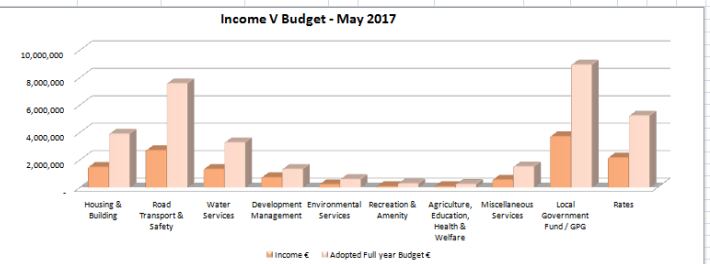
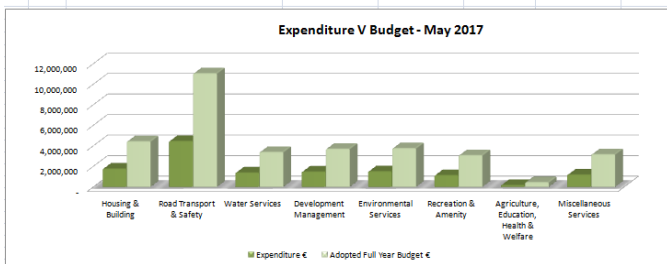


Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st January, 2017 to 31st May, 2017) prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014.

Finance & Water Services Directorate

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

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full	% Budget	Budget	Income €	Adopted	% Budget	Budget	Actual	Fav/(Unfav) €
		Year Budget	Spent	Remaining €	Full year	Raised	outstanding	Overall			
A	Housing & Building	1,770,810	4,437,795	40%	2,666,985	1,502,099	3,920,801	38%	2,418,702	(268,711)	248,283
B	Road Transport & Safety	4,464,899	11,059,859	40%	6,594,960	2,715,679	7,594,997	36%	4,879,318	(1,749,219)	1,715,643
C	Water Services	1,393,332	3,396,670	41%	2,003,338	1,349,677	3,292,124	41%	1,942,447	(43,655)	60,891
D	Development Management	1,484,377	3,708,501	40%	2,224,124	744,022	1,356,904	55%	612,882	(740,355)	1,611,242
E	Environmental Services	1,514,998	3,765,495	40%	2,250,497	236,153	615,031	38%	378,878	(1,278,844)	1,871,620
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,139,524	3,083,430	37%	1,943,906	96,330	298,870	32%	202,540	(1,043,194)	1,741,366
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	178,978	453,433	39%	274,455	95,777	257,228	37%	161,451	(83,201)	113,004
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,191,521	3,172,054	38%	1,980,533	572,536	1,539,937	37%	967,401	(618,984)	1,013,133
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	-	-	0%	0	3,731,798	8,956,315	42%	5,224,517	3,731,798	(5,224,517)
RA	Rates	-	-	0%	0	2,185,429	5,245,029	42%	3,059,600	2,185,429	(3,059,600)
		€13,138,438	€33,077,237	40%	19,938,799	€13,229,502	€33,077,236	40%	19,847,734	91,064	91,065



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF MAY 2017

- * Water Expenditure in line with Income from Irish Water.
- * Development Management Income is ahead of budget due to LEO Grant Income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.

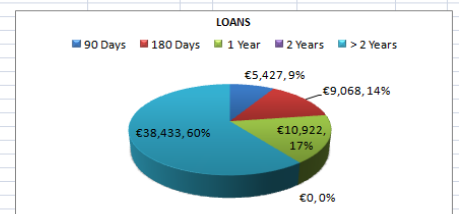
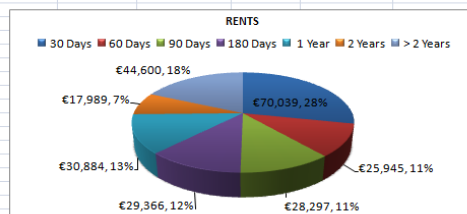
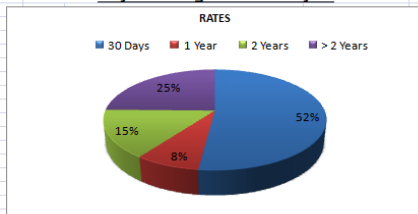
May 2017 - Recourse to Overdraft

No. of Days in Overdraft during May 2017	0	Interest Incurred	€0
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May 2017 - Collection Rates

	YTD			YTD			COMMENTARY
	€ May-17	€ May-16	€ FY 2016	% May-17	% May-16	% FY 2016	
Housing Rents	884,185	831,751	2,043,175	75%	71%	88%	Collections are up on 2016 in line with increased rents Collections are in line with 2016. Rate demands were issued for 2017 in March. Collections are up slightly on 2016
Commercial Rates	1,449,406	1,391,974	4,157,307	27%	27%	81%	
Housing Loans	75,194	68,404	168,124	49%	41%	65%	

May 2017 - Aged Debt Analysis



Water Services

Maximo: Asset Management

- The month of May saw 120 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System 97 related to water, 13 to waste water, 2 to new connections and 8 to complaints.
- A total of 35 Bursts/Leaks were detected and repaired.

Water Conservation:

UFW in this county 49.8%.

The following are 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: May 2017

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. The contract requires completion of the Design Build work by 26th October, 2017. The Contractor has indicated that they may seek an extension of time but to date he has not done so.

The Contractor EPS is operating the existing Water Treatment Plant and the water produced is meeting all of the necessary drinking water standards. There have been some minor issues with alarms and shutdowns but these are routine and normal for this old plant.

The contract sum is €3.84 million.

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

Ward and Burke Construction Ltd substantially completed these works. Some minor additional works are now required to control the pressure in one section of the new distribution main by fitting additional pressure reducing valves. Outstanding works on a small number of connections, snagging and decommissioning of the old AC watermain etc are still outstanding as of the end of May, 2017. We will seek to get Ward and Burke back on site to complete this contract as soon as possible.

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' Dwyer's Consulting Engineers and Irish Water are currently evaluating tenders and extensive clarifications are being sought.

Following completion of the clarification process a tender evaluation report and scorecard with our recommendation on the preferred bidder has been submitted to ERVIA buyers for approval. Once approved by them, this proposal to proceed with the preferred bidder will be submitted to the Water Contracts Approvals Committee (WCAC) meeting on 14th June, 2017. If approved we would expect that the appointment of the Contractor and commencement of works on site sometime in August / September 2017. The all in cost of this project will exceed €3.0 million.

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 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. Proposals for upgrade of raw water pumps, high lift pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir to include some civil works of pipeline upgrading at Mong and at the Plant has been approved and a budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital projects expenditure.

J.B. Barrys Consulting Engineers has been appointed as ER on this project. The data gathering exercise is completed and we would hope that final contract documents will be completed and issued to the market in June, 2017.

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 includes 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 group's recommendation was submitted to ERVIA on 7th June, 2017 for appointment of the preferred Contractor. Hopefully this will be considered at the Irish Water Contracts Approvals Committee meeting in June, 2017. If approved it is hoped that works will commence in August, 2017.

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. Additional items have been approved in relation to connection to and integration into the existing SCADA and telemetry system. Completion of these extra items and final commissioning almost completed. Contract 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 and the kick off meeting is scheduled for 14th June 2017. We would expect that work will commence on site shortly thereafter and should be completed 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 but would expect that these minor works on this small bundled 4 No. WWTP's to commence in July, 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 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 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 kick off meeting was held with this contractor on 25th May, 2017. MAST will commence works on site in July 2017 with stage 1 site investigation works which will inform their design. Following approval of their design MAST has set a programme of 10 weeks to complete the works.

Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks

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. New Frameworks Contracts are to be awarded on a regional basis for all of these works. Leitrim is included in the region with Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan. These works will be managed by the proposed Regional Capital Offices. Tenders have been invited for the frameworks contracts for each region and following internal review recommendations will be made to the ERVIA Board for approval in June, 2017. Under this programme Irish Water want to complete construction of 20Km of new pipelines in Q4 of 2017 and Leitrim will be seeking at least one project under this initial programme in Q4, 2017.

In May of this year the Capital office has made a number of submissions for water main upgrades to this programme. In particular a section of 300 mm Trunk Main at Mountcampbell has been identified as a priority due to frequent recent bursting. We are hopeful that we will get this section approved for upgrade in the current year.

Manorhamilton Cast Iron Water main replacement

This Minor Capital Water Project is going ahead and we are currently preparing designs and contract documents for the procurement of a new Distribution Watermain on the N16 in Manorhamilton. When completed these will be submitted to Irish Water for review and appointment of a Contractor.

Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade water Treatment Plant

Filter Run to Waste required. Tenders being sought by Operations for these minor works.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

LEO Budgets

A new LEO Innovation Investment Fund (LIIF) has been announced where an investment fund of €1.5 million available to the LEO's, with applications pitching to secure a grant investment of up to €25,000 from their local LEO via a competitive process.

Training

There continues to be a strong demand for training programmes, with many courses selling out well in advance of start date. Programmes are winding down for the summer months and will be resumed again in the autumn.

Outreach Office – Manorhamilton

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

Student Enterprise Programme

The National Final of the Student Enterprise Programme took place on 3rd May last in Croke Park with Zack Dolan, Happy Homework Hut from Carrigallen Vocational School winning the Innovation prize in the Junior category.

National Enterprise Awards

The National Enterprise Awards Final took place on 25th May in the Mansion House and Leitrim were represented by Jinny's Bakery, Drumshanbo, who unfortunately were unsuccessful in the final.

National Ploughing Championships

The Local Enterprise Village will host one client from each Local Enterprise Office at a subsidised rate this year. Preference is given to a manufacturing business, letters have issued to eligible clients to express their interest by 1st May. The clients from each county were selected centrally to avoid duplication of business types, with Magiflow Gutters being chosen to represent Co. Leitrim.

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur

The 2018 IBYE Programme is now open and applications close on 29th September. Open to people aged between 18-35, the programme has 3 categories; Best Idea, Best Start-Up Business (trading 18 months or less) and Best Established Business (trading more than 18 months).

Other

LEO Competitive Funds Programmes

- Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme has commenced and to date 18 students have commenced work placements.
- Work has commenced on the second phase of the Creative Connections Programme (actions 5-7) which is branding, website, craft trail and pop up shops. A network is being developed encompassing the 4 counties in the USEFE region. Feedback on the programme is good to date.
- The Erasmus project Smart Data Smart Regions is underway and a strategic guide has been developed for each of the five participating countries, with an overall guide to be developed comprising findings from all five.
- A LEO representative attended the Regional Innovation Showcase in IT Sligo on 5th May, sharing a stand with LEO Sligo and Enterprise Ireland.
- A Leo representative attended the launch of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund in Birr on Monday 29th May.
- The Co-Innovate Programme is underway with tenders being awarded to Westbic for the recruitment of participants in Leitrim.
- Promotion is currently taking place for the Energy Awareness Day on 23rd June next.

Economic Development

Local Economic Development Committee, Rural Development Programme and SICAP

An LCDC meeting was held on May 5th as there was a need for an early May 2017 meeting to facilitate return of Clár Applications under Measure 3. The Annual Report of LCDC 2017 was formally approved.

Implementation of Community Element of LECP

The nominees for the Social Inclusion, Equality and Community (SEC) Monitoring committee were approved. A schedule of presentations from agencies leading on actions within the LECP was also agreed.

Clár

Details of Clár projects being submitted under Measure 3 was approved by the LCDC. Applications under Measures 1- 3 were submitted to the Dept on May 5th.

Rural Development Programme

- Work continued on dealing with the Animation and Administration payments to the Implementing partner and dealing with queries arising from A48 checks.
- EOIs under Capital Business, Town Enhancement and other rolling calls were reviewed and determined at the LCDC meeting on May 5th. Opening and Closing dates for next targeted calls were discussed and an extension to the closing date for Collective Festivals Measure was agreed.

SICAP

The PIN for tendering of next SICAP Programme was put up on eTenders.

Details of next steps in the process were given at the Chief Officers Meeting on May 31st.

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon

- Carrick-on-Shannon Town & Village: A request to change funding allocated for Halloween Decorations to a Town Brochure was agreed as an event is already planned for Halloween weekend. Work commenced on drafting the Town Brochure.
- A group was set up for the Steering Group of the CCTV Scheme. This group will meet on June 2nd to oversee steps for submitting an application to the national CCTV Scheme.
- Work is ongoing in drafting an initial specification and costings through potential tenderers.

Town Teams – Manorhamilton

- A Town Team meeting was held on May 10th at 6.30pm. Updates were given on EOIs submitted to the LEADER Programme by various groups and details of Town and Village funding were provided to the Team. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14th.

Purple Flag

- No additional comments were received by Economic Development Officer on draft full renewal application which was circulated to Purple Flag members ahead of Steering Group Meeting on April 27th.
- The final hard copies of the Public Perceptions Survey were submitted by Steering Group members and will be analysed ahead of the Renewal Deadline.
- A Purple Flag Steering Group meeting took place on May 24th ahead of the overnight self-assessment on May 27th.
- Outstanding data to complete the renewal process was requested from Purple Flag Members.

Renewable Energy Group

It was decided to arrange a Regional Renewable Energy Group meeting rather than a County Group meeting. This meeting will take place on June 14th.

SECURE Project

- Preparatory work on EU Energy Week in June continued with the LEO office. This will include an Energy Expo in Mohill on June 23rd as well as a seminar for businesses on energy efficiency in Manorhamilton on June 21st.
- A presentation on progress in relation to the SECURE project was given by the Economic Development Officer at the partner meeting in Sweden. Dates for the Leitrim hosted meeting in

November were also agreed and shared learning on best practice was discussed in relation to pilot technologies.

- Two Leitrim Businesses, participated and presented at the SECURE Seminar on Low Carbon Technologies in Sweden on May 18th. Marina Conway of Western Forestry Co-operative and Kenny McCauley of McCauley Wood Fuels showcased best practice in managing a renewable energy resource and innovating in its production.
- A draft specification was prepared by the Economic Development Officer in relation to external expertise for energy audits, baselines and potential energy saving pilots which could be procured. This is now with the Housing and Facilities Team to complete the tender process.

District Heating System

Confirmation of the RHI is awaited in relation to making progress on the DHS report for the Council campus area.

USEFE

- A USEFE LEADER Co-Operation Group meeting took place on the 2nd of May in Longford Co. Council to discuss potential projects that the four counties could seek funding for under the LEADER Co-Operation measure of the RDP Programme. A follow on meeting took place on the 18th of May in Roscommon Co. Council offices which was attended by a number of reps from Waterways Ireland, local authority and LEADER staff. Following a detailed discussion a potential regional co-operation project was identified. It was proposed that the group should focus on the completion of the on-water Blueway experience in the Upper Shannon/Shannon-Erne Region.
- A USEFE Operational Group meeting took place on the 19th May, 2017 in Cavan where the 2017 USEFE Action Plan was reviewed and sectoral updates were provided.
- Under the EU Laktive Tourism project approx 4,000 copies of the Blueway trail map brochures, which had been translated into French, German and Spanish, were printed and distributed to each of the four USEFE local authorities.
- The USEFE Co-Ordinator travelled to ISEO, Italy from the 25th – 28th of May to attend a Laktive Tourism partner meeting to discuss the outcomes from the project to date.

Tourism Development

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

1. Tourism Officer made presentations to the Municipal Districts monthly meetings which took place in Ballinamore, Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton on tourism projects in Leitrim and in specific Municipal District areas .
2. Leitrim Tourism attended Recreational Working Group Meetings held in Drumshanbo in both the Waterways Working Group and the Angling Working Group
3. Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners
4. Tourism Officer attended SAINT meeting in Fort William Scotland where the next stage of the programme was discussed and terms agreed

5. The Tourist Office was open throughout the month of May and supported by Leitrim Tourism
6. Tourism Officer attended the LEADER Co-operation group meeting in Longford and the follow up meeting in Roscommon. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss potential projects that the four counties could seek funding for under the LEADER Co-Operation measure of the RDP Programme
7. 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 tourist season
8. Tourism Officer attended Food Tourism Pilot Project – Shannon Erne Waterway at Waterways Ireland in Carrick on Shannon.
9. Tourism Officer attended the launch of Emerald Star's 11 new Horizon-class boats on the Shannon
10. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
11. Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained

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 4 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 received a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of questions pertaining to development bonds and this draft legal opinion is being considered by the Planning Department.
- Planning officials held workshops with the Elected Members before the May Municipal District meetings with regard to unfinished estates/taking in charge.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of May. 6 no. new pre planning consultations took place during May in addition to a number of other inquiries which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management

- 20 no. valid planning applications were received in May of which 4 no. related to commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 3 no. applications sought retention of planning permission and 2 applications sought extension of duration of their planning permission. A further 8 no. applications were deemed invalid of which 4 no. of the invalid applications had subsequent valid applications 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 May, on average one in every four planning applications lodged is deemed invalid.
- 17 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during May all of which were granted planning permission (11 no. related to applications seeking planning permission, 4 applications sought retention of planning permission, 1 application sought a temporary planning permission whilst 1 application

related to extension of duration of planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 4 no. applications during the month of May.

Forward Planning

- A draft of the 2 Year Progress Report for implementing the objectives of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 has been prepared and is being reviewed by Senior Management. It is expected that this will be submitted to the Council in June with a short presentation to the Elected Members for the July meeting.
- The Planning Authority is in the process of appointing 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.

Delivering remaining projects of the 2007-2013 Programmes

Leitrim County Council is delighted to again receive 2015 Sports Capital Funding of €200,000 towards the further development of the world Class Lough Rinn Recreational facility which caters for Rowing/Canoeing and Kayaking. Our Consulting Engineer on the Project prepared Tender Documents for the next phase of Project which will include a Start Bridge and Finish Pontoon so we can avail of the 2015 Sports Capital Grant allocation of €200,000. The Tender was advertised on E-tenders Web Site with a Closing date of Friday 21st April 2017 for submission of Tenders. Tenders were evaluated by our Consultant Engineer and we aim to have Design/Build Contract awarded by end of June 2017. This will greatly assist in the further development of this Regional Sports Facility and have a very positive impact in attracting Clubs/Regatta/National and International Clubs and people to the region thus enhancing the Tourist potential of the region and giving a much needed economic boost to the area.

The Connaught Branch of Rowing Ireland held their National Regatta at Lough Rinn on Saturday 13th May 2017. Many different clubs, colleges and groups are also using this facility for training purposes with the National team taking part in an Easter Training Camp 2017 at Lough Rinn.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – The Council are inspecting 28 No DWWTS in 2017 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. The Sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. All the 2016 DWWTS inspections were completed. 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 2017 RMCEI Plan was submitted to EPA in January 2017. The EPA has now concluded that Leitrim's 2016 RMCEI Plan had an overall ranking of High where all Evaluation of Environmental Priorities, Environmental Outcomes and Environmental Resourcing and Plan Review ranked as High.

The EPA has released the results of Leitrim's Environmental Enforcement for 2015 Performance Report & Local Authority Assessment. The National Average Assessment achieved in 2015 is "Target". The Overall 2015 Assessment for Leitrim County Council achieved was "Target" which represented two levels of Improvement from 2014 where Minimum was achieved. To put this in context Nationally 20 out of 31 Local Authorities met or exceeded the overall Target standard set for performance in environmental enforcement. This was up from 14 in 2014.

Veterinary Services

Abattoirs

Please note that the figures for the Slaughter Returns are reported on one month in arrears and the figures outlined relate to April, 2017.

Slaughter Returns: Cattle 72; Sheep 212, Pigs 19

Small Meat Manufacturing Plants

Two ready meals manufacturers are in operation in the county.

- Output approx 50,000 Ready Meals per month
- One organic meat cutting plant and two distributors are in operation in Co Leitrim.
- Output approx 50 Tonne Meat per month.

Dog Control & Welfare

A 3-year contract for provision of a dog warden service by Leitrim Animal Welfare has been drafted and is under consideration.

Please note that the figures for the Dog Warden Service returns are reported on one month in arrears and the figures outlined relate to April, 2017.

- 10 stray dogs, 8 dogs surrendered, 4 dogs re-homed, 3 dogs re-claimed by owner, 0 dogs died, 1 dog euthanized,
- 24 complaints/notifications received, 61 dog warden inspections
- 3 dogs neutered, 6 neutering vouchers issued, 16 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 for June and September 2017.

Horse Control & Welfare

An 8-week Pony-riding & Animal Welfare course for 16 disadvantaged teenagers from Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumsna & Mohill will commence on 15th June, 2017. Funding will be provided from Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine and Leitrim Development Company.

ROADS:

- Annual Area Programme works under way
- Works underway on Town and Village Improvement schemes at Mohill, Kinlough and Manorhamilton.
- Road Crews concentrating on surfacing and strengthening works at present
- Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.

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, Mohercregg GWS and Tarmon GWS.
- Poolboy GWS has been completed
- Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS. Investigation on and report on current Water Treatment Plant procured. Tenders received for the appointment of Consulting Engineer. Discussions ongoing with group regarding works to be undertaken.
- Planning Approval underway for pumping stations on Hartley Group Sewerage Scheme.

HOUSING:

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 building contractor is being progressed through the building works framework.

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 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, this is currently being progressed and construction works are anticipated to commence on site in June 2017, once the bond is in place. 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.

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

Community:

Peace IV

- All conditions for Permission to Start have been submitted to SEUPB. Set up of Assessment Committee
- Leitrim County Council was the first Local Authority to submit these details to SEUPB. We await Permission to start which SEUPB indicates should be granted in May.
- This delay in Start date has meant that the Project Timeline has been extended from a closing date of April 30th 2019 to July 31st 2019.
- Changes in PEACE IV Programme Rules have meant significant changes to the Children and Young People (CYP) Theme. Due to another tranche of funding being allocated on a regional basis under the Shared Education Theme, all Early Years based activity has been removed from Local Action Plans. All other youth based activity within the Local Action Plans must be extra-curricular in nature and be scheduled outside of school hours.

Public Participation Network

There are currently 200 groups registered with the PPN. An advertisement to fill resource worker role has been placed in Leitrim Observer. The Department have given sanction for a 2 year contract.

Comhairle na nOg

A meeting took place in May of the Comhairle na nOg. There is concern over lack of funding for the youth project 2017 "Use your Brain, Not your Fist" Campaign spreading awareness around assault and the consequences of assault. The cost of the campaign is estimated at €6500.

Age Friendly

A meeting was held with the OPC on 07/06/2017 and final sign off was given on the action plan for 2017-2019. It is planned that strategy will be launch in Sept 2017 during Positive Aging Week.

Environmental and Community Awards

The closing date on the Environmental and Community Awards was 05th May 2017. Over 60 applications have been received across the seven categories.

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.

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 LDC who operate the Warmer Homes Scheme.

Community Facilities Scheme

The Communities Facilities Scheme has now been launched. It is new grant scheme for community groups to get capital funding to kick-start, advance or complete their projects, by completing a simple application form. There is a maximum grant of €1,000. Groups should be registered with Leitrim Public Participation Network or recognised national or regional bodies. Closing date for this scheme is 30th June 2017.

Leitrim Sports Partnership

Paddle up Kayaking Programme Group Event

Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Waterways Ireland and Canoe Ireland completed the Paddle up group event which was a 9k kayak along the Shannon Blueway in Cavan along with other students from Cavan schools. The event started in Ballyconnell and finished at Aghalane Lock in Cavan.

Total Participants: 32 (14 students from Lough Allen College and 18 students from Carrigallen Vocational School).

Mohill Community School Sports Day

Mohill Community School organised a physical activity sports day for all the students in the School. The students got the opportunity to select one of three activities that they normally wouldn't get the chance to participate in. There was a choice of tag rugby, zumba dancing and circuit training.

The objective of the day was to encourage students to get involved in different forms of physical activity, not just the traditional football or basketball. The activities reinforced the idea that physical activity can be challenging and fun at the same time. It was a brilliant day with 371 students benefiting from the programme.

Ag Sugradh Le Cheile Workshop

This programme is about parents and children playing together in tutor lead fun classroom activities and games during school hours or as after School programme. We held the following workshop in the county:

Kilnagross N.S. with 21 children and 12 adults, Gaelscoil Liatroma with 15 children and 2 adults, Drumcong N.S. with 32 children and 6 adults, Newtowngore N.S. with 13 children and 3 adult, Gortletteragh with 29 children and 6 adults, Aughavas N.S. with 17 children and 15 adults, Bornacoola N.S. with 21 children and 2 adults, and Drumshanbo N.S. with 47 children and 24 adults participating (2 workshops) in the workshops.

Total Participants: 70 adults & 195 children.

Code of Ethics Course

Leitrim Sports Partnership in held 1 Code of Ethics course (Safe Guarding 1) in Rossinver Community centre in May with 12 people attending and completing this workshop.

Total participants: 12

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 call out has been made to community groups, organisations, venues, artists, writers, historians and all those involved in the culture and creative sectors to develop high quality projects and programmes that encourage greater access, knowledge and appreciation of the arts, culture and heritage.

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 an artist and a call out for expressions of interest has been made with a site visit scheduled for June.

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

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 –A call out has been made for a visual artists and writer for the next studio residencies.

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 completed the Youth Theatre groups in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon and Carrigallen

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 and a public meeting has been organised for June.

Music Generation – An application has been made under the Music Generation programme following extensive research.

Library Service:

National Library Service

The new national Library Service, of which Leitrim is a member, was launched by Minister Damien English on May 29th in Navan Library. The new service is entitled “*Libraries Ireland – makes every library your local library*”, and provides access to over 15 million library items via a single library management system and national distribution service.

Event Programming

A full and varied programme of activities took place in all branches across the county during the month of May, including an Astronomy lecture in Ballinamore Library, Reading Group meetings, a book event in Drumshanbo Library, I.T. classes, language sessions, film screenings for adults and children, creative writing group meetings and craft activities. Ballinamore Library hosted the ICA Seanfhocal exhibition during the month.

Highlights

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- Manorhamilton Library invited members of local Active Age group to participate in a very interesting workshop on Creating mandalas
- Mohill Library presented a talk on Home Borrowing – a service to aid those in the community who are unable to leave their homes. This talk was also delivered to the Active Age South Leitrim group.

- Drumshanbo Library hosted a book event, with Keadue-based author Collette O’Neill, discussing her return to Ireland and her quest for Eden.
- Kiltyclogher Library organised a musical afternoon tea event for members of the local Active Age group, the Feel Good Club, with cáca, ceol agus craic

Spring into Storytime

- The national storytime initiative in public libraries which ran during the month of April, extended into May, with a number of storytelling sessions taking place in Carrick-on-Shannon and Kinlough Libraries.

Supporting Community Initiatives

Leitrim Library Service continues to support and encourage local community groups, by providing meeting spaces, publicising events of local interest etc.

- Dromahair Library hosted the committee meeting of the local Heritage Group
- Kinlough Library facilitated a meeting of the local Tidy Towns Committee
- Kiltyclogher Library hosted a meeting of a local Festival committee
- Ballinamore Library accommodated one-to-one mentoring sessions, co-ordinated by Leitrim Development Company

Fire Service

Building Control

Commencement notices

- Received 1 Opt Out Commencement Notice (valid), 1 Short Commencement Notice (valid), 1 Commencement Notice (valid), 1 & Day notice (valid).
- Received 3 Fire safety Certificates,
- Received 2 Disabled Access certificates,

Fire Stations – Capital Works

Works are progressing on the proposed capital projects for the Fire Stations in Manorhamilton, Ballinamore and Drumshanbo.

Major Emergency Management

A meeting of the Regional Working Group was held in Sligo airport on 11th May. We collated comments on the review of the Major Emergency Framework for discussion at a meeting with the National Directorate on 18th May.

During Performance Inspections

We held a training event in Ballinamore in preparation for planned future inspections. We liaised with the Gardai in relation to these types of inspection.

Civil Defence

- On the 3rd and 4th May the Civil Defence Officers Association held their AGM and Training Seminar in Carrick on Shannon.
- On the 13th May an Ambulance and Safety Boats were provided during the Regatta at Lough Rinn, Mohill.
- On the 26th May the Civil Defence Officer represented Leitrim Civil Defence at a ceremony in Dublin where the Minister with responsibility for Defence presented 1916 Commemorative Medals.

- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Section in order that the Lake Water sampling programme could continue.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Water Services Department while water sampling on the Shannon at Leitrim Village.

Signed:

Frank Curran
Chief Executive

Date: 13th June, 2017