

MAY 2019

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 Aibreán.

Monthly Management Report for consideration at the June
2019 Monthly Meeting.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:

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

FINANCE:

Report to the 31st May 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ONE NETWORK SUMMER EVENT

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CREATING ECONOMIC & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FROM CLIMATE CHANGE

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REPORT AT A GLANCE

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Water Projects

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PLANNING

	To end May 2019	To end May 2018	Total 2018
Planning Applications	262	240	597
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	7	3	13
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	6(0)	8(2)	41 (8)

Greenways

At the May Council Meeting, the proposed Part 8s for: (i) the Urban Greenway from Convent View to Srah Bridge, Ballydrohid, including pedestrian bridge at 26th Lock (ii) Store Street and Harbour Street Enhancement Scheme were both approved, by members.

Ballycommon to Kilbeggan Greenway

Part 8 for the development of a proposed Grand Canal Greenway from Campbell's Bridge, Ballycommon to Co. Boundary with Westmeath. The Ballycommon to Kilbeggan Link in conjunction with Westmeath County Council will provide a strategic national link and would also be a key regional route, linking the Royal Canal Greenway, and the Old Rail Trail, (Dublin – Galway NCN 1 Also a Euro Velo Route) with the Greenways to the south via the Grand Canal Greenway.

ORIS Applications 2019 - Measure 1 Summary Table

Scheme Measure	Project Priority given by LA (Measure 1 only)	Project Address	Community / LDC / Partner name(s)	GPS Co-ordinates or Eircode	Total estimated project cost including Admin / Professional	Admin costs / Professional fees associated with the proposed	Amount of Match Funding available for this project (20%)	Amount of ORIS funding requested for this project
1	1. Offaly Way & ancillary loops	Yes	Slieve Bloom Outdoor		14,825.00	0.00	2,965.00	11,860.00
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1	2. Outdoor recreation	Yes	Offaly Tourism Marketing (CLG),		18,450.00	0.00	3,690.00	14,760.00
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1	3. Trail counters	Yes	Slieve Bloom Outdoor		15,990.00	0.00	3,198.00	12,792.00
1	4. Grand Canal Loop Walk	Yes	Edenderry MD	X 261734 / Y 231548	7,300.00	0.00	1,460.00	5,840.00
1	5. Clonbullogue Sli	Yes	Clonbullogue village	X 260968 / Y 223497	20,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	16,000.00
1	6. Shannonbridge	Yes	Shannonbridge village	N37 KX46	16,760.00	0.00	3,352.00	13,408.00
1	7. Dowras Heritage Walk,	Yes	Fivealley village	X 196762 / Y225444	19,400.00	0.00	3,880.00	15,520.00

Measures 2 & 3 Summary Table

Measure	Location	Project	Application amount	Match Funding Required
3	Ballycommon / Wood of O / Co. Boundary	Ballycommon – Kilbeggan cycle link completion	€313,280	€78,320
2	Kinnitty	Link to MTB trails at Kinnitty GAA	€200,000	€105,000
2	Derryounce	5.6 km multi use track around lake	€152,360	€38,090
	Clara	Footway extension to Clara bog (met up with NPWS boardwalk)	€72,000	€18,000

HOUSING:

Housing Update

- There are 700 on the Housing Waiting List awaiting housing support at the end of May 2019.
- A further 865 tenancies are supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme. 87 new HAP tenancies were agreed in 2019 to date, with 33 exiting from the Scheme.
- Social Housing Needs Assessment 2019 has commenced. Notice was placed in the local press and all relevant approved applicants on the Social Housing List have been written to. The required forms were to be completed submitted to the Housing Section by Friday, 17th May 2019. Any forms outstanding should be submitted immediately.
- At the end of May 2019 there were 26 single people and 15 families in emergency accommodation.
- 18 allocations to Local Authority units; 12 allocations to RAS/Leasing units; and, 22 nominations to Approved Housing Bodies were made in 2019 to date.

Housing Stock – Number, Maintenance & Repair

- 12 sales closed and a further 8 bids have been accepted in 2019 to date.
- 1,521 Maintenance calls logged in 2019 to date.
- 60 Anti-Social Behaviour complaints received to the end of May 2019.

Capital Update

Local Authority Direct Construction Projects

- Blundell Wood, Edenderry 33 Units - under construction, delivery Q4 2019
- Chancery Lane, Tullamore 18 Units - under construction, delivery date Q4, 2019
- Raheen, Clara – Stage 1 submission to be progressed in 2019

- Rectory Lands, Birr - Stage 1 submission to be progressed in 2019
- Banagher, Kylebeg 18 Units - Stage 2 & Stage 3 Submission 2019
- Beechgrove Belmont 7 Units - Stage 2 & Part 8 Planning submission 2019
- Moneygall 2 Units - Stage 2 & Part 8 Planning submission 2019
- Circular Road, Daingean 7 Units - Stage 2 & Part 8 Planning submission 2019

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- Mid Offaly Housing Association: Mountbolus - 4 Units under construction, delivery 2019
- Oaklee: Kearney's Field, Tullamore - 41 Units progressing to tender documentation
- Oaklee: Clonminch, Tullamore - 19 Units Part 8 advertised in April 2019 with the closing date, 3pm on Friday, 21st June 2019, for submissions or observations
- Cluid Housing: Scurragh, Birr - 6 Units under construction, delivery 2019
- Tuath: Killane Drive, Edenderry - 27 Units, construction start July, 2019
- Sofia Housing: 32 Units at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton, Stage 1 approval was received in January 2019 and their design team is appointed

Turnkey Developments

Existing turnkey schemes are as follows:

- Frankford, Kilcormac: 12 Units - 8 units complete and tenants allocated, final 4 units will be completed in June 2019
- Cluainn na Spideoga, Cloghan: 6 Units complete and tenants allocated
- MacGregor, Birr: 12 Units - started in Q4 2018, 4 units delivery Q4 2019 and 8 units delivery in 2020
- Walsh Island, Coolagarry, 4 Units, department approval November 2018

Housing Grants

Departmental approval was received on 11th March advising that Offaly County Council's 2019 grant for Housing Adaptation Grants; Housing Mobility Grants; and, Housing Aid for the Elderly is €1,244,948 of which €248,990 must be from the Council's own resources. (Offaly's 2018 original allocation was €1,203,009, and later raised to €1,443,397).

108 grants have been allocated to date, i.e., 46 Housing Aid for the Older People, 9 Mobility Aid Grants and 53 Housing Adaptation Grants.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Water Services

Offaly County Council deliver water services in accordance with the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water (IW). Water services are 100% funded by Irish Water who are now the statutory authority for water services and all major decisions around funding of services will be approved by IW. The EPA Drinking Water Quality Report 2017 showed that Offaly had 21 public supplies, Offaly had 98.6% microbiological compliance rate and a 99% chemical parameter compliance rate.

Water Projects

Water main rehabilitation projects in 2018 included Screggan, Mucklagh, Crinkle, Brosna South and Mountbolus. The average unaccounted for water (UFW) in Offaly in 2018 was 10,573m³/d.

Tullamore and Birr Water Supply Scheme: Contractors have been appointed to carry out the upgrades and are on site in Clonaslee. A trial well is ongoing in Arden and the supplementary reservoir is under construction at Arden. Once completed this project will provide safe and secure water supply for 18,000 local residents. The works will involve €21.5m investment in water

infrastructure and will be carried out by Irish Water in partnership with OCC.

Wastewater Projects

Tullamore Sewerage Network – Drainage Area Plan & Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Cloghan, Banagher & Shinrone Wastewater Treatment Plants- Proposals to upgrade plants.

Group Water Schemes

Offaly County Council remains the Water Services Authority for GWS, Small Private Supplies and domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks). The Council continues to support the GWS sector in conjunction with the National Federation of GWS financially, administratively and technically. Allocations for Rural Water Programme 2019-2021 will be announced mid to late June 2019. Subsidy levels increased from Jan 2018 – max subsidy €231 private schemes and €115 for public schemes (IW sources).

Well Grants

Under this scheme a residential property if more than 7 years old and not connected to either public or group scheme may be eligible for grant aid, subject to conditions. Grant is subject to 75% of work, max grant €2,031.58.

Environmental Services

Burial grounds

Burial grounds capacity survey carried out in 2016. Kilreaghan cemetery is at Part VIII at present. Kilcoursey Cemetery – Department have requested an Archaeological Survey of the site, trial holes will be carried out on site and if all in order will then proceed to Part VIII.

Animal Control & Welfare

Veterinary Section manages Dog Service in accordance with Control of Dogs Act 1986. Dog Licences, on-the-spot fines, stray dogs and registration of Dog Breeding Establishments are all monitored by OCC.

Control of Horses

Local authorities have responsibility for COH in their area under the Control of Horses Act 1996, which included stray horses on public land.

Food Safety

Veterinary Section is responsible for carrying out functions in relation to food protection and disease control. Contract with Food Safety Authority of Ireland in place.

Waste Management

3 no. Civic Amenity facilities – Birr/Derryclure/Edenderry.

Derryclure Landfill

OCC continues to operate a waste acceptance facility at the site where waste from domestic customers and local businesses is accepted and transported off site for processing.

Recycling Facilities

41 bring banks in the county for glass/aluminium and steel cans. Textile bank infrastructure is continuing to expand in the county.

Waste Management Planning

Offaly is in the Eastern/Midlands Region – Plan in place 2015-2021.

Waste Enforcement

The Council continues to investigate all illegal waste activities and instigate legal proceedings as appropriate.

Green Schools Programme

OCC continues to support the Green Schools Programme by visiting schools, facilitating workshops, arranging annual teacher training and making financial contributions to schools for environmental projects.

Waterframework Directive (WFD)

The River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021 sets out current status of

our waters and Ireland's Implementation Strategy to comply with the requirements of this Directive, in conjunction with LAWPro Catchment Assessment Team and will focus on Priority Areas for Action (PAA). The Water Quality Team in OCC are charged with undertaking assessments in the county where water quality is at risk of not achieving Good Status under the WFD. Priority Areas for Action in Offaly include the Gaegeborough, Boora, Silver, Barrow, Little Brosna, Clareen and Ballyfinboy Upper.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (WWTS)

17 no. domestic WWTS were inspected in 2018 in accordance with the EPA National Inspection Plan requirements.

Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Studies

Offaly is affiliated to 3 CFRAMS – The Shannon, Eastern and Southern. Eight areas for further assessment in Offaly – Plan adopted in July 2018.

Climate Change & Energy Awareness

This is a key area where OCC is required to show leadership in both promoting public awareness and in changing the mind-sets towards climate change and energy management. The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 provides for approval of plans, a National Mitigation Plan and National Adaptation Framework by government in relation to climate change for the purpose of pursuing the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by 2050. The strategy is currently being reviewed by Environmental Consultants for SEA and AA screening. The draft Strategy will go on public consultation in June 2019 and a copy will be sent to Elected Members. The Offaly Climate Change Adaptation Strategy will be presented to the Elected Members of Offaly County Council for adoption in September 2019.

National Waste Collection Permit Office

This office processes waste collection permits and currently holds a register of 2012 waste collectors. The NWCPO manages an on-line portal for gathering waste collection permit and waste facility annual return data which is used for local, regional and national waste reporting requirements. The operation of the NWCPO is operated through ISO9001 standards and enhanced IT systems which ensures a high quality and robust service for stakeholders.

ROADS

The Roads Programme 2019

The Roads Programme 2019 is ongoing throughout the County with significant progress in our Road Improvement schemes. The Surface Dressing commenced on 27th May and is currently in the Birr area moving to the Edenderry area in June.

Traffic Count

A Countywide Traffic Count on all Regional and strategic Local Roads was carried out in May. The information will inform Roads on traffic volumes for future schemes.

TII Pavement scheme

The TII Pavement scheme on the N52, Idle Cross, and resurfacing works on the N52 Tullamore Bypass roundabouts will commence in June.

Community Involvement Scheme

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport proposes to continue the Community Involvement Scheme in 2020 and 2021. Local Authorities are invited to apply to the Department for CIS funding before September 2019. The Roads section will write to elected members and potential schemes should be discussed with the Area Engineers in the Municipal Districts.

Shannonbridge Service Block Upgrade

This was opened for use on 15th May. The original shower & toilet block, built by OCC in 1994 next to the River Shannon, has been operating annually during the tourist season aimed at accommodating tourists arriving by boat. The upgrade works, funding by Offaly Local Community Development Committee, Birr MD, and Waterways Ireland, included re-wiring and re-plumbing; installation of new internal fixtures, fittings, and finishes including a wheelchair accessible room. The facility has an electronic access system in line with other Waterways Ireland facilities along the River Shannon.

The Town and Village Renewal Schemes

Work is ongoing in Shinrone, Banagher, Cloghan and Rhode. Shannonbridge, Leabeg (Boora) and Croghan will commence in June. Clara and Ballycumber are currently on public consultation for Part 8 planning. Ferbane, Kinnitty, Daingean, Edenderry, Geashill are at the planning and design stage

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Enhancement Programme 2019

The Community Enhancement Programme 2019 was launched on the 12th April 2019. Offaly County Council had been allocated €138,550 in CEP funding. CEP programme is designed to work around groups across the country to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. Any 'not for profit' community or voluntary group could apply. Commercial organisations and individuals are not eligible. There were 198 applications made to the CEP 2019. There was €1.1 Million value of applications received. From the recommendations of an LCDC Sub-Committee the fund was dispersed with 69 grant allocations made to Small Capital Projects, 62 grant allocations made to Medium Capital Projects. Letters of Offer are been sent out with a return deadline of 5th July 2019. Funds to be drawn down by

September 2019 with all works by completed March 2020.

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SPORTS

Irish international women's rugby player, Ailsa Hughes has joined the staff of Offaly Sports Partnership for the coming months to assist in the roll out of Fit Class and our Coaching Awards programme for young women which is being delivered as part of our commitment to the Federation of Irish Sport's 20 x 20 (if she can't see it, she can't be it) campaign

Programmes

Staff of the Sports Partnership, the south Offaly sports hub and partner agencies (FAI and Leinster Rugby via their development officers) continue to deliver sport and physical activity programmes across the



county

Therapeutic riding (SIDP) Whitefield Stables

Urban outdoor adventure splash & dash,



Edenderry Gaelscoil Éadan Doire

- Fit class award testing in primary schools is due to be completed by mid-June
- Bike Week takes place from the 17th to 28th June 2019. Activities on offer include: -
- *School cycle day* in Lough Boora on Tuesday, 18th June
- *Lunchtime cycle* in Birr on Wednesday, 19th June
- *Lunchtime cycle* along the Grand Canal Greenway, Tullamore on Thursday, 20th June
- *Bike the Blooms* with Offaly Sports Partnership and Mid Ireland Adventure on Saturday, 22nd June.
- *Youth reach cycle day* in Lough Boora on Tuesday, 25th June
- *Club events* from 17 – 28th June

Funding

- €8,438 allocated for refurbishment of Lloyd Town Park, Tullamore



- €3,000 allocated for community play day & recreation events between June and September 2019



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

- Nine small scale maintenance / promotion / marketing applications submitted via Offaly Sports Partnership



- Measure 2 and 3 applications submitted via planning section

LIBRARY SERVICES

Comic Con

Tullamore library hosted its inaugural Comic Con on Saturday 18th May. The library was transformed to include a number of stalls, Viking Re-enactment group from Rhode, make-up and drawing workshops, animation demonstrations, game stations and much more. In a six hour period (10am – 4pm) 1,525 people visited the library maybe for the first time. For many, this was their first time in Tullamore Library. Both Offaly Library and Offaly County Council Facebook pages highlighted and promoted the event. This increased the public awareness and increased the profile of the event. The collective presence on Facebook reflects the activities in all department of Offaly County Council

Cruinniú na nÓg

Offaly Library Service is working on the Cruinniú na nÓg programme on behalf of Offaly County Council. This is a Creative Ireland initiative. There are 27 events organised around the county this weekend. There are 6 launches of longer term projects which reflect many creative outlets including

animation, dance, music, art, sewing, map making and much more in 8 different locations. A full programme is available on <https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/event/s/location/offaly/>

Summer Stars 2019

Summer Stars is an annual programme which promotes children's literacy and reading development. It takes place during the summer months and focuses on encouraging children to develop and continue the reading habit during their school holidays. This programme will be launched on the 15th June alongside Cruinniu events. Over 1,000 children took part in 2018. The target set for 2019 is 1,200 children.

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

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Dotser Ltd. was founded in 2000 by Loughnan Hooper providing web development and marketing services to the SME business sector. Dotser now employs a team of 9 professionals, delivering a suite of online software and related web services to

over 300 clients throughout Ireland. Congratulating the local winners, Orla Martin, Head of Enterprise with Local Enterprise Office Offaly said: "Dotser are very deserving winners of this year's Regional Enterprise Award and the team in Local Enterprise Office Offaly are very proud of their achievements."

I-LOFAR Education Centre Launch

The I-LOFAR Education Centre in Birr was officially opened on 30th May 2019 by Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell. The newly opened I-LOFAR Education Centre will provide STEM educational training & outreach projects in the Midlands Region. It will help increase Science Capital & encourage students pursue careers in science and innovation in the Midlands. Offaly County Council has been working with Professor Peter Gallagher of DIAS; Trinity College, Dublin; and the I-LOFAR Consortium to develop these opportunities. Offaly County Council applied for and was successful in securing a grant of €316,870 towards the development of I-LOFAR Education Centre, refurbishing Mount Palmer barn. The funding issued from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Rural & Economic Development Zone (REDZ) Scheme.



Cllr. Danny Owens, Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Ms. Anna Marie Delaney, Professor Peter Gallagher, Ms. Orla Martin



Hazel Greene of Hazel Greene Silks, Cllr. Danny Owens, Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell and Professor Peter Gallagher admiring the specially commissioned silk scarf presented to Dame Bell Burnell.

3 Young Offaly Entrepreneurs for Regional IBYE Final

Best of luck to Emma-Rose Conroy, Euro Stallions, Christina McLoughlin, Vove Media and Brian Darby representing Offaly at the Regional Final of Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Competition on 12 June.



Austrian Students Visit The Junction Innovation Centre

The Junction Innovation Centre hosted a visit from the University of Applied Sciences Kufstein, Austria on 29 May last. Caroline Spollen, Business Development Manager at the Junction showed the students the facilities available and provided an insight in to the need for such a facility in the county. James Hogan of the Local Enterprise Office gave them a presentation on the various supports available for business in the country.



Creating Economic & Business Opportunities from Climate Change, 9 October

This one-day national conference will take place on Wednesday 9th October 2019 in the Tullamore Court Hotel. The delegate fee is €150. You can register your interest by emailing info@midlandsrep.ie. Full programme details will be available shortly. This conference is an initiative of the Midlands Regional Transition Team in conjunction with the Eastern & Midlands CARO & Local Enterprise Office Offaly.

ONE Network Summer event, 17 June

This year's Offaly's Network of Entrepreneurs' Summer event takes place at Castle Barna Golf Club in Daingean. The evening will start with a golf lesson and putting competition followed by a main course, dessert, tea and coffee. For those who don't fancy a round of golf there are bikes available to take a scenic cycle. Castle Barna Golf Club in Daingean is nestled along the banks of the Grand Canal, this 18-Hole Parkland course has matured into a most challenging & enjoyable course.

Registration and tea/coffee at 5:45pm with activities commencing at 6:15pm. Only €20 per person - pre-booking essential. If you have any queries or require any information, please feel free to contact ONE Network Co-ordinator Caroline Spollen on 087-8397729.

Lean for Small Businesses Training & Mentoring Programme, 10 & 17 June

The programme will be delivered through two full day group workshops which will take place in Portarlinton Enterprise Centre on 10th & 17th June 2019. The lean process is a method for creating a more effective business by eliminating wasteful practices and improving efficiency. This is a joint programme between Laois and Offaly Local Enterprise Offices with six businesses from each county participating. In addition to the 2 day programme, each participant will benefit from 5 half days on site consultancy.

LEO Outreach Offices: By Appointment

Birr: Thursday mornings Edenderry:

Tuesday afternoons

Ferbane: Wednesday mornings

Portarlinton: First Wednesday morning of the month

Funding Opportunities

LEO Feasibility Grant Call

Feasibility grant towards prototype development & research available - Next closing date 30th June. Feasibility/Innovation Grants are designed to assist the promoter with researching market demand for a new product or service and examining its sustainability. It includes assistance with innovation including specific consultancy requirements, private specialists, design, and prototype development. Feasibility grant towards prototype development & research available.

LEO Financial Supports

Priming, Business Expansion & Feasibility grants are available for eligible businesses. Local Enterprise Office Offaly offers a wide range of financial assistance to help you start up your business or grow your existing business. We provide a free information and advisory service to new and existing entrepreneurs on all aspects of setting up and running a business. For further information, please visit www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/

eCommerce Grants Available

Up to €2500 available to any existing business under Trading Online Voucher Scheme. Small businesses throughout Offaly can apply to the government for digital vouchers to the system in helping their businesses trade online. The objective of the scheme is to help small businesses grow their sales, exports and ultimately jobs. Businesses will be able to apply for grants of up to €2,500 (matched funding).

Microfinance Ireland loans

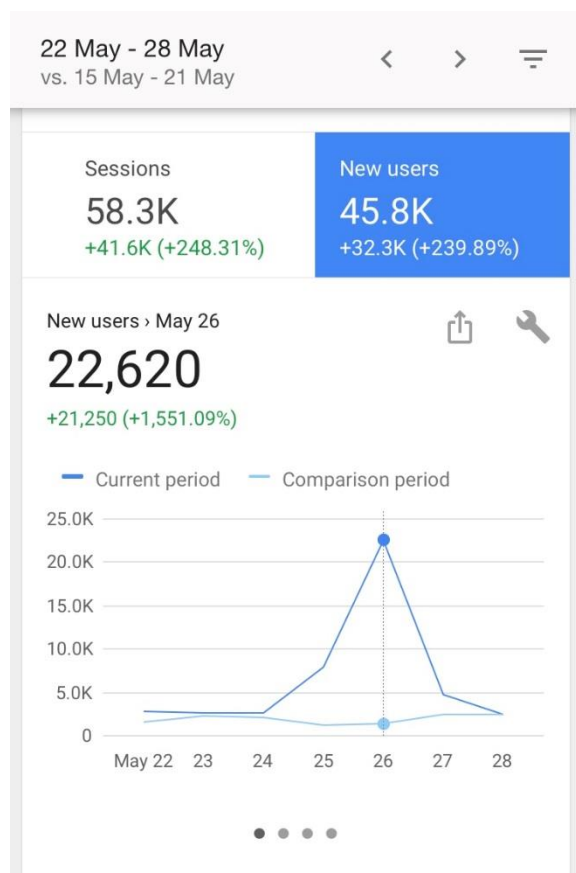
Contact us to discuss how LEO Offaly and Microfinance Ireland may be able to help start up and growing businesses. Apply through the Local Enterprise Office and avail of a 1% discount on standard lending rate & get free business mentoring.

CORPORATE SERVICES



Polling Day for the Local & European Elections 2019 and a Divorce Referendum was May 24th 2019 Turnout in the Electoral Areas was as follows; Birr 56.6% Edenderry 49.6% and Tullamore 51.1% Total Poll 31,559; Electorate 59,953. The Local Election Count was held at Mucklagh Community Centre on May 25th and 26th. The Local Election Results are available on www.offaly.ie

Details of Website and Facebook users and reach over the week-end of the count, illustrated in graphs below:-



Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

**Draft Consolidated Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
To 31st March 2019**

	Expenditure €	Income €
Housing & Building	2,695,467	2,643,996
Road Transport & Safety	2,702,341	1,149,483
Water Services	997,825	987,817
Development Management	1,688,314	714,500
Environmental Services	1,872,343	396,961
Recreation & Amenity	872,820	96,761
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	125,315	62,340
Miscellaneous Services	1,771,119	661,124
Local Government Fund / GPG	0	1,914,072
Gross Rates Income	0	4,251,186
	12,725,544	12,878,239
Deficit reduction to 31st March 2019		152,695
Budget deficit reduction to 31st March 2019		137,500

OCC to 31st May 2019

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1, 2018	2.21	0.81	0.39
Invoices/Adjustments	15.59	2.13	0.17
2019 Cash Collected to end of May	6.80	2.24	0.21
Closing Balance May 31, 2019	11.01	0.70	0.35
<u>2018 Cash collected to May</u>	5.77	2.18	0.19
% Collection at this point in 2018	118%	103%	113%

Bank Overdraft to 31st May 2019

Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date	58	38%
Overdraft Interest and non-conforming charges to May 31st 2019 YTD	€7,837	
Bank Administration and transactional charges to May 31st 2019 YTD	€21,687	