
Finance & Water Services Directorate

**December 2015 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division**

(PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 2015 - FIGURES)

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<th>EXPENDITURE</th>
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**Expenditure V Budget - December 2015**

**Income V Budget - December 2015**

**MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF DECEMBER 2015**

- Water Expenditure in line with Income from Irish Water.
- Development Management income is ahead of budget due to L.E.Grant income from Enterprise Ireland, this is distributed throughout the year.
- Miscellaneous income ahead of target due to higher than budgeted MPR别人的。

**December 2015 - Recourse to Overdraft**

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<th>No. of Day's Overdraft during December 2015</th>
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**December 2015 - Collection Rates**

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**December 2015 - Aged Debt Analysis**

**RATES**

- 30 Days | 60 Days | 90 Days | 1 Year | 2 Years | >2 Years

| RENTS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30 Days | 60 Days | 90 Days | 1 Year | 2 Years | >2 Years
| RENTS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
| LOANS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
Water Services

During January, 2016 there were the following interruptions to water services:

- 20 Bursts / Leaks.
- 26 Sewer Blockages. (mostly related to Flooding)
- No Unplanned Outages.

Maximo:

In January, 2016 a total of 111 issues were raised on Maximo, IW Asset Management System. 97 related to water and 14 related to waste water.

Water Conservation:

The Unaccounted for Water is 50.3%. Area of Priority for IW during 2016.

The Following District Metered Areas need Water Conservation / Leak Detection...

- Gowel to Killnagross,
- Corraleehan Scheme
- Mt Campbell to Jamestown.
- School Rd, Black Road – Drumkeerin
- Manor Point X to Drumkeerin.

Capital Update January 2016

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

Stage 3a - Extension of Moneyduff Water Treatment Plant.
Stage 3b – Extension of NLRWSS to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver.

The total estimated cost of this project is now €8.076 million incl. VAT.

- Jennings O’ Donovan Consulting engineers has been appointed
- Planning Application for new pumping station at Coolodonnell reservoir has been granted.

Irish Water Central Sourcing Team (CST/SSP) has approved the Draft Tender Documents for stage 3a –Treatment Plant Extension and this will go to the market prior to week ending 27th February 2016. Following tender period, tender evaluation and award it is scheduled that works will commence on this contract at Moneyduff in August 2016. This is a Design Build contract with one year construction and a further one year operate/ commission with takeover by the Council of the new plant scheduled for August, 2018.

The focus now is to get Irish Water to fast-track the procurement of the Stage 3b contract new pipelines to Kiltyclogher and Rossinver. The Tender Documents for this project have also been submitted to Irish Water and we are seeking quick turnaround so that works can begin on the new pipelines to connect Kiltyclogher to the NLRWSS supply as quickly as possible so that the existing boil water notice can be removed.

Manorhamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000734
Mohill Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project No 10000735

Consultants: Nicholas O’ Dwyers Consulting Engineers.

The “Updated Design Review Report” is finalised.
Planning Permissions for the proposed developments at Mohill and Manorhamilton has been granted by Leitrim County Council. The Design and Tender Documents were submitted to Irish Water Central Sourcing Team (CST) on 26th January, 2016. Following approval of the documents by CST IW will procure a contractor to undertake the works. It is hoped that a contract can be signed circa 16th May 2016 with works to begin shortly after signing.

These two separate projects in IW’s Capital Programme are being completed as one. The all in cost of this project is currently estimated at €2,009,931. Inclusive of VAT.

**Minor Capital Works**

**The total cost of all Projects Approved to date is Estimated in excess of €3.0 million.**

- **HSQE Programme** – On hold by IW
  Health and Safety issues and general maintenance of 8 No. housing wastewater package plants in County Leitrim. Irish Water is considering their position in relation to the transfer of responsibility for these and is withholding funding to address issues. It should be noted that it is not clear where the responsibility resides should there be an incident.

- **Energy Efficiency Programme** – Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant is selected as a pilot project which is being managed directly by Irish Water.

- **Sampling Programme** -- flow monitoring and sampling at 12 no. WWTP’S in County Leitrim. This project is regionalised with IW Donegal office - Patrick Carty as Project Manager is being progressed with our assistance. Glan Agua has been awarded this contract and has visited sites in Leitrim and commenced their Design work. Approximate Estimate: €120,000

- **Process Optimisation and Control Programme** --level sensors and SCADA telemetry at 13 No. drinking water reservoir sites. This has also been regionalised and Ryan Hanley consulting engineers have been appointed to Design and prepare contract documents for this contract. – On behalf of IW, IPL has inspected the sites and are to submit a report on possible design solutions to LCC/IW/Ryan Hanley. We await an instruction from Irish Water on when these works in Leitrim are to commence. No change since July. Approx Estimate €160,000

- **Power actuated valves** to replace ball cock valves at 5No. Reservoirs - all civil works completed. All mechanical and electrical works substantially complete and commissioned. Contract Value €73,900.

- **DMA Programme** – Upgrade and complete the District metering structure on the networks in County Leitrim. The project has been tendered and IW are finalising the appointment of a contractor hopefully before the end of February 2016 with works to be completed circa July 2016. Estimated cost €518,000.

- **Killen Watermain** replacement (2km) is approved and included in the minor capital programme. Estimated cost = €100,000. *(The existing supply along this section is under a threat of a boil water notice due to poorly discoloured water due to poor condition of old cast iron mains.)* The Tender Documents were prepared and finalised by the Council and were submitted to Irish Water on 29th October, 2015 for procurement of a contractor off their Frameworks. There has been no update from Irish Water on the appointment of a Contractor.

- **Provide Raw Water Sample** to instruments at Carrick on Shannon water treatment plant. Works completed by Veolia Ireland Ltd at a Cost of €8,500
Drumshanbo, Leitrim Village and Ballinamore WWTP Upgrades. Include Carrigallen. Estimate €270,000. Upgrade works at Carrigallen has also been approved and has been added to this small bundle. The approved works recommended are specific and are Mech / Elec in nature for process improvement. Nicholas O Dwyer’s Consulting Engineers were appointed on 14th Dec 2015 by Irish Water to prepare Preliminary Designs, Planning and Contract Documents. Work has begun and completion of Documents. Final documents will be submitted to Irish Water in May 2016 for procurement by Irish Water of works contractor. Works to commence in Q3 2016. Budgets approved Drumshanbo - €150,000, and Ballinamore – € 51,100 and Leitrim Village €6,500 Carrigallen - € 60,000

Trunk Main Replacement Eslin – Mohill (2.5Km) - €500,000
The Council has completed work on the design and preparation of the Contract Documents. These documents have been submitted to Irish Water on the 29th October for the appointment of a contractor from their Frameworks. We await the appointment of a contractor by IW.

Dowra and Boley Hill Watermain Replacement - (Currently on boil water notice)
Design and tender documents for these two watermains replacement works were completed in accordance with IW’S new specifications by the Council and were submitted to IW on 1st October 2015. Following the tendering procedure a Contractor has now been selected by IW to undertake these two jobs. Following compliance by the Contractor of the preliminaries insurances, bonds, etc and formal appointment we expect commencement of these two jobs in the next 4-5 weeks. Cost = € 150,000 approx.

Drumsna WWTP. Irish Water has approved an ANB for Minor Capital upgrade of Drumsna WWTP to provide for optimisation of the treatment process. The works require the construction of a balancing tank and level sensor and linked communications to main pumping station. The estimated cost is €62,000. Design and tender document preparation will be undertaken by LCC CaPO and submitted to IW for procurement.

New Cover to the flash mixers and flocculators in Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant: Estimate of €50,000, has been approved under Minor Capital and Irish Water has instructed that this be procured under minor repair and maintenance framework by Operations. Tender Documents were submitted to IW for Procurement.

Bridge Street- Carrick
Irish Water has approved the replacement of old cast iron watermains in Bridge Street Carrick on Shannon at an estimated cost of circa €50,000. The Council has prepared Pricing Documents in accordance with minor works frameworks which were submitted to IW on 19th October, 2015 for procurement of a contractor. We await notification of appointment of Contractor by IW

Other ANB’s / Projects approved under Minor Capital works to commence.

1. Chlorination Boosting at Oughteragh Reservoir. Estimated cost €25,000
   Some negotiations with IW on this. Temporary measures are in place by boosting chlorine upstream. Best tackled as part of the Disinfection Programme review for Leitrim.

2. ANB for Critical Failure controls and shut down required at Carrick on Shannon Water Treatment Plant has been approved. Estimate: €14,000. Irish Water has instructed that this be procured under Suppressed Capital Maintenance SCM by Operations. – Referred to Darragh O’ Boyle.
3. A project approved under Minor Capital works “Leitrim Leak Detection works” was held up due to IR issues. Recent national agreement at Water Consultative group will allow a programme of works in Leitrim to commence by out sourcing.

4. Two jobs at Kinlough / Tullaghan – Glenade water treatment plant the upgrade of Filters and raw water diversion at a total estimated cost of €44,000 is approved and the Council will commence work on the design and contract documents in the next week or so.

5. We have been informed recently that two ANB’s for replacement of old cast Iron mains at Ballinamore and Mohill has been approved recently under Minor Capital Programmes. This has now been fast tracked and will be procured under Capital Delivery with a variation order to be given to existing contractor on similar work in neighbouring County. Tobins Consulting Engineers are acting as Employers Representative and will undertake the preliminary designs and issue the variation. These works are most likely to commence in the next 3-4 weeks. Estimated Value €552,500

6. In addition to No 5 above an ANB prepared by Leitrim County Council for Watermains Rehabilitation for the replacement of the old 100mm cast iron watermain on the N16 out of Manorhamilton for a distance of 3.0Km was approved on 10th February, 2016. Estimated cost €300,000. Irish Water want to include this job in the variation proposal together with the two similar jobs in No 5 above at Mohill and Ballinamore.

Economic Development, Planning, Environment and Transportation Directorate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING:

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Training

A number of training programmes for 2016 are now being promoted in Leitrim Observer and the website. The Food Academy programme with Donegal and Sligo continues to run.

LEO hosted Social Media training for staff on the Social Media Group of Leitrim County Council

Online trading Vouchers

Applications continue to come in and we were awarded 20 training online vouchers up to €2,500 (funded at 50%) each to approve during 2016.

Student Enterprise 2015/2016

School Visits are ongoing to assess local school finals in preparation for school finals on 7th March 2016.

Networking

- Showcase took place from 24th-27th January, Leitrim was represented by five craft and design businesses within the Enterprise Zone, which include: Jean Whitfield, Jean Whitfield Jewellery, Dromahair, Jo Gray, Jo Gray Collections, Drumshanbo, Alan McCluney, Leitrim Pottery, Rossinver and Roy Humphreys, Roy Humphreys Woodturning, Mohill and the Leitrim Design House.
- Preparation for the Green Business Event (scheduled for 8th March) is ongoing (Smart Green Mohill initiative)

Press Releases

Press releases on Start Your Own Business and Showcase were published in Leitrim Observer as well as on website and on social media.

Economic Development

RDP 2014 – 2020

- LDS submitted to Pobal and Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government for evaluation.
Local Community Plan and Local Economic Plan

- LECP approved at January Council Meeting.
- Final proofing and pictures collected and sent to the Designer following procurement.

Regional Economic Development Zones (REDZ)

Manorhamilton

- Claim for funding compiled and sent to Dept and approval received for use of remaining funding on implementing actions on promotion in plan and facilitation of REDZ team.
- Final draft of Enterprise and Employment Plan presented to meeting in Manorhamilton on January 11th with plans set in place for Manor Summit on February 18th 2016.
- Next preparatory meeting set for February 2nd to see what each group has put in place.

Blueway REDZ

- USEFE Co-ordinator worked closely with the tourism officers, Waterways Ireland and the designer on finalising the four Blueway trail brochures. 20,000 copies of the brochures were printed and delivered to the five project partners.
- Liaised with road design to ensure Blueway signage was on track.
- Organised and attended a Blueway product development and infrastructure audit review presentation on 29th Jan 2016 in Carrick on Shannon. Organised and attended a USEFE Operational Management Group meeting on the 21st of Jan in Longford and followed up after.
- USEFE Diaspora Group Meeting organised on the 26th January in Carrick-on-Shannon.
- USEFE Creative Craft Group Meeting organised on the 27th of January in Carrick-on-Shannon.

Purple Flag

- Launch of Purple Flag organised and held on Friday, January 29th at the Tourist Office car park – jointly raised by McGloin family and Cathaoirleach John McCartin. McGloin family were selected following public campaign in local media.

Renewable Energy Group

January meeting rescheduled to 22nd February, 2016. Contact made with UCD and Teagasc regarding the possibility of students focusing a thesis or project on projects emerging from the Renewable Energy Group. The UCD students have mostly selected their topics but could be encouraged to look at tailoring their project ideas if the group had specific ideas.

Tourism Development

Tourism

The following actions have been undertaken throughout January 2016 to facilitate the continued promotion of the tourism offering in the County:

1) The Council allocated and will administer funding for community based projects under the Ireland 2016, Phase II Funding Programme in January following an open call for projects in December, 2015. The 2016 Centenary Programme for County Leitrim was launched at the January Council Meeting in Kiltyclogher on Monday 11th January, 2016.

2) The Tourism Officer attended the Holiday World Show in Belfast in January to showcase the Leitrim Tourism Product.

3) The preparation of the new County Tourism Marketing Website is continuing with content building and proofing now at an advanced stage and scheduled for completion by the end of February 2016.

4) A continued presence on all Social media platforms was maintained.
Development Management

Carrick on Shannon/Cortober Joint Local Area Plan

The Planning Department is continuing background work which will form part of the proposed public consultation phase of the Local Area Plan project.

Unfinished housing developments PSI and SRF

- The Council is nearing completion with 3 no. developments awarded funding under the Special Resolution Fund, with outstanding works substantially complete.
- Work continues with Developers, Banks, Bond Companies and the DoEHLG to progress completion of unfinished estates within the County.
- Preparatory work and report preparation were undertaken in January, for the taking in charge of 5 estates at the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District Meeting in February.

Pre Planning

- The pre planning clinics continued during the month of January.

Development Management

- 14 valid planning applications were received during January of which 5 applications were deemed invalid.
- 16 final decisions on planning applications were made during January and an additional 6 further information requests were issued.

Delivering remaining projects of the 2007-2013 Programmes

A number of projects are currently being delivered arising from investment opportunities secured from the various funds nationally and cross border.

Failte Ireland – Glencar Waterfall

Project works at Glencar Waterfall includes upgrade works as follows:

1. Provision of Playground
2. Enhanced looped footpaths within waterfall site.
3. Landscaping to enhance the visual attraction
4. Enhanced viewing area at waterfall site with paving and railings
5. Road surfacing and road markings
6. Traffic Calming
7. Disabled access car parking
8. Sign Interpretation at site
9. Refurbishment of Amenity Block building.

All Civil/Construction works are now completed at the Glencar Waterfall Project. Sign Interpretation is currently at approval stages and arrangements are in place to have the signs manufactured, supplied and erected shortly.

Sean Mac Diarmada Site

This project involved the provision of car parking at the Sean Mac Diarmada site. All works are complete on this project.

ENVIRONMENT:

National Inspection Program (DWWTS) – All the 2015 NIP Inspections are completed. A review is currently ongoing regards 2014 NIP where the public were notified to rectify problems with their DWWTS and given a specified timeframe to address sites that failed the test. The Council will be inspecting 28No DWWTS in 2016 and these inspections will take place during the summer months. We will be selecting these sites based on EPA Risk based methodology mapping across the Country.

RMCEI Plan – Works will be targeted in the Environment Department based on the 2016 RMCEI Plan. The 2016 RMCEI Plan was submitted to EPA in January 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 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.

The OPW in conjunction with their Consulting Engineers plan to have Draft Flood Risk Management Plans completed by April 2016. It is anticipated that Public Consultation on the Draft Flood Risk Management Plans will take place in September 2016 with final adoption of plans by end of 2016.

ENERGY:
Work is ongoing in scoping a further project application for the 2016 SEAI Better Energy Communities Grant program with particular emphasis on the community facilities within Manorhamilton town and Carrick-on-Shannon town. Energy Surveys by REIL Specialist Energy Retrofit Ireland (Energy Consultant) are currently ongoing on selected properties to meet SEAI requirements in Manorhamilton and Carrick-on-Shannon for proposed application to SEAI for funding.

ROADS:
- Staff still dealing with the flooding situation due to Storm Frank. Water levels reduced during month to normal winter levels.
- Allocations for road grants received in January. Workshop held to consider roads funding.

Rural Water Programme:
Improvement works on the following group water schemes have been approved for grant funding. Works are underway or about to commence.

- Cloonsarne – Works on pipelines to commence shortly
- Cornabrone/Aghaslane - Works on pipelines to commence shortly
- Lough Errill - Works on pipelines to commence shortly
- Poolboy - Works on pipelines to commence shortly

Discussions also continue with proposed new Group Water Scheme at Carrigeencor. A three year funding programme was submitted to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government to upgrade an existing Group Water Schemes and provision of new Group Water and Sewerage schemes. The total value of the programme is €2.5 million.

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

HOUSING:

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New Tenancies created from 1st January 2016 to 31st January, 2016

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<th>New Tenants (1st time allocation)</th>
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Private Rented Inspection Programme

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Housing Grants

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

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Housing Capital & Improvement Works Programme 2016

Energy Efficiency Works

Leitrim County Council has proactively sought to improve the Council’s Social Housing Stock by securing funding from the Department under the Energy Efficiency Programme in addition to providing a level of match funding from the Council’s own financial resources. The Programme has been particularly beneficial to upgrade older social housing stock. Work was ongoing in January in relation to identifying remaining units for Phase 1 Energy Efficiency upgrade works where approximately 90 units were identified and 27 potential units for Phase II upgrade works pending the call for submissions from the Department.

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Better Energy Communities Area Based Scheme

Work is ongoing on a competitive submission under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Scheme for an extensive energy retrofitting project in Manorhamilton for grant aid during 2016. The scheme will include Council housing stock in Carrick on Shannon and also some public/community buildings.

Voids

A strong focus continues in relation to prioritising vacant units for inclusion in the 2016 Programme for returning vacant properties to productive use. A request for a prioritised listing of units with details of necessary works and estimated associated costs was received on 28th January to assist the Department in making their allocation decisions. The Council will make a comprehensive submission in February for maximum funding to continue the refurbishment programme of long term vacant units.

Disability Works in Council Houses

An Adaptation Works (Disability related) scheme for Council housing stock will continue to be funded by the Department in 2016 to facilitate the Local Authority in carrying out adaptation works for tenants to address mobility problems, primarily associated with medical need and disability related. The works will render the dwelling more suitable to the particular needs of the Tenant, with typical works including, depending on the individual circumstances, installation of level access shower, installation of rails in bathrooms, installation of ramp access to front/back doors, installation of oil heating systems or storage heating and associated works. The funding for these works will be based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority. The Council will identify suitable tenancies in February and make a submission to the Department.

Acquisitions

Three family type houses were purchased in Carrick on Shannon in 2015. These properties are currently being assessed for upgrade works to be carried out in 2016. The Council will continue an acquisition programme subject to Departmental approval and targets identified in the Social programme 2015 - 2017.

Capital Assistance Schemes

Two properties in Carrick-on-Shannon were acquired by North West Simon in late 2015 / early 2016 through a Capital Assistance Scheme funded by the Department through Leitrim County Council. The Council will have 100% tenancy nomination rights on these properties from the Housing Waiting List following a level of pre-letting works required.

Community:

Public Participation Network
A meeting of the county plenary took place with 67 groups present.
Two places on NW Drugs and Alcohol Forum were filled
Further promotion of the PPN through the Leitrim Observer took place
A total of 169 groups are now registered with the PPN

Age Friendly County
- A meeting of the Older person’s Council took place and items for discussion by the Age Friendly Alliance were considered

Comhairle na nOg
- Comhairle na nOg Liatroma met and decided that the issue of homelessness in Leitrim should be the topic on which to focus this year.
- A survey was carried out in all schools and results are to be published in February

Peace IV
The structure and estimated timeline for the preparation of Peace IV plans was made known by SEUPB. The two stage process should commence in late March.

Interreg
A stage one application for Interreg funding in respect of a Greenway in North Leitrim was finalised and submitted to SEUPB. A response is expected by the end of March

Leitrim Sports Partnership
Leitrim’s Operation Transformation Walks 2016
Leitrim Sports Partnership teamed up with RTE’s Operation Transformation programme to organise and deliver 5 community walks around in Leitrim. This is the sixth year of the Operation Transformation walks and every year the number of participants have increased and 2016 is no different with 669 walkers that participated on the walks over the weekend. (Ballinamore (79), Carrick on Shannon (103), Dromahair (302), Kinlough (150) and Manorhamilton (35).

Total walkers in Leitrim – 669

(Melvin Gaels delivered another two community walk last week with 90 and 50 people participating on the first two days)

Safe- Guarding 1 Course
Leitrim Sports Partnership held 1 Code of Ethics Safe- Guarding 1 course in January in Carrick on Shannon with 16 participants from 3 different sports clubs.

Buntus Start Workshop
Leitrim Sports Partnership in partnership with the Leitrim Childcare Committee completed the first strand of the Buntus Start workshop with 8 staff members from 3 service providers’ attending the training day. They will complete the second phase of the training course in 4 weeks in Leitrim Gaels Community facility.

The Arts
Creative Frame - In partnership with Leitrim Local Enterprise Office, Anna-Marie O’Rourke has begun 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.

Creative Space Scheme - Details of the scheme to provide for temporary occupancy of vacant retail units in the County have been drawn up and potential properties are in the process of being identified.

Spark - Leo Scarff has commenced work with Mohill Enterprise Centre for the Spark programme.

Festivals and Events – a call out has been made to Leitrim organisations for funding for 2016 Festivals and events
Artists in Schools – 4 Artists have now commenced their work with schools

Artist in the Community – 4 Artists are currently working with community groups.

Drumshanbo Artist Studios – Artist Kate Wilson and writer Gerry Boland have commenced their Residencies

Leitrim Equation 4 – Planning has begun for concerts in Dublin and Carrick on Shannon for February 2016

Youth Theatre- Autumn/winter term is in place for 5 existing Youth Theatre groups in Manorhamilton, Carrick on Shannon and Carrigallen with a new junior group in Manorhamilton.

Library Service:

Event Programming
A full programme of activities took place in all branches across the county, including regular I.T. classes, Craft and Hobby Group Meetings, Film Screenings, Citizen Information Mobile Clinic in Mohill Library, Reading Groups and Creative Writing Workshops. Weekly Comhrá classes took place in Ballinamore and Kinlough Library, with a new Comhrá group for teenagers starting in Manorhamilton Library during January.

Highlights include
A special Reading Group event took place in Ballinamore Library when Zoe Comyns, from RTÉ Radio 1’s The Book Show, interviewed members of the Readers Group for an upcoming programme on John McGahern. A Film Club for children, which will meet on a monthly basis, commenced in Mohill Library. Mohill Library also hosted the launch of the popular ‘Taispeântas Seanfhocal’ ICA exhibition, with a group of 23 in attendance.

Class Visits
Schedule of class visits by local primary and secondary schools continued in Branch Libraries across the county. A group of Leaving Cert History Class students from St. Clare’s Comprehensive, with their teachers, visited Manorhamilton Library, where they were given a presentation on the Library, it’s facilities and resources. A group of 20 children and 2 teachers from Aughavas N.S dropped in to Mohill Library for an impromptu visit, where they enjoyed looking at the ICA paintings, choosing their books and storytime with the Librarian.

Local Studies
‘Item of the Month’ Ballinamore Library displayed a Larkin Map of 1818 for the Ballinamore area in January.

Fire Service

Building Control
Received 1 Commencement Notice (valid), received 3 Disabled Access certificates, processed 1, Received 4 Fire Safety Certificates, and processed 2.

Capital funding

a) Fire stations
Leitrim County Council prepared and submitted a capital funding report to the Department of Environment seeking funding for the development of a number of fire stations in Leitrim.

b) Class B fire appliance
Approval received from the Department of Environment to proceed to build the five new Class B fire appliances as part of the joint procurement contract operated by Roscommon County Council.

National discussions on Retained Fire Service
A framework for the conduct of discussions on the retained fire service at national level was finally agreed between the National Directorate / LGMA / SIPTU and IMPACT. An agreement was signed in December 2015. Discussions are due to commence early in 2016.
Flooding
Attendance at a flooding review meeting on 6\textsuperscript{th} January, 2016 to monitor flood levels on the Shannon and impact on local communities. Prepared costs for fire service interventions as part of overall LCC claim submitted to the Department of Environment.

Fire Safety
Delivered a Fire Safety presentation to Active Age Group’s in Carrigallen and Drumeela.

Civil Defence
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} January, 2016: Boat Crew provided assistance to Longford Civil Defence at flood incident.
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- 14\textsuperscript{th} January, 2016: Volunteer participating in Swift Water and Flood Responder Instructor Course provided by Civil Defence College.
- 15\textsuperscript{th} January, 2016: Assistance and training provided to Cork North Civil Defence to upgrade water search capability through use of Sonar equipment.

Signed: ___________________________  Date: 11\textsuperscript{th} February, 2016
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