**FINANCE & WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**OCTOBER 2017 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division.**

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**MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF OCTOBER 2017**

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

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**OCTOBER 2017 - Collection Rates**

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Operations Update

Maximo: Asset Management

63 calls logged on Maximo (Asset Management System) in October, 2017.

Breakdown as follows: Water (48), Waste (5).
- LA Complaints: 2
- First Fix: 5
- New connections: water (2), waste-water (1)

Water Conservation:

UFW in this county 49.8%
The following are the District Metering Areas (DMA’s) which require urgent targeted leak detection and repair:

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<th>DMA Name</th>
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<th>Total Net Inflow m³/day</th>
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School Road | 1700_TEMP_007 | 101,000 | 11,404 | 89,596 | 88.709
Black Road | | | | |
Toomans to Gortfadda | 1700MA022 | 494,800 | 144,600 | 350,200 | 70.776

Capital Update

North Leitrim Regional Water supply Scheme
The contractor EPS commenced work on site at Moneyduff WTP on 26th October, 2016. Works are ongoing but are somewhat delayed. Following completion of the works EPS will operate the new extended WTP for a further year as a commissioning / process proving period when the new plant will be handed over to Irish Water / Leitrim County Council for operate under the SLA. The Contractor EPS is operating the existing water treatment plant and the water produced is meeting all of the necessary drinking water standards. The Contract sum is €3.84 million.

Extension of Supply to Rossinver and Kiltyclogher
Ward and Burke Construction Ltd commenced on site on 20th June, 2016. All of the 11.0 km of pipelines were completed, tested and commissioned in December, 2016 and the pipelines put into service. The Boil Water Notice on the old Kiltyclogher supply was lifted on 16th December, 2016. Some works on snags are currently ongoing. Outstanding work on private property which involves approximately 300 meters of service connections from the meters to the rear/backyards of houses situated well off the road is not included in the scope of works for the Ward and Burke contract. A schedule of all such outstanding works has been prepared and CaPO will seek a budget to cover these extra works and get them done separately. All in cost total project €2.0 million.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
Coffey Water Ltd has been awarded this Contract. Following compliance with documentation, insurances, bonds etc. It is anticipated that the contract will be signed in early November. A commencement date will be set sometime late November/December and work will commence on the design phase and progress to the build phase early in the New Year. Coffey Water Ltd will operate the two WWTP’s at Manorhamilton and Mohill from the commencement date once it is set. The Design / Build phase is programmed for 1 year with a further one year operate / commissioning. Therefore the new upgraded WWTP’s will be handed over to Leitrim County Council for operate under the SLA sometime in November/December, 2019. The all in cost of this project will exceed €4.0 million.

Capital Investment Plan 2017-2012
There is 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. Irish Water has appointed Atkins Consulting Engineers to undertake the feasibility study and preliminary report on the bundled scheme. The initial 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 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 sometime in 2019.
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

Irish Water is anxious that works under this new programme will take place immediately and before the end of 2017. We have made a number of submissions for water main upgrades in Leitrim and two projects have been approved as priority:

- Replace 1,680 meters of old 300 mm AC Trunk Main at Mountcampbell. Work will begin on this new trunk main in November of this year and should be completed by February, 2018.
- Replace 2,270 meters of old cast iron mains at Ballinamore. Work has begun on the designs for this new water main and work is likely to commence early in the new year.
- Irish Water has approved two further pipeline works at Corraleehan and Manorhamilton and has issued work orders to Farrans to undertake. Initial designs will commence soon and works will hopefully commence in February, 2018.
- The CaPO Office will liaise with Farrans and provided background information on all projects and approve the design for replacement pipelines.

2. Find and Fix

Find and fix is included in the network portfolio and we are currently negotiating with Irish Water on resources for staffing this new and additional initiative. Leitrim County Council CaPO requires an additional Engineer and Caretaker resource for “Find” and an additional outdoor 3 man crew for fix capability. This has yet to be agreed with Irish Water. The work of repair of found leaks will be shared between the in house fix crew and the framework Contractor Farrans. This find and fix initiative will be managed by a Project Manager from the CaPO office. The Engineering resource we are seeking is needed to manage this and would also assist on other Network Portfolio initiatives such as “First Fix”, “lead service replacement” and “pressure management” etc.

3. First Fix (Customer side leakage).

Farrans have been given a list of 60 domestic customers with excessive (>5.0cum/day) usage and will be approaching these with a view to finding and fixing leaks on private property.

Energy Efficiency Programme

Proposals for upgrade of raw water pumps, High Lift Pumps, pumps at Mong Reservoir to include some civil works of pipelines upgrading at Mong reservoir. A budget of €260,000 has been allocated under Minor Capital projects expenditure for these works. J.B.Barrys Consulting Engineers has been appointed as ER on this project and six companies have been invited to tender. Clarifications have been received from tenderers and we are compiling information in response. ERVIA will appoint the preferred bidder before the end of the year with work programmed to start in the New Year.

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 IWW 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 and the initial inspections have taken place and background information is being provided to the contractors Veolia.

**Water Treatment Programme - Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim/Roscommon**
Irish Water wish to appoint 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. We are currently engaged with IW on the scoping of the brief and providing background information on Glenade WTP.

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

**DMA Programme**
Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in Co. Leitrim. EMR are the main Contractor on this project which is now substantially completed. Minor snagging works outstanding prior to close out of project. Total cost €518,000.

**Killenanna Watermain**
Replacement of 2km of old cast iron watermains which are causing a water quality (iron / colour) issue. The Contractor Sean Quigley Contracts Limited has substantially completed the works here and individual connections are being transferred to the new main. All works should complete by end of November and all customers will be receiving water from the new main.

**Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades**
Tendering completed and a recommendation to IRISH WATER on the preferred bidder was made on 11th April 2017. IW has submitted the recommendation to ERVIA shared services to complete the appointment and signing of contracts etc. We await this appointment, which is somewhat delayed. We are informed that these works will now most likely commence in the New Year with six month contract duration. Tendered Contract sum €612,064.

**Inline UV and Crypto Samplers**
Coffey’s Water Ltd. has completed all works at our two WTP’s. Commissioning and calibrating of instruments ongoing. The contract also includes for a 12 month monitoring of raw and treated water at these plants which has commenced.

**Trunk Main replacement Esln – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000**
The Contractor MAST Construction Limited has substantially completed works on this new Trunk Watermain. The new main is currently under test and when passed work will begin on the transferring of all connections from the old to the new main and decommissioning of the old main. All works will be completed by the end of the year.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:**

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)**

**Evaluation and Approvals Committee Meeting**
The fourth meeting of the Evaluation and Approvals Committee took place on 23rd October where a total of 6 projects were considered with 5 receiving letters of offer. The total awarded was €52,500.
Training
The final training of the autumn/winter schedule is currently being delivered.

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

Ireland’s Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)
The Enterprise Day for applicants was held on 17th October. The Bootcamp takes place during November.

National Women’s Enterprise Day
LEO Leitrim hosted a successful National Women’s Enterprise Day event on 12th October with guest speaker Moira Geary discussing Practical Strategies to Removing Roadblocks and Barriers to Success. Sinead Gillard, the Leitrim Ambassador for National Women’s Enterprise Day also gave an insight on how she built Jinny’s Bakery to become the successful business it is.

LEO Innovation Investment Fund (LIIF)
The Pitch Day for the LIIF Programme was held on Training Programme was held on 26th October in Sligo. Of the 15 participants from the 4 counties (Leitrim, Longford, Donegal and Sligo), a total of 7 received investment, unfortunately none of which were from Leitrim.

LEO Competitive Funds
Both the Graduate Internship for Entrepreneurship Programme and Creative Connections Programme are progressing well with the programmes due for completion in December.

Erasmus Programmes
The first partner meeting of the WISE (Women Entrepreneurs in STEM) Programme took place in Omagh on 25th October with partners attending from Germany and Norway.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Teams – Carrick on Shannon
- Purple Flag
  - Purple Flag Award announced by ATCM
  - Social Media information on award circulated
  - Press Release and Photograph sent to Leitrim Observer
  - Prize Winner of VIP Award selected and notified

- Enterprising Towns
  - Met with judges and participated in adjudication of Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton

- CCTV
  - Contact made with Gardai in relation to date for national CCTV Sub-Committee Meeting – December 7th is next date. Gardai will follow up nearer with further details
  - Information requested on company names and number to finalise form
  - Information requested on evidence of matched funding to put with application form
  - Awaiting completed way-leaves to put with application
  - Form completed subject to information needed above

Town Teams – Rooskey
- Meeting organised by facilitator with community. Feedback requested from Roscommon County Council.
Diaspora Strategy
- Presentation by 3 companies arranged and held on September 8th. Successful tender picked by reps from each County involved. Contract prepared and insurances etc checked.
- First meeting with Consultant held on September 27th with attendees from each County.
- Next steps agreed in terms of database collection and priorities for each county in Diaspora work.

SECURE Project
- Updates given to Lead Partner
- Followed up re External Expertise contract progress should be awarded early November
- Partner Meeting, site visits and Conference Agenda Finalised and all speakers confirmed
- Logistics organised for partner meetings and Conference

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

1. The SAINT Project Digital Marketing campaign ran to test market the Slow Adventure tourism experiences. The marketing activities consisted mainly of digital marketing elements.
2. Hosted visit from SAINT Partners Derry in early September. Our Derry Partners sampled Leitrim’s Slow Adventure experiences with a number of our providers including Adventure Gently, The Organic Centre, Lough Allen Adventure, Leitrim Cycles and The Food Hub in Drumshanbo
3. Attended the Over 50’s EXPO at the RDS 20th to 22nd October.
4. Hosted SAINT Transnational meeting Leitrim in October 23rd to 26th at Lough Rynn Castle where project partners from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Scotland and Northern Ireland attended. A full programme of activities with Leitrim SMEs including Adventure Gently, The Organic Centre, Bike Trails, Edergole Kitchen and Leitrim Surf.
5. Tourism Officer took part in the monthly SAINT Project SKYPE meeting with International Partners.
6. A marketing campaign took place that actively targeted Active Age and 50s Plus. Accommodation providers in the county provided special offers which were advertised under a Leitrim umbrella in The Munster Express, The Kerryman, The Belfast Telegraph, The Carlow Nationalist, The Meath Chronicle and the Irish Examiner.
7. Leitrim Tourism continued to support both the Tourist Information Point at Glencar Waterfall and the Angling and Tourism Centre in Ballinamore. Both centres were restocked for the winter period.
8. Updates were carried out on the Leitrim Tourism Website.
9. Continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained including featuring a town of the week and a weekly Wellness Wednesday. We are also promoting festival and events throughout the county.
10. Video editing took place on the various SAINT Project Slow Adventure cluster videos which will provide each cluster with a video for their business use and these can also be used to promote the Slow Adventure experiences in Leitrim.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge
- Works have been completed in all but one of the housing estates (9 no.) across the county which obtained funding under Measure 1 of the National Taking in Charge Initiative. 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. The Council are now preparing a detailed claim against each of the bonds in question. The Council is awaiting clarification with respect to a draft legal opinion from our Senior Counsel in relation to a series of question pertaining to development bonds.
The Council is at an advanced stage of advertising a further suite of estates for taking in charge which includes the 9 no. estates which received funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of October. 10 no. new pre planning consultations took place during October in addition to a number of other enquires which are dealt with through e-mail and phone.

Development Management

- 10 no. valid planning applications were received in October of which 5 no. related to commercial development. One application by ElastoMetall Ireland seeks to construct a new office extension, goods inward factory extension and new workshop at their existing facility in Manorhamilton. Of the applications lodged, 4 no. applications sought retention of planning permission and one application sought an extension of duration of planning permission. A further 8 no. applications were deemed invalid of which only 2 no. had subsequent valid applications accepted by the Planning Authority.
- 12 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during October all of which were granted planning permission. A request for further information issued with respect to a further 12 no. applications during the month of October.

Zero Discharge Pilot Programme

- Leitrim County Council has been actively pursuing innovative solutions to facilitate the design of a wastewater treatment and disposal facility that would have the potential to have a zero discharge of effluent and, if successful, allow sites with poor percolation characteristics to treat the discharge of treated wastewater in a manner which was not prejudicial to public health. Through a process whereby the Council sought expressions of interest, 13 no. potential site owners were invited to participate in a willow based evapotranspiration Pilot Scheme. The Council presented the proposed parameters in within which this scheme will operate at a workshop in the Bush Hotel on 18th October.

Forward Planning

- The Planning Authority is undertaking screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for the proposed Variation to the County Development Plan in relation to the implementation of the Vacant Site Levy. An amendment to the Carrick on Shannon Local Area Plan 2010-2019 to give effect to the Variation to the County Development Plan will also be undertaken at the same time.
- The Planning Authority prepared a presentation for the Economic, Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee on 11th October in relation to the draft National Planning Framework. A submission will be prepared in advance of the deadline for submission which is November 10th 2017.
- The Planning Authority prepared a presentation for the Environmental, Transportation & Infrastructural Policy Strategic Policy Committee on 10th October in relation to the Forestry & Bogs.

ENVIRONMENT:

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

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2017 RMCEI Plan. The EPA has recently released a draft copy of Leitrim’s Environmental Enforcement for 2016 Performance Report & Local Authority Assessment. As the time span for observations on the report has passed the Council await the final outcome of the Assessment for 2016.
CFRAMs – OPW and their Consultant Jacobs Engineering are working on the development of suitable flood mitigation options regarding the management of flood risk in the Shannon River Basin District in the Leitrim area. The Flood Risk Management Options had Public Consultation meetings which took place within Leitrim in November 2015. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is leading the CFRAM Programme in part to meet Ireland’s obligations under the 2007 EU Floods Directive, in accordance with the European Communities “Assessment and Management of Flood risks) Regulations 2010, SI No. 122 of 2010, which transposed the EU Floods Directive into Irish Law, as amended by SI No. 495 of 2015.

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

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)

It is envisaged that that D/PER will complete their review of all Plans by the end of September 2017. 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 OPW will be engaging and liaising with the Local Authorities and Elected Representatives as the Plans go through the above-outlined process. In the meantime, the OPW is also working on developing a public-facing website through which the recommended measures and other information around the plans and final maps will be published in due course.


Pesticides detected in the Lough Forbes Public Drinking Water Supply
Leitrim County Council has sent correspondence to all landowners whose lands drain into the catchment area of the Rinn River, which flows to Lough Forbes and is the Rinn/Lough Forbes drinking water source catchment area. The engagement measure is about emphasizing the importance of protecting the environment, maintaining high water quality and promoting the safe use of pesticides.

VETERINARY SERVICES
Abattoirs
Slaughter returns: October 2017: 77 Cattle, 188 Sheep and 29 Pigs

Dog Control & Welfare
Dog Warden Service returns for October 2017 as below;

- 7 stray dogs, 16 dogs surrendered, 19 dogs were re-homed, and 1 dog re-claimed by owner, 0 dogs died, 0 dog euthanised.
- 38 service requests received, 50 dog warden inspections
- 11 dogs neutered, 4 neutering voucher issued, 16 dogs micro-chipped.

**Responsible dog ownership**
A programme of Responsible Dog Ownership talks in Leitrim libraries was delivered in association with Dogs Trust in September

**Trap-Neuter-Return Programme for stray cats**
The Leitrim Animal Welfare / Leitrim County Council Trap-Neuter-Programme were progressed during August. Inspections were carried out by the Animal Warden in relation to cats. 27 cats were trapped, a number of these cats were neutered and returned to their place of origin, some were PTS for health reasons e.g. FIV, FeLV.

**ROADS:**
- Annual Area Programme works are in progress
- Road Crews concentrating on surfacing and strengthening works at present
- Road Crews carrying out routine maintenance works.

**CLAR Programme**
Works are in progress at School Crossings at Drumkeerin National School (98% Complete), Carrick on Shannon National School (60% Complete) & Ballinamore National School (60% Complete). Works are complete in respect of the upgrading of School Flashing Lights under the CLAR 2016 Programme

**CLAR 2017 Programme** – Works are in progress 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, Erection of Public Lighting at Annaduff National School, Pedestrian Crossing, Footpaths and Public Lighting at Newtowngore Community Hall & Car Park, Footpath & Public Lighting at Aughnasheelin National School, Footpath at Drumshanbo, Upgrade and Refurbishments at Keeldra Lake Amenity Development and Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil at Manorhamilton.

**Recreational Trails 2017**
Leitrim Way from Drumshanbo to Dowra – A Consultant has been appointed to carry out design works on this Walkway. Planning Approval was obtained for a new Foot-Bridge on this Walkway at the Ballinamore Municipal District Meeting in October 2017.

Dromahair Demonstration Greenway – Currently at Part 8 of the Planning Process in relation to the construction of a pedestrian bridge and footpath adjacent to the existing bridge over the Edergole River. A Consultant has been appointed to carry out design works on this Greenway.

REDZ Projects 2017 – Works are complete on both of the REDZ Scheme Roads – St. John’s Lake and Garadice Lake.

**Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**
Leitrim County Council continues to promote the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme which was introduced in 2017. This Grant Scheme aims to encourage a joint approach with communities and groups of local residents and landowners for the cutting of hedges/trees along the public road network which need attention. The Grant amounts to €50 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees attended to along the Public Road Network subject to a minimum length of road network of 3 km per application. Full Details and Application Forms for this Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme are available from the Roads Department of Leitrim County Council. **The deadline for submission of Grant Application Forms under this Scheme has**
been extended to 29th December, 2017.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – A LIS Allocation of €250,000 was received by Leitrim County Council from the Department in September 2017. A total of 8 LIS Projects will be completed under this LIS Programme in 2017. Local Contributions have been sought in respect of the projects which are proceeding with works to be completed by the end of December 2017.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Works Scheme on Local & Regional Roads 2018 – Leitrim County Council submitted a total of 17 No. Projects for funding under this Scheme in 2018 at a total cost of €565,000.

Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2018 (Bridges on Local & Regional Roads) - Leitrim County Council submitted a total of 7 No. Bridges for funding under this Scheme in 2018 at a total cost of €200,000.

OPW Minor Flood Relief Scheme – In October 2017, Leitrim County Council received an allocation of Funding from the OPW in respect of the following Minor Flood Relief Works:-

- Flood Relief Works at Rossinver - €59,600 (90% Funding)
- Flood Relief Works at Carrigeens, Dromahair - €8,116 (90% Funding)

Construction of 2 No. Lay-Bys on the N4 Dromod Roosky By-Pass
Funding of €280,000 was received from the TII in respect of the provision of 2 Lay-Bys on the N4 Dromod Roosky By-Pass. These works commenced in October 2017 and will be completed by the end of November 2017.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME:
Rural Water Programme:
Enhancement of Schemes - Works on the following schemes have been completed – Drumkeelan GWS Lismoyle/Coolcreeve GWS, Tarmon GWS, Mohercreg GWS, Antfield GWS and Poolboy GWS

Enhancement of Schemes - Upgrade Works on Drumaleague GWS are now scheduled to commence in November.

Environmental and Public Health Compliance - Cornashamsogue GWS - The GWS are currently in the process of appointing a Consultant Engineer to prepare Designs for the upgrade of this Scheme. Leitrim County Council and the National Federation of Group Water Schemes are working closely with Cornashamsogue GWS in order to progress the upgrade of this Scheme.

Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme - Planning Approval underway for pumping stations on Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme. Consultant Engineer (Ensen) has completed a Preliminary Design of this Scheme following which Planning Approval will be sought for proposed Pumping Stations on this Scheme and a detailed design of the Scheme will be progressed.

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

HOUSING:

Housing Allocations

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Traveller Accommodation Programme Targets – Progress Report at 31st October, 2017

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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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**Balance** €469,575.95

**Balance** € -32,839.95

**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**
The Council made a submission in February for funding to refurbish 16 void units and 1 dwelling classed as derelict. Funding has been received for 16 units by the Department. Work is progressing on a number of these units using direct labour and the remaining units will be complete using contractors appointed from the Council’s Framework panel.

**Disability Works in Council Houses**
A submission was made to the Department to fund disability adaption works to 29 Council properties and 2 dwellings requiring extensions in order to meet the long term need of the tenants. The total estimated cost of these works will be €231,102. Funding of €207,991.80 (90% of total cost) has been approved by the Department. These works are currently being progressed or are under construction.

**Acquisitions**
The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 – 2017. In 2016 the Council purchased 25 number houses across
the county. In 2017 the Council have continued their acquisition programme; to date 10 number acquisitions are complete. Some of these house required refurbishment works and contracts are in place to complete energy efficiency works and remedial works to these houses to return them to productive use in 2017.

Capital Construction Project - Taobh Tire, Manorhamilton
Under construction completion date April 2018, construction costs of €880,000.

Capital Assistance Schemes – Saint Vincent de Paul, Ballinamore
Under construction completion date December 2017, construction costs of €253,254. The Council will have 100% tenancy nomination rights on all these CAS scheme properties from the Housing Waiting List.

Capital Construction Project – Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
Stage 1 approval for the design and construction of 20 social housing units (to the value of €3,949,500) at Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon has been received from the Department. An Architect led Design Team has been appointed.

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 will be appointed in December.

COMMUNITY:
Peace IV
- The PEACE IV Team have reapplied to SEUPB for funding available in the Building Positive Relations, Children and Young People and Shared Spaces Themes

- Service Level agreements have been granted to 5 programmes which means they can now roll out their programmes:
  Building Positive Relations Programme 1: Support for Ethnic Minorities
  Building Positive Relations Programme 2: Support for Minority Faiths
  Building Positive Relations Programme 5: Events around Women’s Suffrage
  Building Positive Relations Programme 7: Rural Women Along the Border

- During the PEACE IV Partnership Meeting on September 28th, Blu Zebra presented their findings and the Partnership voted that two of the Shared Space and Service Projects should move ahead immediately for SEUPB approval:
  Kyltyclogher/Cashel Community Hall Upgrade
  Sexton Hall in Manorhamilton

Public Participation Network
There are currently 207 groups registered with the PPN. A Plenary will be held on the 14/11/2017 to fill vacancies in the LCDC and one vacancy on Peace Partnership.

Comhairle na nOg
Comhairle na Nog AGM will be held on 23rd November in the Bush Hotel. There will be a presentation on ‘Use your Brain not your Fist’ campaign as well as workshops on Personal Safety, Song Writing, Your Issues in Leitrim and Fitness.
Age Friendly
Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 is now in place and all key agencies are working off the implementation plan.

Environmental and Community Awards
The awards night for the Environmental and Community Awards was held on 12th October in Bush Hotel and hosted by Eanna Ni Lamhna and Eleanor Shanley. Awards were presented for seven categories, with one winner of each category in each of the three Municipal Districts – Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton. The outright winner was awarded to Manorhamilton Girls Brigade.

Pride of Place
Bornacoola, Carrigallen and Manorhamilton have been chosen for Pride of Place entries in 2017. The judging took place on 10th and 11th August and was a huge success. Awards night will take place on 02nd December, 2017.

Smoke Alarm Scheme
80 smoke alarms have been distributed to date in 2017 under the community smoke alarm scheme. An additional 100 smoke alarms have been ordered from the Department so we can continue to promote the scheme.

Community Facilities Scheme
The Communities Facilities Scheme is closed with 126 applications received. Approval has been given by the three Municipal Districts and LCDC and all community groups have been notified. Funding has been received from the Dept and we are in the process of allocating the funding.

Clár Funding
Three playgrounds have been approved funding, Glenfarne (€48,805), McDermotts Terrace (€27,000) and Fenagh (€7000). Glenfarne and McDermotts Terrace playgrounds are currently out for tender.

Traveller Interagency Group
A meeting was held with the TIG on 10th of July with a further meeting scheduled for 16/11/2017.

Towns and Villages Funding
€1,098,583 allocated to Leitrim County Council for 12 community development projects

RAPID Funding
Leitrim County Council has been allocated €64,500. It will fund capital projects that will improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged areas and tackles social exclusion in urban areas or provincial towns only. The Programme will include capital funding for projects falling under the strategic themes of Living and Well Being (C1) and Inclusion (C4) as stated in Leitrim’s Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Projects aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas. Urban areas are defined as Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton, Ballinamore, Kinlough, Drumshanbo, Mohill and Dromahair. Examples of projects include CCTV, Community Gardens, Public Realm improvements, Streetscaping, Youth facilities and play/recreation spaces, energy efficiency type projects and projects in support of Creative Ireland. A minimum of €7000 and a maximum of €15,000 will be approved for each project. Closing date is 22nd November, 2017.
LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Couch to 5k
Couch to 5K is a beginners running programme which will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks with the aim of the group participating in a 5K run at the end. This programme received huge interest with over 77 participants registered. Total Participants: 77

Men on the Move
Men on the Move is a physical activity programme run by Leitrim Sports Partnership that is aimed at men over 35 years, to get them active, have fun and improve fitness levels. Leitrim Sports Partnership currently has two Men on the Move programmes running in Mohill and Drumshanbo which will run for 8 weeks. We had 13 men that registered in Mohill and 5 in Drumshanbo. Total Participants: 18

AGSL
Ag Sugadh Le Chéile or ‘Playing Together’ is a programme which encourages active play between parents/carers and children the programme was developed by the Health Service Executive and run by Leitrim Sports Partnership. The Ag Sugadh Le Chéile workshops have taken place in Drumlea, Balinamore, Cloone, Drumshanbo and Ardfarney schools.

Girls Active Programme
The Girls active programme, a physical activity programme for Post-primary girls will be rolled out in five Post-primary schools, Ballinamore (40), Carrigallen Vocational school (30), Drumshanbo Vocational school (32), St Clare’s Comprehensive school (39), & Lough Allen College (20). Total Number: 161

Older Adults – Fitsticks workshop
Leitrim Sports Partnership facilitated a Fitsticks workshop in advance of the launch of Leitrim’s Positive Ageing Strategy. This took place in the Lough Allen Hotel, many older adult community groups were represented and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day. We had 80 older adults that participated on the day. Total Participants: 80

Safe Guarding 1 Workshop
Leitrim Sports Partnership in held 1 Code of Ethics course (Safe Guarding 1) in Carrick on Shannon and in October with 15 participants attending the workshop.
Total participants: 15

Sports Disability Forum & Programmes
Leitrim Sports Disability Forum met on 26th October. The group is composed of representatives from all the disability groups in Leitrim the purpose is to provide sports and physical activity options to people with disabilities in Co. Leitrim. Through the forum a wide range of physical activities have been and are currently being provided to the various disability groups. The meeting was very successful with a large number of disability agencies represented.

Walking Groups
We ran 3 walking groups beginning of October in Drumshanbo, Carrigallen and Carrick on Shannon. There was no interest in the Carrigallen group so it was postponed; we had 10 participants for the Drumshanbo
group and 10 for the Carrick Group. We had to cancel Carrick on Shannon programme due to numbers as well. **Total Participants: 20**

**TY Olympic Handball in Schools**
Leitrim Sports Partnership Community Coaches Paul & Pat have been coaching Olympic Handball with TY student in Ballinamore Community School, Mohill Community College and Carrigallen Vocational School over the past few weeks. All students have taken up the sport very well and Leitrim Sports Partnership is organising an Olympic Handball Blitz to conclude the programme. **Total Participants: 83**

**THE ARTS**
**Creative Ireland** – The 2017 activation plan was launched in Dublin Castle and we are in the process of formulating a 5 year cultural strategy. Public meetings have now taken place in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. Fourteen Community Groups from across the county are currently working with artists as part of the Open Call in developing high quality projects and programmes.

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

**Spark** – Artist Vanya Lambrecht Ward has begun work with Leitrim County Council on the Spark programme

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

**Artists in Schools** – 8 primary schools have been selected - 4 for 2017 and 4 for 2018 covering the whole County and 4 artists have been appointed to work with the schools. A planning session for artists and schools has taken place and the residencies have now commenced for the September/December term.

**Artist in the Community** – 4 Community Groups were selected to participate in the 2017 Artist in the Community Programme from across the county and 4 artists selected to work alongside them

**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** – The 2017 Term 2 has started in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton & Carrigallen

**Film** – A tour of the 3 counties has taken place with the Irish Film Board who also attended a meeting with filmmakers in the region

**Music Generation** – A successful application was made under the Music Generation programme and the position of Coordinator has been advertised by the ETB.
Iron Mountain Literature Festival— The Festival took place over the weekend of 6th, 7th & 8th October and received national press coverage. Anne Griffin was announced as the winner of the John McGahern award during the Festival.

Artist Bursaries- A call out has been made to Leitrim based artists to apply for the 2018 Bursary scheme.

LIBRARY SERVICE:
Event Programming
A busy programme of activities took place in all branches across the county during the month of October, including the weekly Parent and Toddler Group sessions in Ballinamore Library, Reading Group meetings and creative writing groups in Carrigallen, Mohill and Ballinamore Libraries. In addition, meetings of the local Astronomy Club and local Conradh na Gaeilge took place in Ballinamore Library. The Photography programme, in association with the HSE continued in Ballinamore, with an exhibition planned for November.

Highlights
• Class visits at pre-school, primary and secondary level continued.
Ballinamore Library was visited by the 3rd-6th class children from the Hunt School in Mohill and Scoil Chlann Naofa Ballinamore on October 12th — who were taking part in an historical tour of the town, as part of a joint history project.
• In partnership with The Dog’s Trust, Leitrim Library Service presented a number of Dog Safety Workshops in Mohill, Ballinamore and Carrick-on-Shannon Libraries during mid-term.
• Ballinamore and Mohill Libraries offered free introductory computer classes to 16 participants during October, as part of a Digital Skills for Citizens programme funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.
• Carrigallen Library held an open morning to celebrate 15 years of library services in the community.

Children’s Book Festival 2017
Children’s Book Festival is a national celebration of books and reading, which takes place during the month of October. This is a major highlight of the Library calendar, and plays an important part in raising awareness and usage of Children’s Services.
Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon, Drumshanbo and Manorhamilton Libraries hosted storytelling events and author visits. Dromahair Library held the first meeting of their newly-formed Junior Book Club.

FIRE SERVICE
Capital Programme
New Class B fire appliance
We received confirmation that work has commenced on the manufacture of our new Class B fire appliance. The expected delivery date is January / February 2018.

Fire Stations
• Manorhamilton: Steps are being taken to finalise legal transfer of site being purchased for new fire station in Manorhamilton.
• Ballinamore: Project plan is being drafted and tender documents being prepared.
• Drumshanbo: Project plan is being drafted and tender documents being prepared.

Licensing applications
Processed a number of licence applications for the annual licensing courts during October.
Major Emergency Management
Plans for the regional exercise to be held in Leitrim in December 2017 are being advanced. A number of sub group meetings were held. Date for Regional Exercise now finalised for December 5th.

National Fire Safety Week
A full programme of events was organised and delivered by fire service personnel during National Fire Safety Week including primary schools programme, talks to Active age groups, distribution of smoke alarms, fire safety awareness signs around the county, distribution of fire safety leaflets. A number of posts were also released on our social media channels promoting fire safety awareness.

Building Control
- **Commencement Notices:** Received 2, valid
- **Opt Out Commencement Notices:** Received 2, valid
- **Completion Certificates:** Received 2
- **Fire Safety Certificates:** Received 3, processed 1
- **Disabled Access Certificates:** Received 3, processed 1

CIVIL DEFENCE
- 1st October First Aid services were provided during the Annual Tour De Breifne cycle event which started in Leitrim Village.
- From 2nd to 8th October assistance was provided to An Garda Siochana during an extensive land and water based search for a missing person.
- On 14th October the Boat Crew provided assistance to a disabled Cruiser in the Keshcarrigan area.
- On 14th October assistance was provided to a Cruiser in difficulty at Roosky Bridge.
- Assistance was provided to the Environment Section with lake water sampling.

Signed: [Signature]
Joseph Gilhooly
Chief Executive

Date: 15th November, 2017