
Finance & Water Services Directorate

APRIL, 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

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Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo: Asset Management

- The month of April saw 86 issues raised on Maximo, Irish Water Asset Management System.
- 67 related to water, 4 to waste water, 2 to new connections and 13 to complaints.
- There were 37 Bursts / Leaks detected and repaired.

Water Conservation:

- UFW in this county is 49.8% -
- The following are DMA’s which require urgent targeted leak detection and repair:
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**Capital Update: April 2017**

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

The contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October, 2016. There has been some slippage in the programme and EPS are slightly behind on programme at this point in time. The contract requires completion of the Design Build work by 26th October, 2017. This is now unlikely and the Contractor has indicated that they may seek an extension of time. Ward and Burke Construction Ltd is the Civil works Sub Contractor to EPS and are on site.

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

The contract sum is €3.84 million.

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

Ward and Burke Construction Ltd. substantially completed these works. Some minor additional works are now required to control the pressure in one section of the new distribution main by fitting an additional pressure reducing valve. Works on a small number of connections, snagging and decommissioning of old
AC Watermain etc are outstanding. Ward and Burke are off site at present and are due to return to complete these minor items in the next few weeks.

**Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734**  
**& Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735**  
Closing date for receipt of Tenders was 25th January, 2016. Leitrim County Council CaPO together with Nicholas O’ Dwyers consulting Engineers and Irish Water are currently evaluating tenders and extensive clarifications are being sought. A tender evaluation report with a recommendation on the preferred bidder will be submitted to the IW Approvals Committee meeting in June, 2017. Commencement of works on site is likely to be August/September, 2017. The all in cost of this project will exceed €3.0 million.

**Minor Capital Works**

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

- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project to examine the energy usage and efficiency at this facility. Proposals for upgrade of raw water pumps and rising mains has been approved and a budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital projects expenditure. J.B. Barrys Consulting Engineers has been appointed as ER on this project. J.B.Barrys has requested the CaPO office to provide copies of all relevant documents and data to inform the tender documents. This data gathering exercise is ongoing and it is expected that tender documents can be completed and issued to the market in June, 2017.

- **Disinfection Programme - Leitrim Cavan and Monaghan**  
Irish Water asset strategy has sought tenders for the upgrading of all primary disinfection at all Water Treatment Plants in these three counties with a view to bringing all such facilities up to the new Irish Water standards. A working group has been set up with representatives from each county and Irish Water staff to evaluate the tenders and make a recommendation to ERVIA for appointment. The contract includes for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards. Once approved the Contractor will design and build the required works. This project will also address the UV treatment requirements and Ph control of treated water at each WTP. It is hoped that the evaluation will be completed in early May with a submission to Irish Water Contracts Approvals Committee for their June meeting. Works are expected to commence in August, 2017.

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme – Reservoir Sites**  
Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers have prepared preliminary designs and tender documents for the delivery of a scope of the works at 10 No Reservoir sites in Leitrim. We await Irish Waters appointment of a Contractor for these works. Staff from the Capital Office will supervise the works when they commence.

- **DMA Programme**  
(Upgrade and complete the District Metering Structure on the networks in Co. Leitrim) This project is progressing well and is substantially complete. Additional items have been approved in relation to
connection to and integration into the existing SCADA and telemetry system. Completion of these extra items and final commissioning is due in May, 2017. Contract cost €518,000.

- **Kilenna Watermain - Replacement of 2km of old cast iron watermains.**
  CaPO completed the tender evaluation in December, 2016 and has made a recommendation to Irish Water for procurement and appointment of the preferred bidder. Irish Water has delayed this appointment and we have made repeated representations to them to appoint with a view to commencement asap. **Estimated cost: €350,000.**

- **Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades.**
  Tendering completed and a recommendation to Irish Water on the preferred bidder was made on 11th April, 2017. We await the appointment by ERVIA of the preferred Contractor. Works should commence on these works circa June, 2017. **Estimated cost: €370,000.**

- **Inline UVT and Crypto Samplers.**
  Coffey’s Water Ltd. has completed all works at our two WTP’s. Commissioning and recalibrating of instruments ongoing. The contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants which will take place in 2017.

- **Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000**
  Leitrim CaPO completed the tender evaluation and made its recommendation on preferred bidder to Irish Water in January, 2017. Irish Water has delayed the appointment of the preferred bidder and we await a decision on this. Repeated representations to Irish Water to approve and appoint have been made and we hope that the appointment will happen soon. This is extremely urgent as the old trunk main is bursting regularly and causing disruption to supply and customers.

- **Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks:**
  Irish Water has introduced a new funding stream “Networks Portfolio” to address all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc. New Frameworks Contracts are to be awarded on a regional basis for all of these works. Leitrim is included in the region with Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan. These works will be managed by the proposed Regional Capital Offices. Tenders have been invited for the frameworks contracts for each region and following internal review, recommendations will be made to the ERVIA Board for approval in June, 2017. Under this programme Irish Water want to complete construction of 20Km of new pipelines in Q4 of 2017 and Leitrim will be seeking at least one project under this initial programme in Q4, 2017.

- **Manorhamilton Cast Iron Water main replacement**
  This minor Capital water project is going ahead and we are currently preparing designs and contract documents for the procurement of a new distribution watermain on the N16 in Manorhamilton. When completed these will be submitted to IW for review and appointment of a contractor.

- **Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade water Treatment Plant**
Filter Run to Waste required. Tendes being sought by Operations for these minor works.

Water Services
Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:
Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting
The second meeting of the Evaluation and Approvals Committee took place on 25th April, 2017 and a total of 9 projects were considered with 8 receiving letters of offer. The total awarded was €74,892.

LEO Budgets
Additional funding has been awarded for 2017 in the following areas: Technical Assistance for Micro Export grants (€25,000), Lean for Micro Programme (€21,760) and Brexit Seminars (€4,080). Work is currently underway in promoting these initiatives.

Training
There continues to be a great interest in training programmes, with many courses selling out well in advance of the start date.

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

Student Enterprise Programme
The National Final of the Student Enterprise Programme takes place on 3rd May in Croke Park. Leitrim will be represented in three categories as follows: Carrigallen (Senior Level), Manorhamilton (Intermediate level) and Carrigallen (Junior Level). The National Schools Enterprise Visits commenced at the end of April.

National Ploughing Championships
The Local Enterprise Village will host one client form each Local Enterprise Office at a subsidised rate this year. Preference is given to a manufacturing business, letters have issued to eligible clients to express their interest by 1st May. The clients from each county will be selected centrally to avoid duplication of business types.

Other
- LEO Competitive Funds Programmes
  - Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme has commenced and to date 10 students have commenced work placements.
  - Work has commenced on the second phase of the Creative Connections Programme (actions 5-7) which is branding, website, craft trail and pop ups shops. Feedback on the programme is good to date.
- The Erasmus project Smart Data Smart Regions is underway with a strategic guide for each of the five participating countries being developed at present.

Economic Development
Local Economic Development Committee, Rural Development Programme and SICAP
No LCDC meeting was held in April as there was a need for an early May 2017 meeting to facilitate return of Clár Applications under Measure 3.
Implementation of Community Element of LECP
The HSE, Teagasc and the Environment Pillar of the PPN were contacted to name a nominee to participate on the group. Teagasc and the PPN have nominated people for the Group and these names will be brought to the May LCDC meeting.

Funding Seminar
A Funding Seminar was held in Drumshanbo on April 18th for all communities to learn more about the various national funding programmes which are currently open.
- Clár
- Town and Village
- Leader Town and Village
- Community Facilities Scheme

Clár
Information and Leitrim specific application forms were prepared and published in local media and social media with a closing date of 27th April, 2017.

Town and Village
A workshop organised by the Department on the Town and Village was attended by the Economic Development Officer as well as the launch of “A Framework for Town Centre Renewal” by the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

Rural Development Programme
- Work continued on dealing with the Animation and Administration payments to the Implementing partner and dealing with queries arising from A48 checks.
- An RDOC Meeting was held on April 26th and it was decided to recommend appropriate steps to LCDC to facilitate applicants with regard to Revenue Commissioners documentation.

SICAP
The April-June drawdown from the Department was received by Leitrim County Council which was then paid to the Programme Implementer.

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- Carrick-on-Shannon Town & Village: The Carrick Carnival Group organised a Treasure Hunt in the Town on Easter Sunday as a fundraising event. Town and Village Funding assisted in creating an Easter attraction in the park.

- Carrick-on-Shannon Town Team meeting was held on April 5th and an update was given in relation to the list of priority actions for the year.

- The Community CCTV Scheme opened for calls and a CCTV Consultant reviewed camera location proposals with the Superintendent – a revised specification is currently being prepared ahead of further meetings with local residents.
Town Teams – Manorhamilton
  o Next meeting planned for May 10th at 6.30pm.

Town and Village Scheme: Work has commenced on the Town and Village Project for the town by the Area Engineer.

Purple Flag
  • The Economic Development Officer drafted full renewal application which was circulated to Purple Flag members ahead of Steering Group Meeting on April 27th. Additional comments have been requested by May 5th.
  • A Public Perceptions Survey was also prepared and circulated widely by the local authority and businesses in the town. A VIP Day is offered as prize thanks to local businesses. The information gathered will be used to complete the renewal process.
  • The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th ahead of the overnight self-assessment on 27th May, 2017.
  • Carrick on Shannon Purple Flag Town has agreed to participate in the Bloom Purple Flag Stand in the Phoenix Park in June.

Renewable Energy Group
No meeting was held as the Group are awaiting a date from Minister Naughten to meet the group.

SECURE Project
Work has progressed on identifying ideas for EU Energy Week in June along with the LEO office. This will include an Energy Expo in Mohill as well as a seminar for businesses on energy efficiency in Manorhamilton during Enterprise Week (June 19th – 23rd)

A number of Leitrim Businesses will be participating in the SECURE Seminar on Low Carbon Technologies in May. They will be presenting at the International Conference as part of the SECURE Project.

District Heating System
Steve Luker and Paddy Donovan presented their final report on the feasibility of the DHS system at a meeting on March 27th which outlined potential savings based on the potential introduction of a national renewable heat incentive (RHI). The intention is to arrange a follow up meeting with them and the WDC in May/June.

USEFE
  • A diaspora workshop, which was facilitated by Kingsley Aikins from Diaspora Matters, took place on the 4th of April in Roscommon Co. Council offices. This workshop was attended by local authority representatives from across the USEFE region with the aim of learning how best to approach the development of a diaspora strategy for each county.
  • A Lakelands meeting took place on the 6th of April in Leitrim County Council to facilitate a detailed discussion on tourism in the USEFE region.
  • A USEFE Steering Group meeting took place on the 13th of April in Moate, Co. Westmeath where the USEFE Memorandum of Understanding and the 2017 USEFE Action Plan was
reviewed and agreed. This was to facilitate members also attending the launch of the Town and Village Programme.

- A meeting to review the LEO Competitive Fund Graduate Placement and Creative Connections projects took place on the 18th of April in The Hive. This meeting was followed by a Creative Connections workshop in the Bush Hotel where a number of creative people gathered to receive support funded under the LEO Competitive Fund project.

- A general discussion on tourism took place with John Brennan, Managing Director of the Park Hotel Kenmare in the Backstage Theatre, Longford on the 25th of April. This was a really informative tourism discussion which was attended by a number of tourism trade, community reps, agency staff and the USEFE Co-Ordinator.

- Under the EU Laktive Tourism project approx 4,000 copies of the four Blueway trail map brochures were printed in French, German and Spanish. Each county will receive approx 1,000 copies of the translated Blueway brochures.

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

1. Under the Redz Angling Programme we hosted a stand at ‘The Big One’ angling show in Farnborough, UK. Trade representatives from Carrigallen and Ballinamore promoted the angling product in their area.

2. Attended Wild Atlantic Way Champion workshop with Failte Ireland in Sligo

3. We ran a SAINT Workshop for Leitrim SAINT programme SME participants with Jo Lewis at Edergole Kitchen in Dromahair. The purpose of this workshop was to develop ideas for forthcoming Slow Adventure clusters in Leitrim.

4. Tourist Office opened for the season on 15th April.

5. Met with Ballinamore and Carrigallen Angling Associations to discuss the proposed Benelux King of Clubs Angling Competition. It is hoped that this competition will be returning to Leitrim in 2018.

6. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.

7. Continued presence on all social media platforms was maintained.

Development Management

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge
- Works are nearing completion within 8 housing estates across the county which obtained funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative and also in relation to the a research project on development bonds. The Council are also in the process of appointing a firm of consulting engineers to prepare Site Resolution Plans with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. This procurement was advertised through E-Tenders. The Council has received a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds and this draft legal opinion is being considered by the Planning Department.
Pre Planning

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

Development Management

- 16 no. valid planning applications were received in April of which 5 no. related to commercial development. Of the applications lodged, 1 sought retention of planning permission. A further 8 no. applications was deemed invalid of which 7 no. of the invalid applications had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority are undertaking a review of the relatively high levels of invalidation of applications lodged and will work with agents submitting applications with a view to reducing the current levels of invalidation. Up to the end of April, 20 applications were deemed invalid out of 78 no. applications submitted.
- 14 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during April all which were granted planning permission (11 no. related to applications seeking planning permission, 1 application sought retention of planning permission whilst 2 applications related to extension of duration of planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 8 no. applications during the month of April.

Forward Planning

- Work is being finalised in relation to the 2 Year Progress Report for implementing the objectives of the County Development Plan 2015-2021. It is expected that this will be submitted to the Council in May.
- The Planning Authority is in the process of appointing consultants to undertake the screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County Development Plan will also be undertaken at the same time.

Heritage

- The Planning Authority received 3 applications for funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and 1 application for funding under the Structures at Risk Fund, both funds operated by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. These applications were assessed by the Planning Authority and a recommendation to their suitability has been made to the Department. All applications received were proposed to the Department for funding under the terms of their respective schemes. The Department have informed the Council that all applications have been successful.

Delivering remaining projects of the 2007-2013 Programmes

Leitrim County Council is delighted to again receive 2015 Sports Capital Funding of €200,000 towards the further development of the world Class Lough Rinn Recreational facility which caters for Rowing/Canoeing and Kayaking. Our Consulting Engineer on the Project prepared Tender Documents for the next phase of Project which will include a Start Bridge and Finish Tower so we can avail of the 2015 Sports Capital Grant allocation of €200,000. The Tender was advertised on E-tenders Web Site with a Closing date of Friday 21st April 2017 for submission of Tenders. Tenders are currently been evaluated by our Consultant Engineer and we aim to have Design/Build Contract awarded by end of June 2017 subject to valid Tenders, funding availability and compliance of Tender Documentation.

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

**Environment**

**National Inspection Program (DWWTS)** – The Council are inspecting 28. No DWWTS in 2017 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. The sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. All the 2016 DWWTS inspections were completed. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016 there will be ongoing inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections are requested.

**RMCEI Plan** – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2017 RMCEI Plan. The 2017 RMCEI Plan was submitted to EPA in January 2017. The EPA has now concluded that Leitrim’s 2016 RMCEI Plan had an overall ranking of High where all Evaluation of Environmental Priorities, Environmental Outcomes and Environmental Resourcing and Plan Review ranked as High.

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

**CFRAMs** – OPW and their Consultant Jacobs Engineering are working on the development of suitable flood mitigation options regarding the management of flood risk in the Shannon River Basin District in the Leitrim area. The Flood Risk Management Options had Public Consultation meetings which took place within Leitrim in November, 2015. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is leading the CFRAM Programme in part to meet Ireland’s obligations under the 2007 EU Floods Directive, in accordance with the European Communities “Assessment and Management of Flood risks) Regulations 2010, SI No. 122 of 2010, which transposed the EU Floods Directive into Irish Law, as amended by SI No. 495 of 2015.

The OPW and their Consulting Engineers are currently examining all the submissions before making the final Draft Plan which will be then due to go for Ministerial approval. Further details on the draft Flood risk Management Plans consultation process, including the date which observations or comments are required, are now available on the website: [www.opw.ie/Floodplans](http://www.opw.ie/Floodplans)


The public Consultation process on the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018 – 2021) runs for a 6 month period commencing on 28th February, 2017 until Thursday 31st August, 2017. The Water and Communities Waters Office (LAWCO) will be providing Community engagement and awareness. A schedule of meetings is planned for each of the Municipal Districts as follows:

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A presentation was given by LAWCO and Local Authority staff on the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland to the Environment, Transportation & Infrastructural Policy Committee took place on Wednesday 3rd May, 2017

The Draft River Basin Management Plan can be viewed on the Departments website: [http://www.housing.gov.ie/](http://www.housing.gov.ie/). Responses should be submitted, preferably in word format, to RBMP@housing.gov.ie. Alternatively, responses can be posted to the River Basin Management Plan Consultation, in the Water and Marine Advisory Unit located in the Custom House.

**ROADS:**
- Annual Area Programme works under way
- Final road surface laid on N16 Cornacloy to Sradrine Phase II project. New road open to traffic
- Works underway on Town and Village Improvement schemes at Mohill, Kinlough and Manorhamilton.
- Footpath improvement works Ballinamore completed
- Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.
- Part 8 Planning Approval advertised for footpath in Carrigallen and Ballinamore Greenway Demonstration Project.

**Rural Water Programme:**
- Enhancement of Schemes - Works on the following schemes are being progressed at present: Antfield GWS, Drumaleague GWS, Drumkeelan GWS, Mohercregg GWS and Tarmon GWS.
- Discussions continue with Kilmaddaroe GWS and Lismoyle/Coolcrieve GWS.
- Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS. Investigation on and report on current Water Treatment Plant procured.
- Planning Approval underway for pumping stations on Hartley Group Sewerage Scheme.

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

**HOUSING:**

**Housing Allocations**

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<th>Offers issued to 30th April 2017</th>
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<td>27</td>
<td>16</td>
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**New Tenancies created from 1st January 2017 to 30th April 2017**

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<th>Existing tenants transferred to alternative accommodation to 30th April 2017</th>
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**Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 30th April 2017**

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Private Rented Inspection Programme

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<th>Overall target for delivery in 2017</th>
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<td>70</td>
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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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<th>2017 Allocation</th>
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<td><strong>Energy Efficiency Works</strong></td>
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<td>Phase 2 Energy Efficiency works includes such works as external wall and attic insulation. This Council has identified approximately 20 potential units that require these energy efficiency works and funds to complete these works will be sought pending the call for submissions from the Department.</td>
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<th>Voids &amp; Derelict Housing Units</th>
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<td>The Council made a submission in February for funding to refurbish 16 void units and 1 dwelling classed as derelict. Surveys and tender documentation are being progress, to procure a contractor to undertake the refurbishment works once funding is approved by the Department.</td>
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<th>Disability Works in Council Houses</th>
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<td>In April the Council made a submission following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 29 suitable tenancies for proposed disability adaption works and 2 dwellings requiring extensions in order to meet the long term need of the tenants. The total estimated Expenditure anticipated under this Programme by Leitrim County Council in 2017 is €231,102 and Leitrim County Council has sought funding of 90% of these costs in the sum of €207,991.80 approximately and awaits a full approval response from the Department.</td>
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<td>The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017. In 2016 the Council purchased 25 number houses across the county and Contractor are currently been procured to complete energy and remedial works to these houses to return them to productive use in 2017.</td>
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<th>Capital Construction Project - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton</th>
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<td>This project to construct an additional 7 units of social housing has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a contractor, this is currently being progressed and construction works are anticipated to commence on site in May 2017. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €885,000.</td>
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<th>Capital Project Appraisal for Construction of Social Housing in Carrick on Shannon.</th>
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<td>A capital project appraisal for the construction of 20 social housing units in Carrick on Shannon has received stage 1 approval in principle from the Department to the value of €3,949,500. Appointment of Design Team is being progressed.</td>
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Capital Assistance Schemes – Saint Vincent de Paul, Ballinamore

A project led by St. Vincent de Paul Ballinamore for demolition of derelict properties and site preparation in Canaboe Terrace, Ballinamore and the construction of two family type two storey dwellings on the site. This project has received stage 4 approval; to appoint a contractor. Construction works will commence on site in April 2017. Approved construction costs have now been set at close to €207,000.

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

Community Peace IV

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

Public Participation Network

- There are currently 193 groups registered with the PPN with 4 groups awaiting ratification. PPN training for all staff took place on 04th and 05th May. Jane Golden, PPN Resource Worker resigned from her position on 05th May 2017. An advertisement to fill her role has been placed in Leitrim Observer. The Department have given sanction for a 2 year contract.

Comhairle na nOg

A meeting took place in March of the Comhairle na NOg. The project for 2017 is “Use your Brain, Not your Fist” Campaign spreading awareness around assault and the consequences of assault.

Age Friendly

A meeting was held of the Age Friendly Alliance on 04/05/2017 to develop the Leitrim Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2019. Further consultations will be made with older person’s networks over the next month and with the various agencies to progress the strategy

Environmental and Community Awards

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

Pride of Place

Bornacoola (0-300 population category), Carrigallen (300-1,000 population category) and Manorhamilton (Creative Place Initiative) have been chosen for Pride of Place entries in 2017.
Smoke Alarm Scheme
A community smoke alarm scheme is now in operation to provide battery operated smoke alarms to vulnerable homes in the county who do not currently have them. It is hoped that these will be installed by volunteers in addition to LDC who operate the Warmer Homes Scheme.

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

Leitrim Sports Partnership

Paddle Up Kayaking Programme (TY Schools Programme)
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Waterways Ireland and Canoe Ireland has just after started the Schools Paddle Up kayaking programme with 2 post primary schools, Lough Allen College and Carrigallen Vocational School. The programme will be for 6 weeks and all students will completed the kayak foundation level certificate as part of the programme. At the conclusion of the programme, all the students will travel to Ballyconnell and complete the 9k kayak in Cavan along with other students from Cavan and Dublin schools. In order to fund this programme we received €2000 in funding from Waterways Ireland.

Lough Allen College – 26 students & Carrigallen – 22 students

Ag Sugradh Le Cheile Workshop.

This programme is about parents and children playing together in tutor lead fun classroom activities and games during school hours or as after School programme.

We held the following workshop in the County, Annaduff N.S. 28 Children and 32 adults, Drumreilly N.S. 20 Children and 7 adults Fenagh N.S. 29 Children and 15 adults Scoile Mhuire N.S. 51 Children and 18 adults, Hunt N.S. 13 Children and 3 adults, Leitrim Village N.S. 27 Children and 11 adults and Kilnagross N.S. 21 Children and 12 adults, participating in the workshops.

Code of Ethics Course
Leitrim Sports Partnership in held 1 Code of Ethics course (Safe Guarding 1) in Aughasheelin GAA club house in April with 17 people attending, and we held a Safe Guarding 3 workshop(Designated Liaison person) in Carrick on Shannon with 11 participants attending the workshop.

Get Ireland Community Walking Programmes
Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered 4 walking community programmes in Carrick on Shannon, Mohill, Manorhamilton and Cloone. For a variety of reason, there is a real lack of interest and people participating on this programme. The only walk that was successful was Mohill and Cloone, with 8 people in Mohill and 6 people in Cloone. The other two walks had to be cancelled due to low numbers.

Nordic poles Tutor Training
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with Leitrim Development Company delivered a activator walking programme workshop for the active age groups in Leitrim. As a follow up, we organised a workshop for our local external tutors on activator walking programme and they could now deliver the programme to the
local active age groups that were interested in participating on the programme. We had 4 tutors that completed the programme.

**Girls Active Festival**
All the students involved in the girls Active programme, got invited to the girls active festival in Drumshanbo Vocational School. The girls got opportunity to try out 5 different activities, Zumba Dance, Mountain biking training, Hula Hoops, Olympic Handball and boxercise. We had 68 girls participating on the first day and 154 participating on the second day.

**Transition Year Integration Day**
Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Sports Partnership organized a one day integrating day for all TY students in Leitrim in the Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo. Over the course of the day the students participated in the following workshops, Responsible Dog Ownership, Road Safety, and nutrition, these workshops were chosen because of their relevance to all teenagers growing up in Leitrim today. It is hoped that every student will have gained some valuable insight in these areas. We had 156 Students from five Secondary schools that attended the event.

**Leitrim’s Active Age Group programmes**
Leitrim Sports Partnership completed a four week programme flexibility and mobility programme with the Aughasheelin active age group with 8 people attending, and 6 week chair aerobics programme with Ballinaglera Active age group with 7 people attending. Dromahair active age group have a multi – sport and Nordic poles programme meeting every two weeks with 20 people attending.

**The Arts**
**Creative Ireland** – A public meeting and workshops were held in Lough Allen Hotel to explore opportunities to increase access, engagement and collaboration in the local arts, culture and creative industries. As part of the nationwide programme, free events were organised for Easter Monday in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Carrigallen for Cruinniú na Cascá.

**Creative Frame**- In partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office, Leslie Ryan has been appointed Creative Frame Manager to develop the Creative Frame programme – a user driven continuous professional development network designed to facilitate the ongoing training and development requirements of practitioners in the creative sector in Leitrim and the wider region. A series of workshops and seminars have been organised with the most recent being *How Tax Works and What You As An Artist Need To Know About It* which included one to one sessions.

**Spark** – Artist Tinka Bechert has completed her residency at Priors and preparations are now being made for the next Spark Residency programme

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

**Artists in Schools** –8 primary schools have been selected - 4 for 2017 and 4 for 2018 covering the whole County and 4 artists have been appointed to work with the schools. A planning session for artists and schools has been arranged for May.

**Artist in the Community** –4 Community Groups have been selected to participate in the 2017 Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and applications from artists are currently being received.

**Drumshanbo Artist Studios** – Artist Kate Wilson and writer Gerry Boland have completed their Residencies and preparations are being made to call out for artists for the next residencies.
**Leitrim Equation 4** – The Leitrim Equation DVD is now being made available in retail outlets and via online sales.

**Youth Theatre** - The 2017 term 1 is continuing for the Youth Theatre groups in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon and Carrigallen

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

**Music Generation** - Research is being carried out to support an application for Music Generation funding.

**Dance** – A 5 day Dance Masterclass Programme took place in April at The Dock led by U.S. dancer Nic Gareiss followed by the Lough Allen Dance Weekend

**Library Service:**

**National Library System**

The move to the new national Library Management System in February, along with the library’s participation in a new national Distribution system in March, has received a very positive response from the public, with increased usage reported across the service.

**Event Programming**

A busy programme of activities took place in all branches across the county during the month of April, including lectures in Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries, Reading Group meetings, a book event in Carrick-on-Shannon Library, I.T. classes, language sessions, film screenings for adults and children, creative writing group meetings and craft activities. Ballinamore Library hosted a photographic exhibition in association with the local Men’s Shed group.

**Highlights**

- **Autism Awareness Event**
  - Mohill Library hosted an open night to promote the Sensory Room facility.

- **Spring into Storytime**
  - A national storytime initiative in public libraries which ran during the month of April, to celebrate the importance of families reading together and sharing stories.
  - Storytelling sessions took place in Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon, Dromahair, Drumshanbo, Manorhamilton and Mohill Libraries.

- **Poetry Ireland Day**
  - Ballinamore Library presented poetry workshops to pupils from the local primary school.
  - Manorhamilton Library hosted an inspiring evening of poetry with award-winning writer, Catherine Anne Cullen.

- **Easter 2017**
  - Mohill Library organised a very exciting Easter visit from the Cloone Aughavas Community Playschool. The playschool visited the library, where they enjoyed some crafts, had storytime, an Easter egg hunt and watched some cartoons while they had their lunch.
  - Carrick-on-Shannon Library delivered Easter-themed workshops for children over the Easter break.
Class Visits
Schedule of class visits by local pre-schools and primary schools continued in Branch Libraries across the county.

Fire Service

Building Control
Commencement notices
- Received 3 Opt Out Commencement Notices (valid), 1 Short Commencement Notice (valid), 4 Commencement Notice (valid).

Fire Stations – Capital Works

Manorhamilton
- Documentation issued to landowner’s solicitor to complete purchase of site – documentation to be prepared to go to Council meeting for their approval of the disposal of a portion of land at July meeting.

Drumshanbo
- A submission for capital funding for the extension was sent to the Department. Awaiting the outcome of that application.

Ballinamore
- Carried out a survey of a number of a property to be considered as a temporary facility. Request submitted for the assistance of a technician to prepare drawings for submission to the Dept for capital funding for the works.

Major Emergency Management
Staff attended meetings of Cross Border Emergency Management Group in Enniskillen on 3rd April and Ballyshannon on 26th April.

Community Fire safety
Prepared press release on bog fires and sent it to the Leitrim Observer in advance of the bog fire season. Staff attended a meeting in relation to Carrick-on-Shannon carnival in early June.

CAMP Meeting
Attended a Joint Management Committee meeting to discuss new CTRi project governance structure. Subsequently submitted comments for further meeting planned between the contracting authority and Chief Fire Advisor.

Health and Safety
Attended a Health and Safety Authority ‘Stay Safe’ seminar organised in Manorhamilton for second level students on 6th April.

ERASMUS+ funding application
Some additional mandate forms were signed and submitted to the National Agency. We will know the outcome of this application in a few weeks.

New Recruits
Signed up two new recruits to the fire service, one in Carrick-on-Shannon and one in Drumshanbo.
Civil Defence

- On the 11\textsuperscript{th} April the CDO attended a National CDO training seminar in Dublin.
- On the 14\textsuperscript{th} April an Ambulance and First Aid was provided during a charity run at Lough Rynn Mohil.
- On the 30\textsuperscript{th} April Ambulance and First Aid assistance was provided to our colleagues in Sligo Civil Defence during a charity cycle in the Ballintogher area.
- Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Section in order that the Lake Water sampling programme could continue.

Signed:  

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Frank Curran  

Chief Executive  

Date: 12\textsuperscript{th} May, 2017