Leitrim County Council

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS
2000-2015

PART XI

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2015

PART VIII

REGISTER REFERENCE NUMBER 16-C-01

PROPOSED FOOTPATH ON R288 DROMAHAIR
Introduction and Background to Project

Leitrim County Council is proposing the development of a new footpath on the R288 in Dromahair. The main objective of this proposal is to enhance the safety of non-motorised users in accessing the local GAA grounds and playground from the town by the provision of a footpath along the R288.

The proposed footpath will be 2.0m wide constructed on the south western roadside boundary along the Bonet River extending from the existing footpath which adjoins the entrance to the OPW buildings for approximately 200m to the entrance to the GAA grounds and playground. The existing amenity area is accessed via a concrete bridge over the Bonet River.

This design of this project is in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)(2011) which "promotes and priorities sustainable forms of transportation".

The proposed scheme will also provide for a widened carriageway with 3.0m lanes and an improved horizontal alignment on the R288 along the section of works. Currently the lane widths are approximately 2.75m along this section. An existing kink in the horizontal alignment will be removed, thereby improving driver comfort and safety.

To facilitate the provision of the proposed footpath, a retaining wall will be constructed along the northern side of the R288 towards for a distance of approximately 150m. Details of the retaining wall are shown on the submitted drawing number 203/1520/03. The existing forested walking trail adjacent to the R288 will be retained. Where affected by the construction of the retaining wall, the trail will be upgraded to provide a safe and accessible forest access track.

The existing drainage facilities are deemed sufficient to cater for the additional drainage requirement arising from this project. During construction works, appropriate measures will be taken to prevent any runoff from the site entering the Bonet River. Public Lighting will be provided along the extent of the proposed footpath.

The location and details of the project accompany the Part VIII application drawings.

Landownership

With the exception of an area where the retaining wall is required inclusive of regrading to the rear of same, all of the lands required to develop the project are in the control of Leitrim County Council. Leitrim County Council has entered into negotiations with the affected landowner in question to agree the required land acquisition (both temporary and permanent land take) necessary to facilitate the development and are confident that the necessary lands can be acquired.

Public Consultation Process

The project was formally advertised for public consultation between Wednesday 18th May 2016 and Wednesday 29th June 2016. Details of the project were available for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Planning Authority, at the Manorhamilton Area Office and also on the Council website. The closing date for submissions was Wednesday 13th July 2016.

Planning Policy Context

Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

Leitrim County Council has a number of policies and objectives set out in our County Development Plan which supports the proposed development.
Section 3.6.1 of the County Development Plan deals with Sustainable Transportation. The policies and objectives contained therein are guided by the national policy document “Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future, (2009)” which is referred to above. The promotion of initiatives that can reduce congestion, improve local environments and encourage healthier and safer lifestyles are key features of sustainable transportation. Leitrim County Council seeks to influence people’s travel behaviour towards more sustainable options and seeks to do so by working closely with relevant organisations in improving public transport facilities and promoting opportunities for alternative transportation such as walking and cycling.

Leitrim County Council recognises the importance of walking to the well being and quality of life of residents. It will support and encourage the continued development of walking as a sustainable form of transportation and will work with organisations and groups in the promotion of safe walking throughout the county, including heritage walks and the protection of public rights of way, which are an important amenity and tourism resource.

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It is the policy of the Council to support the National Policy document “Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future, (2009)” and implement, where feasible, guidance provided within the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets or any updated version of the document issued within the lifetime of the Plan.

In accordance with the principles of sustainable development, the basis of the Council’s transportation policies will include the encouragement of walking and cycling as a recreational activity and a healthy exercise.

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It is the policy of the Council to encourage safe walking and cycling by providing linear parks, footpaths, cycle paths and public lighting in towns and villages.

Objective 39  
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There are 2 no. Protected Structures which adjoin the proposed footpath.

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I attach as an appendix the detail included in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) for the Former Mill Building. There are no details in the NIAH survey of the Turbine.

The wall along the proposed footpath is included in the description of the former mill in the NIAH record – coursed random stone boundary wall with cast iron gates and railing.
In relation to Protected Structures, the County Development Plan includes the following policy:

**Policy 103**

It is the policy of the Council to protect all structures in the Record of Protected Structures (Appendix A Volume 2 of this plan).

In relation to Natura 2000 sites which refer to Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas, the County Development Plan states that the Council shall take appropriate steps to avoid, in these areas, the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species, as well as disturbance of the species for which the areas have been designated, in so far as such disturbance could be significant in relation to the objectives of the *EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC Directive)*.

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It is the policy of the Council to protect and conserve Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas including 'Candidate' and 'Proposed' areas.

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**Submissions**

**Prescribed Bodies**

The application was referred to the following

1. The Heritage Council
2. An Taisce;
3. Development Applications unit – Referred to the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and;
4. Inland Fisheries Ireland.

**Submission from Inland Fisheries Ireland**

The submission notes that the proposed development is located adjacent to a popular angling stretch of the Bonet River which is a productive and valuable salmon, sea trout and brown trout fishery. The proposed site is also within the Lough Gill SAC which is designated for the protection of salmon, white clawed crayfish and lamprey. This catchment has been allocated ‘good ecological status’ in the Western River Basin Management Plan and this status must be protected. This catchment has also been identified as ‘at risk’ of not maintaining good status and works must be carried out with this in mind.

The submission does not raise any objections to the proposed development but outlines a series of recommended measures to be implemented to protect the river catchment, which measures should be outlined in a method statement to be provided to Inland Fisheries Ireland 2 weeks in advance of works commencing.

**Response**

The detailed submission from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is welcomed and Leitrim County Council are committed to ensure that the construction of the proposed footpath inclusive of minor road realignment will not adversely impact upon the receiving environment and
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Proposed Footpath on R288 Regional Road, Dromahair

Part VIII Planning Report

Sensitive habitat adjoining the proposed works. It is considered that the inclusion of appropriate conditions can adequately deal with the relevant concerns raised in this submission.

**Internal Submissions**
The application was referred to the following:

1. North Leitrim District Engineer, and;
2. Access Officer.

**Report from Access Officer**
The Access Officer has no stated objections to the proposed development. All works should be carried out so as to cater for the needs of all persons and should comply with the guidance contained in Building for Everyone – Book 1 as published by the National Disability Authority. Tactile paving shall be installed to each side of any road crossing and at the termination point of the path.

**Response**
The report of the Access Officer including the recommended conditions is noted.

**Submissions from the General Public**
No submission was received during the stated consultation period.

**Appropriate Assessment**
NATURA 2000 sites are protected habitats for flora and fauna of European importance. They comprise Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (SPAs), designated under the Birds Directive. The site is partially located within a NATURA 2000 site – Lough Gill SAC (Site Code 001976).

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been prepared by the Road Design Section of Leitrim County Council in conjunction with the Planning Department. The Planning Authority is satisfied that the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report is comprehensive and robust in its assessment.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report concludes that the project will have no significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites. The project does not require to be progressed through to Stage II Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive.

**Ecological Impact**
The proposed construction of the footpath and the realignment of the roadway will necessitate the felling of a number of mature trees along the south eastern boundary of the regional road. The trees to be removed are primarily beech trees which are not listed on Annex I or II of the E.U. Habitats Directive. The temporary and permanent land takes required for this project have been pegged on site. Any trees species which will be removed will be replaced with similar species after the retaining wall had been constructed and the embankment regarded behind same.

The Part VIII application was referred to the National Parks and Wildlife Section for their comments but no submission was received by the Planning Authority. The Part VIII application included photographs of the location of the proposed retaining wall and mature trees which will be required to be felled to accommodate same.
Planning Assessment

This report has outlined the principal relevant provisions of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 as applicable to the consideration of this application. The conclusion of this assessment is that the County Development Plan is fully supportive of the provision of safe walking infrastructure inclusive of public lighting in towns and villages such as Dromahair. Leitrim County Council therefore supports the principle of the proposed development which accords with the stated policy framework contained in the County Development Plan.

The conclusion of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (Habitats Directive) is that the proposed development will have no significant adverse impacts upon the qualifying interests of the adjacent NATURA 2000 site of the Lough Gill SAC. As such the project can be screened out under the Habitats Directive as not requiring a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. No submission has been received which would challenge the findings of this report.

The potential impacts to the receiving environment arising from the construction and operation stages of the project have been considered. The development will result in an adverse impact on the receiving environment in relation to the loss of habitat (mature beech trees) to facilitate the road realignment which is necessitated by the provision of the footpath opposite. There was no alternative to the widening of the road as proposed having regard to the need to avoid any adverse impact occurring to the Lough Gill SAC and to the curtilage on the adjoining Protected Structures. It was considered on balance that the provision of safe pedestrian access to an important local recreational amenity outweighed the amenity which the trees provide to the approach of Dromahair from Sligo. The impact will not be permanent but will take a considerable period of time for new planting to mature and for the scarring of the embankment behind the retaining wall to lessen with recolonisation of habitat.

It is considered that the proposed development has been assessed in terms of its design and its potential impact on the receiving environment. The Planning Authority are of the opinion that the proposed development will benefit residents and visitors alike in this locality in terms of the provision of a safe and segregated pedestrian facility to an important recreational amenity.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Planning Department are satisfied that the principle of the proposed development adheres to the provisions of the statutory County Development Plan 2015-2021. The Planning Authority is equally satisfied that the proposed works will not permanently adversely impact upon the local receiving environment or on the integrity or character of this attractive approach to Dromahair. The Planning Department is therefore satisfied that the development would accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2015, requires the preparation of a report by the Chief Executive of the Local Authority following the placing of the proposed Part VIII application on public display. This report shall culminate in a recommendation “whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be”.
It is recommended that the proposed development be proceeded with as proposed subject to the inclusion of the attached recommended conditions.

1. The development shall be executed in accordance with plans, particulars, details and specifications lodged as part of the Part VIII Consultation documentation, save, as is herein under otherwise required.

2. During the construction phase, there shall be no discharge of silt / sediment / concrete washings to the Bonet River. The existing road drainage system shall be closed off during construction to prevent any pollution discharges to the Bonet River. Silt control measures such as silt fences and settlement ponds shall be installed where necessary.

Any stockpile areas for sand or gravels shall be kept to a minimum size and a considerable remove from the Bonet River.

All fuels / oils stored on site must be stored in a bunded area that can accommodate 110% of the total capacity of the containers within it. Refuelling of machinery shall be carried out off site or in bunded areas and drip trays shall be employed.

An adequately sized petrol interceptor and sediment trap shall be installed in the surface drainage system for the road and be maintained on a regular basis.

A Method Statement demonstrating compliance with this condition shall be submitted to and agreed in writing, with the Planning Department, following consultation with Inland Fisheries Ireland.

3. All works shall be carried out so as to cater for the needs of all persons and should comply with the guidance contained in Building for Everyone – Book 1 as published by the National Disability Authority.

4. Tactile paving shall be installed to each side of any road crossing and at the termination point of the path.

Bernard Greene  
Senior Planner

Joseph Gilhooley  
Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development and Acting Chief Executive  
3rd Aug, 2016
Appendix I Photographs of proposed Footpath

Figure 1: Existing footpath which terminates at junction to Office of Public Works depot

Figure 2: Attractive Mill House private residence with coursed random stone wall with cast iron gates and railing along proposed footpath
Figure 3: Proposed footpath will run alongside existing roadside edge

Figure 4: Proposed footpath will run alongside existing roadside edge
Figure 5: Example of existing unsafe pedestrian and motorist behaviour approaching recreational facilities. Parent and small children walking along roadside with car parked blocking lane.

Figure 6: Pound feature along roadside edge associated with former Mill complex
Figure 7: Derelict and abandoned cottage along roadside edge associated with former Mill complex

Figure 8: Beginning of existing forest trail opposite proposed footpath
Figure 9: Existing attractive tree lined approach to Dromahair where retaining wall to provide for local realignment will be provided necessitating some tree felling

Figure 10: Existing entrance to Dromahair Arts & Recreation Centre recreational facility
Appendix 2 National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Record of Mill Building

Dromahair, County Leitrim

Reg. No. 30806091
Date 1780 - 1820
Previous Name N/A
Townland DRUMHAIRE
County County Leitrim
Coordinates 199320 331548
Categories of Special Interest ARCHITECTURAL SOCIAL

TENITICAL
Rating Regional
Original Use mill (water)
In Use As office

Description

Appraisal
This attractive former mill complex, with substantial corn mill, played an important social role in Dromahair. Although functional in design it is of architectural merit. Features of note include its stone elevations, carriage arch openings, tower and cast-iron entrance gate. As a site of industrial heritage, this complex is of technical significance.

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REGISTER REFERENCE NUMBER 16-C-02

PROPOSED FOOTWAY / CYCLEWAY FROM MANORHAMILTON TO GAA GROUNDS AT BOGGAN
Introduction and Background to Project

Leitrim County Council is proposing the development of a walkway / cycleway to be provided from the town of Manorhamilton to the rear of the newly developed Glencar Manorhamilton GAA grounds at Boggaun, a distance of approximately 4.5km in length. The proposed walkway / cycleway will provide a safe, continuous walking / cycling route for children and teenagers, in particular, travelling from the town towards the GAA grounds. The route is predominantly located on local roads where traffic speeds and volumes are significantly lower than the adjacent R280 regional road where the 100 km / hr speed limit applies. The section of the route forms part of the wider regional Greenway project currently being designed from Sligo to Enniskillen which will follow the general alignment of the former Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway line. Within the town of Manorhamilton (i.e. built up area where reduced speed limits apply), the proposals include the provision of advisory cycle lanes, wide footpaths and narrowing of the existing carriageway. This will create an attractive and safe environment for all road users, and is designed in accordance with the National Cycle Manual and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).

Scheme Overview

The route commences in the town of Manorhamilton and extends southbound alongside the R280 Regional Road for a distance of approximately 900m primarily in the grass margin, before joining local access road L62031 which runs effectively parallel to the R280 Regional Road for a further 3.6 km terminating at the newly developed Glencar Manorhamilton GAA grounds at Boggaun.

Within the 50km/hr speed limit zone, the route utilises existing footpath provisions on both sides of the R280 Regional Road. Proposed improvements to the existing footpaths include footpath widening and the installation of new landscaping features such as trees, planter boxes and litter bins. New footpaths will also be provided over any section where there are currently no existing facilities. Advisory cycle lanes will be provided on each side of the R280 Regional Road carriageway within the 50km/hr speed limit zone. At the southern end of the cycle lane provisions, cyclists will be able to access the two-way combined footpath/cyclepath; thereby ensuring cyclists are safely catered for. The proposals include the removal of existing dedicated turning lanes into Ross Lane and Pairc an Mhuiilinn with the effect of narrowing the carriageway of the R280 Regional Road. This will create a more constrained environment for drivers, encouraging lower vehicle speeds and encouraging safer driver behaviour. These proposals are in line with the principles of DMURS, which aims to create a safer road environment for pedestrians and cyclists, in addition to creating a visually attractive environment for the community.

A crossing point will be provided for pedestrians and cyclists at the northern end of the combined two-way footpath/cyclepath on the outskirts of the town. This will provide pedestrians with a safe crossing point in addition to providing cyclists with a safe transition point between the on-road cycle lanes and the off-road cyclepath.

South of the crossing point, it is proposed to construct a new 3.0m wide combined footpath/cycle path off-road alongside the R280 Regional Road. This will extend for a distance of approximately 600m. A grass verge of varying width will separate the footpath/cyclepath from the R280 Regional Road carriageway.

South of termination of the combined footpath/cyclepath, pedestrians and cyclists will travel along local roads where they will share the carriageway with vehicular traffic. Signage and lining will be provided to inform all road users of this shared-use layout. It is proposed to resurface the carriageway of the unnamed local access road. The route will continue along this local access road
for a distance of 475m before continuing onto Local Road LT-62031. The route will extend along Local Road LT-62031 for approximately 2.8km until it reaches completion at a proposed rear entrance to the Glencar Manorhamilton GAA Grounds at Bogueaun.

The location and details of the project accompany the Part VIII application drawings.

**Schedule of Proposed Works**

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**Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).**

DMURS recognises the importance of assigning higher priority to pedestrians and cyclists, without unduly compromising vehicle movement, in order to create secure, connected places that work for all members of the community. This 'holistic' street design can be more effective in cost and efficiency, slowing traffic speeds, through understanding and addressing driver behaviour. DMURS focuses on streets as attractive places, whether new or existing. It seeks to encourage designs appropriate to context, character and location that can be used safely and enjoyably by the public.

Careful place-making will protect heritage and tourism potential whilst facilitating growth and new uses. Better quality public realm will promote civic confidence and can attract stakeholder investment, thus creating jobs. Encouraging walking and cycling, linked to easier access for a broad range of ages and abilities, will ensure liveliness and interaction on streets, thereby increasing vibrancy and improving commercial and retail activity. The cumulative economic, social and environmental impacts of transport choices on the design of the built environment are often overlooked. A focus on improved street design will contribute to better value for money, social inclusion and reduced carbon emissions.

**Landownership**

All of the lands where works are proposed are in the control of Leitrim County Council. There is one alteration to the scheme as published which is required in this regard which is outlined in the submission received by Mr. Francis Lynch.

**Public Consultation Process**

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Planning Policy Context

National Policy

Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future, (2009) is the transport policy for Ireland for the period 2009-2020. It recognises the vital importance of continued investment in transport to ensure an efficient economy and continued social development, but also promotes more sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.


The National Cycle Policy Framework (as part of Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future 2009) sets out a national policy for cycling, in order to create a stronger cycling culture, a friendlier environment for cycling and improved quality of life. The vision is that all cities, towns and rural areas will be bicycle friendly. The policy document sets a target of 10% of all trips by bicycle by 2020 and places emphasis on promoting and integrating cycle networks.

Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

Leitrim County Council has a number of policies and objectives set out in our County Development Plan which supports the proposed development. Policy 1 states that it is the policy of the Council to deliver a County Tourism Strategy which will, inter alia, forge strategic and operational partnerships in tourism planning, marketing and promotion with surrounding Counties in the North West and Northern Ireland. One of the stated projects in this regard is the Sligo Leitrim Greenway Rail to Trail project. Objective 1 seeks to deliver the County Tourism Strategy which will, inter alia, seek to develop the Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Rail to Trail project. The current project forms part of this overall Rail to Trail project.

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In accordance with the principles of sustainable development, the basis of the Council’s transportation policies include the encouragement of walking and cycling as a recreational activity and a healthy exercise.
Section 3.6.3 of the County Development Plan deals specifically with Walking and Cycling. A number of long distance walking and cycling tourist routes have been laid out and signposted throughout the County. The Council will facilitate the maintenance of existing routes and further expansion of these networks in co-operation with local community groups and the Regional Tourism Authority. These routes will be appropriately signposted so as to facilitate tourists and warn motorists.

**Objective 29**  It is an objective of the Council to seek opportunities for the development of suitable walking routes, cycle tracks and bridle paths along redundant railway lines and other suitable locations such as; along waterways and historical access routes.

Section 3.10.2 of the County Development Plan deals with the *Provision for Recreation and Amenity*. The Council is aware that the tourism potential of its amenities has not yet been fully developed and will facilitate, and where necessary become directly involved in, the promotion and development of amenities.

Relevant policies and objectives in this regard include:

**Policy 46**  It is the policy of the Council to encourage safe walking and cycling by providing linear parks, footpaths, cycle paths and public lighting in towns and villages.

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**Submissions**

**Prescribed Bodies**  The application was referred to the following

1. Electricity Supply Board, and;
2. Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

**Submission from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.**  A submission has been received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland which indicates that they have no comments to make on the Part VIII proposal.
Internal Submissions
The application was referred to the following:

1. North Leitrim District Engineer, and;
2. Access Officer.

Report from Access Officer
The Access Officer has no stated objections to the proposed development. All works should be carried out so as to cater for the needs of all persons and should comply with the guidance contained in Building for Everyone – Book 1 as published by the National Disability Authority. Tactile paving shall be installed to each side of any road crossing and at the termination point of the path.

Response
The report of the Access Officer including the recommended conditions are noted.

Submissions from the General Public
A number of submissions were received from members of the general public which are summarised below.

1. Submission by Parent’s Association St. Clare’s Comprehensive School
The submission complains about the proposed removal of the right turn lane into the school grounds and also the proposed removal of the left turn lane at crossroads junction on the R280 as illustrated on drawings submitted with the Part VIII application.

It is contended that this is the busiest set down area in Manorhamilton. The proposed right turn lane removal not only affects the School where there are 500 pupils and 50 staff but there are also 30 residential houses on Ross Lane. It is considered that this area needs to be expanded to allow a feeder lane on both sides to accommodate the set-down of the 8-10 buses and parent vehicles whereby they won’t encroach on through traffic.

It is considered that the removal of the left turn lane will cause serious issues. This is a very dangerous area of road at school collection time. Buses need to turn and park in this area and the proposed narrowing of this stretch to accommodate 3 metres of cycle lanes will have serious implications on this already dangerous area and on through traffic.

Response
As stated in the Scheme Overview, the proposals to remove the existing left turn lanes into Ross Lane with the effect of narrowing the carriageway of the R280 Regional Road will create a constrained environment for drivers, encouraging lower vehicle speeds and encouraging safer driver behaviour. These proposals are in line with the principles of DMURS, which aims to create a safer road environment for pedestrians and cyclists, in addition to creating a visually attractive environment for the community. Indeed, DMURS “promotes and prioritise sustainable forms of transportation”. The scheme has been designed internally by the Road Design Section of Leitrim County Council who are fully conversant with the existing road traffic conditions which prevail at this location and the need to adhere to national design standards.

2. Submission by Towneymanus Residents Association.

The submission notes that the townlands listed in the public notices are Boggaun, Larkfield, Clooclare, Ramooney and Tuckmillpark. As the townland of Towneymanus is not included in the
proposal, it is concluded that Leitrim County Council will not carry out any works in the townland of Towneymanus.

Response
The description of the proposed development indicates that Leitrim County Council intend to provide a new walking / cycling route from Manorhamilton town centre as far as the new Glencar Manorhamilton GAA grounds at Boggan. The notice then continues to state that the proposed route passes through the townlands of Boggan, Larkfield, Clooclare, Ramooney and Tuckmillpark. The proposed route does pass through the townland of Tawnymanus along local road L62031 which was inadvertently omitted from the public notices. The purpose of the public newspaper and site notices are to alert the general public and interested parties of the intention of the Local Authority with regard to a particular project. Interested parties are then invited to inspect the Part VIII application at the offices of the Local Authority or on the Council website. 2 no. site notices were placed along the L62031 local road which included one at the boundary of Cloonclare and Tawnymanus townlands. Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015 requires that the location, townland or postal address as may be appropriate of the proposed development to be indicated in the public notices. The Planning Authority considers that the omission of one of the townlands from the public notices, whilst regrettable, would not necessitate having to re-advertise the Part VIII application and the recommencing of the entire Part VIII process again.

3. Submission by Resident’s Association of the L62031
A detailed submission has been received in which it is contended that the design of the proposed development is flawed with respect to the 5 key needs for cyclists listed in the National Cycle Manual and for that reason the cycleway / footway will not be used for the purpose intended.

1. Road Safety
It is contended that the walking/cycle route fails on seeking to maximise the road safety of cyclists and as a result, this will be a deterrent to cyclists using this route.

It is indicated that the width of the local road (L62031) is insufficient to allow 2 cars to pass which is considered critical for use by cyclists to prevent the unfortunate event where a motorist collides with a pedestrian/cyclist or vice versa. It is argued that the area designated to each road user must be clearly marked out and the residents feel this road is not wide enough to accommodate all 3 users safely.

It is stated that the local road has been neglected by Leitrim County Council since it was downgraded. Due to lack of maintenance, the road carriageway has been recuced to single vehicle width. It is not considered that the roadway is suitable to accommodate a combined walkway / cycleway due to the substandard width and alignment of same, the nature of vehicles using this road which includes agricultural machinery and cattle trucks as well as moving stock and that there is a very real potential for collision. The potential use of this walkway / cycleway for children accessing the GAA pitch emphasises the need for safety along this route.

2. Coherence
It is considered that the circuituous nature of the proposed route to access the GAA grounds at Boggan is not logical or continuous in comparison to using the R280 Regional Road. There are 21 active entrances on the portion of the local road in question excluding individual field entrances. It is also stated that there is no provision for car parking for people to access the start of the route in
Manorhamilton and in areas where cars presently park at the moment to walk are actually being removed in this plan.

3. Directness

It is considered that the proposal presented will require cyclists to leave a wide, direct and relatively flat route to the GAA grounds at Bogganu to detour up a 3.5 metre wide indirect, winding, unsafe and longer route with some excessive gradients. It is contended that this does not make any sense and is contrary to the National Cycle Manual which states “that cycling infrastructure should be as direct as possible, minimising any delays or detours”.

4. Attractiveness

The National Cycle Manual states “The cycling environment along a route should be pleasant and interesting. Points to be considered include shelter, maintenance and lighting”. It is considered that the proposed route does not provide much shelter, road surfaces are unsuitable, there is a lot of surface water and some flooding on the road when it rains. Presently the local road is not treated in bad weather conditions. There appears to be no provision for lighting on the route in the proposal.

5. Comfort

“Cycling infrastructure should be designed, built and maintained for ease of use and for comfort. Anything that causes discomfort or delay or requires a disproportionate amount of effort is likely to result in the cycling facility not being used”. It is contended that the current proposal does not address these points. The local road is not considered suitable as the gradients are excessive, safety issues arise due to the blind bends present and the moving of livestock on the road would be a further deterrent to all cyclists especially families and children. It is stated that cyclists will not incur upon themselves extra discomfort, safety issues and delay by following the route of the local road when there is the relatively straight, wide and direct R280 from Manorhamilton to the GAA grounds.

The submission concludes that the consensus of this community is that it would be ill-advised to waste resources on the proposed route when there is a natural, flat and direct route straight to the GAA grounds with clear visibility for all walkers, cyclists and motorists equally available to them. It is stated that it is very clear from the proposal that the residents of the local road and any subsequent users of this road would be put at great risk should this development proceed. The submission concludes that the local residents were not involved or consulted at all in the planning of this proposal and should their comments, views and recommendations not be dealt with, they will be taking appropriate action.

Response

The Planning Authority notes the detailed submission which has been received. The development of most greenways are a combination of both ‘on road’ and ‘off road’ elements. It is not possible with the abandonment of former rail lines which have subsequently become the property of private individuals and may now include development along the line of same to slavishly adhere to the former alignments. The development of this element of the Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway (SLNCR) Greenway is no different in this regard. The existing R280 Regional Road has been provided on the line of the former rail line from Cloonclare as far as Bogganu whilst the L62031 was the principal roadway when the rail line was in existence.

The entire SLNCR Greenway route through County Leitrim has been subject to a route selection exercise undertaken by Kieran Boyle Consulting on behalf of Leitrim County Council. The element of
the SLNCR the subject of this Part VIII application adheres to the recommendations of this route selection exercise. The alternative options of providing the greenway within the verge of the R280 regional road was the alternative route considered for this section of the overall route. This option would require earthworks, possible land acquisition and has a potential impact with an archaeological site whereas the preferred route is already part of both the North West Cycle Trail and the O’Donnell Rock Walk and also has very low traffic levels in comparison to the alternative. The L62031 is an existing public roadway where cyclists and walkers alike are entitled to use this infrastructure for their enjoyment. There is a responsibility on all road users to drive at an appropriate speed and to acknowledge the needs of more vulnerable road users. The proposed signage and use of this local road for shared use will improve the convenience and safety of vulnerable users and provide a more pleasant environment than running alongside the edge of a busy regional road where the permitted speed limit is 100 km / hr. Furthermore, the level of investment required to provide the Greenway along the local road network amounts to approximately €35,000 comprising primarily of having to resurface the section of unnamed local road.

The Planning Authority would respectfully indicate that the Part VIII application process is the public consultation element of the proposed development whereby individuals are provided the opportunity to comment on the detail of the proposed scheme.

4. Submission from Mr. Francis Lynch

The proposed signage indicating shared use ahead (marked section Larkfield) is on lands owned by Mr. Lynch. The pathway is privately owned and used by Mr. Lynch to access his lands at Larkfield. Mr. Lynch states that he will not be giving permission to have any signs erected on this land or pathway used for any purpose. A map was attached outlining the lands in question.

The road going through the town land of Larkfield where the walk/cycle route is proposed is narrow and doesn’t permit two cars to pass without one going in on grass margin. It is considered that if this walk/cycle route is included it will mean narrowing an already narrow road and causing potential risk to walkers/cyclists and motorists alike. The road is not gritted or salted in icy and frosty conditions and has dangerous inclines.

There is an old bridge on this road in the town land of Larkfield which has been in disrepair for a number of years. Part of this bridge has fallen and could cause injury to walkers and cyclists using the roadway.

The submission also points out that no public consultation has taken place relation to this proposed route and therefore no opportunity has been given to those affected to have their concerns voiced apart from the "objections route".

Response
The Road Design Department have no objection to the omission of the proposed signage on Mr. Lynch’s property. The intention of the designers was to make residents and motorists aware that they were entering onto a roadway which is a shared surface for motor vehicles and also vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

There is no intention to reduce the width of the local roadway but rather to indicate to all users through the use of appropriate signage and road markings that the roadway is a shared roadway and that vulnerable road users may be present.
The Road Design Section will be undertaking a route condition survey of the roadway in advance of implementing this Part VIII which will include an assessment of all the aforementioned bridge. It is also indicated that the roadway is a public roadway and the Local Authority is already responsible for its maintenance and repair and that cyclists and walkers already use this roadway as part of designated routeways.

The issue of public consultation was addressed in the response to the previous submission.

**Appropriate Assessment**

NATURA 2000 sites are protected habitats for flora and fauna of European importance. They comprise Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (SPAs), designated under the Birds Directive. The site is partially located within a NATURA 2000 site – Lough Gill SAC (Site Code 001976). The proposed route abuts the River Bonet which forms part of the Lough Gill SAC. The proposed scheme utilises the existing Whittakers Bridge over the River Bonet at Tuckmillpark but will have no impact upon the river itself.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been prepared by the Road Design Section of Leitrim County Council in conjunction with the Planning Department. The Planning Authority is satisfied that the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report is comprehensive and robust in its assessment.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report concludes that the project will have no significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites. The project does not require to be progressed through to Stage II Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive.

**Planning Assessment**

The Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Greenway project proposes the development of a world class Greenway Route, 77km in length, along the route of the former Sligo, Leitrim and Northern Counties Railway. The proposed route will run from Sligo, through Ballisodare and Collooney in County Sligo, travelling through County Leitrim via Dromahair, Manorhamilton, Glenfarne, and along Lough MacNean to Blacklion in County Cavan, and onto Enniskillen in County Fermanagh. It will connect to existing national tourism flagships like the Wild Atlantic Way at Sligo to Ireland’s Ancient East in Blacklion in County Cavan.

This report has outlined the principal relevant provisions of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 as applicable to the consideration of this application. The conclusion of this assessment is that the County Development Plan is fully supportive of the provision of safe walking and cycling routes through the county. The provision of the proposed greenway along the route of the former Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway is a specific objective of the County Development Plan. A route selection process has determined that the route the subject of this Part VIII application is the preferred route for this section of the greenway. As part of a current funding application submitted to Fáilte Ireland under the Grant Scheme for Large Tourism Projects 2016-2020 in conjunction with Sligo County Council, a feasibility study and business case have been prepared for the overall greenway from Sligo to Manorhamilton. Leitrim County Council supports the principle of the proposed development which accords with the stated policy framework contained in the County Development Plan and is making every effort possible to seek to realise this objective as required by legislation.

The conclusion of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (Habitats Directive) is that the proposed development will have no significant adverse impacts upon the qualifying interests of the NATURA 2000 site of the Lough Gill SAC. As such the project can be screened out under the Habitats
Directive as not requiring a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. No submission has been received which would challenge the findings of this report.

It is considered that the proposed development has been assessed in terms of its design and its potential impact on the receiving environment. The development does not impact on any Protected Structure included in the County Development Plan 2015-2021. The Planning Authority are of the opinion that the proposed development will benefit residents and visitors alike in this locality in terms of the provision of a safe and segregated pedestrian facility to an important recreational amenity.

This report has commented on the 4 no. submissions received some of which object to elements of the overall scheme. The design of the scheme adheres to the recommendations of Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) with regard to the loss of the dedicated right and left turning lanes. This practice is evident in any recent resurfacing scheme with the replacement of dedicated turning lanes with lane indication arrows.

The Local Authority will ensure that the entire works take place on lands within their control and the concerns of a local landowner in this regard is duly noted. The Local Authority will reconsider the use of the attractive railway bridge as a feature of the Greenway and consider diverting the trail under the bridge when the scheme is being implemented. Indeed, the bridge could be made a more prominent landmark on the approach to Manorhamilton than it presently is which could include the use of up lights.

Conclusion and Recommendation
The Planning Department are satisfied that the principle of the proposed development adheres to the provisions of the statutory County Development Plan 2015-2021. The Planning Authority is equally satisfied that the proposed works will not permanently adversely impact upon the local receiving environment and that the development would accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The proposal seeks to realise a stated objective of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 and has been subject to a route selection assessment, feasibility study and business case.

Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2015, requires the preparation of a report by the Chief Executive of the Local Authority following the placing of the proposed Part VIII application on public display. This report shall culminate in a recommendation "whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be".
It is recommended that the proposed development be proceeded with as proposed subject to the inclusion of the attached recommended conditions.

1. The development shall be executed in accordance with plans, particulars, details and specifications lodged as part of the Part VIII Consultation documentation, save, as is herein under otherwise required.

2. During the construction phase, there shall be no discharge of silt / sediment / concrete washings to the Bonet River at or adjoining Whittaker's Bridge. The existing road drainage system shall be closed off during construction adjoining the bridge to prevent any pollution discharges to the Bonet River.

Any stockpile areas for sand or gravels shall be kept to a minimum size and a considerable remove from the Bonet River.

All fuels / oils stored on site must be stored in a bunded area that can accommodate 110% of the total capacity of the containers within it. Refuelling of machinery shall be carried out off site or in bunded areas and drip trays shall be employed.

3. All works shall be carried out so as to cater for the needs of all persons and should comply with the guidance contained in Building for Everyone – Book 1 as published by the National Disability Authority.

4. Tactile paving shall be installed to each side of any road crossing and at the termination point of the path.

5. Consideration shall be given to diverting the greenway trail under the attractive cut stone railway bridge adjoining local road L62031.

Bernard Greene
Senior Planner

Joseph Gilhooley
Director of Services, Planning, Community and Economic Development and Acting Chief Executive

3rd Aug 2016
Appendix I Photographs of Proposed Footway / Cycleway

Figure 1: View south on R280 at Whittakers Bridge on the Carrick Road
Existing Parapet walls on bridge to be raised and existing footpath to be widened. Advisory cycle lanes 1.5 metres wide to be provided at this location.

Figure 2 View north on R280 towards Whittakers Bridge
Right turn lane into Ross lane to be removed to accommodate advisory cycle lanes 1.5 metres wide and footpath improvements at this location.
Figure 3: View south on R280 on the Carrick Road approaching An Ros housing development
Left turn lane into Pairc an Mhuilinn to be removed to accommodate advisory cycle lanes 1.5 metres wide and footpath improvements at this location. Zebra crossing to be provided after An Ros housing development.

Figure 4: Zebra crossing to be provided after Tuckmill Park and An Ros housing developments
3.0 metres wide combined footpath / cyclepath off road to be provided heading towards Carrick direction.
Figure 5: 3.0 metre wide combined two way footpath / cycleway off road along hedgerow

Figure 6: Walking / Cycling route to extend along local road (unnamed)
Figure 7: Walking / Cycling route to extend along local road (unnamed)

Figure 8: Existing bridge constructed as part of the original SLNCR which will adjoin the proposed cycleway / walkway.
Consideration should be given to trail to actually pass under bridge rather than around same.
Figure 9: Intersection of L62031 Local Road with unnamed local road adjoining disused railway bridge

Figure 10: Existing trail signage for the North West Trial along the R280 directing cyclists along the L62031
Re: Setting of the Local Adjustment Factor for Local Property Tax Rates for 2017

1st September, 2016

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with Part IV of the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014, please find enclosed the following documents:-


Mise le meas,

[Signature]

Frank Curran.

Chief Executive.
### Appendix 3 - 5th September 2016

**Schedule 1**

**Estimation of Income and Expenditure of Leitrim County Council**

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| Loan Interest and principal repaid | €537,533 | €448,245 |
| Social benefits (transfer payments to households) | €523,546 | €549,723 |
| Capital Grants paid      | €368,545               | €386,972                   |
| Other Expenditure        | €15,500,232            | €15,474,950                |
| **Total Expenditure**    | **€32,199,526**        | **€32,199,526**            |

* Work on refining the details for the purposes of preparing the Statutory Budget is ongoing and consequently the data included here are not final data and a certain amount of estimation has been required.
## Schedule 2

### Financial Position of Leitrim County Council

**As at Jun-16**

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Schedule 3 - Estimate of Financial Impact of any change to the LPT.

IMPACT OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX VARIATION +/- 15% - LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

Impact of Variation on a liable person

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* Data provided represents Valuation Bands based on Property Values as at 1st May 2013.
* Figures based on preliminary analysis of Returns filed.

Every 1% Variation equates to a 90 cent Annual Charge for the Owner of a Band A Property.
Every 1% Variation equates to a €2.25 Annual Charge for the Owner of a Band B Property.
Every 1% Variation equates to a €3.15 Annual Charge for the Owner of a Band C Property.
Every 1% Variation equates to a €4.05 Annual Charge for the Owner of a Band D Property.

Impact of Variation on the local property tax revenue during the next Financial Year

Value of Potential Increase or Decrease in 2016 LPT Allocation if Max. Variation of 15% implemented = +/- €317,790
Leitrim County Council will gain 100% of any increased Variation of LPT.
Leitrim County Council will lose 100% of any decreased Variation of LPT.

Every 1% Variation equates to approx €21,186 in Annual Revenue for Leitrim County Council.

Impact of Variation on the Service delivery plans of the local authority for the next Financial Year

The loss of funding resulting from a decreased variation in Local Property Tax will mean cuts to the following, non-exhaustive list of services:-
The Local Roads Programme.
Funding available for Festivals and Tourism related Initiatives (Pride of Place & Floral Pride).
Funding available for Tourism related Marketing Campaigns.
Funding available for Tidy Towns and Community based Initiatives.
Funding available for Housing Maintenance.
Funding available for Council Housing Estate Management.
Library Book Funds.
Funding for Social Inclusion Initiatives.
Funding for Environmental focused initiatives (Adopt a Road/Bring Bank, Green Schools).
Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities, Amenity Areas and Walking Routes.

In addition to maintaining, and in some cases enhancing the current level of Service provided by Leitrim County Council and keeping the above mentioned programmes at parity with 2016 levels,
An INCREASE in funding from Local Property Tax would mean that Leitrim County Council, could in 2017, undertake a number of critical initiatives within the County in order to support and enhance economic development and tourism such as:

Further Marketing and Promotion of County Leitrim.
Provision of Micro - Enterprise Incubation Units.
Implementation of Local Economic & Community Plans.
Fishing Stands provision.
Upgrading and maintaining Walkways and Cycle Routes.
Town and Village enhancement.
Public Consultation on Variation of Local Property Tax (LPT)

Report to Members of Leitrim County Council

Background

- Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, a local authority may as a reserved function resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%.

- This power is available to local authorities effective from Budget 2015, as the relevant sections of the Act came into operation on July 1st 2014.

- The Revenue Commissioners require all local authorities to notify details of any decision made to vary the basic rate of LPT by the end of September 2016.

- Section 20 of the 2012 Act requires that, in varying the rate, a local authority must take account of its financial position, and have regard to:
  - The local authority’s estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect;
  - The financial position of the local authority, including the amounts standing as it’s accumulated assets and liabilities
  - The local authority’s estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax.
  - Feedback from any consultation held.

Public Consultation Process – Variation of LPT

- Leitrim County Council has invited the views of the public in respect of the potential impacts of any variation in the basic rate of LPT on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

- Notice of the public consultation was published on the local authority’s website and in the Leitrim Observer and it provided over 30 days for the public to provide written submissions which included those provided electronically.

- The members of the local authority must consider the feedback received from the public consultation as part of the decision-making process and the report herein was prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive, to provide them with a summary of the written submissions received, for this purpose.

- The Period for acceptance of submissions arising from the Public Consultation Process ran from 8th July 2016 until 12th August 2016. No Submissions were received during this period and there were no late submissions to date.
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET 2017

5TH SEPTEMBER 2016.
Key Budgetary Issues

- Wages, Salaries and Pensions (Lansdowne Rd Agreement and funding of same)
- Commercial Rate Collection
  - Highest Commercial Vacancy rate nationally.
  - Irish Water and Global Revaluations.
  - Valuation Office revaluation project.
  - Existing Commercial Rates Arrears
- Limited discretionary budget
**Budget 2017 Timelines**

- **8th July – 12th August**
  - LPT Public Consultation Period.

- **5th September**
  - LPT Variation Meeting.

- **12th October – 18th November**
  - General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Meetings.

- **1st November – 30th November**
  - Budgetary Prescribed Period.
  - (MD meetings must conclude no later than 10 days prior to Budget Meeting)
Legislative basis

To consider the Local Property Tax Variation in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012
2016 LPT collectable in Leitrim €2,118,578

80% retained €1,694,862

20% to equalisation €425,716

Distribution from equalisation fund €7,956,315

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## IMPACT OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX VARIATION +/- 15% - LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

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*Data provided represents Valuation Bands based on Property Values as at 1st May 2013.*

Every 1% Variation equates to a **90 cent** Annual Charge for the Owner of a **Band A Property**.

Every 1% Variation equates to a **€2.25** Annual Charge for the Owner of a **Band B Property**.

Every 1% Variation equates to a **€3.15** Annual Charge for the Owner of a **Band C Property**.

Every 1% Variation equates to a **€4.05** Annual Charge for the Owner of a **Band D Property**.
Effect of 15% LPT Rate Increase OR Decrease

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- The Local Roads Programme.
- Festivals & Tourism related initiatives.
- Tourism related Marketing Campaigns.
- Tidy Towns & Community based initiatives.
- Housing Maintenance (LCC element).
- Council Housing Estate Management.
- Library Book Funds.
- Social Inclusion Initiatives.
- Leisure Facilities, Amenity Areas & Walking Routes.
**Increased Variation will mean Leitrim County Council could undertake a number of Critical Initiatives such as:**

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Impact of Variation on the LPT Revenue during the next Financial Year.

Value of Potential Increase/Decrease if max. variation of 15% implemented = €317,790

Every 1% variation equates to €21,186 in Annual Revenue for Leitrim County Council

Leitrim County Council will gain OR lose 100% of any variation of LPT

Value of Potential Increase/Decrease if max. variation of 15% implemented = €317,790
Monthly Management Report (for the period from 1st June, 2016 to 30th June, 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**

### Appendix 5 - 5th September 2016

**June 2016 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division**

**Preliminary June 2016 - Figures**

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**Expenditure & Income Budget - June 2016**

**Income & Expenditure Budget - June 2016**

**Main Points As at End of June 2016**

* Water expenditure in line with income from Irish Water.
* Development Management income is ahead of budget due to an EIP Grant income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed through the year.

### June 2016 - Collection Rates

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Revenue Jun-16</th>
<th>% of Total</th>
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### June 2016 - Aged Debt Analysis

**RATES**

- 60 Days: £1,252,542
- 180 Days: £448,025
- 360 Days: £400,294
- 3 Years: £1,079,520

**RENTS**

- 30 Days: £57,197
- 60 Days: £54,076
- 90 Days: £33,776
- 120 Days: £60,564
- 180 Days: £39,530
- 270 Days: £40,298
- 360 Days: £88,508

**LOANS**

- 0 Days: £11,693
- 30 Days: £1,568
- 60 Days: £3,319
- 90 Days: £1,513
- 120 Days: £3,055
- 180 Days: £2,853
- 270 Days: £67,397

**COMMENTARY**

- Rents (delays up on 2015)
- Loans (improvement in performance)
- Rents received down on 2015
Appendix 5 - 5th September 2016

WATER SERVICES

Operations Update

Maximo: Asset Management

The month of June saw 119 issues raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System. 102 related to water and 17 related to waste water. There were 44 Bursts / Leaks and 6 No. Sewer blockages.

Water Conservation:

The Unaccounted for Water is 55.8%.

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

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<th>DMA Name</th>
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<th>Total Nett Inflow m3/day</th>
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Capital Update:

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

Extension to Moneyduff WTP and Watermains extensions to Rossinver/Killyclogher.

Jennings O' Donovan have been appointed Consulting Engineers.

The total estimated cost of this project is now €8.076 million inclusive of VAT.

Planning Application for new pumping station at Cooladonnell reservoir has been granted.

The contract at Moneyduff WTP extension has been tendered and a tender recommendation report has been prepared and Irish Water will appoint the preferred Contractor soon. The Programme envisages award of contract and commencement on site in August, 2016.

Irish Water Capital Delivery has fast tracked procurement of the contract for pipelines to Killyclogher and Rossinver and pumping station at Cooladonnell. Ward and Burke Construction Ltd has been appointed and works commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. The Killyclogher rising main will be done first and it is programmed to take 2 months to
complete. It is possible should these targets be met that the boil water notice in Killyclogher can possibly be lifted in Oct / November of this year. The works on the trunk main to Rossinver will commence thereafter.

**Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734**

**Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735**

This project was approved for Funding by WIAC on 21/1/15.

Nicholas O Dwyers have been appointed Consulting Engineers.

Planning Permission granted by Leitrim County Council.

The Design and Tender Documents have been finalised and approved by Irish Water.

- Irish Water invited Tenders on 4th May, 2016.
- The Tender period is 7 weeks
- Closing date for receipt of Tenders is 22nd June, 2016.
- Contract Signing is scheduled for 28th September, 2016.

These two separate projects in IW’s Capital Programme are being completed as one. 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 in excess of €2.5million

- **HSQE Programme** – On hold by IW 8 No. housing wastewater package plants in County Leitrim. They are considering their position in relation to responsibility for these and are withholding funding.

- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project which is being managed directly by Irish Water.

- **Sampling Programme** -- flow monitoring and sampling at 12 No. WWTP’S in County Leitrim. This project is regionalised with IW Donegal office - Project Manager is being progressed with our assistance. **Glan Agua** has been awarded this contract and works have commenced on various sites. There have been some issues with the flow chamber designs which Irish Water (Donegal) are dealing with.

All works in Leitrim will be completed by the Contractor by week ending 20th May 2016.

Approx Estimate in Leitrim = €120,000

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme** – level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 13 No. drinking water reservoir sites. **Ryan Hanley** consulting engineers have been appointed to Design and prepare contract documents for this contract as a pilot project for IW. Ryan Hanley and Leitrim CaPO are scoping the works required. Ryan Hanley will produce contract documents for procurement by Irish Water of a contractor to undertake these works. These Contract documents for Leitrim are a Pilot scheme which will be rolled out and used in other Counties

  Approximate Estimate €91,400

- **Power actuated valves** to replace ball cock valves at 5No. Reservoirs - all works completed and final account has been prepared and submitted to IW Minor Capital Lead for approval. Small claim to be approved.

  Contract Value €73,900.

- **DMA Programme** – Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in County Leitrim. LMR has commenced Design works and meetings with ESB have taken place. Contract cost €518,000.

- **Killen Watermain** replacement (2km) is approved and included in the minor capital programme. Estimated cost = €100,000. (The existing supply along this section is under a threat of a boil water notice due to poorly discoloured water due to poor condition of old cast iron mains.) Leitrim County Council awaits appointment of Contractor by IW.
• **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.**
  Estimate €270,000.
  Nicholas O’Dwyers Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Irish Water and work has commenced on the preparation of Design and Tender documents.
  Budgets approved Drumshanbo - €150,000, and Ballinamore - €51,100 and Leitrim Village €6,500 Carrigallen - €60,000. Planning applications have been submitted.
  Design and Tender documents substantially complete and will be submitted to Irish Water for approval and procurement of a contractor. Works are scheduled to commence on site circa September 2016.

• **Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000**
  Leitrim County Council documents were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for the appointment of a contractor from their Frameworks. There have been a number of bursts in recent times. Irish Water notified of urgency and need to appoint contractor ASAP. Irish Water requested minor changes to the contract documents on 1st May 2016. LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL will complete this week ending 14th May 2016 and return to Irish Water for procurement of a Contractor. Leitrim County Council anticipate that following all approvals a contract can be signed in August, 2016 with works commencing on site in September and all works completed by the end of the year.

• **Dowra and Boley Hill Watermain Replacement**
  Dowra works completed successfully by J.Reilly Plant Hire contractors. The boil water notice in Dowra has been removed following the Work.
  Boley Hill – Works substantially completed by Source Civil Contractors and all customers are now receiving clean supply from the new infrastructure.
  Testing regime in place to prove the quality of supply and lifting of the boil water notice.

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

• **Bridge Street- Carrick**
  Irish Water has approved the replacement of old cast iron watermains in Bridge Street Carrick on Shannon at an estimated cost of circa €120,000.
  Source Civil Ltd has been appointed contractors for these works. Due to the needs of local traders and the tourist season these works have been put off until September 2016.

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

• **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.** Irish Water has procured Coffey’s Water Ltd. to install inline UVT and Crypto monitors at two water treatment plants in Leitrim at Carrick on Shannon and Moneyduff as part of a larger regional project. Designs have been approved and works are about to commence in the next week or two. This contract also includes a Yearlong monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants based on grab samples. This DATA is to be used by Irish Water to further highlight necessary process improvements at WTP’s.
Other Projects recently approved under Minor Capital works

1. New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant estimate €50,000 has been approved under Minor Capital. EPS appointed as Contractor and the prefabrication of the structures has been completed. Erection on Site to commence on the 11th July 2016.

2. Chlorination Boosting at Oughterg Rath Reservoir Estimate €25,000

Measures put in place to boost chlorine in this network have alleviated this issue. It is considered that additional chlorination boosting at Oughterg Rath may not be required. This will be monitored by operations.

3. Two jobs at Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade water treatment plant the upgrade of Filters and raw water diversion at a total estimated cost of €44,000 is approved. Work has commenced on site.

4. A project to provide “Filter Run To Waste” at Carrick on Shannon has been approved by Irish Water on 22nd April 2106. Carrick on Shannon has been recommended by the EPA and is being treated as urgent by IW. Documents prepared by CaPO were sent to Veolia as the preferred single source contractor to prepare a proposal and quotation. A PO should issue to Veolia in the next week or two with a 10 week works programme for completion by the end of September 2016.

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Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training

The Autumn Programme of Activity is currently available on the website. One to one mentoring continues.

Networking

First Fridays continue on first Friday of the month.

PR

Mc Niffe’s Bakery represented Leitrim at the National Enterprise Awards in the Aviva Stadium on 9th June last and won a Regional prize (region is Leitrim, Sligo, Donegal and Longford).

- LEO Annual Employment Survey results for 2015 were released and show that Leitrim had a net gain in jobs of 37 during 2015.

Outreach Office – Manorhamilton

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

Student Enterprise

- Nineteen budding inventors and young entrepreneurs from around the country have won a place at a week-long Winners’ Bootcamp, as part of the Student Enterprise Awards programme. Students from counties Cork (West), Donegal, Mayo, Louth and Wicklow joined with the Leitrim group (Cut Cost Coupons from Carrigallen Vocational School).

- National Student Enterprise Awards – Annaduff National School won the Primary School Challenge 2016 of the Enterprise Awareness in School workshop. A presentation was made by LEO staff to the school on 15th June, 2016.
Other
LEO Competitive Fund have awarded funding two projects - USEFE collaboration initiative (Creative Sector) and Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme of €70,700 and €146,648 respectively.

- National Ploughing Championships – the two Leitrim businesses selected to attend the Enterprise Village at National Ploughing Championships were invited to a briefing session and photo shoot on 29th June in Citywest Hotel, Dublin.
- The launch of the Ireland West International Trade Centre in Rhode Island took place on 14th June, Joe Lowe, Head of Enterprise Leitrim County Council travelled out to help facilitate the launch.
- The launch of IT Sligo’s presence in The Hive took place on 23rd June last with the President of IT, Vincent Cunnane in attendance.
- A Sustainable Energy Communities Project meeting took place in Mohill on 16th June last, in Mohill Enterprise Centre with Ruth Buggie from SEAI giving an overview of the Sustainable Energy Communities Programme with SEAI. A number of local businesses as well as Local Authority staff were in attendance. LEO staff has had meetings with community groups around possible uses for old Vocational School in Mohill in consultation with the MSLETB.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Economic Development Committee

LEADER
Contract issued from the Department. In relation to Leader in third week of June – following review locally and legal advice nationally, comments were returned to the Department and clarifications sought in particular in relation to insurance and payments process.

Work continued on setting up of Evaluation Committee for LEADER and names will be brought to the next LCDC meeting for approval.

Comments were received from the Department in relation to proposed SLA between LCDC, Implementing Partner and Financial Partner. Work will continue in July on finalising this SLA through a sub-committee of counties in the North West and the CCMA.

Manorhamilton REDZ
Following the workshop on 30th May, 2016, a follow up meeting was held with Manorhamilton Business Forum to set up a formal REDZ Team. It was agreed to arrange a facilitated process to develop the capacity of the REDZ team and assist them in identifying their role in developing the priorities set out. This will commence in September.

Carrick on Shannon Town Teams
The Town Marketing/Citizen Engagement group met on June 22nd with the following outcomes

- Work has commenced on the MYCarrick website update
- No Current interest in pursuing marketing package with Shannonside FM other than for specific events.
- Group of retailers looking at developing a new information/shopping map for the town.
- Agreed to contact REI to see if they have a trainer they would recommend on Window Dressing and that this would be rolled out in early October as lead into Christmas Festival
- Ideas that emerged for Christmas Festival included:
  - Themed lights in all shops
  - Food Event with local restaurants which could perhaps be around “Preparing and Improving on your Christmas Dining at Home”
  - Christmas Stories – Library, Reading Room and The Dock
  - Christmas Panto – Scoil Mhuire interested
  - Most People in One Place wearing Red and White
  - Prize for Best Window Display.
**Purple Flag**

An overnight self-assessment was held on June 18th with members of local community, business gardaí and local authority participating. This information was then used to complete the Light Touch Renewal Form.

315 people completed the Public Perceptions Survey and the answers were used to inform the renewal form and indicators required. A meeting of the Steering Group was held on June 23rd in the Landmark Hotel and final comments were received on the application which was submitted on June 29th to ATCM.

**Renewable Energy**

Following confirmation that WDC will support feasibility in relation to COS district heating system, initial draft tender documents were received and the project is now being dealt with primarily by Terry McGovern as he is overseeing the new build at the Aras.

**SECURE Project**

As part of EU Energy Week, a briefing on the new SEAI grants scheme was held for staff on the morning of June 16th. In addition, a presentation on the SECURE project was made to the Mohill Energy Community with whom the LEO has been working and a focus group took place on how communities access information on energy efficiency and renewable technology solutions.

A comprehensive presentation on project objectives, expected results, and actions was prepared and presented to a SECURE Local Authority Network meeting on June 27th by Nollaig Whyte, Project Manager. The meeting also heard from Leo Strawbridge, Energy Manager with Derry City and Strabane District Council and Paddy Mullen, Facilities Manager of Donegal County Council.

The Renewable Energy Group met on June 27th with an attendance of 21 people across different sectors to discuss the potential of the SECURE project and to look at ways in which the biomass market could be measured and actions put in place to increase the potential of biomass in Leitrim and other USEFE Counties.

**USEFE**

A USEFE Steering Group Meeting took place on 2nd June in Roscommon. A USEFE project update was provided to all of the partners. A meeting to discuss the pharma/healthcare sector in Upper Shannon Erne Region took place with Joseph Gilhooly, Mike Feeney, Caitlin Conneely and Michael Lohan, Head of Medical Technology & Healthcare Services in the IDA on Thurs 2nd June, 2016 in Athlone to identify opportunities for development in this sector across the region.

USEFE Operational Management Group Meeting was held on the 14th June, 2016 in Longford. An update was provided on each sectoral group’s activity.

Minister Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs, Arts and the Gaeltacht formally launched the REDZ Blueway Flagship initiative on Friday 24th June in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon. This event was attended by approximately 60 people and each project partner was represented on the day.

The USEFE Project Co-Ordinator visited a selection of possible venues on the 27th of June for the Diaspora event in Dublin in October, 2016. The venues visited included Croke Park, the RDS and the Inter Continental Hotel in Ballsbridge. A report summarizing each venue has been compiled and will be circulated to the USEFE Operational Group for discussion. A regional tourism analysis report was compiled in relation to the LAKitive Tourism project and submitted to the lead project partner in Italy for review. A draft itinerary for the test activity visit to USEFE region was also drafted by the Co-ordinator.
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Leitrim Tourism hosted TUI Tour Operators worldwide with representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy and the UK attending the event. TUI Group have more than 30,000,000 customers worldwide who are looked after by 1800 on-line agencies and on-line portals, airlines and incoming services. In Leitrim, Emerald Star is part of the TUI Group. The group are investing in 25 new cruisers to be based at their Carrick on Shannon base in the coming year.

2. Launched national advertising and marketing campaign encouraging people to 'Create memories in Leitrim' with adverts places on Aircoach buses on the Dublin City and Dublin – Belfast bus routes. Adverts were also placed with the following radio stations:
   a. Newstalk Radio - National
   b. Midland Radio - Westmeath, Laois, Offaly and Longford
   c. East Coast Radio – Wicklow Wexford and Kildare
   d. Limerick Live - Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and North Kerry
   e. LMFM – Dublin, Louth, Meath

3. Social media campaign conducted in conjunction with our advertising and marketing campaign 'Creating memories in Leitrim' using Leitrim personalities to promote Leitrim including this month Carole Coleman and Eleanor Shanley.

4. The launch of the new Leitrim Tourism website by Minister Heather Humphrey’s took place at the Landmark Hotel. The event which was well attended.

5. Another of Leitrim’s Centenary Events took place in Killyclogher. The Sean Mac Diarmada Summer School 2016 took place over the second weekend in June and was well attended.

6. The Commemorative Tree Trail was launched in Leitrim Village also part of Leitrim’s Centenary Programme. His Excellency Canadian Ambassador Kevin Vickers planted a tree in honour of Sean Mac Diarmada and unveiled a plaque as part of this event.

7. A SAINT (Slow Adventure) Workshop took place in the Bush Hotel at which the large number of tourism providers in Leitrim, who attended, were introduced to this new form of tourism which favours slow, immersive journeys through our landscape, culture and heritage. Slow adventure is about creating experiences and memories for visitors while at the same time enjoying the slow pace of life through our landscape and the development of the concept of Slow Adventure in Leitrim offers an alternative to the conventional visitor experience.

8. On-going social Media Campaign highlighting Leitrim 2016, Tourism in Leitrim and Events taking place in Leitrim during the holiday season.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge

- Workshops were held with each of the 3 Municipal District Elected Members before the scheduled June monthly meetings. The Planning Department committed to providing a database of all estates in the County to the Elected Members which would include their status regarding ‘taking in charge’.
• The Council await a decision by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with regard to the National Taking in Charge Initiative.

**Pre Planning**

• The pre planning clinics continued during the month of June. The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planner each Wednesday morning. 11 new pre planning consultations took place during June in addition to a number of other inquiries which are dealt with through e-mail.

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

• The Planning Authority has prepared a short background document providing details of this scheme and selection criteria which will be applied for determining additional participants. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms will be close of business on Friday 30th September 2016. All relevant details of the scheme are available on the Leitrim.ie website. A couple of formal applications have been received to date and a number of other potential sites are being considered by the Planning Department.

**Development Management**

• 19 no. valid planning applications were received in June of which included 2 applications relating to commercial development. Unfortunately further 8 no. applications were deemed invalid of which 4 have since had valid applications accepted.

• 21 final decisions on planning applications were made during June, 18 of which were granted planning permission (17 relating to applications for permission and 1 application for retention. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 5 no. applications.

• A major reorganisation of the historic planning application files held in storage from 1964 to present is ongoing by the administrative staff of the Planning Department. This project will result in a more efficient service being provided to customers and staff seeking to retrieve historic files for viewing purposes.

**Heritage**

• The Heritage Officer published 3 no. newsletters (Heritage Matters) during June. This notified interested stakeholders of the closing date for the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2016 (17th June 2016), of various events being held over the coming weeks including National Heritage Week (20 – 28 August) and the deadline for inclusion in the Print Guide for events, the Seàn Mac Diarmada Summer School, the Hedgerow Appraisal System and of recent publications.

• Leitrim County Council also received confirmation that the 2 applications seeking funding under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016, namely St. Catherine’s Church in Fenagh (£8,840) and Kilregar House (£5,000), were successful.

**DELIVERING REMAINING PROJECTS OF THE 2007-2013 PROGRAMMES**

**Lough Rinn Recreational Facility**

Leitrim County Council are 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. We have also secured a 2014 Sports Capital Grant Funding of €150,000. The first phase of these works as part of the 2014 Grant allocation is providing additional Launch pontoon facilities. Tender documentation was put on E-tenders. Tenders were returned and were evaluated by our Design Consulting Engineers. The Department gave approval for the Design/Build Contractor to proceed with this Contract. The Design/Build Contractor was awarded the Contract and works are currently under way on site with completion of all works by end of August, 2016.
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.

ENVIRONMENT

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – All the 2015 NIP Inspections are completed. The Council will be inspecting 28No DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. We will be selecting these sites based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. These DWWTS inspections have commenced and will be ongoing from now until the end of September 2016.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2016 RMCEI Plan. The 2016 RMCEI Plan was submitted to 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 CFRA M 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 plan to have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed by April 2016. It is anticipated that Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans will take place between July to September 2016 with final adoption of plans by end of 2016. The OPW/Consultants plan to make a presentation to elected members September/October 2016 of the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans.

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

Tender Documentation is currently been prepared by Housing Department and beneficiaries and it will be a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October 2016.

ROADS

- Area Road works Programme progressing in accordance with the adopted program
- Verge trimming commenced at Junctions of Local roads and regional roads
Appendix 5 - 5th September 2016

- N16 Cormacloy to Sradrine Phase 2 - Bulk excavations well under way and the batter for the cut slopes can now be clearly seen, drainage works has started in the past month. 6 Culverts constructed during road closure period 2nd July – 7th July.
- N16 Drummahon Realignment Scheme - Project Appraisal Report completed and Preliminary Design Report currently being drafted to be submitted Shortly to the TII
- Verge trimming commenced along national roads
- Severe weather funding – progress in accordance with programme

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME
Improvement works on the following group water schemes have been approved for grant funding. Works are underway or about to commence.
- Cloonsarne – Works on pipelines complete. Testing underway
- Cornabrone/Aghaslane - Works on pipelines complete
- Poolboy - Works on pipelines to commence shortly

Discussions also continue with proposed new Group Water Scheme at Carrigeencor.

The Council are awaiting response to our application for 3 year funding programme applied to the Department of Environment for the upgrade of existing Group Water Schemes and the provision of a new Group Water and Sewerage Schemes. Total value of programme €2.5m.

Leitrim County Council received interim funding of €30,000. This will be used to complete the funding of the works currently underway.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY, CORPORATE SERVICES, CULTURE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTORATE
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Housing Allocations

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

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### Private Rented Inspection Programme

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### Housing Grants

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

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Housing Capital Improvement Works Programme 2016

Energy Efficiency Works

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

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

A submission for grant aid has been lodged under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme for an extensive energy retrofitting project on up to 40 Council housing stock in Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon during 2016. The scheme will also include some public/community buildings across the county where Leitrim County Council lead in encouraging the communities to engage in private energy retrofits to community building by promoting the benefits of energy efficiency through community projects. It is expected that a decision on grant allocation to improve all or an apportionment of these energy poor buildings will be received in early June.

VOIDS

A strong focus continues in relation to prioritising vacant units for inclusion in the 2016 Programme for returning vacant properties to productive use. A request for a prioritised listing of units with details of necessary works and estimated associated costs was received on 28th January to assist the Department in making their allocation decisions. The Council made a comprehensive submission in February for maximum funding to continue the refurbishment programme of 32 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 void units and awaits approval with regard to derelict units. Subject to further discussions with the Department, the Council intends to include an additional 7 no. houses in the 2016 voids programme and an additional 1 no. house in the Derelict Scheme 2016.

Work is progressing on 32 houses under a number of different contracts and currently approximately 70% of the units are substantially complete. When complete this will significantly reduce the Council’s vacant properties which required significant repair and refurbishment works.

Disability Works in Council Houses

An Adaptation Works (Disability related) scheme for Council housing stock will continue to be funded by the Department in 2016 to facilitate the Local Authority in carrying out adaptation works for tenants to address mobility problems, primarily associated with medical need and disability related. The works will render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of the Tenant, with typical works including, depending on the individual circumstances, installation of level access shower, installation of rails in bathrooms, installation of ramp access to front/back doors, installation of oil heating systems or storage heating and associated works. The funding for these works is based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority. The Council made a submission in February following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 17 suitable tenancies for proposed disability works costing an estimated €150,000. In June the Council received confirmation of grant approval of €134,100 (90% funding) with €14,900 (10% from Council’s own resources) totalling €149,000 to complete identified works and these are progressing on a number of projects at present.
Acquisitions
Three family type houses were purchased in Carrick on Shannon in 2015. Remedial work on these properties will be complete over Summer 2016 to return these to useable stock. The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017, and a further number of houses will be purchased in the current year across the county.

Construction - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton: This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing is at Departmental stage two approval with construction works anticipated to commence on site by year-end.

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

A further approval was received in February 2016 for a project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. This project is at Departmental stage two approval with construction commencement planned for early 2017. The Council will have 100% tenancy nomination rights on all these CAS scheme properties from the Housing Waiting List.

COMMUNITY
Public Participation Network
- The budget and Memorandum of Understanding were agreed with Leitrim County Council
- A newsletter was circulated to all registered groups
- A training day for representatives was held
- A tender for the provision of Social Media training to all interested groups was issued
- A national PPN meeting was held in The Customs House and was attended by the development officer.
- A total of 175 groups are registered with the PPN

Comhairle na nOg
- Whilst the Comhairle is on its summer break, some of its members and their co-ordinator attended a garden party in Aras an Uachtarain on 15 June as part of the national 1916 commemorations

Peace IV
- One meeting of the Peace IV Partnership took place.
- There are two places remaining to be filled on the Partnership.
- Seven public meetings took place throughout the county. These were not well attended despite being extensively advertised and promoted.

Age Friendly Alliance
- A walkability survey took place in Manorhamilton as the first step in developing an Age Friendly Town project
- The AGM of the Older People’s Council took place

Floral Pride
- Judging took place for the primary school section of Floral Pride
- Community and business judging will take place on 20 and 27 August

Pride of Place
- Judging will take place on 8 August for Rossinver and 22 August for Carrick on Shannon and Drumshanbo Community Council.
- Community representatives from Carrick on Shannon were met to progress their entry.
LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
Ag Sugradh Le Cheille Workshop
We completed 7 workshops in the County in June, with 41 parents attending and 129 children participating in the workshops.

Kidz On the Run Programme (Kidz on the Run Programme is still ongoing)
“Kidz on the Run” programme is an 8 week running/fitness programme in primary Schools, and at the end of the 8 weeks the children will complete a 2k/3k run in Lough Rynn Hotel grounds, Dromahair, Bee Park, Manorhamilton and schools grounds. 27 primary schools were involved in this initiative with a total of 1,742 participants.

Leitrim’s Active Age Sports Feast
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Leitrim Development Company delivered active age sports fest for older adults in the Bush Hotel. All the participants got an opportunity to try out three different activities: Nordic walking workshop/Mobility and Flexibility workshop/Fun team building activities.

In the afternoon, Frank Fahey from Go for Life completed a Stay Active Workshop and gave important information on exercises, health and staying active. 57 participants were involved.

Safe Guarding 2 Workshop (Children’s Officer Course)
This workshop is being run specifically for designated Children’s Officers within the club, of which there should be at least one. Clubs are encouraged to send 2 representatives to the training, one of which should be the designated Children’s Officer. We completed the course with 12 participants involved from different sports clubs.

Leitrim County Council Staff Outing
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Leitrim County Council and Waterways Ireland organised a staff outing on the Shannon Blueway for all staff members. All the participants had the option of kayaking/canoeing, cycling or walking the Shannon Blueway from Acres Lake in Drumshanbo to Leitrim village. On the day we had 74 staff members, 37 people kayaked, 15 cycled and 22 people walked the blueway.

Community Soccer Programme 2016 June Output

Schools
Coaching Programmes in Schools ran in Gaelscoile Liatroma and Dowra NS for 6 weeks May/June with over 150 children involved

Football After School Programme
Leitrim County Council along with the Football Association of Ireland set up an After School Programme within the county. The aim of this project is to provide kids from 3rd to 6th class an opportunity to get active through sports within their own schools and hopefully get more children playing the game within Leitrim.

After -school Programmes 4 week pilot programmes ran in the following schools and areas. Carrick-on-Shannon – 22 children, Kinlough - 19 children & Drumshanbo – 45 children.

Road to France EURO 2016 FUN Day
As part of our Community Soccer Programme with FAI and build up to Euro 2016 we ran series of mini Euro 2016 blitzes in primary schools across the county. The Road to France EURO 2016 FUN Day Blitzes was hosted in the following schools: Four Master NS, Leitrim Village NS, Gaelscoile Manor, Gaelscoile Carrick, Dowra NS, Drumkerran NS, Largy NS as close to 600 students took part.

Each Primary School received the Fai Schools Cool Kids Guide to Euro 2016 in the classroom to help kids learn about the 24 competing countries along with hosting the Euro 2016 Day. Ireland, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Ukraine,
Germany, France to name a few were all represented by the students. They all got to meet our special guest 'The Henri Delaunay Trophy', which is awarded to the winner of the European Championship winners.

FOOTBALL FOR ALL
Childhood Days Coaching session for teenagers with Autism was held in Lough Allen Hotel with 11 users.

Community Events
Leitrim Community Soccer had a Fun Skill Station at the following:

- Carrick Carnival on the Sunday closing the Carnival
- Manor Rangers Family Fun Day attended by all members of the club
- Leitrim Sports Partnership Event in Leitrim Village for bike week.

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

Spark – Artist Tinka Bechert has been selected to work with Prior PLM Medical in the 2016 Spark Programme.

Festivals and Events – 9 Festivals from across the County have been granted funding under the 2016 scheme

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

Artist in the Community – 18 artists submitted proposals 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 – Work has commenced in producing the DVD of the Leitrim Equation 4 concert.

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 will take place in October and the programme is in the process of being confirmed. As part of the Festival, Leitrim County Council and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre have developed the John McGahern Award to encourage the development of emerging Irish writers and to pay tribute to the exceptional contribution of John McGahern to literature, and to Leitrim

Wild Words – 40 submissions have been selected from the 130 submissions received for inclusion in Wild Words volume 4, which will be launched during the Wild Words Carrick on Shannon Children’s Book Festival in August.

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

LIBRARY SERVICE
Event Programming
A full programme of activities took place in all branches across the county, including regular I.T. classes for older members, Craft and Hobby Group Meetings, Film Screenings, Citizen Information Mobile Clinic in Mohill Library, Reading Groups and Creative Writing Workshops. Regular Comhrá classes continued in Kinlough library during June.

Highlights
Drumshanbo Library presented story telling sessions for children, as part of the An Tostal Festival.


**Summer Reading Tree 2016**
This year, Leitrim County Library Service is running a new Summer reading initiative for children, called “Summer Stars” – this is a national programme taking place across the country. It was launched in Manorhamilton Library by local author Marion Rose McFadden who entertained pupils and teachers from St. Clare’s primary school in an interactive storytelling session.

Early registration has been very strong, with significant numbers participating.

**Library Visits**
Mohill Branch Library hosted a number of very colourful pre-school visits with children from Cloone and Mohill childcare facilities. Working in partnership with the Local Link transport service, Mohill Library also welcomed groups of residents from Lough Errill Nursing Home. Ballinamore Library hosted a visit by a group from Carrigallen/Drumeela Active Age who watched the MacDiarmada documentary and viewed National School records from their area – which included, for some, their own records in the School Registers and Roll Books.

**Class Visits**
Schedule of class visits by local primary schools continued in Branch Libraries across the county.

**Leitrim 2016 Centenary Programme**
As part of ongoing Centenary Commemorations, the Library Service presented a lecture by author and historian Sinéad McCoole, who explored the topic ‘The 1916 Rising & the Leitrim Links’ in Bredagh Old School, Carrigallen. The event was well-attended.

**Local Studies - ‘Item of the Month’**
Local Studies displayed Rutledge’s Drapery Ledger, a business ledger which is a valuable source for research on the social history of one hundred years ago.

**FIRE SERVICE**

**Building Control**
- Received 3 Commencement Notices (2 valid & 1 invalid), 2 short commencement notices, (both valid),
- Received 1 Disabled Access certificates and processed 2 Disabled Access certificates
- Received 2 Fire Safety Certificates and processed 4 Fire safety Certificates.

Reviewed a number of planning applications and returned reports to Planning Section.

**National discussions on ‘Keeping Communities Safe’**.
Attended a briefing seminar organised by the National Directorate in the Custom House in Dublin on 22 June to discuss progress following agreement reached between the National Directorate / LGMA and SIPTU / IMPACT in December 2015. Discussions are about to commence shortly based on the formation of six working Groups with equal Management / Union representation.

**Fire Safety - Traveller Accommodation**
Fire service personnel provided fire safety awareness training to residents of halting site in Carrick-on-Shannon on 22nd and 23rd June, 2016. A further draft of the final report was prepared for circulation at the next Council meeting.

**Cross Border Emergency Management Group (CBEMG)**
A meeting of the Cross Border Emergency Management Sub Group currently working on developing a cross border mapping platform was held in the Council Chamber Carrick-on-Shannon on 8th June, 2016.

**New Class B Fire Appliance**
We clarified further additional items as part of the specification proposed for the new Class B fire appliance which is expected to be delivered early in 2017.

**Fire station site - Manorhamilton**
Further checks were carried out on the availability of a potential site in Manorhamilton. A meeting was held with the Planning Officer to clarify some details. A further valuation of the preferred site is to be requested.
Major Emergency Management
A Major Emergency Management Committee meeting was held in the Council chamber on 16 June to brief Leitrim County Council staff on updates to the ME plan, contact details, eLearning Module, action plans and the forthcoming regional MEM exercise to be held in Leitrim and planned for October, 2016.

CAMP
We attended meetings of CAMP West CFO User Group and Joint Management Committee. A briefing on progress being achieved on CTri project from Mr. Fergal Stack, Project Manager was provided. A contract has been signed for the replacement of the out station equipment in all fire stations. This equipment will be replaced in Leitrim stations within the next 12 months as part of the first phase of the overall project. The implementation of TETRA for the fire services was also discussed together with its implications for fire authorities.

CIVIL DEFENCE
- On the 5th & 6th June, Safety Boat and First Aid cover was provided during a number of water based activities organised during the Carrick on Shannon Festival.
- On 18th June, 2016 Safety Boat and First Aid cover was provided at Lough Rinn during a Special Olympics Kayak event.
- On 21st June, 2016 assistance was provided to a Cruiser which had run aground on the Shannon. The Cruiser was successfully refloated and the passengers did not suffer any injuries.
- On 25th June three Volunteers were awarded Emergency First Responder certification at Civil Defence Headquarters in Roscrea having successfully completed the required training.
- 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 July, 2016
## July 2016 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

### (PRELIMINARY July 2016 - FIGURES)

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### MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF July 2016

- Water Expenditure in line with income from Irish Water.

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### July 2016 - Aged Debt Analysis

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### Additional Statistics

- **30 Days:** 4.7% 6.1% 5.4% 4.5%
- **60 Days:** 16.6% 16.6% 16.6% 16.6%
- **90 Days:** 22.8% 22.8% 22.8% 22.8%
- **180 Days:** 22.8% 22.8% 22.8% 22.8%
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### Additional Information

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- **Rent:** 16.6% 16.6% 16.6% 16.6%
- **Loans:** 22.8% 22.8% 22.8% 22.8%
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**Water Services**

**Operations Update**

**Maximo:** Asset Management

In July, 2016 a total of 114 issues were raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System. 93 related to water and 21 related to waste water. There were 44 Bursts / Leaks with an additional 14 leaks detected through active Leak Detection.

**Water Conservation:**
The Unaccounted for Water is 55.8%.
The Following District Metered Areas require Water Conservation / Leak Detection...

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**Capital Update:**

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

Extension to Moneyduff WTP and Watermains extensions to Rossinver/Kiltyclogher.

- Jennings O’ Donovan have been appointed Consulting Engineers.
The total estimated cost of this project is now €8.076 million incl. VAT.

Planning Application for new pumping station at Cooladonnell reservoir has been granted.

The contract at Moneyduff WTP extension has been tendered and a tender recommendation report has been prepared and Irish Water will appoint the preferred Contractor soon. The Programme envisages award of contract and commencement on site in August, 2016.

Irish Water Capital Delivery has fast tracked procurement of the contract for pipelines to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver and pumping station at Cooladonnell. Ward and Burke Construction Ltd have been appointed and works commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. Work on the Kiltyclogher rising main is well under way and is programmed to be finished by early September, 2016. It is possible that following a period of testing in September that consideration can be given to lifting the Boil Water Notice before the end of September. The works on the trunk main to Rossinver will commence in September after Kiltyclogher is completed.

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

This project was approved for Funding by WIAC on 21st January, 2016. Nicholas O Dwyers have been appointed Consulting Engineers. Planning Permission granted by Leitrim County Council.

- Irish Water invited tenders on 4th May, 2016.
- Closing date for receipt of tenders has been extended to 6th July, 2016.

Unfortunately only one complete tender was received by Irish Water from 6/7 companies invited to tender. It is likely now that Irish Water will re-tender these works.

The all in cost of this project is currently estimated at €2,009,931. incl VAT

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

- **HSQE Programme** – On hold by IW
  We have been informed that Irish Water has decided that these 8 No. housing wastewater package plants in County Leitrim are not going to be taken over by them and responsibility for these will rest with Leitrim County Council.

- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project which is being managed directly by Irish Water.

- **Sampling Programme** - flow monitoring and sampling at 12 no. WWTP’S in County Leitrim. The contractor Glan Agua has substantially completed the works on the various sites in Leitrim and inspection of the completed works has taken place and snag lists prepared. These will be addressed by the contractor in due course. Training and instruction for Council staff will be scheduled to take place.
  Approx Estimate in Leitrim = €120,000

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme** -level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 13 No. drinking water reservoir sites. Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have been appointed to Design and prepare contract documents for this contract as a pilot project for IW. Ryan Hanley and Leitrim CaPO are scoping the works required. Ryan Hanley will produce contract documents for procurement by Irish Water of a contractor to undertake these works. These Contract documents for Leitrim are a Pilot scheme which will be rolled out and used in other counties. **Approx estimate: €91,400**
• **Power actuated valves** to replace ball cock valves at SNo. Reservoirs - all works completed and final account has been prepared and submitted to IW Minor Capital Lead for approval. Small claim to be approved. **Contract cost: €73,900.**

• **DMA Programme** – Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in County Leitrim. The contractor EMR has commenced works on site. Civil works proceeding on programme and due for completion in August, 2016. Mechanical/Electrical works to follow and calibration and commissioning to complete early December, 2016. **Contract cost: €518,000.**

• **Killen na Watermain** replacement (2km) is approved and included in the minor capital programme. Estimated cost = €100,000.  
  *(The existing supply along this section is under a threat of a boil water notice due to poorly discoloured water due to poor condition of old cast iron mains.)*  
  We understand that this will soon go to Tender and we await the appointment of a Contractor by Irish Water.

• **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.**  
  Estimated cost: €270,000.  
  Nicholas O’ Dwyer’s Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Irish Water and work has commenced on the preparation cf design and tender documents.

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

• **Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill** (2.5Km) - €500,000  
  Tender documents prepared by Leitrim County Council were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for the appointment of a contractor from their Frameworks. A meeting was held on 28th July with Irish Water Minor Capital with a view to moving this forward. We await developments. There have been a number of bursts in recent times and Irish Water notified of urgency and need to appoint contractor ASAP.

• **Dowra and Boley Hill Watermain Replacement.**  
  Dowra works completed successfully by J.Reilly Plant Hire contractors. The boil water notice in Dowra has been removed following the Work.

  Boley Hill – Works completed by Source Civil Contractors and all customers are now receiving clean supply from the new infrastructure. The boil water notice has been removed following the Work.

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

• **Bridge Street, Carrick-on-Shannon**  
  Irish Water has approved the replacement of old cast iron watermains in Bridge Street, Carrick-on-Shannon at an estimated cost of circa €120,000. Source Civil Ltd has been appointed contractors for these works. Due to
the needs of local traders and the tourist season these works have been put off until September, 2016. Meetings with business on this street to take place next week to inform them of the works plan.

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

- **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**
  Irish Water has procured Coffey’s Water Ltd. to install inline UVT and Crypto monitors at two water treatment plants in Leitrim at Carrick on Shannon and Moneyduff as part of a larger regional project. Designs have been approved. Works at Leitrim WTP’s has not taken place yet. We will follow up with PM John Morris. This contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants based on grab samples. This DATA to be used by Irish Water to highlight further necessary process improvements at WTP’s.

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

  1. **New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant estimate €50,000 has been approved under Minor Capital. EPS appointed as Contractor and the prefabrication of the structures has been completed. Erection on Site to commence after the builders holidays.**

  2. **Chlorination Boosting at Oughteraghert Reservoir Estimate €25,000**
     Measures put in place to boost chlorine in this network have alleviated this issue. It is considered that additional chlorination boosting at Oughteraghert may not be required. This will be monitored by operations.

  3. **Two jobs at Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade Water Treatment Plant** the upgrade of Filters and raw water diversion at a total estimated cost of €44,000 is approved. Work has commenced on site.

  4. **A project to provide “Filter Run To Waste” at Carrick on Shannon has been approved by Irish Water on 22nd April, 2016. Carrick on Shannon has been recommended by the EPA and is being treated as urgent by IW. Documents prepared by CaPO were sent to Veolia as the preferred single source contractor to prepare a proposal and quotation. A PO should issue to Veolia in the next week or two with a 10 week works programme for completion by the end of September 2016.**

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

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**Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**

**Local Enterprise Office (LEO)**

Training

LEO are currently planning and scheduling the Autumn training courses for September 2016.

Mentoring

There is ongoing demand for mentoring and two Social Media mentoring clinics ran during July 2016.

Networking
First Fridays continue on first Friday of the month.
Leitrim Business Network continues to meet on a quarterly basis.
A Women in Business Networking event is being planned with LEO Longford for September 2016.

PR
Sunday Business Post contacted the LEO Office in July looking for businesses in Carrick on Shannon for an article on business in Leitrim. Articles are ongoing for each county. The reporter, Leanne Byrne visited the county on 12th July.

Online trading Vouchers
Applications continue to come in and we have issued 12 to date in 2016.

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

Other
A follow up Sustainable Energy Communities Project meeting took place in Mohill on 4th July last, in Mohill Enterprise Centre supporting the gap to get the project up and running.
SPARK artist in residence 2016/2017 is progressing and an artist in residence has been selected to work with Prior P.M.
IT Sligo is hosting Innovation clinics where SME’s can avail of a one to one review of their specific innovation needs. A clinic has been scheduled for The Hive, Carrick on Shannon on 23rd August.

Economic Development
Local Economic Development Committee
LCDC meeting held on July 6th with presentations given on SICAP Interim Report and on Local Authorities Water and Community Office on their role with communities. It was also agreed to wait Department Guidance on LECP implementation which is due out in August.

LEADER
Work continued on setting up of Evaluation Committee for LEADER and progress on this was reported to the LCDC. It is hoped to finalise this process over the next month.

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL worked with Sligo and Longford County Councils and the CCMA with regard to the SLA and following issuing of Programme Operating Rules further work has been done on the draft which has been submitted to the CCMA. An RDOC meeting was scheduled for early August to review SLA, POR and Procedures manual.

Manorhamilton REDZ
A programme of facilitation work was outlined and dates are to be confirmed to commence the process in September.

Carrick on Shannon Town Teams
A Town Team Meeting was held on July 6th with presentation received from Simon Wall, Town Architect in Westport which was very well received by the large number of businesses in attendance. The outcomes of the meeting were as follows:

Update Town Marketing and Citizen Engagement Group
- Carrick-on-Shannon Chamber of Commerce have engaged OSD to update website at an approximate cost of €4,000
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- Number of Retailers are looking at this currently
- Social Media training will be offered by OS&O over 2 evenings at cost of €400
- Leitrim County Council sourcing Shop Window Display Training through REI particularly in run up to Christmas to be available in early October.
- Increasing Business Activity and Visitor Experience for Christmas

Update from Town Offer/Public Realm
- Walk of town done earlier to identify locations with signage issues, also looking at having large experience Carrick on Shannon signs on approach roads. Work progressing.
- Agreed not to proceed with WiFi as most businesses already have WiFi and 4G here also

Purple Flag
No update on application. This will be examined in September by ATCM. Next meeting at 11am in Murtaghs on 14th September, 2016.

Renewable Energy - SECURE Project
Work continued on the SECURE project with collaboration between partners in relation to promotional material including logo, pop up banner and powerpoint template.

Training
Follow up contact came from SEAI in relation to the provision of training for staff in the Local Authority to provide guidance to local authority planners engaging with spatial planning for renewable energy. SEAI has developed six training courses on key aspects of its practical implementation.

The SEAI wish to work with Leitrim County Council and neighbouring authorities in the rollout of this training which is free and would lead to the development of a Renewable Energy Plan for the County and would fit with the ethos of the SECURE project.

District Heating System
Following discussions with the Western Development Commission (WDC), it was agreed that WDC would prepare a request to tender document for the feasibility of a District Heating System in Carrick-on-Shannon. This will be discussed with technical staff in Leitrim County Council and ready for WDC to issue in August.

USEFE

Tourism
- An itinerary was devised for the EU Laktive Tourism trip to Ireland in September. This itinerary was submitted to the lead partners in Italy for agreement. They have since sought some amendments in relation to the itinerary and this is being worked on at the moment.
- USEFE Co-Ordinator worked on drafting up a Failte Ireland application for funding for Co. Leitrim in relation to the development of a Greenway from Carrick-On-Shannon to Leitrim Village.
Diaspora

- A working document consisting of an agenda and speakers was devised in consultation with staff in Leitrim County Council who had worked on the Leitrim Diaspora Event for the USEFE Diaspora event in Croke Park in Dublin on the 3rd November, 2016. This document was circulated to the Operational Group for consideration and agreement.

Creative

- A USEFE Creative Craft Group meeting took place on the 26th July, 2016 in Leitrim Co. Council. Leslie Ryan presented on the Creative Frame project and explained how the USEFE group members could join the initiative. It was confirmed that Co. Roscommon makers will host a retail exhibition in Leitrim Design House from the 16th September to the 15th October, 2016.

Tourism Development

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

1. A Visitor Survey was carried out at Glencar Waterfall with the purpose of profiling the large number of visitors to this site.
2. Visitor Surveys were also carried out in Drumshanbo on the second weekend of the Joe Mooney Festival ascertaining the profile of visitors to this event.
3. Provided assistance to Carrick on Shannon Heritage in connection with the proposed memorial to Susan Mitchell, Poet and Journalist, born in Carrick on Shannon and who will be commemorated in this centenary year.
4. Leitrim Tourism Ezine was sent out to our 10,000 plus database of visitors both nationally and internationally informing them on all that is on offer in Leitrim.
5. Workshop in Dublin regarding the Year of Commemoration
6. Leitrim Tourism website is now fully operational. We are in the process of compiling a manual which will be provided to all trade members that will enable them to update their own listing on the site
7. On-going social Media Campaign highlighting Leitrim 2016, Tourism in Leitrim and Events taking place in Leitrim during the holiday season.

Development Management

Unfinished Housing Developments/Taking in Charge

- The Council's application to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with regard to the National Taking in Charge Initiative was successful, with the Council receiving €101,950 for works to 9 number estates and €35,000 towards funding for a special project relating to the engagement of legal counsel in relation to 'non-recompense' bonds.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of July. The Clinic System operates on an appointment basis with the relevant Area Planner each Wednesday morning. Four new pre-planning consultations took place in July, in addition to a number of other inquires which are dealt with through e-mail.

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

- The Planning Authority has prepared a short background document providing details of this scheme and selection criteria which will be applied for determining additional participants. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms will be close of business on Friday 30th September, 2016. All
relevant details of the scheme are available on the Leitrim.ie website. There have been no further applications to date.

**Development Management**
- 19 valid planning applications were received in June of which included 4 applications relating to commercial development. Unfortunately a further 9 applications were deemed invalid of which 4 have since had valid applications accepted.
- 11 final decisions on planning applications were made during June, 10 of which were granted planning permission (9 relating to applications for permission and 2 applications for retention). A request for further information issued with respect to a further 5 applications.
- A major reorganisation of the historic planning application files held in storage from 1964 to present is ongoing by the administrative staff of the Planning Department. This project will result in a more efficient service being provided to customers and staff seeking to retrieve historic files for viewing purposes.

**Heritage**
- 3 newsletters (Heritage Matters) were published during July. This notified interested stakeholders of various events being held over the coming weeks including talks and book launches, Keaney/Keany Clan Reunion, the Joe Mooney Summer School (16th-23rd July), Leitrim’s ties with Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, National Heritage Week (20th – 28th August) and the deadline for inclusion in the County Print Guide for events held over National Heritage Week in Leitrim and the Book of Fenagh Festival (29th-31st July).
- Letters of Offer to the two no. successful applicants under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016, namely St. Catherine’s Church in Fenagh (€8,840) and Killegar House (€5,000), were issued.

**Development Contributions Scheme**
- Pursuant to Section 48 (5)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015, Leitrim County Council has prepared a draft Development Contributions Scheme 2016 – 2019. The Scheme went on public display from 13th July, 2016 and all submissions or observations must reach the Planning Authority before 31st August, 2016.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

**National Inspection Program (DWWTS) –** All the 2015 NIP Inspections are completed. The Council will be inspecting 28No DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. We will be selecting these sites based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. These DWWTS inspections have commenced and will be ongoing from now until the end of September 2016.

**RMCEI Plan –** Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2016 RMCEI Plan. The 2016 RMCEI Plan was submitted to 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 plan to have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed by April 2016. Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan takes place between Friday 15th July, 2016 to 23rd September, 2016 both dates inclusive with final adoption of plans by end of 2016. The Draft FRMP documents are currently on Public Display in the County Buildings at Reception area and in the Manorhamilton Municipal area offices. Comments and Observations regarding the Draft Flood Plans must be made to the Office of Public Works in writing, by post or email, to arrive no later than 5.30pm on Friday 23rd September 2016.

The OPW/Consultants plan to make a presentation to Elected Members at the September, 2016 Council Meeting on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans.

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).

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 no Community beneficiary’s projects consisting of a Community Centre and two no schools.

Tender Documentation is currently been prepared by Housing Department and beneficiaries and Tender Evaluations been assessed with award of various contracts by end of August, 2016 and it will be a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October, 2016.

ROADS:
- Area Road works Programme progressing in accordance with the adopted program
- Verge trimming ongoing at Junctions of Local roads and regional roads
- Verge trimming completed along national roads
- Severe weather funding – progress in accordance with programme
- Traffic lights installed & commissioned at Leitrim Village
- Works ongoing at memorial projects at Carrigallen & Carrick on Shannon (Carrigallen 1916 & Suzan Mitchell)
- N16 Cornaclloy to Sradrine Phase 2 – Culverts installed during road closure between the 2nd- 7th July.
- N16 Drummahon Realignment Scheme – Prepared Draft Part 8 documents for approval
- N4 Embankment failure at Carrick on Shannon – Prepared draft Tender documents for remedial works of slope failure
- N16/ R280 Junction – Prepared tender documentation and sought quotations for the supply and installation of Traffic lights.

Rural Water Programme:
Improvement works on the following group water schemes have been approved for grant funding. Works are underway or about to commence.

- Cloonsarne – Works on pipelines complete. Testing underway
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- Cornabrone/Aghaslane - Works on pipelines complete
- Poolboy - Works on pipelines to commence shortly

Discussions also continue with proposed new Group Water Scheme at Carrigencor. A response to the Council’s application for 3 year funding programme applied to the Department of Environment for the upgrade of existing group water schemes and provision of new group water and sewerage schemes. Total value of programme €2.5m.

Leitrim County Council received interim funding of €30,000. This will be used to complete the funding of the works currently underway.

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

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

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

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Housing Grants

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

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Housing Capital

Energy Efficiency Works

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

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Better Energy Communities Area Based Scheme
A submission for grant aid was lodged under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme for an extensive energy retrofitting project on 43 Council housing stock in Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon during 2016. The submission also included for energy retrofitting to a further 6 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 no schools. 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.

Tender Documentation were prepared by Housing Department and Tender Evaluations is currently underway with award of various contracts by mid August 2016 and it will be a huge challenge to get all works completed by deadline date of 14th October 2016.

Voids
The Council made a comprehensive submission in February for maximum funding to continue the refurbishment programme of 32 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 80% of the units substantially complete.

In July the Council received confirmation from the Department of an allocation of €130,000 towards works on 3 derelict units. Tender Documentation was prepared by Housing Department and is currently advertised on eTenders, it is anticipated that this contract will be awarded by end of August. 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 and awaits a decision form the Department. When complete these works will return 40 units back to productive use, therefore significantly reducing the Councils vacant properties requiring significant repair and refurbishment works.

Disability Works in Council Houses
An Adaptation Works (Disability related) scheme for Council housing stock will continue to be funded by the Department in 2016 to facilitate the Local Authority in carrying out adaptation works for tenants to address mobility problems, primarily associated with medical need and disability related. The works will render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of the Tenant, with typical works including, depending on the individual circumstances, installation of level access shower, installation of rails in bathrooms, installation of ramp access to front/back doors, installation of oil heating systems or storage heating and associated works. The funding for these works is based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority. The Council made a submission in February following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 17 suitable tenancies for proposed disability works costing an estimated €150,000. In June the Council received confirmation of grant approval of €134,100 (90% funding) with €14,900 (10% from Council's own resources) totalling €149,000 to complete identified works. A contractor has been procured and is currently on site undertaking works at a number of these houses. Tender documentation has been complete by the Housing department for the extension of an existing house into the adjoining house to provide accessibility for a tenant, this contract will be awarded by the end of August.
Acquisitions

3no. family type houses were purchased in Carrick on Shannon in 2015. A building contractor was procured and is currently working on these properties to return them to productive use. The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017, to date the Council has purchased/ is engaged in purchasing 20 number houses across the county.

Construction - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton: This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing has received Stage 2 approval from the Department and the Design Team can now proceed to Stage 3; Detailed design and completion of tender documentation. Approved construction costs have now been reduced to under €986,500. We had applied for construction costs of €1,140,300 however these costs were for a very high specification build which included rain water harvesting, high spec Mech & Elec and garden shed, these extras will no longer be included in the design specification. Construction works are anticipated to commence on site by year-end. The Department have provided an allowance of €17,400 for local authority administration costs.

Capital Assistance Schemes

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

A further approval was received in February 2016 for a project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. In July this project received Stage 2 approval from the Department and the Design Team can now proceed to Stage 3; Detailed design and completion of tender documentation. Construction costs of €276,486 were applied for and received along with an allowance of €5,000 for local authority administration costs. Construction works are anticipated to commence in early 2017.

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

Community:

Public Participation Network

- A trainer to provide Social Media training to all interested groups was appointed
- Groups were requested to register for specific Linkage Groups
- A total of 175 groups are registered with the PPN
- A NOAC audit took place on the return dated 311215

Peace IV

- One meeting of the Peace IV Partnership took place at which indicative actions were discussed
- There are still two places remaining to be filled on the Partnership.
- Clarifications on the Stage One application were provided to SEUPB
- A report was made to a meeting of LCDC

Floral Pride

- Community and business judging throughout the county took place on 20 and 27 August.

Pride of Place

- Community representatives from Carrick on Shannon, Rossinver and Drumshanbo were all met to progress their entries.

SLNCR Greenway
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- Clarifications on management were provided to SEUPB

Leitrim Sports Partnership

Swim Weeks in Leitrim

In association with Leitrim’s Irish Water Safety Committee Swim weeks are taking place throughout July/August in the following locations. To date we had 669 children participating on the swim weeks.

- Drumshanbo: 2 camps from June 27th to June 8th – 275 participants
- Rossinver: 2 camps from 16th to 29th July - 141 participants
- Gulladoo: 2 camps from 11th to 22nd July 79 participants
- Keeldra: 2 camps from 4th to 15th of July – 174 participants

FAI Summer Soccer Schools

FAI Development Officer Damon Kearney has been just completed two Soccer summer Schools in the following locations in July, Ballinamore -79 children & Kinlough – 59 children.
Approximately 138 children have attended the camps.

Carrigallen Multi Sport Summer Camp

We held a one week multi sport summer camp in Carrigallen, where the participants get opportunity to try out different sports, Soccer, Tennis, Gaelic, Olympic handball and Kayaking on the town lake. We had 53 participants involved on the camp.

The Arts

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leitrim Equation 4 – Work has commenced in producing the DVD of the Leitrim Equation 4 concert.

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

Literature – The programme has been confirmed for the Iron Mountain Literature Festival that will take place in October. As part of the Festival, Leitrim County Council and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre have developed the John McGahern Award to encourage the development of emerging Irish writers and to pay tribute to the exceptional contribution of John McGahern to literature and to Leitrim.
Wild Words – 40 submissions have been selected from the 130 submissions received for inclusion in Wild Words volume 4, which will be launched during the Wild Words Carrick-on-Shannon Childrens’ Book Festival in August.

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

Library Service:

Event Programming
A full programme of activities took place in all branches across the county, including regular I.T. classes for older members, Craft and Hobby Group Meetings, Film Screenings, Citizen Information Mobile Clinic in Mohill Library, Reading Groups and Creative Writing Workshops. Regular Comhrá classes continued in Kinlough library during July. Carrigallen hosted a free Craft Workshop and a Storytelling Event in conjunction with the local Mardi-Gras festival.

Highlights
Leitrim County Library Service is participating in a literacy pilot over the summer months, to present a series of shared storytime sessions for young children together with their parents, grandparents or carers. Sessions took place in Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton Libraries during July. The newly formed Leitrim Astronomy Club organised a very well-attended talk on the “Origins of our Solar System” at Ballinamore Library.

Library Visit
Drumshanbo library hosted a very exciting visit by the children of the Dowra Summer camp group on July 6th during which the children enjoyed a Sound Shower workshop, followed by a tour of the library and a storytelling session.

Summer Stars Reading Initiative 2016
This year, Leitrim County Library Service is running a new Summer Reading initiative for children, called “Summer Stars” – this is a national programme taking place across the country. Early registration has been very strong, with significant numbers participating.

Leitrim 2016 Centenary Programme
As part of ongoing Centenary Commemorations, the Library Service presented a lecture by author Kevin Galligan about his grandfather Peter Paul Galligan, a Leitrim-born rebel, who led the Easter Rising in Wexford. The event was well-attended.

Local Studies - ‘Item of the Month’

Fire Service
Building Control
- Received 2 Commencement Notices (both valid), 4 Opt Out commencement notices (valid),
- Received 1 Disabled Access certificates and processed 5 Disabled Access certificates
- Received 1 Fire Safety Certificates and processed 4 Fire safety Certificates.

Fire Safety - Traveller Accommodation
The final report on Fire Safety in Traveller Accommodation was issued for comment by the Department of Environment. Leitrim County Council responded to a number of items flagged in the report and asked for modifications / updates to be made in relation to input from Leitrim County Council.

New Class B Fire Appliance
We received confirmation from the manufacturer that the expected delivery date for the chassis is mid October 2016. The new Fire Appliance is expected to be delivered in Quarter 2 of 2017.
**Fire Station Site - Manorhamilton**
A valuation of the preferred site was obtained and a meeting is being set up with the new owner with a view to procurement of part of the site.

**Major Emergency Management**
The Major Emergency Management Regional Working Group meeting was held in Manorhamilton on 20th July.

**Civil Defence**
- On Monday 18th July Civil Defence responded to a request from Gardai to assist in the search for a 34-year old male reported missing in the Carrick on Shannon area. On Tuesday 19th July, 2016 the Civil Defence Search Team located a body in the Shannon in 3 metres of water using their Sonar equipment. The Garda Water Unit recovered the remains from the scene.
- On Tuesday 26th July Civil Defence provided assistance to our colleagues in Longford Civil Defence during a search for a missing person in the Longford area.
- On Sunday 31st July Safety Boat and First Aid cover was provided during the Annual Carrick-on-Shannon Regatta.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Department in order that the lake water sampling programme could continue.

**Signed:**

Joseph Gilhooly
A/Chief Executive

**Date:** 12th August, 2016
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS

Office of Public Works
Leitrim County Council // 5th September 2016
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS

- Purpose of Presentation
- Plan Structure and Content
- Recommendations for Co. Leitrim
- Consultation – Next Steps
- Scheme Implementation
- The outputs of the largest study of its kind undertaken in this country, incorporating decades of rainfall and water-level data, thousands of kilometres of river and flood plain surveys and significant analysis and modelling from our Engineers.

- Put us in the new position of having a road map of what needs to be done to manage flood risk in Ireland.

- Still draft - available online at opw.ie/floodplans or in Local Authority offices. We are urging submissions from Local Authorities and the public - input is critical to the success of the plans.
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FRMP STRUCTURE & CONTENT

• Vol. I - Plan
• Vol. II – Flood Maps
• Vol. III – Environmental Assessments (SEA, AA)
FRMP STRUCTURE & CONTENT

- **Section 4** - Outlines the public / stakeholder consultation and engagement undertaken throughout the National CFRAM Programme and other relevant projects.

- **Section 5** - Details the existing / potential future flood hazard and risk in areas covered by the Plan

- **Section 8** - Sets out the options considered for managing flood risk in the area covered by the Plan, and how these were assessed

- **Section 9** - Provides a summary of the measures proposed in the Draft Plan
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FRMP MEASURES – HIGH LEVEL

- **Prevention** (E.g. Sustainable Planning and Development (LAs), Maintenance of Arterial Drainage Schemes (OPW) / Drainage Districts (LAs), Land Use Management Measures, Minor Works (LAs/OPW))

- **Preparedness** (E.g. flood forecasting (OPW/DECLG/Met Eireann); Emergency Response / Individual and Community Resilience (LAs, Public, Stakeholders); Government Pilots for Individual Property Protection; Work of the IDFPCG; Data Collection (OPW/EPA/LAs/Others))
Recommendations for Co. Leitrim

Comprising -> UoM 25/26, UoM35, and UoM 36

- 8 Areas for Further Assessment
  Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim Village, Dromod, Mohill, Drumshanbo, Ballinamore, Tullaghan, Manorhamilton.

- Options proposed for 4
  Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim Village, Dromod, Mohill.
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Completion of Draft FRMPs (From End of June)
- Public Consultation – Commence in July (18(1)(b))
- Rolling Programme of Publication upon Receipt
- Consultation Period – 3 Months / 10 Weeks (18(2)(c))

Prioritisation of Measures (4th Sch., A(l)(4))
September to December

Finalisation of Draft FRMPs (October - December)
- Addressing Consultation Submissions (19(1)(b))
- Preparing SEA Statement
- Preparing NIS Conclusion Statement

Submit to Minister (DPER) for Approval (after finalisation) Minister May:
- Approve (19(2)(a))
- Refuse to Approve (19(2)(b))
- Refer to OPW for Amendment (19(2)(c))

Submit to Councils (After Ministerial Approval)
(who may Adopt within 3 Months) (20(1))
FRMP CONSULTATION

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

- National
  - National Steering Group
  - National Stakeholder Group
  - National Technical Coordination Group

- Project-Level
  - Steering Group
  - Progress Group
  - Stakeholder Group
FRMP CONSULTATION

- Formal Consultation – SI 122 & 495 2010/5
  - Local Authority Offices / opw.ie/floodplans
  - Set of Specific Consultation Questions

- Presentation to Councils

- Public Consultation Days
  - Carrick on Shannon -> 6th September 2016
  - Manorhamilton -> 7th September 2016
FRMP CONSULTATION

- Submissions by Councils
  - UoM UoM25/26: 17th October 2016
  - UoM 35: 21st November 2016
  - UoM 36: 13th December 2016

- Public Consultation period:
  - 10 weeks End dates:
    - UoM25/26 -> 23rd Sept 2016
    - UoM 35 -> 20th October 2016
    - UoM 36, -> 21st November 2016
FRMP CONSULTATION

Environmental Assessment - The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) are also subject to Consultation – (Article 13 of S.I no 435 of 2004)
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS

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IMPLEMENTATION

• Final FRMPs:
  • Prioritised National Programme of Measures, Including Responsibility for Implementation and Funding

• €430m for Implementation 2016 - 2021

• Review of FRMPs - 2021
FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS

• Available to view at:
  – Local Authority Offices // Www.opw.ie/floodplans

• Queries to:
  – 046-942-6039 // DraftPlans@opw.ie

• Submissions to:
  – Draft Flood Plans Consultation, Engineering Services, OPW,
  – Jonathan Swift St., Trim, Co. Meath, C15 NX36
  – DraftPlans@opw.ie
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[SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES]
FRMP STRUCTURE & CONTENT

Section 4: Consultation & Engagement

• Overview – Appendix B
• Availability of Project Information
• Stakeholder Engagement
• Public Consultation & Engagement
• Coordination with WFD
• Cross-Border Coordination (where Relevant)
FRMP STRUCTURE & CONTENT

Section 5: Flood Hazard & Risk

- Hydrological Analysis
- Hydraulic Modelling
- Flood Mapping – Hazard & Risk
  - Summary Table of Flood Risk – Appendix C
- Consideration of Future Changes
- Communities of Low Risk (No Optioneering)
Section 8: Managing Flood Risk

• Methods of Flood Risk Management
• Process of Development and Identification of Preferred Measures
• Outcomes
• Flood Risk Management Outside of AFAs
Section 9: Summary of Proposed Measures

• List of Proposed Measures at Each Level
• Next Steps (Consultation, etc.)