
**FINANCE & WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

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

(PRELIMINARY May 2018 - FIGURES)

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Total: £13,294,004 £34,999,065 £29,217,061 £13,482,880 £34,999,065 £29,516,081 £188,880 £188,880

MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF MAY 2018

Water Expenditure is less than Income from Irish Water.

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

Housing & Building and Road Transport & Safety Differences in Income vs. Expenditure mainly due to outstanding grant claims.

May 2018 - Recourse to Overdraft

| No. of Days in Overdraft during May 2018 | 0 |
| Interest Incurred | £0 |

May 2019 - Collection Rates

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COMMENTS

- Euro Collections are ahead on 2017
- Euro and % collections are down on 2017. This is due to the fact that Rates Bills for 2018 were only issued at the end of April 2018.
- Monetary and % collections slightly down on 2017

May 2018 - Aged Debt Analysis

- M 10 Days: M 40 Days: M 90 Days: M 180 Days: M 1 Year: M 2 Years: M 3 Years: M 4 Years
- M 5 Days: M 10 Days: M 30 Days: M 60 Days: M 90 Days: M 1 Year: M 2 Years: M 3 Years: M 4 Years
Water Services

Operations Update

Maximo: Asset Management

384 issues raised on Maximo, (Irish Water Asset Management System) in May, 2018.
- 104 No. related to Water, 28 No. to Waste Water,
- 16 No. First Fix completed,
- 8 No. were LA Complaints,
- 2 No. related to Leak Detection,
- 203 No. related to Rehabilitation works,
- 4 No. other, and,
- 11 No. new connections Water and 8 No. new connections waste.

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:
Capital Works 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.

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 PSCS. These works have yet to be arranged difficulties with Irish Water procurement.

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.

Minor Capital Works
Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks;
ERVIA has appointed Farrans 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 Mountcambell. Pipeline substantially completed and tested. Service connections outstanding. An extension by 140meters approx. at the Drumsna end has been approved and is ongoing. This will be completed by end of June 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 on the pipeline will commence on 18th June 2018. Farrans has appointed Campbells as subcontractors on this job. Road closures have been granted to allow works to proceed safely. 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 June 2018 and will be undertaken by Carty Contractors following completion of the works at 2 above Ballinamore.

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. Work has commenced on active targeted leak detection and repair in the Carrick on Shannon 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.

3. First Fix customer side leakage
Work is ongoing by Farren’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.

4. Back Yard mains replacement and lead service replacement
The network Contractor Farrans has commenced design works on the back yard mains replacement and walkovers have been conducted with Leitrim County Council staff. Work will commence on these in due course under the Council’s 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 have now been approved and these have been ordered. There is a delivery period of about 4/5 weeks on these and as soon as they are received the Mong Reservoir pumps will be installed first as a priority. 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 (Kinhough 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 systems 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.

**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 with additional works proposal to upgrage the aeration ditch with a fine bubble aeration system instead of the existing surface aerators which are not efficient. Works will start in June 2018. **Final Contract sum will exceed €1,000,000.**

**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’ Dwyers 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.

**Future Developments planning by Irish Water**

**Tullaghan WWTP --- Proposed Pumping Station**

Tullaghan was included with Leitrim Towns and Villages Sewerage Scheme Bundle 1 and it was proposed and agreed with the DoEHLG that Tullaghan would become part of the Bundoran Sewerage scheme and rather than treat at Tullaghan the effluent would be pumped forward for treatment in the Bundoran scheme. This would require only one sea outfall instead of the two currently. The Pumping station civil works were substantially completed in 2011. Due to the delay in procurement of the Bundoran scheme nothing further happened until now.

Following the preparation of an Options Report by RPS Consulting Engineers Irish Water has now agreed that the best way forward is to complete the Tullaghan Pumping Station (Mech/Elec works) and tie up to the Bundoran scheme. Irish Water has addressed the issue and has included these works in a Minor Works Programme (NCAP) to be completed as a matter of priority. This is long overdue and will when completed will remove the discharge on the Leitrim Shoreline at Tullaghan.

**Water Networks Portfolio Frameworks Watermain refurbishment 2018 / 2019**

Since the commencement of this programme in late 2017 approximately 17Km of pipeline under replacement in County Leitrim. Some are completed and all due for completion by Quarter 3 2018.

We are being asked to prepare proposals for the next round of watermain refurbishment to commence in 2018 / 2019 and we will finalise our list for inclusion in the next week or so.
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.

Capital Investment Plan 2020- 2024
Over the last number of years we have been making business case and asset needs applications to Irish Water for the extension of the Water Treatment Plant at Carrick on Shannon. Currently Carrick on Shannon WTP is the 20th largest WTP in the country, based on production, which is now at 11,250cum/day on average. This WTP is now at its maximum capacity and there is very little headroom or additional capacity to meet peak demand.

Assett Strategy Section in Irish Water has now listed this WTP for an extension in the next Capital Programme 2020 – 2024. We have held our first meeting with Irish Water on the broad scoping of the project and we will be pushing for an extension in the order of an extra 3000 – 4000 Cum/day to a total production capacity of 14,000 – 15,000 cum/day. or an increase in capacity of 25%.
Irish Water will now proceed and engage a Consultant to prepare all of the necessary documents, Planning permissions, Appropriate Assessments, environmental reports, abstraction orders etc and prepare a scope of works and Tender Documents for procurement by Irish Water of a Contract to deliver the project.
All current works at the plant under the energy project (new pumps) and disinfection programme are being upsized for this new ultimate capacity of an extended plant.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:
LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)
Training
There continues to be a strong great interest in training programmes, particularly GDPR and Social Media.

Mentoring
There continues to be a strong interest in one to one mentoring requests particularly in areas of Social Media, Marketing and Finance.

Student Enterprise Awards
Two groups of students from St. Clare’s, Manorhamilton represented Leitrim at the Student Enterprise Final in Croke Park on May 5th. Congratulations to “Slide it Up” who received a Special Merit award in the Junior category.
National School Enterprise Awareness
All workshops with the 14 National Schools under the programme have been completed and the closing date for entry for slogan is 12th June next.

National Enterprise Awards
The National Enterprise Awards were held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 24th May last, Niall Kiernan, Global Green Sustainability represented Leitrim, and unfortunately he was unsuccessful on the night.

Food Academy
An event to mark the 5th anniversary of the Food Academy Programme was held on 23rd May in Bord Bia, Dublin. Among the nine successful Food Academy participants to represent the Food Academy Programme, were Mc Niffe’s Boxty, Drumshanbo.

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 enterprises manufacturing their own product or offering an innovative service relevant to the audience expected at the show. Eligible clients were invited to express their interest by 26th April, and submitted for selection centrally to avoid duplication of business types. Dromod Boxy were selected to represent Co. Leitrim at the 2018 Enterprise Village.

Showcase
The Enterprise Zone at Showcase will host two clients from Local Enterprise Office Leitrim. The two clients for 2019 are Artwood and Carol Mc Loughlin Calligraphy.

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

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.
- A new Food Starter Programme will give emerging food entrepreneurs and those who want to begin their food production journey, practical support to bring their idea or product to life. Run across two days, the programme will focus on providing new and emerging food businesses with all the information they need in the early stages of food production. This will include product research, identifying gaps and opportunities in the food market, branding and brand building, production costs and distribution.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- CCTV
Meeting took place of Carrick CCTV group along with the Technical Expertise to review the progress including review meeting with Electric Skyline and agree.

Town and Village - Carrick on Shannon
Linked in with Bernard Greene on retractable Roof.

Town Team – Manorhamilton
- Met with Gerry Creamer of the Caislean Hamilton group to follow up progress and process claim.
- Meeting with Mark Conway re reviewing progress on Manorhamilton Plan and develop plan going forward.
Town and Village – Mohil
Liaise with members to progress to the next stage with drawdown. Initial Town meeting re Economic Development Plan.

SEC Mohill (Sustainable Energy Communities Mohill)
First Public Consultation on Energy Masterplan.

REDZ Food – Taste Leitrim /The Food Hub.
Work is ongoing at the Food Hub in relation to finishing the Food Experience. “Marketing Master Class for Food Businesses” took place in Lough Rynn. Worked with Mohill Youth Cafe and Mohill Community Network on Street Feast

SECURE project
o Roll out promotion of Energy Awareness day for EU Energy Week for June 8th.
 o Finalised and promoted Energy Awareness training for LCC Staff booked for June 6th.
 o Exploring the possibility of a renewable energy strategy for the County under this funding.
 o SECURE Partner meeting in the Faroe Islands

Graduate Internship Programme
Finalised placements in Cora Systems one other for 2018.

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

Purple Flag.
Finalised Public Perception Survey, and preparations for the Self Assessment on June 16th. Local Steering group meeting.

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

Slow Adventure
1. Followed up on the huge interest shown in our Slow Adventure offering at Meitheal 2018 held in City West in Dublin last month. Information was sent to in excess of 40 Tour Operators with details of Slow Adventure experiences in Leitrim.

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

Meetings
3. Attended a meeting with the 5 Glens Project Committee in Manorhamilton.

4. Attended a special meeting of the Recreational Strategy Angling subcommittee where presentations were made by Inland Fisheries Ireland and The Wild Atlantic Salmon Project.

5. Attended meeting with LDCC regarding edits to the Leitrim Tourism on-line angling guide. IFI are funding the publication of print copies of this guide.
Events
6. King of Clubs took place in Ballinamore in May 2018. Leitrim Tourism provided support for the event and attended event on final night. Plans are already in place for this event returning to the area next year.

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

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

9. 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
10. Final images submitted to Failte Ireland in respect of Glencar Project. This will 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 no. estates funded as part of Measure 3 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative and have 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 May. 4 no. new pre planning consultations took place during May in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management
- 27 no. valid planning applications were received in May. These include application seeking to develop a multiple house development (10 no. houses) at Church Lane, Ballinamore and 3 no. light industrial units in Drumshanbo. A total of 6 no. commercial development proposals were included in these applications. Of the applications lodged, 1 application sought an extension of duration of planning permission, 2 applications sought the retention of planning permission and the remaining 24 no. applications sought planning permission. In addition, a further 5 no. applications submitted were deemed invalid and returned to the applicants. 3 no. of the previously deemed invalid applications have had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority.
- 10 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during May, 9 of which were granted planning permission. An application seeking to extend the duration of their permission was refused. A request for Further Information issued with respect to a further 7 no. applications during the month of May.
- A Part 8 proposal for the development of 27 no. dwelling houses at Autumn View, Summerhill, Townparks, Carrick-on-Shannon was approved at the May Council meeting. There are 2 separate Part 8 proposed developments currently on public display – Phase III of North Shannon Blueway at Drumshanbo in partnership with Waterways Ireland comprising of the construction of a 1km cycle/pedestrian trail including a new footbridge, new car park and entrance road at Drumshanbo Lock
and a new pedestrian/cycle road crossing, including widening of the existing footpath on the R208 regional road whilst separately the proposed demolition of the existing fire station in Ballinamore and the construction of a new fire station and drill tower on the same site.

Forward Planning

- The Planning Authority made Variation No. 1 to the County Development Plan at the May 9th meeting 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 made at this meeting. The Variation and Amendments were published along with their Strategic Environmental Assessment determinations on May 30th.

Casual Trading

- The Casual Trading Byelaws 2019 pursuant to Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995 in relation to the control, regulation, supervision and administration of casual trading in Co. Leitrim were adopted at the May Council meeting.

Heritage

- The Council advertised the post of Heritage Officer following the adoption of the budget by the Elected Members last year. Interviews were held on 24th May and the successful candidate will shortly be offered a 3 year contract.

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. The EPA are holding the National Water Event in Galway on 20th & 21st June 2018. They have selected Leitrim County Council initiative on the Infographic for the Management of Organic Fertilisers and this will feature in Poster format at the Event.

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

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

The OPW in conjunction with their Consulting Engineers have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed. Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plan for the Shannon CFRAM catchment took place 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 are currently examining 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 are required, are now available on the website:

www.opw.ie/framplan

The Shannon CFRAM Consultants continue to work hard on completing the Flood Risk Management Plans for the Shannon CFRAM areas and these are scheduled for submission 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 will then be 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 have now sent 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 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 Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP) are now on Public Display in the foyer area of County Buildings adjacent to the Reception/Tax office. These will be on Public display until the FRMP are adopted. All documentation can also be viewed on the OPW web site www.floodinfo.ie by the public. The OPW Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) will go before the elected member on Monday 2nd July at the Council Meeting for consideration and adoption.


Water is essential for life and for our natural environment. It is also critical to our wellbeing and our economy and provides essential services supporting people and communities, agriculture, industry, transport and tourism. However, water is a fragile resource that needs to be protected from the many pressures that are placed on it. It must be managed and used in a sustainable manner.

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.

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 Department website as follows:

http://www.housing.gov.ie/

A paper copy version of the draft plan can also be requested from the email or postal address below:

RBMP@housing.gov.ie

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Custom House
Dublin 1


The Border Regional Water & Environment Management Committee chaired by Frank Curran (CE) continue to have quarterly meetings with the last meeting held on Monday 19th June 2017. A wide range of stakeholders attends these meetings such as senior management staff from EPA, LAWCO, Waterways Ireland, Teagasc, Department of Agriculture, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Irish Water, Marine Institute, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Office of Public Works, Coilte, EPA Regional office staff, Forest Service, Loughs Agency, Geological Survey of Ireland, New regional resource, ESB, Regional Authorities etc.

A Border Regional Operational Committee was set up and they held their first meeting on the 27th July 2017 under the chair of Michael Mc Garvey (DOS – Donegal County Council). The membership is similar to the Management Committee but focused on staff working on the ground and developing and enhancing interagency networking, develop relationships and work together to help achieve objectives of the Water Framework Directive to benefit both the local Community and the Environment.

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

The New 2018-2021 River Basin Management Plan establishes a framework for coordination between Local Authorities and Public agencies to achieve water quality improvements that will protect public Health and amenities, wildlife, and our economy. A reliable supply of good water quality is vital for industries like agriculture, pharmaceuticals and tourism, across the entire country.

Local Authorities are currently finalizing a recruitment drive for 35 scientists, who will have specific responsibility for implementing the actions set out in the River Basin Management Plan. This new team is called the Local Authority Water Support and Advice Team (LAWSAT) and they will work closely with local authority staff, LAWCOS, the EPA, and other public agencies. In addition, there will be 30 advisors in the Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advice Programme (ASSAP) which is being led by Teagasc and the dairy industry. All members of the SPC were briefed on Wednesday 25th July 2018 regards the RBMP and the priority Areas of Action. A presentation will be made in the autumn to full Council regards the new 2018-2021 River Basin Management Plan.

**Recommended Areas of Protection**

**Co Leitrim**

Lough Allen

Cullies River

Lough Melvin and Drowes

Yellow River

Lough Gill

Glencar Lake

Upper Bonet

Duff River

Killukin River (Upper Shannon)

Lough Rinn
Areas for Action within regional committee boundaries

Regions (regional committee boundaries):
- Cross Border
- Eastern Midlands
- South Eastern
- South Western
- Western

Areas for Action

ROI / NI Boundary

County Boundary

Data Source: EPA/OSI
Date: 16/05/2016
VETERINARY SERVICES

Abattoirs
Slaughter Returns: May 2018: 67 Cattle, 152 Sheep and 17 Pigs were slaughtered.

4 Hygiene Inspections were carried out in abattoirs. 5 microbiology samples and 2 veterinary residue samples were taken.

Small Meat Manufacturing Plants
Two Ready Meal Manufacturers, two Meat Cutting Plants and one Meat Distributor are under the supervision of Leitrim County Council. 4 Premises Hygiene Inspections were carried out, 0 food samples, 0 environmental swabs and 0 water samples were taken.

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service activities during May 2018 are detailed below;
- 9 stray dogs, 7 surrendered dogs.
- 7 dogs re-homed, 3 dogs re-claimed.
- 0 dog died, 0 dog euthanized.
- 37 Service requests, 51 Dog warden inspections.
- 4 dogs neutered, 1 neutering voucher issued, 9 dogs micro-chipped.

Responsible Dog Ownership Programme
3 School Visits, 2 radio Interviews, 1 newspaper articles published, 2 presentations to community groups.

Leitrim Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for Stray Cats
5 cats were trapped and tested for viruses. 0 cats were euthanized, 5 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 an online Irish Horse Welfare Trust online training programme.

Leitrim County Council will participate in the proposed Dept 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, Footpath & Public Lighting at Aughnasheelin National School, Footpath at Drumshanbo (part of footpath complete with funding allocation received and additional funding will be required in order to complete this project) and Upgrade and Refurbishments at Keeldra Lake Amenity Development. Works are in progress and nearing completion on the following Clar 2017 Project - Pedestrian Crossing, Footpaths and Public Lighting at Newtowngore Community Hall & Car Park (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.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
Works are currently nearing completion 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 36 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. A copy of the CPO and associated maps and documents were 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. This CPO was submitted to An Bord Pleanala in May 2018 for their consideration and approval.
Road Safety
As part of our Road Safety Programme, an education Programme called “Drive for Life” was provided to Transition Year Students in Carrigallen Vocational School on 2nd May, 2018. This Programme provides education to young people about the importance of taking care on our roads and the dangers posed by speed, drink driving etc. A meeting of the “Road Safety Working Together Group” was held on the 16th May, 2018. This Group consists of representatives from Leitrim County Council, the Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Siochana, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the HSE, Carrick on Shannon Education Centre and North Connacht Youth Services. This Group meets on approx. 2 – 3 occasions per annum in order to review the objectives set out in the “County Leitrim Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020”.

Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2018
The Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Leitrim) Bye Laws 2018 provide for Speed Limits of 30 km/h, 50 km/h, 60 km/h, 80 km/h and 100 km/h on designated sections of specified National, Regional and Local Roads throughout County Leitrim. These Bye Laws were adopted and approved by Leitrim County Council at a meeting of Leitrim County Council on 8th May, 2018. These Bye Laws will become operational on 2nd July, 2018.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:
Enhancement of Schemes –
Drumaleague GWS - Upgrade Works on Drumaleague GWS are currently in progress.
Mohercregg GWS - Works have commenced with regard to the construction of an Access Road to the Treatment Plant and the laying of a Water main.

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 is at an advanced stage 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.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 – 2018 – 2018 Allocation - An Interim Block Grant Allocation of €90,000 in respect of Measure 2 of this Programme (Enhancement of existing Schemes) was received by Leitrim County Council from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government in January 2018. In May 2018, Leitrim County Council made a Submission to the Department for further funding under Measures 1, 2, 3 & 4 of this Programme.
Housing Allocations

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Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st May 2018

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## HOUSING GRANTS

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

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## HOUSING CAPITAL

**Energy Efficiency Works**

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 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 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.

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 September 2018, construction costs of €880,000.

Capital Construction Project – Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Stage 2 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 the detailed design. Part 8 planning approval was approved at the May Council meeting.

COMMUNITY:

Peace IV

Children & Youth People
• Cross Border Exchange Programme (€35,000) awarded to ETB (Uke4Peace) Music Programme with Music Generation Development Worker
• Peace Learning for Young People Programme (€94,700) Foróige Approved to run this programme, contracts have been issues.
• Diversity Project x2 programme (€30,000 & €50,000) North Connacht Youth Services & Leitrim Childcare Committee respectively – programme now underway.
• Anti-Social Behaviour Programme (€41,190) – Interviews for Dev worker (LDC) took place. Development Worker has been appointed as of last week
• Sports4Peace (€77,000) Uni of Ulster awarded contract – programme underway.

Building Positive Relations
• Support for Ethnic Minorities (€106,000) Programme well underway, workshops and cultural events ongoing through summer months
• Support for Minority Christian Faiths (€148,000) Programme well underway, Peace Gardens in 4 locations around county, Interfaith dialogue Workshop and Cross Community training and events ongoing through Summer
• Support for Ex Prisoners and Former Combatants (€140,000) – La Nua responded to open tender, tender was assessed Tuesday's but did not meet assessment criteria, will be re-advertised asap.
• Events around Women’s Suffrage (£20,000) Living History Project includes drama and a series of Public talks and workshops – project is well underway and includes women groups & TY students in school in Manorhamilton and Mohill.

• Remembering Leitrim War Dead (£90,000 - 10% for facilitation) Facilitator appointed and facilitation element of the project has commenced as of last week. Facilitator (connectPR – Maeve McCormack) met with Partnership to discuss issues of contention.

• Rural Women Along the Border (£52,000) Programme well underway, events and workshops scheduled for coming months, themes used include quilting, craft workshops & print workshops

• Capacity Building Project in Kiltyclogher and Cashel (£64,250) LDC Dev. Worker appointed and project has commenced, launch and day trip schedule for later this month, Dev worker has engaged with local groups along the border and planning intergenerational drama/arts events for the Kilty Shared Space.

Shared Spaces
• Mohill (£210,000) – Architect working on designs – meeting with community group to review designs 20th June, designs to go to planning by 2nd July.

• Kiltyclogher & Manorhamilton Projects (£139,621 & £173,037 respectively) – Tenders for Architectural services on E-tenders, closing date 15th June, to be assessed Monday 18th June.

Public Participation Network
At the end of the May 2018 Leitrim PPN had 247 members including 6 pending and 1 associate membership. A number of new registrations are expected arising from the work of the Peace IV Partnership, the Open Call for Creative Ireland and the imminent release of application forms for the new Community Enhancement Scheme.

Activities during May included:
• Outreach Days were held in Ballinamore and Rossinver with Development Officer on site at office for approximately a half day and then out visiting and meeting with groups for the remainder. Days for June to be scheduled.

• Increased cooperation with representatives resulting in 2 feedback reports from Strategic Policy Committee meetings. These are the first feedbacks to groups and mark a good improvement on the communications required within the PPN.

• Collaborative project with Leitrim Development Company creating an up to date and accessible list of Public Defibrillator locations in Co. Leitrim is ongoing. Five areas have submitted details of locations and access codes and these have been registered with the National Ambulance Service. The collation of data is being carried out by Leitrim Volunteering Information Service. More areas to be individually targeted as information is not forthcoming.

• Met with North Leitrim Community Network: exploration of collaboration and improved engagement with groups in cooperation with Leitrim Development Company. Work progressing in July and culminating in Sept.

• GDPR Privacy Policy, Risk Assessment and Information Audits implemented and publicised prior to May 25th.

• Ongoing promotion of: *Use Your Brain Not Your Fists* campaign, Bealtaine Events, Peace IV and Sports Partnership [Events, Voice Recycling Ambassador Programme, Source to Tap and Creative Ireland Open Call.

• Leitrim PPN Secretariat took part in Participatory Policy Making Research with Dr Mark Cullinane, UCC. Some follow up expected. Research will be made available once published.
Work during May was focused on GDPR and consolidating database, removing unnecessary files, etc. Engaging with the member groups and representatives is improving understanding the representative mechanisms of the PPN and issues that concern PPN member groups. It is a slow but useful process.

The strategy of prioritising communications to increase engagement and perceived purpose of Leitrim PPN appears to be paying off with 20% monthly increases in website traffic between April and May and anecdotal evidence from third parties that the website and social media platforms are being seen as “go to” for community funding, training and news information.

**Comhairle na nOg**
Comhairle na nOg “Use Your Brain Not Your Fists” steering group is focussing on a social media plan to maintain the momentum of the campaign over the summer months and to introduce it into the schools in September. The YouTube video has had almost 5,000 views and has been extensively shared on social media.

**Love Where You Live**
Love Where You Live, Jointly sponsored by Leitrim County Council and PPN, has 107 entrants this year, and judging has commenced. 4 more days of judging to take place in June and July with Éanna Ní Lamhna.

**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). Two triobikes have been purchased and a social media campaign to recruit volunteer cyclists has been launched.

**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). 25 households have benefitted from the scheme so far in 2018.

**Community Enhancement Programme**
The Minister has announced this new programme which is an amalgamation of last year’s Community Facilities Scheme and RAPID Recast. It will be launched when details are finalized by LCDC.

**CLÁR Funding**
CLÁR 2018 was launched, and promoted via website and social media.

**Traveller Interagency Group**
The 2018 Horse Riding and Animal Welfare programme has been launched.

**Towns and Villages Funding**
Progressing the 2 Community Development projects funded under 2017 T&V Scheme: 1) Renovations to St Felims College, Ballinamore and 2) Roosky Tourism Initiatives.

**LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

**Go For Life Games:** Leitrim Sports Partnership have completed two Go For Life Games afternoons with the Active age Groups in Ballinamore (15) and Carrick on Shannon (15) and Drumshanbo (19) with 49 people
attending the workshops. A Leitrim County team will be selected to attend the National Go For Life Games in Dublin in June. **Total Participants: 49**

**Paddle’s Up Group Event:** Leitrim Sports Partnership in association with Waterways Ireland completed the Paddle’s up group event with Ballinamore Community School and St Clare’s Comprehensive school with 40 students participating on the day in Acres Lake. **Total Participants: 40**

**Safe Guarding 2 Workshop:** A Safe Guarding 2 workshop in Carrick on Shannon with 9 people attending the workshop, representing GAA, Horse riding, Gymnastics and staff members from Aura leisure centre. **Total Participants: 9**

**Body and Soul Workshop:** Leitrim Development Company in partnership with Leitrim Sports Partnership delivered the Body and Soul workshop with 145 people attending this event. The LSP delivered a Zumba Gold and Pilates workshop and a flexibility and Mobility workshop. **Total Participants: 145**

**Fighting Fit Programme:** This is an 8 week functional Movement class for over 50's, using boxing specific exercise taking place on Friday evenings in Drumsna Boxing Club. This is fun way to get active and get involved in your local boxing club with 21 men participating on this programme. **Total Participants: 21**

**Women on the Water:** Leitrim Sports Partnership have started this week the Women’s on the Water programme in three venues, Acres Lake, Drumsna, and two evening in Lough Rynn Rowing facility with 100 women registered to complete this programme. **Total Participants: 100**

**Healthy Leitrim**

**Men’s Shed Health:** Men’s Shed Health and Fitness Initiative, free PSA checks were delivered to Leitrim County Council outdoor workers in four depots across four days and a total of 108 Leitrim County Council outdoor staff workers were screened. **Total Participants: 108**

**Cycle Right Training:** Cycle Right training was delivered to the TY students in Lough Allen Secondary schools with 27 students completing the training. **Total Participants: 27**

**THE ARTS**

**Creative Ireland** – Following the launch of the programme in 2017, a 5 year cultural strategy has been formulated. A Project Manager will also be appointed to manage the Creative Ireland Programmes.

Within the Creative Ireland Programme a call out was made for events for children and young people as part of Cruinniú na nÓg and 15 applications for events were received from across the County, of which 14 were accepted with 26 events confirmed. 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. Our 2018 Programme of workshops and seminars included a Child Protection information session in May.

**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. The planning meeting was held in May.

Drumshanbo Artist Studies – 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 €140,000 worth of musical instruments. Singing programmes for pre school and primary school have also developed as have 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 Sligc/Leitrim/Roscommon Partnership Programme, a collaboration meeting for filmmakers and writers was held in County Roscommom and a call out has been made for applications for film bursaries.

**LIBRARY SERVICE:**

**Library Team News:**

The untimely passing of our colleague Orla Parkinson, Senior Library Assistant from Manorhamilton Library (RIP) took place on May 13th 2018 – her loss is keenly felt by the Service.

**Event Programming**

Leitrim Libraries hosted a varied programme of events during the month of May, including the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, 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.

**Highlights**

- The County Library in Ballinamore played host to a day-long seminar entitled “Time and Place: A taste of John McGahern’s Leitrim”.
- A series of free i-Pad classes delivered over 5 days by Digitise the Nation – Getting Ireland online took place in Ballinamore, Carrick, Drumshanbo and Manorhamilton Libraries during the month of May.
- To mark Biodiversity Week, Ballinamore Library presented a talk on Bats and Bat Conversation, facilitated by a member of Bat Conservation Ireland.
• Dromahair Library held an event to mark the presentation of a map of local historical importance to the community of Dromahair, the map was unveiled by Councillor Frank Dolan.
• Ballinamore Library presented a local history lecture by Monsignor Liam Kelly.

BEALTAINE:
Leitrim Libraries ran a number of events to mark Bealtaine, a festival which celebrates creativity in older age, in association with local Active Age groups and other interested groups, including:
• Ballinamore Library screened a series of documentaries on local customs.
• Carrigallen Library presented a special Reeling in The Years event, comprising a Photographic display of local people and places 1997-2018.
• Manorhamilton Library ran a Leather Workshop in association with the local Men’s Shed.
• Mohill and Manorhamilton Libraries held craft workshops including how to knit a bookmark and create a fascinator.
• Carrick-on-Shannon Library held a harmonious Sing Together event.

Services to Schools
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.
• Kiltyclogher Library ran a special Yoga for Kids event in association with Kiltyclogher N.S.
• Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries invited groups in from local primary and secondary schools to participate in Rap workshops.

The sensory room facility in Mohill Library continues to be a highly-valued and well-used service, with over 26 visits recorded in May.

FIRE SERVICE
Capital Programme
Application for capital funding for fire service fleet
A report on our existing fire service fleet was prepared. A submission is to be forwarded to the Department to seek additional capital funding.

Fire Stations
Manorhamilton: Purchase of site for fire station completed.

Ballinamore: Part 8 planning application completed and ready for July Council meeting

Drumshanbo: Received approval from the Department to appoint the recommended tenderer.

Fire Service recruitment
Further round of recruitment being held for vacant firefighter post in Manorhamilton

Building Control Activity
• Commencement Notices: 2 valid
• Opt Out Commencement Notices: 1 valid
• Completion Certificates: 2 valid
• Fire Safety Certificates: 2 received, 2 processed
• Disabled Access Certificates: 2 received, 1 processed
CIVIL DEFENCE

- On 11 May the Civil Defence Officer attended serious incident scenario training.
- On 12 May First Aid services were provided during the Darkness in to Light event held in Ballinamore.
- On the 28 May a display of Civil Defence Equipment was held during the Jamestown Festival. Civil Defence Volunteers also secured the landing site for the Coastguard helicopter display during the Festival.
- On 30 May the Civil Defence Officer attended Child Protection Instructor training at Civil Defence HQ in Roscrea.

Signed: [Signature]

Lar Power
Chief Executive

Date: 14th June, 2018