August

Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

Monthly Report

Leitrim County Council

for the period 1st - 31st August 2019

Prepared in accordance with Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2014
FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Revenue Account

August 2019 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY August, 2019 - FIGURES)

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Total Expenditure: 22,658,206 Total Income: 28,691,257 Surplus: 6,033,051

Recourse to Overdraft

MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF AUGUST, 2019

Water expenditure is in line with income from rates. Water development management income is ahead of budget due to the local grants income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year. Housing & building and road transport & safety differences in income & expenditure mainly due to outstanding grant claims.

No. of Days in Overdraft during August 2019

Interest Incurred

Rates, Rents and Loans

August 2019 - Collection Rates

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COMMENTARY

Preliminary figures as Bank Allocations not completed for August 2019
As above
Monetary collection down on 2018. % collection increase
Maximo: Asset Management

There were a total of 218 No. Work Orders for the month of August 2019. Breakdown as follows:

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Unaccounted for Water
UFW is now 43.58% or 5,958m3

Capital Works – Water Services

NLRWSS (Contract 3A): Extension of Moneyduff Water Treatment Plant - €3.84 million
EPS are now operating the new Water Treatment Plant for the Service period - up to April 2020 - when the plant will be handed over to SLA for continued operation.

Extension of Supply to Rossinver and Kiltyclogher (Contract 3B)
Substantially completed and in service. 9 No. backyard services outstanding. Irish Water to complete these under framework by Farrans.

Manorhamilton & Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project - €4.0 million
Completion date for these plants revised to October 2019 following which Coffey Water will operate for one further year. The new upgraded WWTP's will be handed over to LCC under the SLA in August 2020.

Irish Water Capital Programmes and Projects

Water Networks Portfolio Programme Frameworks - Farrans Construction Ltd. - Watermains refurbishment:

- **Ballinamore**: 2.3km of new water main in service. Surface dressing works outstanding. SMA reinstatement completed in mid August.
- **Manorhamilton**: 2.0km of new water main in service. Final road reinstatements works remain outstanding. Snags signed off.
- **Stuck/Oghill Cross**: 2.3km of 75mm existing cast iron piping being decommissioned and all connections transferred to the trunk main. Works are substantially complete. Permanent reinstatement works to be undertaken soon by Carrick Roads area on behalf of IW.
- **Glebe St, Mohill**: 1250m of cast iron mains to be decommissioned and replaced with high density polyethylene pipeline. Works commenced on site 1st July. Works to be complete by end September.
- **Newtownmanor**: Design in progressing on the replacement of circa 500m of defective 2” uPVC piping from the R278 to Newtownmanor hall. Works expected to commence in Nov 2019. Preliminary design approved and wayleave agreement drawn up.
- **Jamestown**: Ground investigation and preliminary design progressing on the 4” Cast Iron N4 to Jamestown pipeline rehab project. Works programmed for 2019 yet to start.
- **St Georges Terrace**: Approx 250m of cast iron watermain upgrade. Detailed design currently underway with works to be complete ahead of the public realm upgrade works.
Find & Fix
Farrans progressing with ongoing Find and Fix/Pressure management & DMA establishment works in Carrick on Shannon DMA and is 80% complete. Drumshanbo DMA will follow.
LCC Direct Labour Find and Fix crew are currently active in Fertagh Reservoir to Kinlough DMA.

Back Yard Services
BYS’s and Lead replacement works continue in St Patrick Park in Carrick on Shannon where works are 90% complete.
McDermott Terrace Manorhamilton, Rockwell Pk. Drumshanbo & Lahard Ballinamore are at design stage. Works expected to commence Q2 2020.

Energy Efficiency Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant - EPS Ltd Contractors
EPS has substantially completed the Energy Efficiency Project at Carrick WTP. Irish Water has approved substantial additional works and a new Medium Voltage import installation at Carrick on Shannon. These works aimed at reducing overall electricity have commenced and are progressing well, to be completed in Oct 2019.

Disinfection Programme - Veolia Contractors
Design & Build works ongoing at Carrick on Shannon WTP & Glenade WTP’s. Works are ongoing at both facilities. Additional works identified under ‘Process optimization and treatment’ have been issued as Variations under this contract.

Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant
RCC have commissioned the new centrifuge at Carrick WTP. A number of minor items remain outstanding.

4 No. WWTP upgrades Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village, Carrigallen and Ballinamore
Works substantially complete at Carrigallen, Ballinamore and Leitrim Village.

Drumshanbo WWTP: Significant additional works have now commenced for Drumshanbo WWTP to upgrade the aeration ditch with a fine bubble aeration system and construction of new intake works with the addition of grit removal and classifier. Works are progressing well on site and the programmed completion is late Sept 2019.

IWSS (Inlet Works, storm & Sludge) Programme: Ballinamore and Leitrim Village WWTP have been approved for upgrades to their inlet works. JB Barry is currently progressing with preliminary design and construction is expected on site in Q4 2019.

Capital Investment Plan
Upgrade of Drumshanbo Waste Water Treatment Plant - Atkins Consulting Engineers
This project is included in Irish Waters Capital investment Plan for 2017-2021 and is bundled with 5 similar WWTP’s in County Cavan. Feasibility Study Report has been finalized and is recommending that a final effluent pumping station and rising main from the plant to a new outfall location to the River Shannon at Galley Bridge. These works will be delivered in the period of this CIP 2017 – 2021.

Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant – Future planning
We have promoted the need for an extension to Carrick on Shannon WTP to provide for growth in the SLRWWSS supply area in the medium term. Irish Water Asset Strategy and Planning are currently considering this proposal. This project is not currently included in Irish Waters Capital Investment Program but Irish Water is indicating that it may fit into a new program funding stream called “Early Contractor Involvement” ECI.

Irish Water is developing a “National Water Resource Plan” which will consider provision for future demand. We continue to meet with Irish Water to highlight the future for Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant to ensure it is extended to meet the growing future demand in the South Leitrim Regional Water Supply Scheme
ENVIRONMENT

National Inspection Program (DWWTS)
The Council are inspecting 25 no DWWTS in 2019 as per the new EPA National Inspection Plan (NIP) 2018 – 2021 Programme. These inspections will be completed from April 2019 to end of year. The sites were selected based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country. Where Advisory Notices were issued in 2015/2016/2017/2018 there will be ongoing verification inspections where works were due to be completed and re-inspections as requested to facilitate grant payments.

The EPA published a Report “National Inspection Plan – Domestic Waste Water treatment Systems 2017-2018” in July 2019. The Report highlights that Leitrim Co Co were required to inspect 81 no DWWTS in 2017-2018 with 56 No inspections were completed and the failure rate for the two year period was at 63%. The inspections carried out between 2013-2018 show an 89% failure rate in Leitrim with 37% of systems now fixed. Works will be ongoing here to get compliance with the public who were issued Advisory Notices to have their systems fixed.

Ongoing sampling in the Lough Forbes Catchment which includes Lough Rinn and surrounding catchment is to continue in 2019 and is included in the ALPHA monitoring programme.
A follow up workshop was given by Teagasc on Pesticide use in Agriculture and water quality protection.

EPA Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM)
The Environmental Protection Agency manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network. It is proposed to install an air quality monitor in Carrick-on-Shannon in by end of year 2019. Works were ongoing in late 2018 and close collaboration with LCC/EPA staff in selecting an optimum location for this unit.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Slaughter Returns

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Leitrim Pony-Riding and Animal Welfare Programme
An end-of-programme awards ceremony for the participants and their parents was hosted by Cathaoirleach Enda McGloin in Moorlands Equestrian Centre on 28th August. 34 young people aged 11-17, from a traveller, non-national, special needs or disadvantaged backgrounds received programme certificates. The programme has been extremely beneficial to the participants. Classes were given in horse-riding, equine management, responsible animal ownership and road safety.

**FIRE SERVICE**
Manorhamilton: 3 tenders have been received from Design Consultants for the new station; these are to be assessed this month.
Ballinamore FS: Construction of the new station is almost complete. Snag list has been prepared and contractor is to rectify all items.
Drumshanbo FS: New extension Construction works are progressing well.
Other: New 4x4 vehicles. The 2 new 4x4 vehicles procured under OGP contract have been delivered from signage company. They are to go operational this month.

**Fire Service training**
The following fire service training was completed during August 2019
- ESDS Driver training (Level 2 and 3)

**Recruit Assessments**
Candidates were assessed for the positions available in the Ballinamore and Drumshanbo units.

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**Erasmus+ BFiresafe@School project**
We are continuing to develop the classroom training material with a total of 10 modules planned. Pilot testing of all the modules is planned for early September in 10 schools around the country, 3 of which are in Leitrim.

**CIVIL DEFENCE**

**Regatta**
First Aid and Safety Boat assistance provided during the Annual Carrick on Shannon Rowing Regatta.

**Agricultural Shows**
On the 13th August First Aid assistance was provided during the Ballinamore Agricultural Show.
On the 18th August First Aid assistance was provided during the Mohil Agricultural Show.

**Ballinamore Festival**
Civil Defence equipment was displayed during the Ballinamore Festival Emergency Services day.

**Charity Swim**
On the 31st August First Aid and Safety Boat assistance was provided during the Leitrim Sub Aqua fund raising swim from Jamestown to Drumsna.

**Lake Sampling**
Assistance was provided during the month to the Environment Section in order that the Lake Water sampling programme could continue.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training
The autumn training schedule has now been updated on our website with a focus on Brexit and Customs training as well as the usual suite of training.

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

Brexit
Brexit Sales mentoring continued over the summer as required and is planned for the autumn in venues in Carrick on Shannon, Manorhamilton and Ballinamore. The range of Brexit supports continues to be rolled out and businesses are encouraged to complete the Brexit scorecard. Two Brexit events will take place during September - 4th September in The Hive and on 30th September in The Bush Hotel.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LCDC
A meeting of the LCDC took place on August 28th, with updates on the various programmes including Healthy Ireland update, which indicated that 5 projects totaling €72,340 were approved, a number of expressions of interest for funding were outlined and 13 projects were approved funding totaling €417,943.40 by the LAG.

Carrick-on-Shannon Town Team
A meeting specifically around the purple flag assessment took place on August 8th with a number of Town Team members.

Purple Flag
Economic Development Team members and other Council staff took part in the purple flag full assessment on the night of August 9th in Carrick on Shannon commencing at 4.30pm in the Council Chamber finishing up at 1.30am. Two assessors from the UK were facilitated in their role to complete the assessment. Feedback on the evening from the assessors was positive and we will be notified formally of success or not in Sept/Oct 2019.

Town and Village Projects 2017 - 2019
Ongoing Follow up with Town and Village projects from 2017 and 2018 to check progress and offer support in submitting claims. Processing of claims for payment. Some queries were received from the department in relation to the 2019 applications and were responded as requested.

CCTV – Carrick on Shannon
Training of staff of LCC on the system is still to take place, Educom will provide this at a time suitable and Maintenance Agreement needs to be put in place also.

SECURE NPA Programme
Claim 6 was approved by NWRA. This programme is now complete.

Clar 2019 Approval Announcement.
Further to funding applications submitted earlier in the year by Economic Development, the following projects were approved by the minister in August 2019.

- McDermott Terrace Residents Association Footpaths €27,000.00
- Mohill Community Network Footpaths and lighting €36,007.88
- Fatima NS Cloone Pedestrian crossing and upgrade of road markings €20,700.00
- Drumkeeran Sports & Leisure Upgrade of car-park €35,573.94
- Carrigallen Vocational School Pedestrian crossing €49,500.00
Leitrim Village Development Footpath and public lighting €46,134.00
Shannonside Community Childcare Centre Road markings. Child safety signs and pedestrian crossing €24,750.00
Scoil Chlann Naofa Ballinamore Upgrade of existing sports area to MUGA facility €50,000.00

**RRDF Applications 2019**

Two Category 1 applications were submitted to DRCD on Aug 6th. The Junction Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme including re-imagining of Enterprise and Employment Lands at Park Road. Total Value of the projects is approximately €2 million each.

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

**Unfinished Housing Developments / Taking in Charge**

At the meeting of the Council on Monday 2 September, the Members of the Council made an order to declare 36 roads public in accordance with Section 11(2) of the Roads Act, 1993. These 36 housing estates will now be taken in charge by Leitrim County Council.

**Pre Planning**

7 no. pre planning enquiries were received. A number of other enquires were dealt with through e-mail and phone.

**Development Management**

13 no. valid planning applications were received in August. Of the applications lodged, 2 no. applications seek the retention of planning permission. In addition, a further 2 no. applications submitted were deemed invalid and returned to the applicants.

21 no. final decisions on planning applications were made during August, 16 no. of which were granted planning permission, 1 was for outline permission and 1 was for retention. A request for Further Information issued with respect to a further 13 no. applications during the month of August and 11 submissions of Further Information were made.

**Part 8s**

A specially convened meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District on took place on August 6th to approve the Manorhamilton Public Realm Improvement Scheme, provision of new car park and realignment of existing access road to Enterprise and Employment lands at Park Road under the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2019, PART XI and the Planning & Development Regulations 2000-2019, PART 8.

**Forward Planning**

Work has begun with the impending review of the County Development Plan 2015-2021 due to commence towards the end of this year, RPS Group are presently preparing a draft Renewable Energy Strategy part funded through the SECURE programme. The Council has also appointed the RPS Group to undertake a review of the Landscape Character Assessment which was prepared in 2002. Material Amendments to the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

At its April 2019 meeting, the Northern & Western Regional Assembly resolved to Materiafully Amend the Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (published in November 2018). These amendments are now available to view, together with the accompanying SEA & AA documentation. It is open to any individual or party to make a written submission on the Material Amendments to the Draft before 11th Oct. 2019.

**Heritage**

The Heritage Officer continues her work with the Heritage Forum on the preparation of a replacement Heritage Plan and has written a draft Heritage Plan.

**Heritage Week**

Heritage Week took place in August and the Heritage Officer was actively involved in coordinating and promoting Heritage Week and organizing and promoting heritage events, including The Big Dig, The
Thatched Roofs of County Leitrim and SHOPTALK. The Heritage Office also supported six community groups to put on Heritage Week events through the Leitrim Heritage Week Event Community Assistance Grant.

The Heritage Officer continued to manage a number of Heritage Projects including the Creative Ireland SHOPTALK project, the Thatched Survey of County Leitrim, the Wetland Survey of County Leitrim and the River Front Amenity Park Conservation Management Plan and Community Engagement Programme

ROADS
Annual Area Roads Programme works are in progress. Verge Trimming is complete along National Roads and is near complete at junctions of Local & Regional Roads.

National Roads Pavement Schemes
There are 3 No. Pavement Schemes in progress/planned for the N4 and N16 in the current year. The up to date position with regard to these 3 No. Pavement Schemes is as follows:

- **N4 Pavement Scheme from Attirory to County Boundary**
  Works commenced in July on this Pavement Scheme and these works are expected to be complete by mid September.

- **N4 Pavement Scheme at Jamestown**
  Design & Tender Documents for the Construction of this Scheme are currently being prepared and it is planned to advertise this Scheme for Tender in the coming weeks.

- **N16 Pavement Scheme from Pollboy to Cornastaulk**
  Works on this Pavement Scheme commenced in August 2019 and are expected to be complete by the end of November.

N16 Realignment Scheme at Drummahan
The Advanced Earthworks Contract commenced in August and is expected to be complete by the end of November.

Carrick on Shannon to Dromod By-Pass
Roscommon County Council Road Design Office (RDO) are currently working on Tender Documentation and Suitability Assessments for Consultancy Services for this overall Scheme.

Bridges on Non National Roads
Currently work is being carried out on a number of bridges throughout the county with major works planned for Hartley Bridge and Killavoggy Bridge. Tenders for Rehabilitation Works on Killavoggy Bridge have now been received and are currently being assessed.

CLAR Programme 2018
**Drumshanbo National School:** Construction of Footpath from residential areas to National School (continuation of 2017 Scheme) – Pedestrian Bridge is in place.

**St. Hugh’s National School, Dowra:** Provision of Pedestrian Crossing at National School – Works are now fully complete.

**Carrigallen:** New Footpath from Secondary School to GAA Grounds – Works are now fully complete.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
Works are nearly complete on the 10 No. LIS Schemes which will be completed with the 2019 Funding Allocation.

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)
The Grant Allocation for 2019 for Community Involvement Schemes is €676,087. To date a total of 17 No. CIS Schemes have been confirmed and will be proceeding – 4 No. in Manorhamilton MD, 2 No. in...
Carrick-on-Shannon MD and 11 No. in Ballinamore MD. It is hoped that a further 2 – 3 CIS Schemes will be completed in 2019 with the CIS Funding Allocation. The Department has invited submissions from Local Authorities for Community Involvement Scheme Funding for 2020 & 2021.

**Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme**
The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme will be continued for the Hedge Cutting season of 2019/2020. The Grant amounts to €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees attended to along the Public Road Network subject to a minimum length of road network of 2 km per application. The Scheme is now open to new applicants for the Hedge Cutting Season 2019/2020

**RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**
**Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 - 2021**
Leitrim County Council made a Submission to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government for Funding under the new Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 - 2021 for a number of Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes throughout the County. To date the Department have approved a number of existing commitments for funding in 2019, however, we are awaiting details of Funding Allocations under this 3 Year Programme from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

**Subsidy Payments**
8 No. Group Water Schemes were paid Subsidy Payments in August 2019 in respect of the Operational Costs of running the respective GWS’s. To date a total of 24 GWS’s have received Subsidy Payments in 2019.

**Individual Water Supply Grants**
2 No. Well Grant were paid in August 2019. A total of 4 No. Well Grants have been paid in the period from January 2019 to August 2019.

**Group Water Schemes Applying to be Taken in Charge by Irish Water**
This office is currently working closely with a number of Group Water Schemes in order to progress their applications for takeover by Irish Water with a view towards seeking funding and approval for a Bundle of Group Water Schemes in conjunction with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes (NFGWS’s) and Irish Water.
All required documentation required in relation to the Taking in Charge of Tully GWS has been forward to Irish Water for Taking in Charge.

**Hartley-Cartown Group Sewerage Scheme** – The Contractor for the Site Investigation Works has been appointed. However, Leitrim County Council is awaiting Funding Approval from the Department based on the updated Cost Estimates for this Scheme. When this Funding Approval is received, the Site Investigations Contract can commence and following this the Main Contract can then be advertised for Tender.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE**

**Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme**
Tender advertised for the procurement of a consulting engineer to commence design on the project. Closing date for receipt of tenders is end September

**Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme**
Contract documents are currently being prepared in conjunction with the OPW for the procurement of a consulting engineer to commence design on the project.

**Mohill Flood Relief Scheme**
This project will run as one contract with the Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme.

**Carrick on Shannon Public Regeneration Scheme**
Architect and Consulting Engineer carrying out detailed design of the project. Four construction contracts will be undertaken

- Reconstruction of Footpaths and Roads Main Street/St George’s Terrace
- Construction of Car Park at Flynn’s Field
- Construction of Boardwalk along river edge
- Lighting of N4 Bridge and Boardwalk at Linear Park

Tender for appointment of contractor for footpaths and roads contractor advertised on 5th July 2019. Remaining tenders for contracts to be advertised over the next two months

Awaiting confirmation of CPO of land at Flynn’s Field following oral hearing held in Landmark Hotel on 19th June 2019

Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme
Tender for the appointment of architect led design team for the project was advertised. Closing date for receipt of tenders is end September

SLNCR – Manorhamilton to Boggan
Trail Group received letter of offer for funding under the Leader programme. In discussion with contractor regarding start date.

SLNCR – Dromahair Demonstration Stretch
Contractor appointed for construction of pedestrian bridge project. Contractor due on site beginning September.

Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Ballinamore to Corgar
Negotiations still underway regarding final land agreement for project. Construction will commence once all land agreements in place.

Leitrim Way
The Leitrim Way from Leitrim Village to Drumshanbo to Dowra has been inspected and passed as acceptable by Sports Ireland Trails office. Trail has been added to their list of national trails and insurance is now in place for the trail.

Final land agreements are still to be signed for the bridge construction project. We are in discussion with contractor regarding commencement of bridge construction project once agreements in place.
## HOUSING

### Housing Allocations

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<th>Offers issued to month end</th>
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### New Tenancies created from

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### Traveler Accommodation Program Targets

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<td>Group Housing Scheme – Existing</td>
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### Private Rented Inspection Programme

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<th>Overall target for delivery in 2019</th>
<th>No of inspections completed</th>
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<td>Target</td>
<td>211</td>
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## HOUSING GRANTS

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

### 2019 Allocation - €508,483.00 (80% of allocation - €406,786.00)

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|                      |       |    | €320,077.50 |
| Available Balance    |       |    | €188,405.50 |

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HOUSING CAPITAL

Energy Efficiency Works
This Council has identified 37 units that require energy efficiency works and has made a submission for €472k of funding to cover this works. On 26th July funding of €130,857 has been granted and preliminary design works have started on a project that will mirror the allocation.

Voids & Derelict Housing Units
The 2019 submission for Voids funding has been made and we are awaiting Dept approval.

Disability Works in Council Houses
Funding allocation of €175,000 has been received for total works costing €192,500. An application had been made to the Department for 26 No. Grants for 2019 with a funding requirement €242,368 which amounts to 90% of the total cost of €269,298. Works are also ongoing on two number extensions with total costing of approx €150,898.26 of which is €135,808.44 is made up of the grant. The remaining applications will be carried out by either own staff or sent out to tender.

Acquisitions
The Council is continuing an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2017 – 2021. To date, in the current year we have identified 7 potential properties and secured 6. We are also viewing other suitable properties.

Capital Construction Project – Autumn View, Summerhill, Carrick on Shannon
 Tender assessment is complete and Stage 4 Approval was granted by the Dept. It is hoped that a contract will be signed with the successful bidder in the next 2 weeks.

Turnkey Purchases - Rooskey
Approval has been received from the Department and agreement has been reached with a developer to deliver seven number four bedroom houses at Knockmacrory, Rooskey under a turnkey purchase scheme. Works are currently underway on site and these houses will be delivered in the third quarter this year.

Turnkey Purchases - Drumshanbo
Approval has been received from the department and agreement has been reached with a developer to deliver nine number three bedroom houses at Radharc an Bhaile, Drumshanbo, under a turnkey purchase scheme. Works are complete and we are in possession of the houses. The allocation process is underway

Site Purchase
Work is progressing on the identification of infill sites that would be suitable for social housing.

COMMUNITY

Building Positive Relations
All BPR Programmes are now complete. Claiming for programmes ongoing.

Shared Spaces and Services
Mohill Library: Extension to Mohill Library for Peace Room Construction works are ongoing with a target completion date of Dec 2019. Terms of Reference for interior design complete and out for tender.
Kiltyclogher: Works are complete at Kiltyclogher Community Centre:
Manorhamilton: Awaiting a decision from SEUPB on transfer of funds from BPR to SS to allow works to commence.

Inter Agency Traveller Services Group
Animal Welfare & Horse Riding project has been opened for applications, 38 participants registered to date for course commencing 18th June, 3 days per week from 5-7pm. 3 strands: Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced.
Love Where You Live 2019
Judging was completed with guest judge Éanna Ní Lamhna in July for the following categories:
- Cleaner & Greener
- Primary & Secondary Schools
- Best Kept Estates
- Best Business

The focus this year was on Biodiversity and Pollinators. There were 6 new entrants in the housing estate category. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony scheduled for 10th October.

Pride of Place 2019
Pride of Place judges visited Leitrim on 16th & 16th July. The nominated groups per category were:
- Community Tourism Initiative
- Age Friendly Initiative
- Population 0-300
- Ballinamore Tourism & Angling Association
- Drumkeeran Friendship Club
- Fenagh Village

The nominated groups were required to do a 20 minute presentation and 10 minute Q&A session, followed by demonstration/guided tour. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony in Lyraph Estate in Kilkenny on 30th November.

Community Enhancement Programme
The total grant amount of €129,223 was apportioned as follows:
**Small Grants:** €12,922.33 per Municipal District amounting to €38,767 total
**Large Grants:** €30,152 per Municipal District amounting to €90,456 total

Grant applications were assessed and approved by the LCDC as follows

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<th>Applications per MD</th>
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<th>Funding Available</th>
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*Manorhamilton MD small grant under spend of €3993.94 carried forward into Manorhamilton large grant.

- Applications for sports kits were deemed ineligible as they are not capital.
- Small or large grant applications with no quotations supplied were not assessed
- Large grant applications – LECP section left blank – could not be assessed

Letters of Offer sent to all successful applicants and unsuccessful applicants have been notified

PPN
Excellence in Local Government Awards
The Leitrim Defibrillator Mapping Project was shortlisted for a national award in Supporting Active Communities. This project, still ongoing, is done in collaboration with Leitrim Development Company.

Hands for Life CPR Awareness Training
As a natural follow-on to the Defibrillator Mapping Project, Leitrim PPN agreed to host Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) awareness training provided by the Irish Heart Foundation. This training is provided free to the community and is organised for Sept. 12th 2019.

**Outreach**
Outreach clinics were held in Ballinamore and Rossinver during August. The purpose of these is to allow groups to drop-in with queries in their own locality. The Resource Worker is also available to meet groups at their base on request.

**Re-Registration**
60% of Leitrim PPN Members have now re-registered

**Membership**
295 groups currently registered. Social Inclusion: 78; Environmental: 9; Community and Voluntary: 208

**Communications**
- Website: 18 articles and 12 events were published, 1.1k users, over 1.4K sessions took place
- Facebook: 633 Followers, with a reach of 24,555 in August.
- Twitter: 350 followers, with 19.5k twitter impressions.
- Instagram: 162 followers at end of July

**LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

**National Play Day**
National Play Day in Tots Haven, Dromod on Sunday 11th August 2pm-5pm. This initiative included free play, bouncy castles, outdoor games, soccer & Olympic Handball, face paints. This initiative is run in partnership with Leitrim County Childcare committee.

**Club Development**
Facilitation of a meeting with a group of kayakers in Lough Rynn with the intention to set up a local kayaking club in the area. The group discussed roles, who may consider taking on roles, the vision for the club and the possibility of setting a date for an AGM to establish the club.

**Men on the Move Training**
Men on the Move training took place in the National Sports Campus on Thursday 29th August. This training was rolled out by the HSE and Waterford institute of technology.

**SIDO Programmes**
Dance and Buntos games in Childhood days
The LSP delivered a multi sports camp for the service users of Childhood days in Drumshanbo, the children got opportunity to take part in musical statues, dancing, movement to music with ribbons, parachute games, relays and Buntos games. A total of 10 kids took part, 5 boys and 5 girls on this programme.

**IWA Carers Day in Forest Park Fun Physical Activity**
This is a unique event on the waterways the focus is to introduce and encourage the use of the waterways and amenities to individuals and groups with physical and intellectual disabilities. Leitrim Sports Partnership offered a wide range of physical activities on the day 30 people with additional needs took part in the activities provided by Leitrim Sports Partnership including target throwing, Boccia and ring toss.

**THE ARTS**

**Creative Ireland**
22 projects are currently in operation as part of Creative Ireland Open Call 2019. Shoptalk, a project between the Heritage Officer, Sarah Malone and artist Vanya Ward included a successful exhibition and panel discussion held in empty premises in Carrick on Shannon.
Spark
Artist Fiona Mulholland has been selected to work with Merenda in Manorhamilton on the Spark Programme. Small sparks, an arts and business collaboration has been developed under the Creative Ireland programme for businesses of any size to work with an artist for three weeks. 3 companies have been selected and a call out has been made for artists to express an interest in working with the companies.

Creative Frame
A Survey is being devised to provide information on the working lives of Creative Frame members, to identify the challenges as they evolve over the course of a career with feedback being sought from Leitrim artists. The evidence collected will help to inform on future professional development activities and how to most effectively support artists living and working in Co Leitrim.

Film
A Call out for film makers and writers was made for bursaries for film completion and collaboration as part of SLR Film Development and 2 bursaries for Film Completion and 2 for Film Collaboration have been granted.

Iron Mountain Literature Festival
The programme has been completed with writers including Marian Keyes, Michael Harding and actor Adrian Dunbar participating and is now available for online booking

John McGahern Award
52 submissions were received for this award which forms part of the Iron Mountain Literature Festival and are currently in the process of being shortlisted.

Youth Theatre
Quality Matters are working with Youth Theatre leaders to devise a social Impact Measurement Tool

Culture Night
15 Venues across the county are participating

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: Lar Power, Chief Executive
Date: 16/09/2015