourism in Leitrim and Events taking place in Leitrim during the holiday season. The current campaign 'Town of the week' is proving very successful with up to 20,000 reaches
10. Preparation for the Failte Ireland Accommodation clinics to encourage new and unapproved accommodations to consider the new Welcome Standard Certification.

Development Management

Unfinished Housing Developments/Taking in Charge

- Works are continuing within 9 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.
- 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 September. A total of 6 new pre-planning consultations took place in September, 2016.

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

- The closing date for receipt of completed application forms was the close of business on Friday 30th September, 2016. A total of 25 applications have been received by the Planning Department and an assessment of the applications has now commenced.

Development Management

- 10 valid planning applications were received in September which included 1 application relating to commercial development. Unfortunately a further 5 applications were deemed invalid of which all have since had valid applications made on their behalf.
- 21 final decisions on planning applications were made in September, all of which were granted planning permission (13 relating to applications for permission, 5 applications for retention, 1 outline permission and 2 extension of duration of planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 7 applications all of which sought planning permission.

Forward Planning

- The Planning Department assisted in the preparation of 8 applications seeking funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2016.
- Work is ongoing with regard to the Manorhamilton Land Use Strategy which was a specific action arising from "To the Waters and the Wild" REDZ Strategy.
- Work has commenced on a position paper for the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy in County Leitrim and on the 2 Year Progress Report for implementing the objectives of the County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Heritage

- 1 newsletter (Heritage Matters) was published during September. The main thrust of the newsletter related to reviewing the success of the National Heritage Week which was held between 20th-28th August and information pertaining to the Native Woodland Survey. In addition, the newsletter notified interested stakeholders of various events being held over the coming weeks

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 13th July, 2016 to 31st August, 2016 and a total of submissions were received. A report by the Chief Executive summarising the submissions and making a recommendation to adopt the draft Scheme issued to the Elected Members and a workshop to discuss same is scheduled for Monday 17th October, 2016.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections took place during the summer months. 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 have been completed and re-inspections are requested.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2016 RMCEI Plan. The 2016 RMCEI Plan was submitted to 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 took place from Friday 15th July, 2016 to 23rd September, 2016 both dates inclusive with final adoption of plans by the 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 Office. The OPW/Consultants make a presentation the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans to the Elected Members at the September Council meeting. 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 or call 0469426039.

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 Maximum Grant amount of €283,964.33 for this SEAI Project.

As part of this grant 43 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 Community Beneficiaries projects consisting of a Community Centre and two schools.

Tender Documentation was prepared by Housing Department and beneficiaries and Tender Evaluations carried out and all contracts have now been awarded. Works are almost completed on the Local Authority houses and all the Non-Domestic beneficiaries have completed their Energy upgrade works. It was a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October 2016. All works will be completed and funding recouped from SEAI for this Project.

ROADS:

- Area Road works Programme progressing in accordance with the adopted program
- Severe weather funding – progress in accordance with programme
- N16 Drummahon Realignment Scheme – Part 8 Consultation process ongoing
- N4 Embankment Failure at Carrick on Shannon – Tender report submitted to TII for approval of contractor
- N16 Cornacloy Sradrine Phase II – Works ongoing. Estimated completion date March 2017

Rural Water Programme:

Notification of allocation of funding for 2016 under the multi annual program to 2018 was received at the end of the month. An overall allocation of €238,675 was received for 2016. This allocation will cover In relation to Group water Schemes, work under the following categories – (A) Improvements to achieve compliance with Drinking Water regulations €25,000, (B) Water conservation and management €18,500 and (C) network upgrades €100,000. In relation to Group Sewerage Schemes the allocation provides for the setting up of a Group Sewerage scheme where individual septic tanks are not a viable option particularly from an environmental perspective €95,175.

All group schemes under each of the categories have now been contacted and are progressing matters currently. The following are the schemes involved:

- Measure 1 (A) – Cornashamsogue GWS
- Measure 2 (A) – Kilmaddaroe GWS
- Measure 2 (B) – Antfield GWS, Drumaleague GWS, Drumkeelan GWS, Lismoyle/Coolcrieve GWS, Mohercregg GWS, Tarmon GWS
- Measure 4 (D) – Hartley Cartown GSS

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

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

Offers issued to 30 th September, 2016	Offers accepted	Acceptance Rate	Offers refused	Refusal Rate	Awaiting Reply
79	48	64%	27	36%	4

New Tenancies created from 1st January, 2016 to 30th September, 2016

Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 30 th September, 2016	New Tenants (1 st time allocation)
8	44

Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 30th September, 2016

Accommodation Type	2016	Outputs achieved at 30 th September, 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 provided by Approved Housing Body under CAS Scheme	0	1
Housing Assistance Payment (incl new family formations)	4	0
Totals	10	9

Private Rented Inspection Programme

Overall target for delivery in 2016	No of inspections completed to 30 th September, 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
01/01/2016 – 30/09/2016	GRANT	NO	VALUE		
PAID 2016	HGD	10	€100,122.00		
	MAG	8	€24,313.00		
	HOP	21	€83,280.55		
	TOTAL	39	€207,715.55	€207,715.55	
Approved not paid	HGD	9	€141,396.93		
	MAG	8	€21,188.85		
	HOP	27	€129,239.85		
	TOTAL	44	€291,825.63	€291,825.63	
Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved	HOP	7	€20,000.00	Estimated	
	MAG	3	€7,500.00	Estimated	
	HGD	2	€15,000.00	Estimated	
	Total	12	€42,500.00	€42,500.00	
			Balance (Estimated)	-132,346.18	

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 approval to progress with phase 1 works up to a total cost of €198,800; no allocation was received for phase 2 works. Contract documents are currently being procured under National Frameworks for upgrades to the 153 units.

These will complete the energy upgrade works on all Leitrim County Council housing stock requiring Phase 1 energy works. The remaining 27 for phase 2 (External insulation) will be proposed for funding in 2017.

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.

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

Contractors have been appointed to undertake this energy retrofitting works across a total of 7 contracts; works are nearing completion on all contracts. The timeframe for the works complete deadline of 14th October 2016 is short and will require a strong focus to ensure completion and grant drawdown.

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 21 of the units complete and the remaining 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.

Approval was been received for these additional 7 Voids; Tender Documentation for these works was prepared by Housing Department and advertised on eTenders, a contract is about to be awarded to undertake these works.

Community:

Public Participation Network

- Elections for vacancies on a LEADER assessment committee were held
- A total of 188 groups are registered with the PPN
- A review day with secretariat and LCDC representatives was held

Peace IV

- The completed Peace IV plan was approved by both the Peace IV Partnership and LCDC. Clarifications were sought by SEUPB and these were provided.

Floral Pride

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

Pride of Place

- Awards night will be in Belfast on Saturday 26 November.
- Certificates of participation will be presented to the three entrants at the Floral Pride Awards evening.

Comhairle na nOg

- 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 and will be attended by 15 members of the Comhairle.
- 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

Community Walking Programme

As part of the Get Ireland community walking programme, we have developed 7 community walking programmes in Annaduff, Ballinamore, Carrigallen, Drumshanbo, Dromahair, Kinlough, and Gortletteragh. **Total Number: 91**

Code of Ethics and Good Practice in Children's Sport

One Code of Ethics courses were held in the County. **Total Number: 10**

Sports First Aid Course

We complete a one day Sports First aid course for Aughnasheelin GAA club. **Total Number: 6**

Sports Ireland Sports Leadership Award

Three Sports Leadership course has started in Ballinamore (15), Carrick on Shannon (23) and Mohill (21) Community Schools. **Total Number: 59**

FÁS Sports Development Coaches

During the month of September each sports development coach has coached primary school children in four schools each. **Total Number: 8 Primary Schools.**

ICA Dance Programme

We have stated a 6 week dance programme with the ICA Annaduff group. **Total Number: 19**

Girls Active

The Girls active programme, a physical activity programme for Post-primary girls will be rolled out in six Post-primary schools. **Total Number: 224**

Community Soccer Programme 2016 September Output

Grassroots Week School Participation Blitz

A number of Blitzes were carried out in schools to celebrate UEFA Grassroots Week to encourage participation across Europe and the county. The following schools all too part in their own event within their school with all classes involved: Leitrim Village NS, Gaelscoile Chuilinn Manor, Cloone NS, Kiltclogher NS, Dowra NS, Aughawillian NS. Over 350 students took part in all the events ran.

UEFA Grassroots Week Club Participation

A futsal was ran for clubs at u10 age group to celebrate UEFA Grassroots Week in Boyle with teams from both Sligo and Leitrim taking part. Over 80 players was involved in this event.

Coach Education

A Safeguarding 1 Child Welfare course for coaches was held in Carrick on Shannon with 15 coaches taking part in the 3 hour workshop

An FAI Player Development Plan Workshop was held in IT Sligo for Sligo/Leitrim League clubs outlining the new Player Development Plan to all clubs delivered by Ruud Dokter, FAI High Performance Director. Over 30 coaches took part in the event.

Leitrim Football Forum

We held meeting with all the football clubs to discuss some of the plans for coming year or season. This allow input from the clubs to get there feedback on matters in the county and update them on any future programmes.

North West Regional Emerging Talent Centre

North West Regional Emerging Talent Centre was ran got u12/14 girls catering for elite players from the Leitrim/Sligo/Donegal area on a Friday evening. This is in line with the new Women's Strategic plan to promote and develop women's football in the North-West region. There is now a committee in the region that meet every two months to oversee the ongoing work is being carried out in the North West region.

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. A series of workshops and seminars have been organised.

Spark – Artist Tinka Bechert has begun 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 attended a planning meeting ahead of the September term and are now commencing the 2016 Residencies and the initial facilitated planning meeting has taken

Artist in the Community – 4 artists were selected to work with 4 community groups across 3 municipal districts.

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

Leitrim Equation 4 – The Leitrim Equation DVD was successfully launched to an audience of over 100 at Carrick Cineplex as part of 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 Iron Mountain Literature Festival taking place in October has sold out. 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. 27 submissions were received for the award and the winner will be announced on Saturday 8th October as part of the Festival.

Culture Night - Culture Night took place in 19 venues across the County with over 1000 attending events across traditional music, dance, literature, exhibitions and workshops.

Library Service:

Event Programming

Many group activities resumed after the summer break, such as Reading Groups, Comhrá Meetings, Craft groups, I.T. classes for older people, and the popular Parent & Toddler Group meetings in Ballinamore Library.

The County Library hosted a most interesting lecture on 'The Brehon Laws', in association with the Digges Beekeepers Association.

Culture Night Events

Leitrim Libraries celebrated Culture Night on Friday 16th September, 2016 with lectures, traditional music, song and dance sessions and poetry events in Ballinamore, Dromahair, Kinlough, Mohill and Manorhamilton Libraries.

Positive Ageing Week 2016

Leitrim County Library Service presented a programme of activities to mark Positive Ageing Week, which took place from September 25th to 1st October, 2016. Events included a screening of the popular 'Older in Ireland' documentary with afternoon tea, a demonstration of the unique craft of Lumra, book displays, an exhibition, and an open morning which highlighted the range of services available at your local library.

Class Visits

Class visits have resumed following the summer break, with pre-schools and primary schools visiting their local branch libraries on a regular basis. When possible, the children are treated to a storytelling session as part of their visit. For example, Mohill Library hosted a visit from Eivers Lane Pre-School, while Kiltyclogher Library hosted weekly class visits from Kiltyclogher NS, and a monthly class visit from Rossinver NS.

Summer Stars Reading Initiative 2016

The Summer Stars Reading initiative for children, which ran in Leitrim Libraries this summer, closed on September 3rd 2016. This is a national programme which took place across the country.

Local Studies - 'Item of the Month'

Ballinamore Library displayed a booklet about Thomas Heazle Parke - doctor, explorer, soldier and naturalist - who was raised in Leitrim.

Fire Service

Building Control

- Received 3 Commencement Notices (1 invalid), 5 Opt Out commencement notices (4 valid, 1 incomplete), 1 Short Commencement notice (invalid)
- Received 0 Disabled Access certificates, processed 1 Disabled Access certificates
- Received 0 Fire Safety Certificates, processed 1 Fire safety Certificate.

New Class B Fire Appliance

Delivery expected by Q2 of 2017.

Fire Stations

- **Manorhamilton**
Efforts are ongoing to source a suitable site for a new Fire Station in Manorhamilton.
- **Drumshanbo**
Design options for proposed extension are being drawn up.

Civil Defence

- Volunteers completed a Marine VHF Radio operator's course during September.
- One Volunteer Instructor completed a Cardiac First Responder refresher course.
- Department of Defence Contractors carried out a comprehensive survey of all boats operated by Civil Defence. No issues were identified.
- 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 October, 2016