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Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
Offaly County Council

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Do: Baill Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí

To: Each Member of Offaly County Council
Tuairisc mhíosúil bainistíochta a bhreithniú i gcomhair tionóil mí Márta

Monthly Management Report for consideration at the March 2023 Monthly Meeting.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:

A schedule of Chief Executive Orders is included with the Council Agenda.

FINANCE:

Finance Report– Appendix 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUST TRANSITION

A delegation from the START team will visit Offaly from **March 29th to 31st**.

ARTS OFFICE

Plans are underway to support Poetry Day 2023, planned for **April 27th 2023** following consultation with Poetry Ireland.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME 2023

National awards **5 May 2023** in Croke park

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

National Showcase event which will be held in April in Croke Park. Offaly Comhairle will be allocated their own individual stand in the display area and will have the opportunity to showcase visually what they have been working on over the past two years.

REPORT AT A GLANCE

Esker Arts

Operational planning and programming continues with regards to the, soon to be opened, Esker Arts. Exterior signage is underway and there has been much consultation on upcoming projects. There is a huge sense of optimism present ahead of the Mid-April opening date.

Biodiversity

Biodiversity Officer commenced on 13 March 2023.

Climate Action Plan

Offaly County Council must adopt a Climate Action plan by 24th of February 2024. A Climate Action Team has been appointed and have commenced baseline assessment along with stakeholder engagement.

FilmOffaly

The FilmOffaly Award 2022 entitled, Missing, is in process with the shooting of the film set to commencing in March.

27 MARCH 2023

PLANNING

Development Management

	To end Feb 2023	To end Feb 2022	Total 2022
Planning Applications	81	94	682
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	1	1	15
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	64 (13)	3(1)	158 (15)

During the month of **February 2023**, the following large planning applications were received:

Thomas Bennett & James Kelly of Bare Meadows Ltd. Pp Convert Dwelling to Gastro Pub, New Side Extension, Car parking, EV Charging, Reception Building and Glamping Park. Boora, Blueball, Tullamore.

Leamore Construction Ltd	Pp 25 No Dwellings, New Site Entrance on R436 Kilbeggan Road, Connection to Services. Kilcoursey, Clara.
Wilton Accessories Ltd	Pp New Factory Unit To Include Office/Showrooms, Staff Facilities, Car parking. Existing Business Park, Ferbane.
Peter McCormack	Pp 9 No. 4 Bed Dwellings, Community Effluent Treatment System With Percolation, Entrance, Foothpaths, Drainage. Tubber.

Hanney Properties Limited Pp 4 Storey Office Building, Carparking, Landscaping. Central Business Park, Tullamore.

Harmony Solar Offaly Limited Pp 10 Year Permission And 40 Year Operation Life for Solar Farm. Townlands of Dovehill / Gortnamuck / Curraghmore / Freagh

Forward Planning

On 10th February 2023 notice was published of the proposed material alterations of the draft Birr Local Area Plan 2023-2029 inviting submissions up to 13th March.

The closing date for submissions on the draft Edenderry Local Area Plan 2023-2029 was 3rd February. 31 no. submissions were received, of which a CE Report will be prepared.

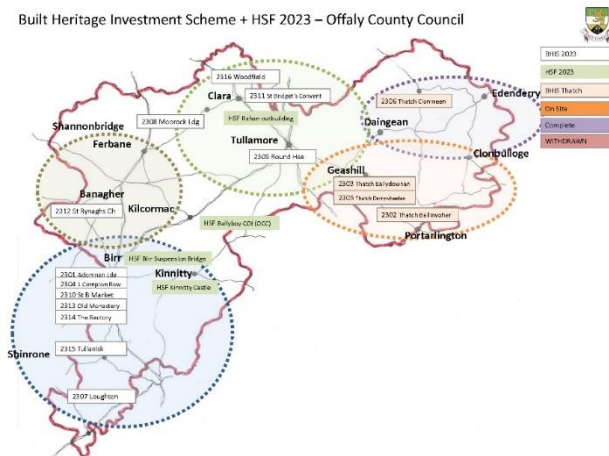
Conservation Architecture

- Record of Protected Structures** continue to assist with advice to owners and potential new owners.
- Conservation Reports** for all planning applications related to Protected Structures and ACA. Site visit where required, photos, research, produce a planning report within the 4-week period. Note 50% increase over last number of years and staff vacancy since 2022.
- Planning Reports** relating to large proposals and Housing applications and certain pre-planning meetings e.g. Largescale Residential Developments and larger urban applications, not currently feasible due to staff vacancy since 2022

4. **Section 57 Declarations, Mapping, site visits, reporting, mandatory 12-week timeframe, some more urgent.**
5. **Masterplan Steering Groups, as required, subject to availability (Tullamore, Tullamore Harbour, Banagher, Birr Rectory Lands etc.**
6. **Birr Destination Town -** Fáilte Ireland funding, project to commence on site March 2023, new entrance to Birr Demesne, The Green. Liaise with consultants, stakeholders and in-house team. Timber mock-up on site 28/02/23.



7. **Built Heritage Investment Scheme, 16 provisional grants have received approval by the Department for a variety of projects across the county, total funding €126,400 New Thatching Grant by Department €15,450, funding approved for 4 thatch projects.**



8. **Historic Structures Fund -** applications assessed - 4 sent for Department selection, should get results by March 2023.
9. **Follies Trust, project may / may not be agreed for 2023. Group have requested another arranged 2-day visit to Offaly viewing folly projects. Agree itinerary for proposed group visit in May 2023.**



10. **Heritage Stewardship – Heritage Council, €19,926 approved for Conservation Management Plan Tubberdaly Gazebo (former castle) by Howley Hayes Cooney.**
11. **Creative Ireland: Follies and Vernacular Architecture, part of Creative Ireland Team - Annual funding for Follies project €10,000 and Vernacular Architecture €5,000**
12. **Other areas: Heritage Forum attend and update quarterly meetings. ORIS assist with ongoing Kinnitty application. Department NIAH Garden Survey, provide Dept. with information to assist consultants (Lotts). Nationwide 1-day filming 18 February 2023 with reporter and cameraman relating to completed folly projects at**

Acres Folly, Kinnitty Suspension Bridge and Gloster Arch. Visit craftsmen in Offaly making God-in-the-Bottle. Show aired 1st March 2023.

Nationwide wish to return to again in May 2023 to film Gloster House and another location to be agreed.



Just Transition

Offaly to benefit from European Commission 'START' supports towards a Just Transition

An application by Offaly County Council for Technical Assistance towards a Just Transition for Peat Regions has been successful. The European Commission programme called START will support project identification and development, communications and stakeholder engagement, and will build capacity and partnerships for delivering a just transition.

The START team will provide 75 days of Technical Assistance to Offaly County Council and its partner organisations including the Technological University of the Shannon, Laois Offaly Education & Training Board and Offaly Local Development.

The START team has had its first engagement with Offaly County Council and its partners to develop a tailored Work Plan for delivery of technical assistance over the coming 10-12 months. Lessons and outputs from the technical assistance given to Offaly will be shared with the wider community of coal and peat regions in transition.

The Peat Regions in Transition Secretariat were impressed by the quality of applications received and are looking forward to the planned site visit and technical assistance delivery.

REGENERATION

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Tullamore**Third Round of Funding Support**

Following the announcement from Mr. Darragh O'Brien, TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the third round of URDF funding, the necessary appendices were submitted on Friday 10th March.

This third call is specifically designed to address long term vacancy and dereliction in Tullamore Town Centre. The fund will be available to cover the acquisition costs of a property or site and also any civil or design works which may be required to de-risk or improve the site/building to make it more attractive for reuse, development by others or onward sale. The intention is that the fund would be replenished from the proceeds received from the end use/user, thereby allowing the Offaly County Council to put in place a rolling programme to tackle long term vacancy and dereliction without recourse to borrowing and the associated financial risk.

There will be more information on the progress of this call after Department workshops take place in April.

Croí Cónaithe

Croí Cónaithe scheme is progressing as supports continue to be available to turn vacant residential and commercial properties into private residences under the Croí Cónaithe scheme. Due to National advertising campaign there has been an upsurge in queries received to date by the regeneration section.

Application forms or queries to tvr@offalycoco.ie or by downloading an application form.

Before*After***Town Centre First, Clara 2021**

- The Design Phase of the Town Centre First plan for Clara is progressing. A draft of the Town Centre First Plan is expected by the end of March. The draft will be presented to the Town Team, elected members, Offaly County Council staff and will be available for public viewing.
- The Clara Town Team are currently assisting in the circulation and completion of a Digital Citizen Survey as part of the Digital Blueprint Report. This Digital Towns – Blueprint Report will be incorporated into the TCF Plan and is currently being prepared by DCU.

The survey is designed to give an insight into the Town's:

- Internet access and use
- Digital skills
- Digital activity
- Digital work

Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF)

2021 Edenderry Phase II

- Stage 1 sketch designs now complete, sketch designs and were presented to Edenderry Municipal District members,
- Now commencing to phase 2(a) Design to online cost plan

2020 Banagher Regeneration

- Design phase for Marina progressing in consultation with Waterways Ireland and Irish Water
- Procurement for conservation plan for Shannon Royal Hotel progressing

2021 Ferbane Regeneration

- Tender responses for design team for the refurbishment of St Joseph's Convent closed on 29th January, responses are now evaluated and working towards contract signing.
- Minor meanwhile remedial works to permit community use are complete.

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

2021 – Derrycastle Lakes and Trails, project development

- Tender complete for a '10 Year Development Plan and Concept Designs for Derrycastle Lakes & Trails'
- Tender responses have been received are being evaluated, steering group meeting due to take place.

ROADS

2023 Road Program Allocations

The Roads Department within Offaly County Council received our 2023 allocations from the TII, NTA and Department Of Transport during the Month of February. Allocations have now been assigned to each specific Municipal District in order to allow for the compilation of each Municipal District Roads Programs for 2023. The table below outline the level of Funding received in 2023 as compared to 2022. There is an increase of 25.94% in overall funding when compared with 2022. The Annual Roads Program will be presented for approval to our elected members in March 2023.

Funding	2022 Initial Allocation	2023 Initial Allocation
Transport Infrastructure Ireland - National Roads allocation together with Greenways allocation	€2,762,911	€8,761,012
Department of Transport	€14,878,431	€15,539,300
National Transport Authority (incl Bus Stops)	€3,745,282	€3,009,382
Offaly County Council (Own Resources Local Roads)	€2,077,130	€2,246,269
Total	€23,463,754	€29,555,963

Specific Improvement Grant Projects 2023

Funding has been received to progress three separate Specific Improvement Grant Projects across the County in 2023. The Construction Contract for the second stage

of Edenderry Inner Relief Road will be awarded in Q2 of 2023 with a proposed completion in Q2 2024. Works on formulating Contract Documents will continue on the Birr North Distributor Road throughout 2023 with a projected tender date for the procurement of a contractor projected for late Q4 2023 or early Q1 2024 subject to Department of Transport Approvals. Works will commence on the appointment of Technical Consultants to commence the Strategic Assessment Report Phase for the Birr Southeastern Distributor Road in Q2 of 2023.

LIS Scheme 2023

The Roads Department have received an initial allocation of €348,777 from the Department of Rural and Community Development for our 2023 Local Improvement Schemes. Each Municipal District has proposed a list of works for 2023 and this program is now with our colleagues in the Department of Rural and Community Development for approval.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES

Climate Action Plan

Under the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 to 2021, and Section 14B(2)(a) thereof, the Minister for the Environment has instructed Local Authorities to make their First Climate Action Plan. Under the legislation, Offaly County Council must adopt a Climate Action plan by 24th of February 2024. A Climate Action Team has been appointed and have commenced baseline assessment along with stakeholder engagement.

Environmental Management

Waste management, water quality and noise and air pollution priorities for 2023 are set out in RMCEI Plan. This plan was prepared in accordance with priorities set

out by EPA and submitted on the 28th February.

Monthly environment returns are now reported on a new software system, NEMSIS, which can be used to review progress based on proposed RMCEI Plan for 2023.

Waste Management

Illegal Dumping

Convictions Register – Offaly County Council has liaised with EPA to ensure all waste prosecutions are recorded on both OCC register and EPA register through their NIECE Portal.

Green Schools

OCC is supporting schools in their efforts to be environmentally active through the Green Schools Programme. Some financial assistance and school visits/presentations has commenced throughout the county.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Environment Team are presently compiling a list of projects to seek funding for clean-ups/media campaigns/supplies in 2023 under the **Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023 Fund**.

Historic Landfills

Offaly County Council are in discussion with WERLA regarding developing a Tender document to progress to Tier2 & Tier 3 Assessments for 3 historical landfills, in accordance with DECC grant conditions. It is intended that Assessment work will be completed by year end.

Burial Grounds

St. Mary's Cemetery, Edenderry

We are commencing the Part 8 Planning Process to extend St. Mary's Cemetery, Edenderry and we are planning to have this completed during 2023.

Kilcoursey Cemetery, Clara

The landscaping in Kilcoursey is substantially completed with a mixture of hazel and whitethorn hedging and yew and hornbeam trees. In February we had hedge laying undertaken to manage the existing hedgerows and retain the existing, native



hedging, and as much of the existing biodiversity as possible. Also, we were given a demonstration of the hedge laying craft, which was attended by the Cathaoirleach.



Rural Water Programme Multi Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) for Capital Works

The total allocation to the successful projects under the 2019-2021 programme is €1,940,560.70 for 22 projects. Eighteen of these projects are completed and the other 3 are at various stages of progress with all projects expected to be completed in q1/23. The circular to roll out the next Multi Annual Programme is due in quarter 1 of 2023.

Lead Remediation Grant

The Dept. of Housing has announced details of the revised Lead Remediation Grant Scheme. Lead is a naturally occurring

metal that was used for pipework and plumbing in some houses built up to, and including, the 1970s. However, exposure to lead in drinking water has been identified as a serious public health risk. The grant scheme was introduced in line with the Government's National Lead Strategy in order to reduce people's exposure to lead in drinking water.

The aim of the grant is to assist households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings within the boundaries of the property. The grant is available if you receive a water supply from either a public or private water supplier.

The grant has been increase to a uniform grant rate of 100% of the eligible costs of the replacement of any such lead pipes and/or related fittings, or €5,000, whichever is the lower.

Water Services

The Framework for the Future Delivery of Water Services, published in June 2022, was developed through a process of engagement between the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Irish Water, the County and City Management Association (CCMA), Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and Unions.

The subsequent Water Services (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2022 provided for the separation of Irish Water from Ervia. It set out that, as part of the change, Irish Water will be known by its Irish name, Uisce Éireann, from January 2023. Uisce Éireann will assume the necessary control of water services operations and staff, with full accountability for same, on a phased basis during 2023. Discussions are ongoing in relation to a Master Co-operation Agreement and a Service Support Agreement Uisce Éireann which will

replace the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

HOUSING

To assist us in streamlining the delivery of Housing Services we encourage the use of the following email addresses:

Service	Email Address
HAP Enquiries	hap@offalycoco.ie
Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans	homeloans@offalycoco.ie
Housing Inspections – HAP, Leased, Private, etc.	standards@offalycoco.ie
General Enquiries, Maintenance Issues, etc.	housing@offalycoco.ie
RAS & Leasing Enquiries	RAS@offalycoco.ie
Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme	HousingAidGrants@offalycoco.ie
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB@offalycoco.ie

Housing Update

- There are 469 on the Social Housing List awaiting housing support at the end of February 2023.
- A further 665 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 8 signed up for HAP and 18 exited from HAP in February.

- At the end of February, 24 single people and 16 couples and families were being supported in emergency accommodation.
- The annual rent review of Local Authority Tenants has commenced. 1,984 rent assessment forms and cover letters issued to Local Authority Tenants on 10th February and 1,797 rent assessment forms have been returned to date. All tenants who have yet to submit their completed form are requested to return these immediately to the Housing Section. Any queries from tenants can be directed to our email RentReview@offalycoco.ie.
- Local Authority Home Loans (LAHL): currently five applications at approval in principle stage to a value of €901,300. Five applications have been received in 2023; additional information has been sought prior to progressing.

Housing Stock – Number, Maintenance & Repair

- Total housing stock at end of February 2023 is 2,032.
- 311 maintenance calls were logged in February.

Housing Capital Programme Update

- Raheen, Clara development (38 units) – Revised Stage 4 approval was granted on the 18th October 2022. Letter of Acceptance to Issue to Preferred Tenderer in February 2023. Project scheduled to start on site on 16th March 2023.
- Dargan Drive, Chancery Lane (20 Units) – Part 8 approved at the May council meeting. Stage 3 to be submitted to the Department once ESB lines on the site are undergrounded.

- Moneygall (4 units) – Contractor commenced works on site on 31st January 2022. Houses are completed and allocated.
- Beechgrove, Belmont (7 units) – Project commenced on site on 10th November 2021. Due for completion in Q2, 2023.
- Sr. Senan, Edenderry (4 no. Older Person's dwellings) – Stage 4 approval was granted on 11th April 2022, contractor appointed and has started on site. Due for completion in Q4 2023.
- Banagher, Kylebeg (18 Units) – Stage 4 approval received on 25th June 2021. Project is due for completion in early April 2023.
- Circular Road, Daingean (9 units) – Contractor appointed and project started on site in early March 2023.
- Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2 (10 Units) – Stage 2 approval was granted on 27th February 2023. New Part 8 exemption process; Section 179A of Planning and Development Act has commenced.
- Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber (10 Units) – Stage 2 approval received 30th Nov 2022. Part 8 went on Public Display on 15th February 2023.
- 1 Newbridge Street, Birr, 1 unit: Works are now complete and the dwelling allocated.
- 4 Holly Park, Birr, 1 Unit: Consultants have been appointed; Combined Stage 2/3 application to be submitted to Department in late March 2023.
- 121 Lakeview, Clara: Stage 1 approval application lodged on 16th November 2022. Queries were received from DHLGH on 24th February 2023.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- Oaklee: Clonminch, Tullamore (19 units) – Completion in Q2, 2023
- Oaklee: Kearney's Field, Tullamore (41 Units) – Completion in Q2, 2023
- Sofia Housing: Stage 2 approved (39 units) at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton. Planning Application lodged
- Sofia Housing, Clonamore, Tullamore – Contractor has been appointed and works are progressing well.

Turnkey Developments/Part V

- Woodfield, Birr, 35 units - Completed and being allocated
- Bog Road, Portarlinton, 28 units - Under Construction, completion in Q2, 2023
- Walsh Island, 4 units – Completed and allocated
- 2 x Part V units under construction at Ard na Carriage, Edenderry. Completed and being allocated
- Part V units in Redwood & Silverbrook, Tullamore under construction

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Local Community Development Committee

Offaly LCDC held their monthly meeting on Thursday 9th February. Main agenda items included the 2022 Annual Report of Offaly Local Community Development Committee, LEADER Programme 2023–2027, Rural Development LEADER Programme 2014–2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021–2022, Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2018–2023 (SICAP) End of Year Performance Review 2022, Annual Progress Report 2022, Case Study 2022 and

Annual Plan 2023, Healthy Ireland Funding Round 4 Preparatory Work Update, CEP - Community Support Fund 2022 and Community Recognition Fund 2023.

Annual Report of Offaly LCDC

Members were briefed on the framework and content of the 2022 LCDC Annual Report, including the main functions of the LCDC and changes in the committee membership during 2022. Specific achievements of the Committee under various programmes of work were highlighted. Members adopted the report which was submitted to the elected members of Offaly County Council at their February meeting. The co-operation and significant contribution of the Chair and the LCDC members and partners for managing, implementing and collaborating in relation to the delivery of a number of programmes and services in the county was greatly acknowledged. Outgoing members were thanked for their contribution and service to the LCDC.

SICAP 2018 – 2023

Members were provided with a comprehensive overview of the SICAP 2022 Annual Performance Review and Annual Progress Report, which highlighted financial and non-financial elements of the Programme to the members. Members were provided with a summary of the achievements of the SICAP programme in 2022 together with details of a wide range of vital interventions and programmes delivered across the County in 2022. Offaly SICAP were commended for their role in the Ukrainian Refugee crisis and the considerable work undertaken by the team throughout the year to support the immediate needs of arriving Ukrainian Refugees and assisting with access to essential services. It was further acknowledged that all SICAP programmes were delivered and key performance targets

exceeded in addition to the delivery of the Ukrainian response programmes and supports. Members formally approved the SICAP End of Year Performance review 2022 and the SICAP Annual Plan 2023.

Healthy Ireland Funding Round 4 Preparatory Work Update

Members were briefed in relation to the Healthy Offaly Round 4 consultations, which took place with stakeholders, youths and adults across the county. The top two priority Healthy Ireland Outcome Indicators were identified as ‘Decrease in number of adults who are overweight or obese’ and ‘Increase in percentage of adults and children meeting physical activity guidelines’. The key findings of the consultation process and report were outlined which will inform the Healthy Offaly Round 4 application form and subsequent actions in an evidence based way.

Community Support Fund (CSF) 2022 & Community Recognition Fund 2023

Members were briefed in relation to both funding schemes which are currently open for applications.

Community Response Forum

The Community Forum consists of a range of agencies working within Offaly who meet every three weeks to discuss updates in relation to Ukrainian refugees arriving into the County and ensuring appropriate responses with integrated supports to housing, transport, medical, social welfare, education, employment, training and social integration.

At its meeting held on the 21st February 2023, the guest speaker Ms. Eibhlin Byrne from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) updated the committee on the development of modular type housing for

Ukrainian families on Council lands at Clonminch, Tullamore.

Ms Byrne advised that 64 units of modular housing will be constructed in the coming months by SISK. The units will accommodate up to 256 Ukrainian refugees in the 2-Bed units which will be allocated to families comprising Ukrainian women and children. The units are expected to be completed by 11 August 2023 and will be fully kitted out internally when delivered.

The total numbers of Ukrainians in Offaly has continued to increase, with 917 PPSN reported in Offaly on 9th February 2023. The majority of the families are accommodated in Tullamore, Birr, Portarlinton, Kilcormac, Moneygall and Shannonbridge.

Community Enhancement Programme - Community Support Fund 2022

Offaly was approved for a Fund totalling €298,782 managed by Offaly LCDC. The closing date for applications was 24th February 2023. A total of 200 applications were received from community groups under the following four categories:

- 1) €146,403 Current non-pay running costs such as energy costs
- 2) €99,391 Capital repairs and improvements to facilities / purchase of equipment
- 3) €50,000 LED Lighting upgrades
- 4) €2,988 Women's Sheds Non-pay Running Costs

A subcommittee of the LCDC will assess the submissions in early March and their recommendations will be presented for approval to the full LCDC at their meeting on 9th March 2023. LCDCs are not permitted to notify any of the approved groups until the Department confirms a press release has issued.

Community Recognition Fund 2023

This Fund for capital projects was launched by DRCD on 24 January 2023. The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting Ukrainian refugees in significant numbers. In Offaly these towns are currently Tullamore, Portarlinton, Birr, Kilcormac, Banagher, Moneygall, Shannonbridge, Clara and Dunkerrin.

OCC issued a public call for submissions on the 21st February 2023. Closing date for receipt of submissions was 3rd March 2023. OCC must submit proposals to DRCD before 15 March 2023. Projects submitted for approval must demonstrate that the funding is targeted at those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located. Projects situated in areas that do not have high levels of new arrivals will not be deemed eligible.

A total of €669,691 has been allocated to Offaly, with at least 60% to be spent in 2023 with the remaining 40% in 2024. A subcommittee of the LCDC will assess the submissions in early March and their recommendations will be presented for approval to the full LCDC at their meeting on 9th March 2023. Final approval for all projects rests with the Department of Rural & Community Development.

Public Participation Network

During February, Offaly PPN were involved in the following actions:



- Healthy Ireland Team Meeting
- Disability Awareness Fund meetings
- Offaly Older persons Network.
- A meeting took place with PPN JPC Reps prior to the JPC meeting. We also attended the JPC meeting.

- Environmental work with Green Offaly and linking with the OCC Climate Change Team.
- Met with Seonaid the Edenderry Creative Places worker to explore opportunities to work collaboratively with Edenderry communities.
- During a visit on 17th Feb to the Aras, we met the Minister Eamonn Ryan and promoted the work of the PPN from an environmental perspective, including the PPN's role in Green Offaly.



- The PPN National Communication Strategy Launch took place with national and local media coverage. This is part of an ongoing piece of work.
- Staff attended the Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force Conference in Portlaoise
- Offaly PPN attended the launch of the Pullough Community Action Plan.



Petria from Inclusion Ireland speaking at the ODEN Public Sector Duty of Care and Plain English event

Comhairle Na nÓg

In February, the first steering committee of 2023 had a high attendance and a fruitful discussion took place in relation to the Groups chosen Topic of Disability. The committee discussed ideas in relation to progressing a disability awareness campaign.

The following week, the members met to progress their topic. A representative from ODEN spoke to the group about his lived experience of disability and the group discussed how CNN and ODEN could work together. Two staff plus one youth advocate from Jigsaw also spoke to the group about their service and how to become a youth advocate.

Some members attended the CYPSC Launch of the New Disability Directory in Tullamore. One member was part of the launch with others going to support.

ARTS OFFICE

Arts Office Planning 2023

Planning for the Arts Office programme 2023 has continued with the completion of the Arts Service Delivery Plan 2023.

Arts Strategy 2023-2028

The Arts Office is in the planning stage for the development of the next Arts Strategy. The Arts Office will seek approval to engage an experienced Arts Consultant(s) to assist with the planning / consultation process that aligns with the newly adopted Arts Infrastructure Strategy. Funding has been allocated from Arts Budget and Arts Council for this purpose. It is planned to advertise for the service of a consultant(s) in March.

Grants & Awards

Applications for Arts Acts Grants and Professional Artists Support Scheme have

been received and assessed by an external panel. The Arts Acts Grants recommendation will be made at the February Council meeting. 21 projects were funded under the scheme to a total allocation of 20,190 Euro. All applicants have been notified of the outcome. The Professional Artist Support Scheme has also been independently assessed with all applicants notified of the outcome. 20 applications were approved to a total cost of 11,740 Euro. The Festival Arts Grants closed on 16th Feb 2023 with 9 festivals funded under the scheme to a total cost of 9,400 Euro. All applicants have been notified of outcome. All applications were processed through Submit.com, enabling the Arts Service to collect and process information more effectively and assist with future planning. All applications were assessed through an independent external evaluation process.

ARTS OFFICE PROGRAMMES

Lough Boora - Art in Landscape Project Funding

Offaly County Council Arts Office in collaboration with Mayo County Council Arts Office and Visual Artists Ireland have been successful in securing project funding under the Art Council's Invitation for Collaboration Scheme. OCC Art's Office is the lead partner on the project. The project, currently being designed by the partners, will include a series of events to take place at Lough Boora Sculpture Park and Tír Sáile (County Mayo) in September / October.

The Arts Office recently hosted the first in-person meeting of the group, which included a site visit to Lough Boora Sculpture Park. The Arts Office is currently developing two briefing documents with the partners, for the roles of Project Manager and Curator for the

project, to advance to the next stage of the project. Once appointed, the curator will deliver a curatorial direction for the project and the Project Manager responsibilities will include managing artist commissions, planning and delivering of a Summer Hedge School, as well as a wide array of consultation, documentation and evaluation.

Arts in Health

The Arts Office worked with Offaly Down Syndrome Association and renowned Offaly-based Photographer James Crombie, to deliver an Arts in Health Project throughout February.



Funded under the Disability Participation Fund, the project funded 10 adults from the Down Syndrome Community to engage in a week-long workshop with James Crombie, learning the fundamentals of photography and exploring portrait photography as well as taking part in an outdoor field trip, at a nearby Alpaca Farm. The final part of the project took place on 21st March, with an exhibition of the work in Tullamore on World Down Syndrome Day.

FilmOffaly

FilmOffaly 2023 has been advertised and the Arts Office are receiving many submissions ahead of the deadline of 13th March, shortlisting will then take place and shortlisted filmmakers will be offered a script writing workshop followed by an interview with an external panel.

FilmOffaly Review

The FilmOffaly Review is underway by researchers, Culture Works, with consultations with key stakeholders. The FilmOffaly Commission Board met the researchers in February at Áras an Chontae, where the researchers gave a presentation and facilitated a discussion with the group.

Hullabaloo

Annual Programme planning for Hullabaloo Children's Art Festival, Mini Movies and Culture Night is underway. A meeting has taken place regarding the inclusion of a new partner in Hullabaloo with the opening of Esker Arts, who will be involved in the programming and hosting of Tullamore-based events. The Arts Office is currently working on adaption of callout for work for Culture Night, and has consulted with The Arts Council on the feasibility of Offaly making an application for Culture Night Late funding. The Mini Movies programme is also under review, with a refreshed programme planned for 2023.

The Arts Office is also supporting Birr Theatre & Arts Centre and Esker Arts in working with the Bealtaine Roots & Shoots Programme scheduled for May 2023. Both venues will host age-friendly Arts events in May 2023.

Youth Arts Commissions

Management of four youth arts commission 22, for ages 13+ is ongoing, with completion due by June 2023. The projects span a number of art forms including; dance, drama, visual art and music. The Arts Office are also planning for new Youth Arts Commissions, which will open up for new applicants in due course.

Arts Newsletter

The Arts Office sent out a call and questionnaire to get feedback on the

development of a newly planned Arts Newsletter with some very positive feedback from 102 respondents. Having assessed the feedback, the decision was taken to pilot a bi-monthly newsletter, offering updates and information on Arts events, workshops, exhibitions etc. across the County as well as promoting and sharing funding

and bursary opportunities that might be of interest to artists and communities that have a shared interest in the Arts. The Offaly Arts Alert will soon be shared across the networks of the Arts Office, with an emphasis on inclusion and access for all. As a special feature, for the inaugural pilot edition, there will be a feature on Arts Venues as well as a spotlight on an Offaly Artist. Content will be subject to change, as determined by feedback and capacity to deliver on an ongoing basis. An easy-read and video version has also been developed to support mixed levels of access and varying reading/comprehension styles and needs.



Creative Places Edenderry

The Creative Places programme is continuing to develop. A new Creative Places co-ordinator Seonaid Murray has been appointed by the lead partner Creative Lives and Seonaid has facilitated the first Creative Places Steering Group for 2023. The Creative Places programme is divided into three phases, 'Connect, Cultivate, and Celebrate'.

In year one, the focus was to 'Connect' this was a building phase, where efforts and energies were targeted at reaching out to the

community, listening to local issues, developing trust, forming relationships, embedding within networks, forming structures, lots of explaining, highlighting potential collaboration and projects and modelling a way of working together.

We are now in the Cultivate phase of the project and Seonaid will continue to gather ideas, thoughts and input from the local community in order to fully plan for the year, with a range of activities and workshops planned in collaboration with the community throughout the year.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Edenderry Library and Arts Space

The Arts Office will be continuing to work in collaboration with the county librarian in the development of plans for a multi-purpose arts space to be incorporated into the planning of the new library for Edenderry, this will include developments as part of the Creative Places Edenderry project.

Creative Ireland

The Arts Office continues to plan for Creative Ireland programmes and the arts programmes from the Community Call for 2023. Assessments recently took place and decisions on funding projects will be announced shortly via the Creative Ireland team. The Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity Scheme has been announced with details being shared with community groups who may be in a position to make an application under the scheme.

SPORTS -Programmes

ACE schools programme – Liam O'Reilly

- The spring athletics programme continues to be rolled out in 12 primary schools. Liam O'Reilly, ACE Project coordinator, alongside

various tutors of the sports partnership are delivering this programme to in excess of 1,300 pupils.

- After schools athletics programme underway in Daingean sports hub for 15 children.

Integration

After schools programme continues to be rolled out for 30 children in Portarlinton

Sports Inclusion Development Programme – Jean Brady



February 2023 saw the continuing roll out of the following programmes

- The Banagher College/IWA 5-week boccia programme commenced on the 21st February. TY students were trained to support delivery of the programme and three teams each from Banagher College and the IWA are taking part, with the remaining students officiating each week.
- Swim programme for children with additional needs – the 6-week Birr swim programme for children with additional needs concluded in February. A number of participants are now attending Birr Leisure Centre on a weekly basis to continue their swim journey.

- The Muiriosa Foundation's 8-week multi-sport programme continued in Mucklagh Community Centre. 10 service users across three houses continue to enjoy the activity sessions every Tuesday.

February also saw Jean attend a number of awareness events including

- Offaly Disability & Equality Network (ODEN) event on 8th February
- Heathy Offaly's Train the Trainer workshop on 21st February
- Launch of the Laois/Offaly Disability Directory for children and young people with disabilities in Tullamore Library on 23rd February.

Community sports hubs

Daingean – Denise Coghill, Community Sports Development Officer, continues to manage the Daingean community sports hub. February 2023 saw a full timetable of programmes and classes in the Hub including: -

- After schools SPORTSHALL Athletics – 40 primary school children are in attendance weekly.
- Teens sport & physical activity programmes – a Friday afternoon kick about has had 15 teenage boys in attendance weekly.
- Over 50s strength and conditioning twice weekly - the typical attendance across the week is 20, with a number of men now starting to join the sessions.
- Pilates with Michelle and Sean; and Yoga with Shauna – the 8-week block programmes in each activity continued throughout February with a typical attendance of 20, 10 each at the Pilates and Yoga programmes.

- The badminton programme which commenced before Christmas for children, young people and adults culminated in the hosting of a 5-week inter-generational Friday night tournament for 30 teens and adults. Following the success of the programme, a club has now been established.

Mucklagh – Jean Brady, Sports Inclusion Development Officer continues to coordinate delivery of activities within the Mucklagh sports hub. Among the programmes currently being rolled out in the Hub are: -

- Activator poles for 30 older adults.
- Adapted physical activity programme in Rahan National School for three classes from the Mochuda Unit catering for children aged of 3-5 years.
- 6-week after school basketball programme catering for 55 children from four local primary schools.
- After school basketball programme for eight teenage boys.
- Mucklagh (recreational) Walking Group. The group meet every Wednesday morning for a leisurely stroll round Mucklagh followed by a cuppa and chat.
- Multi-sport programme for 12 young adults with additional needs from the National Learning Network.
- 6-week Pilates programme.
- Rinka fitness classes for children aged 3-9 years.

HEALTHY OFFALY

February saw the preparation work for Round 4 of the Healthy Ireland Fund progressed even further with a presentation of the chosen outcome indicators on



Obesity and Physical Activity interventions by Healthy Offaly's consultant Dr. Diane Cooper to the Healthy Offaly Subcommittee. The subcommittee were comprehensively briefed on the outcome of the consultation process and the next steps for Healthy Offaly.

On 21st February, after circulation of HIF Round 4 funding application forms to potential implementing partners, an information workshop explaining the two themes of Obesity and Physical Activity took place in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Groups were given guidance on the clinical definition of each theme and how best to approach framing an action. The Healthy Ireland Coordinator also took questions on project eligibility to provide groups with the clearest direction possible on how to complete an application.

In advance of the deadline for receipt of applications on 24th February, 5 valid applications for funding were received in from *Clara Community & Family Resource Centre, The Football Association of Ireland, Offaly Sports Partnership, Social Farming Ireland and South Offaly Sports & Recreation Centre*. These projects will be forwarded to the Healthy Offaly Grant Assessment Subcommittee for appraisal in March before being presented to the LCDC for approval.

TOURISM

A successful Offaly Tourism Seminar took on 3rd March, in the Tullamore Court Hotel, bringing together stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality sector. The event was used to gather industry leaders together and provide a chance for them to network and be updated with relevant industry information.

Those in attendance, were treated to some fantastic and informative presentations from guest speakers; Paddy Matthews, Head of Operations Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, Julie McLoughlin, Visitor Experience Lead at Lough Boora Discovery Park and Andrew Murray, Senior Planner, who spoke about the work and developments happening within the county to promote it as a tourism destination.

The second part of the morning saw a presentation from Ali Curran from CHL Consulting Ltd., who are currently undertaking the new Offaly Tourism Strategy. In a workshop setting, attendees were given the opportunity to express their views on the future of tourism in the county and the positivity from the room was palpable.





There were also a host of national events delivered online,

View some of the Spotlight Events using the video links below. Topics include; **Sustainability and Cost Saving** with top green and lean consultants; **Innovate for Business Success**; **First Steps to Export Success** and **Drive Cost Savings with LEAN**.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Local Enterprise Week 2023



LEO Offaly enjoyed delivering another week-long programme of events and training during Local Enterprise Week 2023. These events covered everything from gaining business advantage and digital marketing to tendering or money mastery and there were over 200 attendees at the events during the week.



Dynamic Company led by Female Entrepreneur is Overall Winner of Offaly County Enterprise Award for 2023

Glass Innovations Ltd C/o Gretchen Donovan is Overall Winner of 2023 Offaly County Enterprise Award. As winner of the top award, receiving a trophy and cash prize of €1,500, Glass Innovations Ltd will now represent Co. Offaly and Local Enterprise Office Offaly at the National Enterprise Awards in June.



Gretchen will go forward to represent County Offaly at the National Finals to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, 1st June 2023 where there are further prizes to be won.

Other winners at the awards ceremony, held at the Tullamore Court Hotel included four category prize-winners. The four category prize winners were: Daingean based Anthony Gorman's Wooden Crafts Ltd (One to Watch Award); Tullamore based Allpro Recruitment Ltd (Business Strategy Award); Clara based Irish Training Solutions (XSF) Ltd (Export Award) and Rahan based NIS Ltd (Innovation Award). Three other Offaly businesses received Merit Awards this year. These were James Cooper T/a James Cooper Carpentry; Clonearl Engineering/Agri Data Analytics Ltd and Enhance Acoustics.



Student Enterprise Programme 2023

90 students took part in the Offaly Final on the 7th of March which was held in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Over 600 students from 10 schools took part in the annual programme throughout the county,



Pictured above are the winners in the Senior Category of the competition Morgan Bennett and Niall Kelly from Presentation Secondary School, Killina who will represent Offaly on May 5th in Croke Park. Leas Cathoirleach Cllr. Tony McCormack presented the prize to Morgan and Niall. Their business name is **Cru Capaill Limited** and they make beautiful household items from old horseshoes.

The full list of participants, winners and photographs are available on our website
[>>> Click here for more information](#)



Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme

The Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme is designed to help Irish businesses to manage the economic impact of the current crisis in Ukraine. The scheme is aimed at businesses experiencing significant difficulty as a result of increased energy costs.

The Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme offers two streams of support to manufacturing and Internationally Traded Services companies. The Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme Streams 1 and 2 reopened on **March 20th 2023**. Full details available on the [Enterprise Ireland website](#).

Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS)

The Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS) is a Government Financial Support for Irish businesses. The TBESS was introduced to support businesses with increases in their electricity or natural gas (energy) costs. Qualifying businesses can claim for 40% of the increases in their energy bills.

The Minister for Finance recently announced a number of enhancements to the Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS), including the extension of the scheme beyond the end of February

2023. Full details are available in the [Guidelines Document which is available to read here](#).

Financial Supports available in LEO Offaly

Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) provide a range of financial supports designed to assist with the establishment and/or growth of enterprises (limited company, individuals/sole trader, cooperatives and partnerships) employing up to ten people. In some cases, depending on certain criteria businesses with 10 employees or more may be eligible, please contact us in LEO Offaly for more information on eligibility.



These include:

- [Feasibility Study Grants](#)
- [Business Expansion Grants](#)
- [Agile Innovation Fund](#)
- [Micro Finance Loans](#)
- [Priming Grants](#)
- [Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters](#)
- [Brexit Supports for your Small Business](#)
- [Trading online Voucher Scheme](#)

These financial supports are designed to provide a flexible suite of supports to LEO clients and potential clients. [Download](#) our brochure on LEO Financial Supports.

Upcoming Events

Most of our courses are **FREE OF CHARGE!** Whether it is starting a business or growing a business there is something suitable for everyone. Full details and links to book are here: <https://bit.ly/3B5LTku>

Upcoming Events		See All Events >
22/03/2023	Working with a WordPress Website - Beginners	Book online
27/03/2023	Bookkeeping using Excel Spreadsheets	Book online
30/03/2023	Digital Marketing Mentoring Clinic	Book online
03/04/2023	How to make and use Reels on Instagram and Faceboo...	Book online
20/04/2023	Trading Online Voucher Webinar	Book online
25/04/2023	Introduction to Podcasts for business	Book online
03/05/2023	Part-Time Business Start Up (while holding down a ...	Book online

LIBRARY SERVICES

St. Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge ag Leabharlanna Uíbh Fhailí

Offaly Libraries were delighted to deliver our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations with plenty of activities coordinated across the county, encouraging our patrons to use their 'Cúpla Focail'.



In the run up to St. Patrick's Day, our library staff facilitated special **Irish story times, art and craft sessions** and more. As seen in the images above, 3rd class from Scoil Mhuire agus Chormac visited Kilcormac Library and

were treated to a fun story time and craft session with Clare.

Tráth na gCeisteanna events were also arranged in Tullamore Library for local primary and secondary school students. Offaly Libraries continues to support the Irish language throughout the year with the establishment of **Irish Conversation groups** who meet weekly in Birr and Clara libraries.



Pictured are members of Clara Library's Irish Conversation group, who enjoyed watching a **scannán as gaeilge** while **drinking cupán tae**.



Squeeze in a Read for Ireland Reads Day 25th February with Offaly Libraries

On **Ireland Reads Day**, February 25th, Offaly Libraries encouraged people of all ages to get reading and pledge their reading time on www.irelandreads.ie



Why? Because taking some time for yourself to relax and do the things you enjoy (like reading) is important to help look after your mental wellbeing.

Offaly Libraries coordinated **25 countywide events with 578 attendees**, including story times, arts and crafts, school visits, drop in sessions for our digital services, author visits and illustration workshops.

On Ireland Reads day, Tullamore Library hosted an event celebrating the **book launch** of children's book **'What Can I Do?'** written by local author **Donna Mills**.

Donna performed a special reading of her book to **16 adults and 24 children**, followed by a fun arts and crafts session.

Engineer's Week, Offaly Libraries School STEAM Programme 2023

Engineer's Week is a yearly celebration of the infinite possibilities that the field of engineering explores and is a key staple in our **School STEAM programme** for 2023.



Using creative thinking in design and building is a core tenet of the field, and plenty of those skills were on display during a series of **Lego Workshops attended by 275 primary and post-primary students**. These workshops were hosted in Tullamore, Edenderry and Birr libraries on the 6th, 7th and 8th of March, in collaboration with **Bricks4Kidz**, and kindly co-funded by **Creative Ireland**. It wasn't just schools who got to take part, as these libraries also hosted **Lego Freeplay Sessions** on Saturday, March 11th that were open to all.

Launch of New Disability Directory at Tullamore Library



The Guide to Supports and Services for Children and Young People with Disabilities in Laois and Offaly was officially **launched in Tullamore Library on February 23rd**.

Produced by CYPSC with the help of: Offaly County Childcare Committee, Offaly Library Service, Laois Library Service, Laois and Offaly Sports Partnerships, Laois Partnership, Inclusion Ireland, LOFFA, IPPN, the guide is available to [view here](#).



Author Visit to Banagher Library



Banagher Library received a lovely visit from **local author, Kat Chant**, pictured here with her **newly published book 'God of Summer'**.

Hailing from Australia originally, Kat met her Irish husband in Britain and finally settled in Ireland, where she drew inspiration for her work of fiction. A guaranteed page-turner interlaced with romance, Irish lore and history, **this book is**

now on the shelf at Banagher Library and can be requested online [here](#).

Irish Astronomy Week, March 20th – 26th

The stars are aligning for Offaly Libraries as we celebrated Irish Astronomy Week **March 20th – 26th**, another part of our **School STEAM Programme** for 2023.



Understanding and appreciation of the night sky was the focus of a fantastic **Family Stargazing evening at Tullamore Library** on Tuesday, 21st March.

Seanie Morris of Midlands Astronomy Club was on hand with his telescope. Families in attendance were treated to storytelling, art, and virtual tours of space with our VR headsets so there will be plenty on offer, no matter the weather! All ages were welcome to attend this fascinating event.

Sensory Offaly: Supporting Children and Adults with Additional Needs



Offaly Libraries' **Sensory Offaly Toys and Equipment Collection** contains a range of items to support children, young adults and adults with additional needs and challenges in the development of fine motor, gross motor, communication and life skills – you can **find all the details** [here](#).



Patrons can borrow from the collection by registering for a **Sensory Offaly library card** at any branch of Offaly Libraries.

Each of our eight branches can provide a Sensory Backpack for use within the library, and Tullamore and Edenderry libraries have sensory spaces that can be booked for use.

In 2023 to date, Tullamore Library's **Sensory room has been booked 128 times** and Edenderry Library's weekly Sensory Space is available every Thursday for bookings.

Offaly Volunteer Centre Drop-In Consultation Morning at Clara Library

Offaly Libraries were happy to offer our library spaces across the county to the Offaly Volunteer Centre in their outreach to local communities during February.

Pictured is Susan of the Offaly Volunteer Centre, who visited Clara Library on Wednesday, 22nd February. Susan was on hand to meet and chat with patrons, helping to spread awareness of all the great work the Offaly Volunteer Centre is doing around the county.



New Age Friendly Assistance Trolley at Tullamore Library



We are pleased to announce that Tullamore Library now have an **Age Friendly Assistance Trolley**!



This accessible trolley will allow our older patrons and those with mobility challenges to collect and carry books easily during their visit to Tullamore Library.



Ireland EU 50 Exhibition currently on Display at Tullamore Library

In March, Tullamore Library is home to **'Into Europe: Ireland and the EU'**, an exhibition exploring Ireland's history with the EU since its entry in 1973.

Drop in to experience [The Royal Irish Academy's](#) exhibition in both Irish and English. For more information on the EU 50 exhibition, please [see here](#).



Maynooth University Special Collections & Archives Exhibition at Birr Library

Birr Library will continue to host the 'The Second Reformation and Catholic-Protestant



Relations in Pre-Famine Ireland: Bicentennial Perspectives' exhibition for the month of March.

The exhibition focuses on the Second Reformation, when Protestant missionaries renewed efforts to convert Irish Catholics. The exhibition uses the Second Reformation as a focal point through which to explore relations between these two groups. There is also an accompanying podcast [here](#).

Birds Eye View Exhibition at Edenderry Library

Edenderry Library are hosting the **Birds Eye View** exhibition from Niamh Hynan and Cadamstown NS through February and March.

60 pupils and parents attended the exhibition launch in Edenderry Library on the 8th February.



23 students took part in five art workshops where they explored texture and mark making, inspired by our local environment. Students used a wide variety of media including twigs, straws, rice, coffee, bubble wrap, teabags, plaster, polyfilla, toilet paper to create a number of textures to represent the local rivers, bogs, canals and woods.

Book Clubs at Offaly Libraries

Did you know that Offaly Libraries now have 9 book clubs spread across four library branches *and* online? [Check them all out here](#).



With clubs for **children, young adults and mature readers**, why not join one of the clubs on offer or, if you do not see your local branch mentioned, our library staff would be thrilled to help you start one. Here is a taste of what our book clubs are reading this month:



Sign up for our Library Newsletter

A quick reminder that the best way to keep up to date with all library programmes, developments and new services is via Offaly Libraries Newsletter and by following our social media channels. Read our [latest newsletter here](#).

Currently we have **1,767 subscribers** to the newsletter. Follow the link to subscribe to our newsletter: [Offaly Libraries Newsletter](#).



Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

Draft Consolidated Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division to 31 December 2022

	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	17,157,936	17,619,753
Road Transport & Safety	28,208,905	22,035,602
Water Services	5,719,798	5,428,772
Development Management	12,463,131	6,302,189
Environmental Services	9,338,002	2,298,104
Recreation & Amenity	5,283,315	960,539
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	648,339	355,294
Miscellaneous Services	9,068,100	8,053,970
Local Government Fund / GPG		8,401,722
Gross Rates Income		16,856,641
	87,887,527	88,312,586
Surplus to 31st December 2022		425,058

Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll Summary to 28 February 2023

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	Full Yr Budget 2023 €m	Preliminary Value to Jan 2023 €m	% Year To Date
Payroll costs	32.97	3.95	12.0%
Grants and Subsidies Income	40.80	1.13	2.8%

OCC to 28th Feb 2023

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1st, 2023	3.00	0.56	0.10
Net Invoices & Adjustments, waivers	16.86	1.18	0.08
2023 Cash Collected to end of Feb	1.07	1.21	0.10
Closing Balance Feb 28th, 2023	18.79	0.53	0.08

2022 Cash collected to Feb 28th

% Collection at this point in 2022	227%	96%	113%
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*** Collections impacted in 2022 by Q1 waiver and effect of building business back up after lockdowns

Bank Overdraft to 28th Feb 2023

Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date	30	% YTD
Bank Interest and non conforming charges to Feb 28th 2023 YTD (Estimate)		€1,542
Bank Administration and transactional charges to Feb 28th 2023 YTD (Estimate)		€6,400