



Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
Offaly County Council



OUR COUNCIL END OF TERM REVIEW

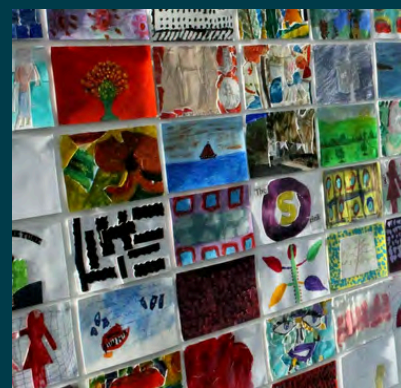
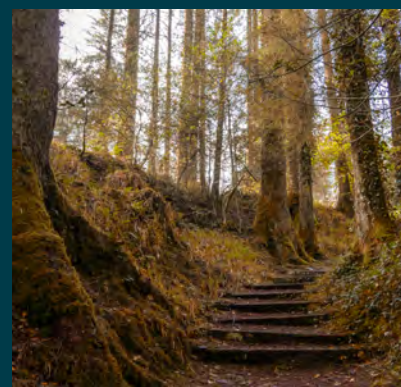






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A message from Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive Offaly County Council

As we come to the end of this 5 year term of Offaly County Council, and it's current Corporate Plan, 2019-2024, I am delighted to present the 5 Year End of Term Review – which charts the Council's achievements and progress during the period 2019 – 2024.

This report illustrates the significant achievements of Offaly County Council across all our service delivery areas, which have been achieved through the implementation of the Council's Corporate Plan through strategic and operational activities.

We are all aware of the need for each of us to have the ability to respond to challenges and I wish to commend the wider community, volunteer groups and front-line agencies for their commitment to ensuring our citizens were not isolated during the Covid 19 pandemic. The overarching theme of projects delivered by our staff over the last five years is a strong focus on quality customer service in what can only be described as challenging economic and social times.

As we look toward the future, we should be proud of the achievements during this Council term. I wish to commend the working partnerships between the Elected Members, Management Team and our staff and also with our local communities, businesses, agencies, and Government Departments – all that has been achieved is attributable to your commitment and shared vision to make Offaly a great place to live, work and do business in.

We approach the next Council term united in the commitment in doing what is best for Offaly, highlighting the benefits of our connectivity, the efficient and prudent use of resources, while at the same time ensuring our social and economic development supports benefit current and future generations.

Offaly's future is bright and I look forward to continuing to work together with the Elected Members, Management Team, our staff and external agencies and stakeholders in leading sustainable economic, social and community development for the benefit of County Offaly.





Cathaoirligh 2019-2024



Cllr Peter Ormond
2019-2020



Cllr John Carroll
2020-2021



Cllr Declan Harvey
2021-2022



Cllr Frank Moran
2022-2023



Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick
2023-2024

List of Statutory Council Meetings held

Ordinary Meetings of Offaly County Council	60	Birr Municipal District	90
Annual and Budget meetings	10	Edenderry Municipal District	97
Special Meetings	3	Tullamore Municipal District	110
Special Planning Meetings	8	Joint Policing Committee	18
In Committee Meetings	12	Local Community Development Meeting	51
Corporate Policy Group	73		
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	18	Climate Action, Environment, Water and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee	18
Community, Cultural and Emergency Service Strategic Policy Committee	18	Land Use, Planning and Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee	18

Current Elected Members

Birr Municipal District



Cllr John Carroll



Cllr Clare Claffey



Cllr John Clendennen



Cllr Eamon Dooley



Cllr John Leahy



Cllr Peter Ormond

Edenderry Municipal District



Cllr Noel Cribbin



Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick



Cllr John Foley



Cllr Mark Hackett



Cllr Robert McDermott



Cllr Liam Quinn

Tullamore Municipal District



Cllr Sandra Feehan
Smollen
co-opted 2023



Cllr Neil Feighery



Cllr Declan Harvey



Cllr Frank Moran



Cllr Tony
McCormack



Cllr Sean O'Brien



Cllr Danny Owens



Cllr Ken Smollen
(Retired 2023)



PRESIDENTIAL VISIT





MINISTERIAL VISITS



Revenue & Capital Budget 2019-2023

€605.7 million



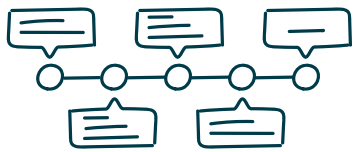
Housing €191.5 million

Includes Housing Maintenance, RAS & Leasing, Housing Grants, Housing Capital Programmes



Roads €143.8 million

National, Regional, Local Road Improvements, Public lighting & Road Safety Improvements



Development Management €99.2 million

Community, Tourism, Heritage & Conservation, Urban Village Renewal / Regeneration



Water Services €31.7 million

Water Treatment, Group & Private Water Installations, Grant Schemes



Environmental €48.3 million

Awareness, Enforcement, Climate Action, Water Quality, Offaly Fire & Emergency Services



Recreation & Amenity €31.7 million

Library, Arts, Leisure Facilities



Agriculture & Welfare €3.3 million

Veterinary & Land Drainage Costs



Support Services €56.2 million

Corporate Services, Customer Services, Health & Safety, Facilities Management





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• Our Focus:

- Housing Delivery Action Plan
- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024
- Housing Allocations Scheme
- Mid East Region Homeless Action Plan.
- Affordable Housing Scheme Survey 2024



Our Housing Supports:

- Provided **1,803** housing allocations
- Awarded **58** housing loans
- Provided **737** private grants
- Provided **420** units
- Provided **310** units through AHB.
- **12,439** Maintenance Requests Managed

420 units provided by Offaly County Council

80 Units Direct Construction	47 Units Part V Delivery	95 Units Direct Leasing	100 Units Acquisitions	98 Units Turnkey Developments
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310 units provided by Approved Housing Bodies (AHB)

3 Units Part V	72 Units Leasing (incl MRT)	84 Units CAS	143 Units CALF	8 Units Acquisitions
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Allocation of 1,803 units by Offaly County Council

(this figure includes units re-tenanted / tenancies modified)

561 Units Local Authority	302 Units AHB	799 Units HAP	141 Units RAS / Leasing / MTR
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Housing €191.5 million

*Includes Housing Maintenance, RAS & Leasing,
Housing Grants, Housing Capital Programmes*



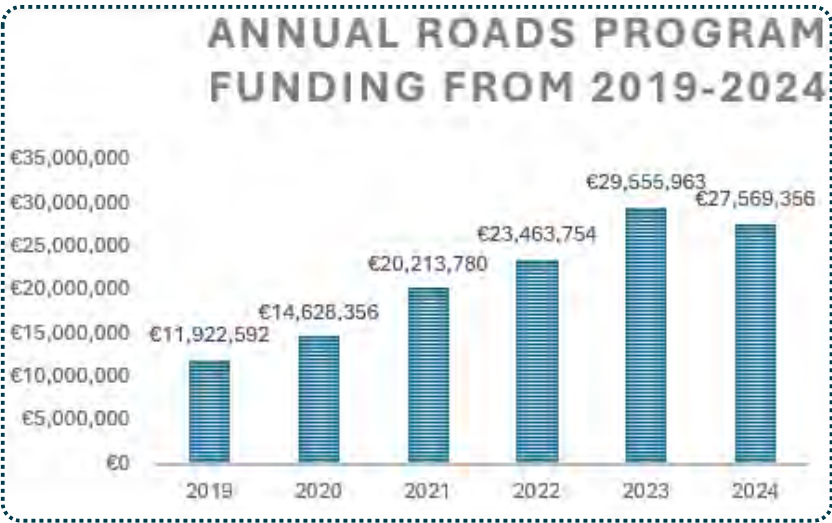
Home Ownership / Grants / Maintenance




58 Home Loans	24 Tenant Purchase	3 CPO	737 Private Grants
98 DPG Adaptions	19 DPG Extensions	12,439 Maintenance Requests Managed	



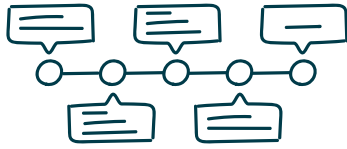
Roads €143.8 million

National, Regional, Local Road Improvements,
Public lighting & Road Safety Improvements



381km roads surface dressed	Edenderry Inner Relief Road Phases 1 & 2	Last 55km of the Grand Canal Greenway constructed	367km roads strengthened
Migration of Corporate Fleet to Zero Emission		Construction of 7.4km of Kilbeggan Link	Commencement of Birr North Distributor Road
3 velocity patchers using HVO fuel	Regional EV Infrastructure Strategy		Commencement of Ballycommon Trailhead
Delivery of N52 Kilbeggan to Tullamore preferred route corridor	Delivery of Zero Emissions Charging Infrastructure	10 Active Travel schemes delivered since 2021	





Development Management

€99.2 million

*Community, Tourism, Heritage & Conservation,
Urban Village Renewal / Regeneration*

Community

Community Publications:

- Local Economic & Community Plan
- Offaly Age Friendly Strategy
- Offaly Playground Strategy
- Healthy Ireland Offaly Strategy
- Offaly Females and Diversity Policy
- Offaly Migrant Integration Strategy



LEADER Programme recipients
251

Project Approval €6.5 million

SICAP Budget €4.3million

Individual payee 2733

Community groups - 414



Supporting
community,
voluntary,
environmental &
social inclusion
in Offaly

Awards received
Birr (2019),
Geashill,
Mucklagh,
Pullough (2022)
and Ballyboy
(2023)

€494,000
invested in
Health
Promotion in
Offaly

€2.4m invested
in Offaly Sport
Partnership
activities



Development Management

€99.2 million

*Community, Tourism, Heritage & Conservation,
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Tourism & Heritage



The Offaly Tourism Strategy 2023-2027 recognises that tourism has a valuable role to play as a driver of economic growth and as a contributor to the sustainability of our rural communities.

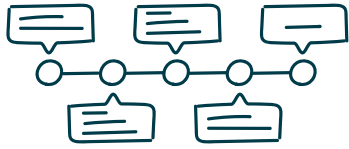
Our county has an abundant variety of natural environment and heritage resources, supports 1,000 jobs with great potential for future growth,



Offaly Heritage
Plan 2023 - 2027

Offaly Heritage
Forum

Conservation
Restoration
Programmes



Development Management

€99.2 million

*Community, Tourism, Heritage & Conservation,
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Planning

Planning
Applications
Processed
3,731

Housing Estates
Taken in-charge
22

Eplanning
uptake
65%



Commencement Notices Received

1012

Population in
Offaly
82,668

Forward Planning Publications

Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027

Birr Local Area Plan 2023-2029

Edenderry Local Area Plan 2023-2029

Annual Residential Zoned Land Tax Maps

2-year progress report on the implementation
of the County Development Plan

Pre-draft consultation of Joint Portarlington
Local Area Plan undertaken to date.

Approved renewable energy projects since 2019

Battery Storage 560 MW

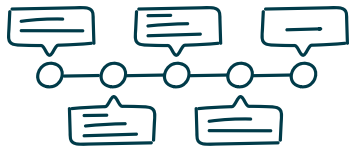
Hydrogen & Biogas

Plants - 17 MW

Wind Energy – 380 MW

Solar Farms – 498 MW





Development Management

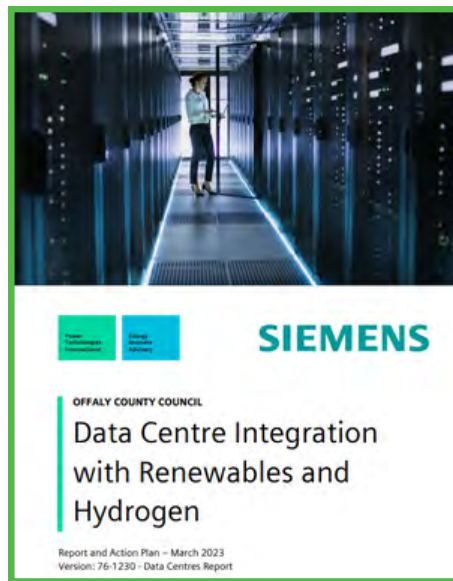
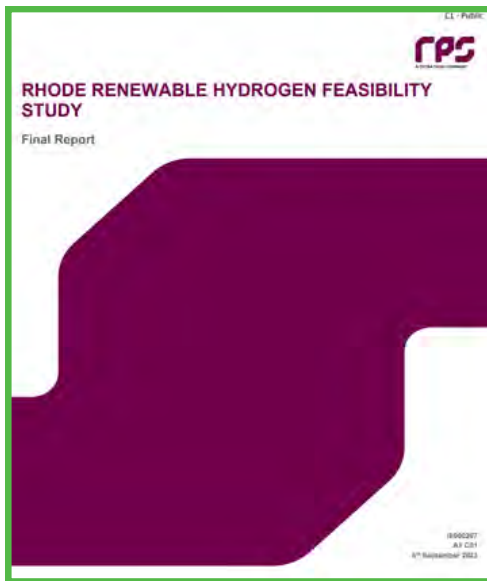
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Local Enterprise Office Offaly

Our Economic Development supports / activities include:

Local Enterprise Showcase, Local Enterprise Village at National Ploughing Championships, National Enterprise Awards, National Women's Enterprise Day, Student Enterprise Programmes.



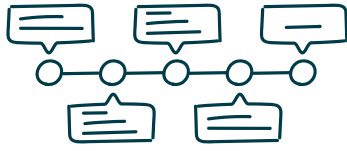
Co-Working
Hubs in Offaly

Networking
Events

How to grow
your business

Training &
Mentoring
Programmes





Development Management

€99.2 million

Community, Tourism, Heritage & Conservation,
Urban Village Renewal / Regeneration

Regeneration

**€13 million
secured**

Town and
Village Renewal
Scheme

Building
Acquisitions

Town Centre
First Plan Clara

URDF/RRDF
projects

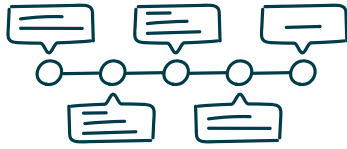
Community
Centre
Investment in
Moneygall

Outdoor
recreation
scheme



Looking forward:

Value of project
applications
made to
EU/National
funding agencies
€18.5m

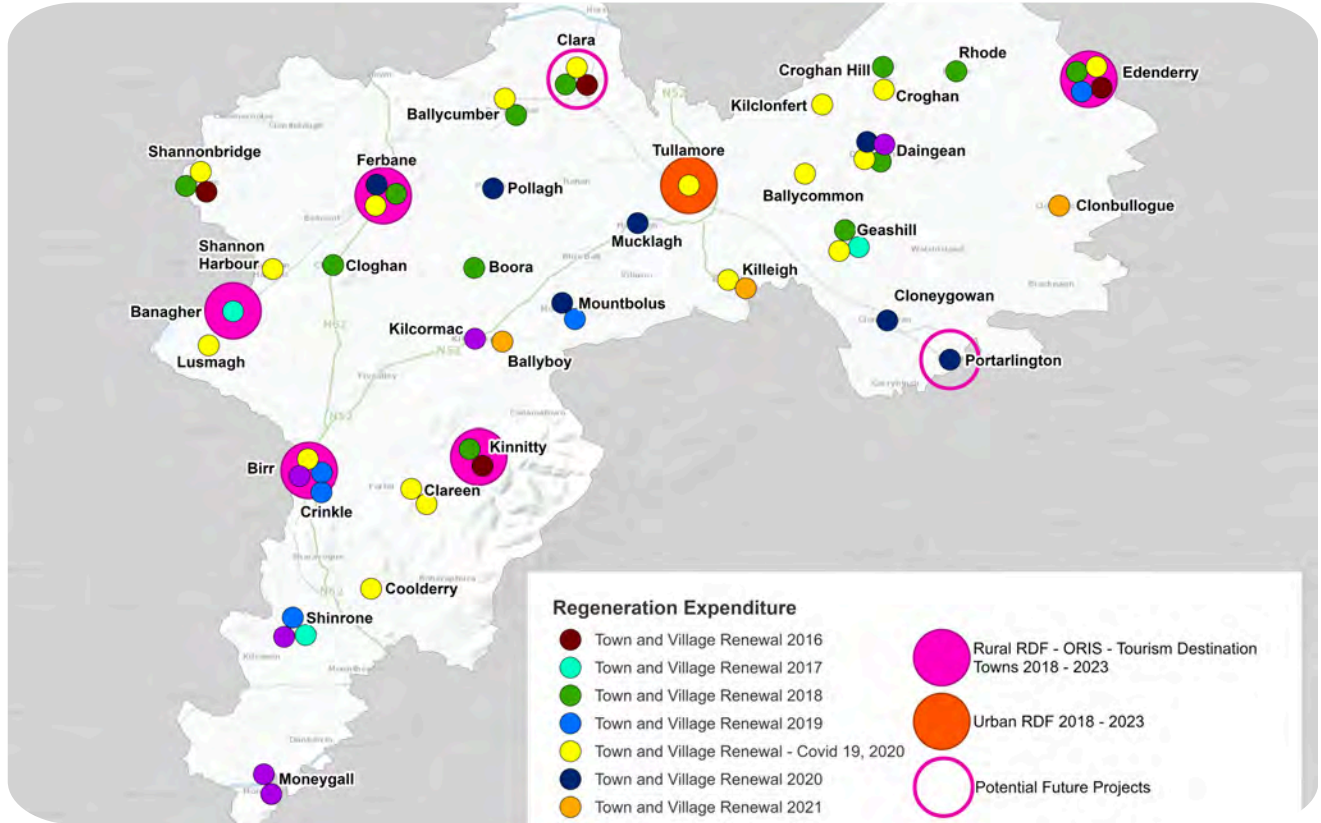


Development Management

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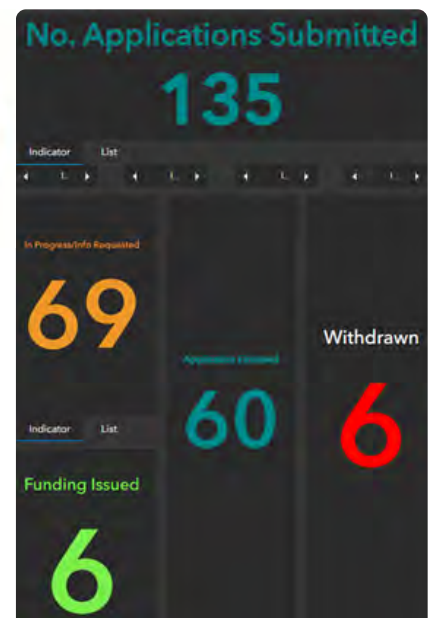
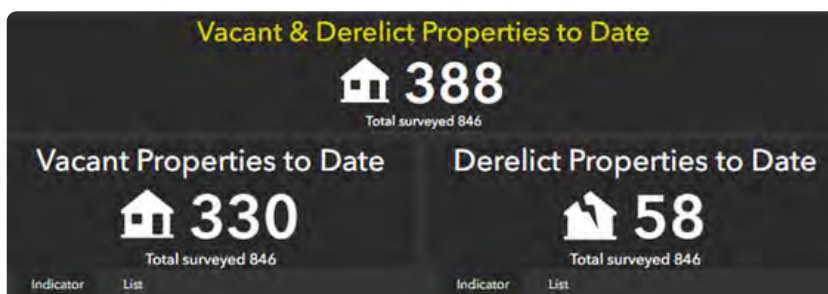
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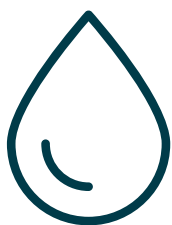
Regeneration Projects 2016-2022



The variation % increase in **Local Property Tax** in Offaly between 2020-2024 raised **€3.6 million**, which leveraged an external fund of an additional **€13 million** for the development and delivery of large-scale transformational projects in the County.

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant: Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund





Water Services €31.7 million

*Water Treatment, Group & Private Water Installations,
Grant Schemes*

Offaly County Council administers the Rural Water Programme relating to the provision of potable drinking water to:

- 4,755 domestic connections;
- over 14 Private Group Water Schemes (13 regulated) and
- 21 Public Group Water Schemes (5 regulated).

Other supports provided / activities conducted by the Council include:

Oversight & administration of 22 projects approved under multi annual Rural Water Programme

On average 260 different samples, audits and checks are carried out per annum

Capital improvement works review

Public water services carried out by the Council under SLA with Uisce Éireann (until July 2022)



Domestic waste water treatment systems

Lead replacement grants

Well Grants



Environmental €48.3 million

Awareness, Enforcement, Climate Action, Water Quality, Offaly Fire & Emergency Services



Street Cleaning
280 tonnes

Glass &
Aluminum
Bring Banks
8.4 tonnes
recycled

Community
Clean Ups
1,510 assisted

Civic Amenity
Sites
16.4 tonnes
recycled

Anti Dumping
Initiatives
28 projects

Number of
dogs rehomed
1,245

Over 6,300
environmental
complaints
received

Over 5,800
environmental
complaints
closed

Climate Action
Plan Team
appointed &
Climate Action
Plan adopted

Community
Climate Action
Fund €444,000





Environmental €48.3 million

*Awareness, Enforcement, Climate Action, Water Quality,
Offaly Fire & Emergency Services*

The Council is involved in monitoring surface and groundwaters.

The following information is based on data collected over a 6-year period from 2016 to 2021 under Ireland's national water quality monitoring programme, implemented from the Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2nd Cycle and the River Basin Management Plan.

The current WFD (3rd cycle) runs from 2022-2027.

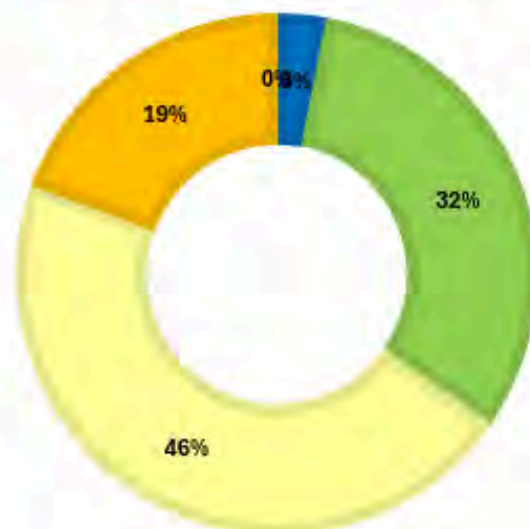
The ecological
status of 11
waterbodies
improved

5 water bodies
are classified as
Good to High

Total Drinking
Water Samples
taken: 1,300

2016-2021 WFD SURFACE WATERS ECOLOGICAL STATUS OFFALY

■ High ■ Good ■ Moderate ■ Poor ■ Bad



Water quality
monitoring
programme

Water
Framework
Directive 2nd
& 3rd Cycle

River Basin
Management
Plan

98 designated
waterbodies
monitored



Environmental €48.3 million

*Awareness, Enforcement, Climate Action, Water Quality,
Offaly Fire & Emergency Services*

Fire Safety Control
and Certificates



Inspection and
monitoring of
commercial facilities



Operation of the
Fire Brigade Service

Fire Prevention
and Education

ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S)
Management System

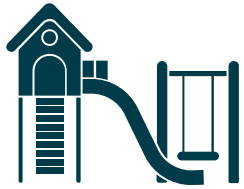
ISO 9001 Quality Management System



Offaly
Civil Defence Officer
working with 35
active
volunteers







Recreation & Amenity

€31.7 million

Library, Arts, Leisure Facilities

Library

Refurbishments

- Banagher
- Daingean
- Kilcormac
- Tullamore



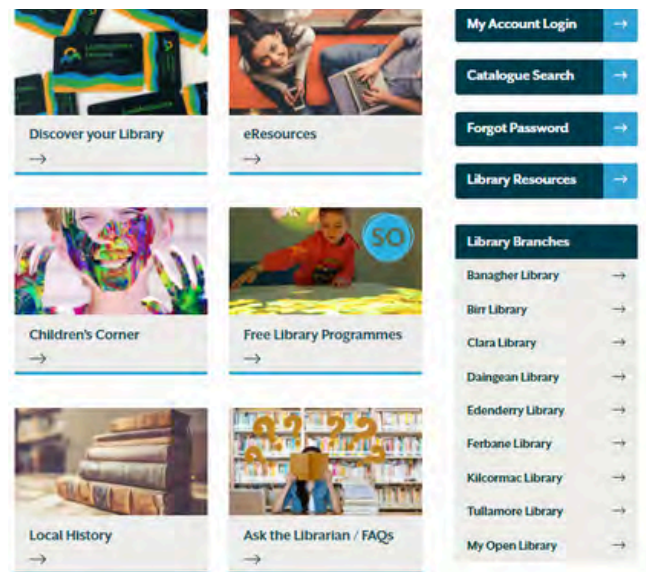
New Community Library & Arts Base

Edenderry, in development

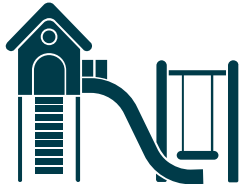


New & Upgraded My Open Libraries

- Banagher
- Ferbane
- Kilcormac
- Tullamore



Launch of New Library Website,
Online Catalogue and Virtual Tours



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Library, Arts, Leisure Facilities

New Library Programmes



Sensory Offaly

Sensory Spaces, 2.5K visits
Book & Toy Collections
Assistive Technologies



Parent Support Programme

93 Free Events in partnership
with Laois Library Service

Award Winning Programmes



Offaly Libraries Comic Con

LAI Project Prize, 2019

STEAMing Ahead

LAMA Innovation Award,
2024



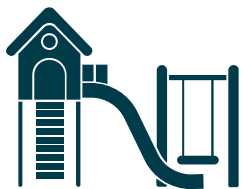
Celebrating 5 Years :
Age Friendly,
Right to Read and Cruinniu

Library Development Plans:

Creating Collaborative Communities, 2021 - 2023

Creating Spaces, 2024 - 2028





Recreation & Amenity

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Library, Arts, Leisure Facilities



Professional
artists support
scheme

Culture
Night

Hullabaloo!
Children's
Festival

Festival Arts
Grants & Film
Offaly



Festival
of
Change

Offaly Arts
Strategy
2023-2028

Creative
Places
Edenderry

Offaly
Artist
Database

Creative
Ireland





Support Services €56.2 million

Corporate Services, Customer Services, Health & Safety, Facilities Management

Corporate Services

Council Meetings & associated duties

Host events including Ministerial visits Civic Receptions

Now over 104,000 social media followers

New website launched in 2023

Our Employees

512 employees



Finance



Business supports, ICOB Grant, Waiver Scheme

ICT Department



Broadband rollout

STEM innovation

Looking ahead 2024 & beyond





