Monthly Management Report (for the period 1st April, 2018 to 30th April, 2018) 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

APRIL 2018 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY APRIL 2018 - FIGURES)

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€10,258,680 €34,999,065 29% 24,748,385

€10,318,179 €34,999,065 29% 24,683,886

56,499 56,499

MAIN POINTS AT END OF APRIL 2018

Water Expenditure in line with income from Irish Water.

Development Management Income is ahead of budget due to LEO Grant income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.

APRIL 2018 - Collection Rates

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APRIL 2018 - Aged Debt Analysis
## Water Services
### Operations Update

**Maximo:** Asset Management

  - 90 No. related to Water, 22 No. to Waste Water,
  - 42 No. First Fix completed,
  - 7 No. were LA Complaints,
  - 1 No. related to Leak Detection,
  - 9 No. related to Design/rehabilitation works, and,
  - 3 No. other.

**Water Conservation:**

UFW is 50.2% as per Audit end of Quarter 1, 2018.

The UFW has decreased from 50.5% which was the position at end of Quarter 4, 2017.

The following are the top 10 District Metering Areas (DMA’s) which require leak detection and repair:

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<th>DMA Name</th>
<th>DMA Code</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Current Input Volume m$^3$/day</th>
<th>m3 UFW</th>
<th>%UFW (IFM)</th>
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<td>Drumshanbo Town</td>
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<td>Mt. Campbell to Finnalaghta</td>
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<td>277</td>
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<td>Dromod East</td>
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<td>01/03/2018</td>
<td>508</td>
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<td>Toomans to Ardrum Res</td>
<td>MA1124</td>
<td>01/03/2018</td>
<td>484</td>
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<td>Kinkeen &amp; Corrawallen Schemes</td>
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Capital Update:

North Leitrim Regional Water supply Scheme Phase 2
Contract 3a: - Extension of Water Treatment Plant at Moneyduff
The contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October 2016. Works are ongoing but significantly delayed and the Contractor EPS has sought a further extension of time and has submitted a revised programme which indicates completion on 15th October 2018 which will be 50 weeks overdue the original programme. Irish Water has not received any valid claims on this contract and the Extension of time if granted will be time only without costs. There will be some cost implications associated with this delay for Irish Water which will be dealt with under the contract. The Contractor EPS is operating the existing water treatment plant and the water produced is meeting all of the necessary drinking water standards. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning / process proving period. Following this the new plant will be handed over to Irish Water / Leitrim County Council for operate under the Service Level Agreement. The Contract sum is €3.84 million.

Contract 3b: - Extension of Supply to Rossinver and Kilcyclogher
Some outstanding work on private property which involves approx 300 meters of service connections from the meters to the rear / backyards of houses situated well off the road remains. These works were not included in the scope of works for the main Ward and Burke contract and will be undertaken by separate contract under capital maintenance with Leitrim County Council acting as Project Supervisor Construction Stage (PSCS).

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
Nicholas O’ Dwyers Consulting Engineers is the Employers Representative on this project. Coffey Water Ltd commenced this Design Build contract on 15th January 2018 and their programmed completion date is December 2018. Works are progressing on programme. On completion of the works Coffey Water Ltd will operate the two WWTP’s at Manorhamilton and Mohill for a further year as a process proving/commissioning phase. The new upgraded WWTP’s will be handed over to Leitrim County Council for operate under the Service Level Agreement sometime in January 2020. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

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

Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant
This project is included in Irish Waters Capital investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan. It is at Gate 2 – Preliminary report stage. Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the Feasibility study and Preliminary Report on the bundled scheme. The kick off meeting with Atkins took place on 26th September 2017. The CaPO office in Leitrim will be preparing background information, as constructed drawings and historical performance data on the existing WWTP at Drumshanbo and we will be making observations on the feasible options for upgrading. Whilst the Drumshanbo WWTP is bundled with the 5 other WWTP’s in Cavan for the purposes of the Feasibility study and Design Options reports etc it is likely to go forward as a separate contract for construction likely to commence in 2020.
Minor Capital Works
Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks;
ERVIA has appointed Farran’s Construction of Northern Ireland as the main Contractor for all “networks Portfolio” work in this region which includes Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan. The networks portfolio covers all work on pipelines below ground and includes for all water main upgrades, pipeline replacement, water conservation measures, find and fix leaks, lead replacement, first fix etc.

1. Pipeline replacement
Under this “Networks Portfolio” Irish Water continue to approve substantial water main replacement projects in County Leitrim under this programme. Farrans Construction have been issued with orders for the design and Build of the following projects;
1. Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell. Pipeline substantially completed and tested. Service connections outstanding. This will be completed by end of May 2018.
2. Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore Reservoir into Town. Work on site commenced in March 2018 and are on programme to be substantially completed by end July 2018.
3. Replace 4.5 Km of old PVC watermain at Corraleehan. Work commenced on site on 8th May with site investigations to inform detailed designs and method of construction which will be by directional drilling. These works will be completed by end September 2018.
4. Replace 2.0 Km of old cast iron watermain at N16 Manorhamilton. Section to be replaced from Main Street westwards along the N16. Farran’s has undertaken the initial site investigations and are finalising designs. Work will commence on this site in May 2018.
The CaPO office will provide all planning and background information on all pipeline projects and approve the designs for replacement pipelines. A resident engineer from CaPO section will supervise and project manage Farran’s work.

2  Find and FIX
Find and fix is included in the network portfolio. Irish Water has allocated a budget of €675,000 to fund this project in 2018 and has set a target reduction 1MLD in unaccounted for water (UFW) in 2018 or approx 12.5% in the current UFW of circa 7.5MLD. Irish Water has approved the recruitment by Leitrim County Council of the 4 man team of 1 No Assistant Engineer, 1 No. caretaker and 2 No. skilled outdoor staff. Two members of this team have been appointed and we await the appointment of the Assistant Engineer and plumber. This team will be put to work on active targeted leak detection and repair and will be focussing on the Carrick on Shannor DMA to start. The work of repair of found leaks will be shared between the in house fix crew and the framework contractor Farran’s. This find and fix initiative will be managed by a PM from the CaPO office and the new Assistant Engineer and will include other initiatives “First Fix”, “Back Yard services”, “lead service replacement” and “pressure management” etc.

3  First Fix customer side leakage
Work is ongoing by Farrren’s on a list of 60 domestic customers with excessive (>5.0cum/day) usage and some leaks on private property have been addressed and repaired. The CaPO office are facilitating on this. Operations Staff Caretakers.
Back Yard mains replacement and lead service replacement
The network Contractor Farrans has commenced design works on the back yard mains replacement. Work will commence on these in due course under our supervision. Priorities for lead replacement listed by Leitrim County Council and Farrans preparing work schedules for commencement.

Energy Efficiency Programme –
This project requires the replacement of all major pumping at Carrick on Shannon WTP i.e. Raw water pumps, High Lift Pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir with more efficient ones. Also included are some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong reservoir. J.B. Barry’s Consulting Engineers are acting as ER. EPS limited has been awarded this contract. Designs and Pump selection is currently being approved and actual work on site will commence once replacement pumps are delivered to site. All in cost circa €375k.

Disinfection Programme - Leitrim Cavan and Monaghan
Irish Water Asset Strategy has appointed Veolia on this project to assess the primary disinfection at all Water Treatment Plants in these three counties with a view to bringing all such facilities up to the new Irish Water standards. The contract includes for inspection and reporting on existing facilities and scoping works to meet standards and undertaking the necessary upgrades. Carrick on Shannon WTP (SLRWSS) and Glenade WTP (Kinlough Tullaghan WSS.) are included in this project. Draft design proposals for both WTP’s have been produced by Veolia and are being considered. Once approved a scope of required works to upgrade the system will be prepared and budgets agreed and approved by Irish Water.

Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon
Irish Water has appointed EPS contractors to provide design and build services for the upgrade and optimise the treatment processes at existing water treatment plants in these four counties. The Glenade Water Treatment Plant in Leitrim is included in this bundle. Irish Water will be managing this project with our assistance and we will be expected to act as PM / RE on Leitrim plant only.

Killenna Watermain
Replacement of 2km of old cast iron water mains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. The Contractor Sean Quigley Contracts Limited has substantially completed the works. Minor snagging works are outstanding prior to close out of project and agreement of Final Account.

4 No. WWTP upgrades Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore.
ERVIA has appointed RCC engineering as the contractor on this project and a pre commencement meeting was held with the Contractor, Irish Water and Leitrim County Council. A work order has been issued by Irish Water and RCC has commenced works on the detailed design. Some changes / options are being considered by Irish Water in Drumshanbo WWTP. Works will start in Quarter 2, 2018. Contract sum circa €800,000.

Trunk Main replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000
The Contractor MAST Construction Limited has substantially completed works. Surface dressing of the permanent reinstatement outstanding and will be done in May / June as weather permits. Final Account to be agreed and closed out.

Reservoir Cleaning
Irish Water has commenced a programme of Reservoir cleaning in Leitrim and a contractor has been appointed to undertake these works. Nicholas O’ Dwyer’s are acting as ER on the project and the CaPO
office is supervising the works on the ground. 7 Reservoirs were successfully completed to date and others are ongoing.

**HSQE Height Protection**
Audits being prepared for inclusion in this Health and Safety programme to provide ladders, stairs and railings as required at all Irish Water facilities for inclusion in contract programme of works.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**
**LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)**

**Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting**
The first meeting of the Evaluation and Approvals Committee took place on 5th April and a total of 8 projects were considered with 6 receiving letters of offer. The total awarded was €88,219.

**Training**
There continues to be a great interest in training programmes, with many courses selling out well in advance of start date. During April we introduced GDPR training and there was a strong uptake on the courses in both Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton.

**Mentoring**
There continues to be a strong interest in one to one mentoring requests.

**Student Enterprise**
The winners of Co. Leitrim final are preparing for the National Final in Croke Park on 2nd May. The National Schools Enterprise Visits commenced at end of April.

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

**National Ploughing Championships**
The Local Enterprise Village will host one client from each Local Enterprise Office at a subsidised rate this year. Preference is given to a manufacturing business, emails have issued to eligible clients to express their interest by 24th April. The clients from each county will be selected centrally to avoid duplication of business types.

**National Enterprise Awards**
The interview for the National Enterprise Awards was held in Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone during April and the County Leitrim winner was Niall Kieran, Global Green Sustainability. All county winners are invited to attend the National Final in the Mansion House, Dublin on 24th May.

**Leitrim Design House**
To further enhance their online presence, the Leitrim Design House website is currently being revamped.

**Other**
- The two Erasmus projects which LEO Leitrim are involved in continue to progress, Smart Data Smart Regions and WISE. The Strategic Guide developed under the Smart Data Smart Regions programme is now live. Dissemination plays a key role in both and we continue to promote the programmes.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- CCTV
  - Carrick CCTV group met with the Technical Expertise to review the revised proposal document, next step is to engage with ESB re power.
  - Worked with Superintendent Kevin English, and Joe Dolan to submit revised proposal to the Garda Commissioner.

Town and Village - Carrick on Shannon
Met with Bernard Greene, Senior Planner in relation to retractable roof project at the Market Yard.

Town Team – Manorhamilton
Met with Gerry Creamer of the Caislean Hamilton group to follow up progress with the project on the ground and offer assistance.

Town and Village – Mohill
Liaised with members to progress to the next stage with drawdown.

SEC Mohill (Sustainable Energy Communities Mohill)
Final decision made on this energy masterplan tender, awarded to Global Green.

REDZ Food – Taste Leitrim /The Food Hub.
Work is ongoing at the Food Hub in relation to finishing the Food Experience.
Scheduled first Food event “Marketing Master Class for Food Businesses”
Distribution of all food trail brochures and maps has taken place.
Worked with Mohill Youth Cafe and Family Support Centre on Easter Camps with young people.

SECURE project
- Finalised details with Seamus Dunbar of Manorhamilton SEC in relation to Energy Awareness day for EU Energy Week for June 8\textsuperscript{th}.
- Exploring Energy Awareness training for Leitrim County Council Staff booked for June 8\textsuperscript{th}.
- Exploring the possibility of a renewable energy strategy for the County under this funding.

Graduate Internship Programme
Working with USEFE Coordinator to confirm a placement in Cora Systems and Archway Products for 2018.

Co-Innovate:
Programme progressing well, claim 2 submitted.

Purple Flag.
Working on the Public Perception Survey to go with this application along with complete other relevant paperwork for 2018 renewal. Attended meeting with ATCM representatives in Mullingar.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
The following actions have been undertaken throughout April facilitating the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the County:
Slow Adventure
1. Tourism Officer took part in SAINT end of project webinar. This project has now come to an end and the final claim has been submitted.

Destination Marketing
2. Work is ongoing on the graphics and design for the new Discovery Centre at Ireland West Knock airport.

Meetings
3. Attended this year’s Meitheal at City West in Dublin. This event, run by Failte Ireland in conjunction with Tourism Ireland, is Ireland’s most important travel trade event with hundreds of key overseas tourism buyers from over 19 different countries meeting and agreeing future business with Irish tourism businesses. Leitrim promoted Slow Adventure at this event. There was huge interest from a number of tour operators who are very excited about the offering. Our main focus will be the FIT and small group sectors.

4. Attended a meeting with the 5 Glens Project committee in Manorhamilton. They are currently putting the final touches to the town’s ‘off the Wild Atlantic Way’ experience.

Events
5. Work continues for the King of Clubs being held in Ballinamore in May 2018.

6. Attended the launch of the Beara Breifne Way in Roscommon. The Beara Breifne Way is Ireland’s longest national waymarked trail which starts in Dursey on the Beara Peninsula in Co. Cork and travels through the country to Blacklion in Co. Cavan taking in Leitrim along the way.

7. Attended the launch of Failte Ireland’s new brand ‘Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands’ in Athlone.

Tourist information
8. Continue to support Tourist Offices in Carrick on Shannon and Tourist information points at Glencar Waterfall and in Ballinamore.

Digital Marketing
9. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.

10. Continued presence on all Social Media platforms was maintained. We are also promoting festival and events throughout the county on our social media channels.

Miscellaneous
11. Final documentation including images submitted to Claims at Failte Ireland in respect of Glencar Project. This should now release the funding for the works carried out at Glencar Waterfall.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge
• The Council have finalised Site Resolution Plans prepared with respect to 4 estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative and has finalised the legal opinion from Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds. The Council are at an advanced stage of finalising the detailed claims against each of the bonds in question. The claims are being submitted by our legal advisors on our behalf.
Pre Planning
• The pre planning clinics continued during the month of April. 4 no. new pre planning consultations took place during April in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management
• 13 no. valid planning applications were received in April. Of the applications lodged, 1 application sought an extension of duration of planning permission and the remaining applications all sought planning permission. 2 no. of the previously deemed invalid applications have had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority.
• 13 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during April, all of which were granted planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 2 no. applications during the month of April.

Forward Planning
• The Planning Authority placed proposed Variation No. 1 to the County Development Plan on public display in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment (No. 2) to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County Development Plan was also placed on public display at the same time. The Variation to the County Development Plan was on public display from February 22nd to March 22nd whilst the Amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan has a slightly longer public display period until April 5th. A report from the Chief Executive with respect to the submissions made during the display period was submitted to the Elected Members on 18th April. A recommendation will be brought to the Council at the scheduled May meeting.

Heritage
• The Council advertised the post of Heritage Officer following the adoption of the budget by the Elected Members last year. A total of 35 no. applications for the post were received and are presently being shortlisted by Human Resources to attend at interview.
• The Planning Authority was successful in our submission for funding under the Structures at Risk Fund for the following buildings / structures:

  1. Drumkeeran Court House (£15,000)
  2. Church of St Mogue - Gubalaun Abbey, Rossinver (£15,000)
  3. St. John’s Church of Ireland, Drumshanbo (£15,000)

An application for funding for Tynte Lodge, Tullaghan was unsuccessful.

• The Planning Authority was successful in our submission for funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for the following buildings / structures:

  1. Drumkeeran Court House (£10,000)
  2. Former National Irish Bank, Drumshanbo (£13,100)
  3. Church of St Mogue - Gubalaun Abbey, Rossinver (£15,000)
  4. St Catherine’s Church, Fenagh (£8,900)

Letters of offer to the successful applicants have issued from the Planning Authority to avail of the funding under both schemes.
ENVIRONMENT:

**National Inspection Program (DWWTS)** – The Council are inspecting 25 no DWWTS in 2018 as per the new EPA National Inspection Plan (NIP) 2018 – 2021 programme. These inspections will be completed from April 2018 to end of year. The Sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016/2017 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 2018 RMCEI Plan. The EPA have now released a copy of Local Authority Environmental Performance Assessment Report (2014-2016 Report Leitrim County Council). The 2016 Overall Grade for Leitrim County Council is “Excellent”. The National Average for 2016 was “Above Target”. The ranking for Leitrim is one level above the National average. The EPA have informed Leitrim County Council that the RMCEI Enforcement Plan Evaluation for 2017 had an overall Plan rating of “High” which takes into consideration Environmental Priorities, Environmental Outcomes and Enforcement Resourcing and Plan Review. Leitrim County Council has submitted the 2017 RMCEI Return and the 2018 RMCEI Plan before the submission date of Friday 16th February 2018.

**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 Irelands obligations under the 2007 EU Floods Directive, in accordance with the European Communities “Assessment and Management of Flood risks) Regulations 2010, SI No. 122 of 2010, which transposed the EU Floods Directive into Irish Law, as amended by SI No. 495 of 2015.

Draft Flood Maps went on Public Display as part of the Statutory Public Consultation from Friday 20th November 2015 to Wednesday 23rd December 2015 inclusive and were available at all Local Authority offices for viewing. A Stakeholder Workshop took place with OPW/Jacobs Engineering in Athlone on Wednesday 25th May 2016 on Preliminary Options report Stage.

The OPW in conjunction with their Consulting Engineers have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed. Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan for the Shannon CFRAM catchment took place between Friday 15th July 2016 to 23rd September 2016 both dates inclusive with final adoption of plans by end of 2016. The OPW and their Consulting Engineers examined all the submissions before making the final Draft Plan which then went for Ministerial approval.

Further details on the draft Flood risk Management Plans consultation process, including the date which observations or comments were required, are available on the website:

[www.opw.ie/floodplans](http://www.opw.ie/floodplans)

The Shannon CFRAM Consultants on completion of the Flood Risk Management Plans for the Shannon CFRAM areas submitted them to the Department of Public Expenditure (D/PER) for review (including the assessment and checking of the environmental assessments and conclusions)

The national Suite of Plans were then signed off officially by the Commissioners of Public Works and Minister Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran T.D. (subject to any final amendments as required), and submitted to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform for approval. The Minister has now approved these plans on the 16th April 2018.
The CFRAM Flood Risk Management Plans will be formally launched at an event in Athlone on Thursday 3rd May 2018. Thereafter, all material will be publicly available on www.flooding.ie, the bespoke web-portal for the dissemination of the final outputs from the CFRAM Programme.

The Minister has now confirmed and approved the Flood Risk Management Plans. The Commissioners must now send a copy of the Plans to each relevant County Council/Local Authority [in line with Regulation 20 of the European Communities (Assessment & Management of Flood Risks) Regulations 2010-2015]. The County Councils/Local Authorities then have three months to examine and consider the Plans and decide whether to adopt, or otherwise the Plans. This duty is a reserved function. The OPW intends to send the relevant documentation to each Local Authority in the near future, following the launch on the 3rd May 2018.


River Basin Management Planning provides a catchment based framework to protect our waters and develop collaborative approaches to water management that should engage all stakeholders, increase awareness of its value, protect biodiversity and deliver multiple benefits to all stakeholders.

This second cycle River Basin Management Plan aims to build on the progress made during the first cycle.

Leitrim County Council made a detailed submission to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on the Draft River Basin Management Plan (2018 – 2021) before the closing date of 31st August 2017. Leitrim County Council held a Briefing session in conjunction with LAWCO on the Proposed Areas of Action in Leitrim on Thursday 26th October 2017 to the elected members and to members of the public.

The DHPLG is reviewing all submissions from the public consultation process and its likely such submissions will result in significant changes to the draft Plan. RPS have been engaged by LAWCO to analysis and report on over 900 submissions made directly to the LAWCO (Local Authority Waters and Communities Office). When this report is received LAWCO plan to respond to those who made submissions and also where appropriate to discuss issues raised at the public consultations with relevant public bodies.

The Regional Committees are up and running and recruitment is ongoing (by LAWCO) for additional resources to work in priority areas to be identified in the River Basin Management Plan.

The River Basin Management Plan was launched in the Custom House, Dublin by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

All River Basin Management Plan documents and video can be found on the following Web Links:


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kx2DyC8Wokk&feature=youtu.be
VETERINARY SERVICES

Abattoirs

Slaughter Returns: April 2018: 66 Cattle, 204 Sheep and 9 Pigs were slaughtered.

4 Hygiene Inspections were carried out in abattoirs

Small Meat Manufacturing Plants
Two Ready Meal Manufacturers, two Meat Cutting Plants and one Meat Distributor are under the supervision of Leitrim County Council. 6 Premises Hygiene Inspections were carried out, 3 food samples, 9 environmental swabs and 0 water samples were taken.

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service activities during April 2018 are detailed below;
- 13 stray dogs, 5 surrendered dogs.
- 19 dogs re-homed, 3 dogs re-claimed.
- 1 dog died, 1 dog euthanized.
- 40 Service requests received, 39 Dog warden inspections.
- 6 dogs neutered, 7 neutering voucher issued, 10 dogs micro-chipped.

Responsible Dog Ownership Programme
2 School Visits, 3 Radio Interviews, 1 Newspaper Articles published, 2 Presentations to Community Groups.

Leitrim Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for Stray Cats
0 cats were trapped and tested for pathogenic viruses. 0 cats was put-to-sleep and 0 cats were neutered and returned under the Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Release Programme.

Leitrim Pony-Riding and Animal Welfare Project
Recruitment and selection of participants is complete. 42 successful candidates aged 12-18 from a traveller, disadvantaged or multi-ethnic background have been accepted on the 10-week programme which commences on 19th June 2018.

20 applicants will participate in on online Irish Horse Welfare Trust online training programme.

Leitrim County Council will participate in the proposed Department of Agriculture & Food / RACE joint training programme for entry of young people from disadvantaged background to the horse-racing industry as jockeys, grooms etc.

The Project Launch will be held on 25th May at Moorlands Equestrian Centre, Drumshanbo. Purchase of equipment and recruitment of a Project Co-ordinator is underway.

TY Integration Day
The TY Integration Day was held in the Lough Allen Hotel on 19th April. 110 TY students from around the county attended. The event was considered by all to be very informative and enjoyable. Topics covered included Road Safety, Fire Safety, Responsible Dog Ownership, Use Your Brain Not Your Fists and Personal Fitness. Presentations were given by the RSA, Leitrim Fire Brigade, Leitrim Comhairle na Nog, Leitrim Sports Partnership and Dog's Trust.
ROADS:
• Road Crews continuing to carry out routine maintenance works.

• Annual Area Roads Programme Works are now underway.

CLAR Programme
CLAR 2017 Programme – Works are complete on the following Clar 2017 Projects – Pedestrian Crossing & Associated Works at Carrick on Shannon Community School, Erection of Public Lighting at Drumshanbo between Acres Amenity Area and houses at Drumduff North, Pedestrian Crossing at Dromod Health Centre, Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil at Manorhamilton, Erection of Public Lighting at Annaduff National School and Footpath & Public Lighting at Aughnesheelin National School. Works are in progress and nearing completion on the following Clar 2017 Projects - Pedestrian Crossing, Footpaths and Public Lighting at Newtowngore Community Hall & Car Park (90% Complete), Footpath at Drumshanbo (part of footpath complete with funding allocation received and additional funding will be required in order to complete this project), Upgrade and Refurbishments at Keeldra Lake Amenity Development (90% Complete).

Recreational Trails 2017
Leitrim Way from Drumshanbo to Dowra – Design of the Footbridge on this Walkway is currently in progress.

Dromahair Demonstration Greenway – Design works on this Greenway are in progress.

Carrick on Shannon to Leitrim Greenway – Currently preparing Design for Part 8 Planning Approval which will be advertised for Public Consultation. Discussions with Landowner currently underway. ESB diversion works have been completed by ESB and Public Lighting works have been completed.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
Works are currently in progress on the 20 LIS Schemes which are being completed with the 2017 LIS Allocation. Leitrim County Council received an Allocation of €250,000 for Local Improvement Schemes in 2018. This will enable approx. 11 LIS Schemes to progress in 2018. This office is currently communicating with applicants on our LIS Waiting List in relation to progressing these LIS Works. In March, a submission was made to the Department of Rural & Community Development seeking further funding for such Schemes in 2018 based on our existing LIS Waiting List and we await a response from the Department.

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)
Leitrim County Council made a Submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in March 2018 for funding for Local Roads under the Community Involvement Schemes 2018. A total of 35 Schemes were submitted for Funding at a total estimated cost of €1,406,667. We await an announcement from the Department with regard to the funding available for such Schemes in 2018.

N16 Drummahon Realignment Scheme
The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in relation to the Compulsory Acquisition of Land required as part of this Realignment Scheme was made in March 2018 and all affected landowners have been notified accordingly. This CPO will be submitted to An Bord Pleanala for consideration and approval. A copy of the CPO and associated maps and documents are available for public inspection at Leitrim County Council Offices at Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon & District Engineers Office, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, from 28th March, 2018 to 16th May, 2018 and objections may be submitted to An Bord Pleanala.

Road Safety
The Annual Transition Year Integration Day 2018 was held on 19th April, 2018 in the Lough Allen Hotel, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim and was attended by all Schools in the County which participate in the Transition
Year Programme. The Programme included a number of Workshops for the Students, including “Use Your Brain Not Your Fists” Campaign, Responsible Dog Ownership, Health & Fitness, Fire Service Demonstration and Road Safety. The Road Safety Workshops included a Presentation on Road Safety from the Road Safety Authority (RSA) Road Safety Education Officer and the RSA Shuttle and Simulator attended the event.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:
Enhancement of Schemes - Upgrade Works on Drumaleague GWS are currently in progress.

Environmental and Public Health Compliance – Breveiga GWS Co-Operative Society Ltd. (Formerly known as Cornashamsogue GWS) - Leitrim County Council and the National Federation of Group Water Schemes are working closely with Breveiga GWS Co-Operative Society Ltd. in order to progress the upgrade of this Scheme and a regular schedule of meetings with this Co-Operative Society is now in place. A Consultant Engineer has been appointed to complete a Survey and Analysis of the Scheme Network, Design of upgrade to Network, assess existing Water Treatment Facility and provide upgrade options, etc. This Survey and Analysis is underway at present.

Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme – Preliminary Design of this Scheme has been completed. It is planned to re-advertise for Planning Approval for the proposed 3 Pumping Stations on this Scheme. The preparation of a detailed design for this Scheme is currently in progress.

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

HOUSING:
Housing Allocations

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Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 30th April 2018

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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

| 2018 Allocation |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| **TBA**         |
| **01/01/2018 – 30/04/2018** | **GRANT** | **NO** | **VALUE** |
| **PAID 2018**   | HGD | 1 | 7108.85 |
|                | MAG | 2 | 5500.00 |
|                | HOP | 5 | 18881.55 |
| **TOTAL**      | 8 | **31490.40** | **31490.40** |
| **Approved not paid** | HGD | 6 | 41804.50 |
|                | MAG | 2 | 7896.00 |
|                | HOP | 7 | 32695.95 |
| **TOTAL**      | 15 | **82396.45** | **113886.45** |
| **Applications Rec'd Not Yet Approved** | HOP | 1 | 12188.50 |
|                | MAG | 1 | 5282.80 |
|                | HGD | 3 | 3330.00 |
| **Total**      | 6 | **20801.30** | **134687.75** |

Balance
HOUSING CAPITAL

Energy Efficiency Works
Phase 2 Energy Efficiency works includes such works as external wall and attic insulation. This Council has identified approximately 17 potential units that require these energy efficiency works and funds to complete these works have been sought from the Department no approval has been received to date.

VOIDS & DERELICT HOUSING UNITS
Under the Voids Programme in 2017, a total of 17 No. Social Housing Units were returned to productive use at a total cost of €252,678 and €200,684 was claimed from the Department. The Council made a submission in March for funding to refurbish 21 void units. Surveys and tender documentation are being progress, to procure a contractor to undertake the refurbishment works once funding is approved by the Department.

Disability Works in Council Houses
In April the Council made a submission following a call for suitable projects from the Department, identifying 27 suitable tenancies for proposed disability adoption 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 2018 is €289,500 and Leitrim County Council has sought funding of 90% of these costs in the sum of €260,550 approximately and awaits a full approval response from the Department. Funding approval was received for one extension in the later end of 2017, construction of this extension will be complete in spring 2018.

Acquisitions
The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2017 – 2021, in 2017 the Council purchased 8 number houses across the county. These houses will require some energy and remedial works to return them to productive use in 2018.

Capital Construction Project – Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton
Under construction, completion date October/September 2018, construction costs of €880,000.

Capital Construction Project – Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 27 social housing units at Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team has been appointed and work is progressing on the design. Part 8 planning approval was submitted to the Planning Authority on 28th February 2018.

Capital Project Appraisal for Construction of Social Housing at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon.
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 24 social housing units (to the value of €3,743,850) at Attirory, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team has been appointed and work is progressing on the design.

COMMUNITY:

Peace IV
- Leitrim County Childcare Committee were the successful Tenderer in the Children & Young People Diversity Programme – Conflict, Tolerance & Difference. Contracts have been signed and the programme is now progressing.
• North Connaught Youth Services were the successful Tenderer in the Children & Young People Diversity Programme – Diversity Through Arts. Contracts are due to be signed this week and the programme will commence thereafter.

• Ulster University Centre for Sports Enterprise were the successful Tenderer in the Children & Young People Diversity Programme – ‘Sports 4 Peace’. Contracts are due to be signed this week and the programme will commence thereafter.

• A Project Manager will be appointed this week for the Mohill Peace Room.

• Quotations are being sought for Project Management for Manorhamilton & Killyclogher projects.

• Quotations for Facilitation & Mediation Services for a WW1 Remembrance Project in Leitrim have will be assessed on 21st May.

• A Community Arts Engagement Officer has been appointed to work and support the Killyclogher and Cashel communities in a series of activities under the Building Positive Relations Programme.

• Recruitment has commenced for a Youth Development Working to work on a programme addressing Anti-Social Behaviour issues.

• Under the Supporting Minority Faiths programme ‘Peace Gardens’ are progressing in Fenagh, Newtowngore, Manorhamilton & Oaklands, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Public Participation Network

At the end of the April 2018 Leitrim PPN had 245 registrations including 15 pending and 1 associate membership. There was one new registration within the Environmental Pillar bringing their membership to 5 in total. This reflects the widening of criteria and selection introduced by Irish Environmental Network earlier this year.

Activities during April included:

• Commencement of outreach meetings with individual member groups to engage with them on the purpose and role of the PPN, especially with regard to influence on decision-making at policy level at a local and national level. This will be continued with PPN Resource Worker being situated at offices in Rossinver and Ballinamore for 2 x ½ days per month and then out meeting groups for the remainder of those days at least. Due to commence mid May. To be scheduled.

• Development Officer met with South Leitrim Community Network. Arising from this meeting, a collaborative project has been established with Leitrim Development Company and in cooperation with the National Ambulance Service with the aim of creating an up to date and accessible list of Public Defibrillator locations in Co. Leitrim.

• Development Officer met with the Older People’s Council.

• GDPR Training for PPN Member groups was held at Ballinamore and Manorhamilton on the 17th and 19th April respectively. Attended by over 30 groups.

• Promotion and receipt of entries for Love Where You Live – Leitrim 2018;

• Promotion of CLÁR Funding;

• Promotion of Use Your Brain Not Your Fists campaign launch including request to National Network of PPN Development Officers to share.

• Leitrim PPN Secretariat to take part in research project with UCC on the practice of participatory policy making. Agreed during April.

Work during April has focused on engaging with the members and representatives to garner a better understanding of the issues that member groups are concerned with and exploring the representative mechanisms of the PPN so that groups can see how this may be used to affect policy and decisions.
Communications: Leitrim PPN Facebook followers increased from 208 to 224 in the last month; Twitter following increased from 150 to 166 in the same period. 18 articles and events were published on Leitrim PPN website during April, 10 relating to training and funding opportunities and one public consultation. The website had 2,379 page views by 653 users over 1,100 sessions. Bounce rate has decreased by 13% and session duration has increased by 34%. There was one newsletter issued during April.

Comhairle na nOg: Comhairle na nÓg “Use Your Brain Not Your Fists” short film had a very successful launch in the Bush Hotel on 27th April at 11.30am. Approximately 200 attendees included relevant agencies, gardaí, local and national press. The YouTube video had 2,292 views as of 11.30am 1st May 2018.

Love Where You Live: Love Where You Live, Jointly sponsored by Leitrim County Council and PPN, was launched and promoted via website, email and social media with a new logo and brochure. There are 100 entrants which far exceeds last years entries, and judging will commence with Ínanna Ní Lamhna judging all the schools on 8th and 9th May.

Age Friendly: Age Friendly Alliance partners progressing actions as appropriate under the Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 (routine / ongoing, urgent / short term – achievable in 2018, and medium term). Action feedback recorded in the Action Plan for the next Age Friendly Alliance meeting on 16th May.

Smoke Alarm Scheme: Smoke Alarm Scheme, providing free smoke alarms for vulnerable households, is being promoted on an ongoing basis through social media, via the Older People’s Council and Active Age Groups, and also in conjunction with Leitrim Warmer Homes Scheme (LDC). 24 households have benefitted from the scheme so far in 2018.

Community Facilities Scheme & RAPID: The Minister proposed to launch a streamlined, possibly amalgamated scheme in May. Not yet announced.

CLÁR Funding: Three playgrounds were funded under CLAR 2017, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermotts Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7000). Works are now complete. CLÁR 2018 was launched, and promoted via website and social media.

Traveller Interagency Group: Traveller Interagency Education, Accommodation and Health working groups have met to progress their specific actions. The 2018 Horse Riding and Animal Welfare Programme is being organised.

Towns and Villages Funding: Progressing the 2 Community Development projects funded under 2017 T&V Scheme: 1) Renovations to St Felim’s College, Ballinamore and 2) Roosky Tourism Initiatives.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Girls Active Festival: As part of the HSE Girls Active programme we conclude this programme with a festival of sport for all the participants involved in the programme. This year we completed two days for the Girls active festival in Drumshanbo Vocational school, where the participants got the opportunity to participate in different sports, Dance, Self Defence, Cycling, Olympic handball, Tag Rugby and Go for Life games. We had 90 girls on the first day and 83 girls from 6 post primary schools in Leitrim completing this initiative. Total Participants: 173

Sports First Aid Course: The Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered a 1 day basic sports First Aid course with CPR for Bornacoola GAA club coaches with 9 people participating on the day. Total Participants: 9
Sports Leadership Course: As part of the TY sports leadership course we completed the course with Drumshanbo PLC Programme with 7 participants completing the course. **Total Participants: 7**

Train to Swim a Mile Challenge: Leitrim Sports Partnership completed the Train to Swim a Mile challenge in the Aura Leisure centre, as part of this programme all the participants received two coached swimming lessons for 8 weeks and then completed the mile challenge. On the programme we had 13 participants that engaged in the training programme and 20 people completing the mile challenge. **Total Participants: 13**

Safe Guarding 1 Workshop: Leitrim Sports Partnership completed a Safe Guarding 1 workshop for sports coaches and community group members in April with 17 participants completing the course. **Total Participants: 17**

Leitrim County Council TY Integration Day
Leitrim County Council and Leitrim Sports Partnership organised and delivered a TY integration day with for all the TY students in the post primary schools in Leitrim. The students got opportunity to participate in physical activity team building games, Road Safety workshop with RSA Simulator Vehicle, Responsible Dog Ownership workshop, and watch a real life Leitrim Fire Service Demonstration by Drumshanbo Fire Brigade Unit. We had students from Ballinamore Community School, Carrick Community School, Lough Allen College, Carrigallen Vocational school, and Mohill Community School with 106 students attending the event on the day. **Total Participants: 106**

THE ARTS

Creative Ireland – We have now formulated a 5 year cultural strategy following the launch of the programme in 2017. A Project Manager will also be appointed to manage the Creative Ireland programmes.

Within the Creative Ireland programme we have also made a call out for events for children and young people as part of Cruinniú na nÓg and 15 applications for events were received from across the County. A Creative Ireland Open Call has also been made to community groups, organisations, venues, artists, writers, performers, archaeologists, historians, archivists and everyone involved in the culture and creative sectors.

Creative Frame - In partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office, the Creative Frame programme has been developed to facilitate the ongoing training and development requirements of practitioners in the creative sector in Leitrim and the wider region. We are currently in the process of planning our 2018 series of workshops and seminars.

Spark – Artist Vanya Lambrecht Ward is currently working with Leitrim County Council on the Spark programme and held an open session for all staff at the Dock.
A call out for businesses to be involved for this year has been advertised.

Festivals and Events – 11 applications for 2018 Festivals were received from across the County and 10 were approved.

Artists in Schools – 4 primary schools have been selected for 2018 covering the whole County and 4 artists have been appointed to work with the schools commencing in September with a planning meeting in May.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios – Artists Margot Quinn and Cathy Reynolds have begun their residencies in the studios.
Leitrim Equation 4 – The Leitrim Equation DVD is now being made available in retail outlets and via online sales.

Youth Theatre - 9 youth theatre groups in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton & Carrigallen are taking part in the January/April term and a meeting has been held with the 3 senior youth theatre leaders.

Music Generation – A successful application was made under the Music Generation programme and the position of Coordinator has now been filled by the ETB. We are in the process of developing a cross border ukulele project and have submitted an application to the dormant accounts fund to purchase €140k worth of musical instruments. We have also developed singing programmes for pre school and primary school and introductory programmes for Cruinniú na nÓg which will be further developed during Carrick Water Music Festival.

Wild Words – Following the call out for submissions for Wild Words volume 6, 350 entries were received from young people across the country, compared with 160 in 2017 and 60 have been selected for inclusion in the book.

Film – Under the Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon partnership programme, a collaboration meeting for filmmakers and writers was held in County Roscommon and a call out has been made for applications for film bursaries.

LIBRARY SERVICE:

Event Programming
Leitrim Libraries hosted a varied programme of events during the month of April, with special Easter-themed activities for children, along with the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, Computer classes, movie screenings, reading groups, writing groups and craft group sessions. Outreach activities with Leitrim Citizen Information Centre and Foróige took place regularly at Mohill Library.

Class visits at pre-school, primary and secondary level continued: Dromahair Library visited Ballintogher Playschool every fortnight with a selection of stock and an opportunity for storytime.

Highlights
- Leitrim Libraries participated in Spring into Storytime, a national storytime initiative during the month of April, aimed at fostering a love of reading among young children, and to provide storytelling tips for parents and carers of young children.
- To mark World Curlew Day on April 21st, Mohill Library hosted a presentation on Curlew Conservation facilitated by Annie Birtwistle, working as part of the Curlew Action Team contracted to the National Parks & Wildlife Service for the Curlew Conservation Programme.
- April is Autism Awareness Month, and Mohill Library held an Information morning on April 25th to raise awareness of the Sensory Room facility available at Mohill Library. The event included a presentation on sensory issues and how these affect children, followed by a discussion on the benefits of the sensory room, by senior occupational therapist, Carla Flynn.
- To coincide with An Taisce’s National Spring Clean, Mohill Library presented a Recycling Workshop as part of a new Recycling Ambassador Programme to help people improve Ireland’s recycling rates and reduce levels of contamination in household recycling bins. The VOICE initiative has been funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and REPAK, with the three regional waste offices (the Southern Region, Connacht Ulster Region and the Eastern Midlands Region) as project partners.
• Dromahair Library commenced conversational Irish classes in partnership with St. Patrick’s Football Club.

FIRE SERVICE
Capital Programme
New Class B fire appliance
The delivery date of our new Class B fire appliance was received. Organised familiarisation training for crew in early May.

Fire Stations
Manorhamilton: This capital project is progressing with land transfer being finalised.

Ballinamore: Fire Station Upgrade progressing with Part 8 planning application detail being finalised.

Drumshanbo: Approval obtained from the Department to appoint the recommended tenderer for the upgrade works.

Fire Service recruitment
Further round of recruitment held for vacant firefighter post in Manorhamilton. One recruit being trained at present.

Building Control Activity
• **Commencement Notices:** 2 received, 1 valid, 1 not yet assessed
• **Opt Out Commencement Notices:** 5 received, 4 valid, 1 not yet assessed
• **Completion Certs:** 1 received, 1 not yet assessed
• **Fire Safety Certificates:** 3 received, 8 processed
• **Disabled Access Certificates:** 2 received, 8 processed

Cross Border Emergency Management meeting
The Cross Border Emergency Management Group met in Dublin to progress the development of a cross border mapping platform and an activation protocol.

CIVIL DEFENCE
• On the 11 April the CDO attended a Severe Weather debrief conducted by Civil Defence HQ in Roscrea.
• On the 14/15 April 3 Volunteers commenced the first stage of the Drone training course provided by Civil Defence HQ. On completion of this training programme Leitrim CD will be equipped with a Drone.
• On the afternoon of Sun 15 April Malin Head Coastguard requested that assistance would be provided to a Cruiser aground on Lough Tap near Drumsna. The Boat Crew responded and the Cruiser was refloated.
• On the 19 April the CDO attended the Civil Defence Officers Association AGM in Ballinasloe.
• Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Section in order that the Lake Water sampling programme could continue.

Signed: [Signature]
Date: 14th May, 2018

Lar Power
Chief Executive