

OCTOBER 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 Samhain

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

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS:

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

FINANCE:

Report to the 31st October 2019 – Appendix

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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POLAR EXPRESS Kicking off on Thursday 28th November in Clara Library and finishing the county tour in Daingean Community Hall on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm. The ticketing for this event will be available via Eventbrite for the first time.

REPORT AT A GLANCE

Congratulations to Pippa Hackett

Congratulations to Greens Party representative Pippa Hackett on her election to the Seanad Éireann on 1st November. Ms Hackett, the party's agriculture spokeswoman, was elected to the vacant seat left by colleague Grace O'Sullivan, who was elected to the European Parliament in May. Ms Hackett was the first Green councillor elected to Offaly County Council in May.

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The Consulting Engineers for technical consultancy services which will provide the engineering, environmental, economic and appraisal services required to successfully deliver the scheme through the planning and design phases will be appointed in November 2019.

AslAm Autism Friendly Business Award

AslAm will conduct a sensory audit on two of our libraries during November which will enable Offaly Libraries be recognised as a registered business certified with the AslAm Autism Friendly Business Award.

PLANNING

	To end October 2019	To end October 2018	Total 2018
Planning Applications	514	485	597
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	11	8	13
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	12 (4)	35(2)	41 (8)

County Development Plan 2021 - 2027

A CE report is currently being prepared in relation to the 46 no. submissions that were received as part of the pre-draft public consultation stage of the review of the Offaly County Development Plan. In accordance with legislative requirements, the elected members will receive the CE report by 20th November 2019. It will also be made available for inspection on our dedicated Co. Development Plan website; www.offaly.ie/cdp2021-2027

National Greenway Fund - €2.35m grant – Daingean to Turraun

Staff from the roads and planning sections met with the DTTAS National Greenway Fund (NGF) team in October to agree progressing the spend of the €2.35m grant from the NGF. Works may commence in Q1 or Q2 of 2020 depending on weather. The stretch from Daingean to Turraun (Lough Boora) is expected to be complete by Q3 2021.

Grand Canal Greenway – Ballycommon to Kilbeggan – Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Funding 2018

Work has commenced on this link with some on-road improvements currently underway. It is hoped to commence works of the towpath from Campbell's Bridge over the coming weeks, weather permitting. A 2019 ORIS application is pending in respect of furthering this connection towards Kilbeggan. Westmeath Co. Co. are also in receipt of 2018 ORIS funding to construct

the shared cycling and walkway to the County Boundary.

RRDF Edenderry

Department of Rural and Community Development announced on the 6th November RRDF for rural projects. Edenderry, phase 1 regeneration project for the Old Tesco Site back lands project was successful and funding of €522,207 from the Department was secured to construct a Link Road from Granary Court to Fairgreen. OCC match funding of €174,069 of 25% to bring the total project cost to €696,276.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme Announcement 2019

Mr Michael Ring TD, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, announced that 156 rural towns and villages across the country are set to benefit from €15 million in funding under the 2019 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The following scheme applications have been successful in County Offaly

Town / Village	Project Description	T&V Grant Funding Approved	Match Funding Req.
Birr	The enhancement of the streetscape and Public Realm of the Green	€200,000	€50,000
Crinkill	Public Realm Works in the Village.	€100,000	€50,000
Edenderry	Enhancements at Blundell Park, Edenderry to include toddlers play area and provide pedestrians walkways through the park.	€200,000	€25,000
Mount Bolus	Public Realm Works in the Village.	€100,000	€25,000
Shinrone	To provide new footpaths, new pedestrian crossing and upgrade public lighting in the village	€100,000	€25,000
Offaly Total funding for 2019		€700,000	

Derelict Sites

A full review of properties on the Derelict Sites Register in Tullamore is currently underway. On completion of the Tullamore Area other areas will also be reviewed.

HOUSING**Housing Update**

- There are 646 on the Housing Waiting List awaiting housing support at the end of September 2019.
- A further 863 live tenancies currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme.
- At the end of September 2019 there were 22 single people and 10 families in emergency accommodation.
- 59 allocations to Local Authority; 21 allocations to RAS/Leasing units; and, 17 nominations to Approved Housing Bodies have been completed in 2019 to date.
- 11 Mortgage to Rent applications have been finalised to date in 2019.
- 13 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans approved in 2019 and 6 drawn down.

Housing Stock – Number, Maintenance & Repair: -

- 22 sales closed and a further 14 bids have been accepted in 2019 to date.
- 3,018 maintenance calls logged in 2019 to date.

Housing Capital Programme Update:
Local Authority Direct Construction Projects:

- Council staff continue to work with the Contractors to finalise Blundell Wood, Edenderry (33 units) and Chancery Lane, Tullamore (18 units).

- Tenders for an architect led Integrated Design Team are due to close on 11th November for the Raheen, Clara development.
- Design Team consultants will be appointed in November to progress Church Street, Clara (3 OPD units); Beechgrove Belmont (7 units); and, Moneygall (4 units).
- Rectory Lands, Birr – options for consideration being developed.
- Banagher, Kylebeg 18 units - Stage 2 & Stage 3 will be submitted to the Department in November 2019.
- Circular Road, Daingean 7 units - Stage 2 submission 27th September & Part 8 Planning submission to progress before end of year.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- Mid Offaly Housing Association: Mountbolus - 4 units under construction.
- Oaklee: Clonminch, Tullamore - 19 units, Part 8 Planning approved by the members at the July Council meeting, stage 3 to be submitted in November with tenders issue in January.
- Oaklee: Kearneys Field – 41 Units, Part 8 Planning approved by the members at the April Council meeting, project will proceed to tender when transfer of lands to Oaklee conclude in 2019.
- Cluid Housing: Scurragh, Birr - 6 units under construction, delivery by December 2019.
- Tuath: Killane Drive, Edenderry - 27 units, construction commenced in September 2019, delivery Q4, 2020.
- Sofia Housing: 32 units at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton, Stage 1 approval was received in January 2019, their design team is appointed and meetings with the Department have been held. Stage 2 will issue in December 2019.

Turnkey Developments

Existing turnkey schemes are as follows:

- Frankford, Kilcormac: 12 units completed in 2019 and tenants allocated
- Cluainn na Spideoga, Cloghan: 6 units completed in 2019 and tenants allocated
- MacGregol, Birr: 12 Units - 4 Units to be completed in Q4 2019 & 8 units in 2020
- Tuath: Riverside, Portarlinton, 16 units being refurbished, 8 to be completed by December 2019 and 8 in January 2021.

Housing Grants

Departmental grant approval in the sum of €1,600,000 for 2019. Accordingly, Offaly County Council's 2019 contribution towards the grants increased to €320,000. Housing staff are following up with those allocated grant funding to ensure that all grants are completed and funding drawn down in 2019.

ROADS

Roads Programme 2019

The Roads Programme 2019 is near completion throughout the County with the majority of schemes on the regional and local roads complete. Works on National Roads, N62 Sharavogue and N52 Tullamore Bypass Cloncollig & Charleville Roundabouts will be complete by the end of November.

The Consulting Engineers for the **N52 Tullamore to Kilbeggan Link Road** for technical consultancy services which will provide the engineering, environmental, economic and appraisal services required to successfully deliver the scheme through the planning and design phases will be appointed in November 2019.

Consulting Engineers, Tobin, for the **Edenderry Inner Relief Road** have been appointed for the detailed design, archaeology and site investigation to

progress the design stage of the Edenderry Inner Relief Road. It is anticipated that the detailed design and preparation of contract documents will be complete in quarter 1 2020.

Edenderry Granary Court to Fairgreen Link Road is progressing with the part 8 planning and preliminary design stage complete. Detailed, contract documents and tendering of the works will progress in 2020.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Environment

Waste & Litter complaints investigated to date 891. Legal proceedings have been instituted in 9 cases resulting in 4 convictions with the remaining cases ongoing.

Funding for 28 groups has been approved under the Community Action Fund 2019 (Local Agenda 21).

Noise Action Plan

The Noise Action Plan will be presented to the members of the SPC in November.

Water Quality

Water Framework Directive – River Water Monitoring Programme for 2019 is on schedule. The EPA Kilkenny will hold a meeting with Local Authority personnel in Kilkenny on the 9th of January 2020 to review the 2019 sampling programme and plan for 2020.

Water Services - Capital Projects

- The design and build contract for the major upgrade of the Tullamore and Birr Water continues to progress.
- Water Main Rehab: design for Clonin, Croghan and Newtown is progressing. Works are completed in Clonmullen Lane with works at Blundell Wood now underway.
- Tullamore Sewer Rehabilitation works are now complete.

Rural Water Programme: Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021

Notification of funding received on 14th October, amount of €1,839,865 has been approved for the period 2019 - 2021. Amount of €868,950 has been approved for 2019. All groups have been notified of the amounts approved which are set out on Appendix 2.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

General Updates

A **Major Emergency Exercise** took place on the 16th October in Tullamore. The Offaly County Council Major Emergency Plan, the use of the temporary onsite coordination centre, the local coordination centre, and the Tetra communication network were all tested as part of the exercise.



Over 80 participants were involved from An Garda Síochána, the HSE and Offaly County Council. Fire crews from Longford, Westmeath, and Laois supported Offaly Fire & Rescue Service on the incident ground. The exercise was coordinated by the Midland Regional Working Group for Major Emergency Management

Offaly County Council was the Lead Agency for the exercise incident with the Local Co-ordination Group being chaired and coordinated by CEO Anna-Marie Delaney.



National Fire Safety Week took place from 6th - 13th October 2019. During October, firefighters from Offaly delivered the “Schools Fire Safety Programme” to approximately 1,800 3rd class children in Offaly primary schools.



1916 Commemorative Medals will be presented in the coming weeks to all members, both past and present, who served with Offaly County Council Fire & Rescue Service in 2016.

Training Courses

The following training courses were attended by members of Offaly County Council's Fire & Rescue Service:

- Road Traffic Accident/HGV Course
- Fire Service Station Officer Course
- Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Supports





Fire Service Operations

<i>Operational Incidents</i>			
<i>Fire Station</i>	<i>Total 2018</i>	<i>October 2019</i>	<i>Total to date 2019</i>
Tullamore	223	31	185
Edenderry	216	14	141
Clara	79	7	54
Birr	114	5	87
Ferbane	58	1	39
Total	690	58	506

Fire Prevention & Building Control

<i>Applications Received</i>	<i>Total 2018</i>	<i>Oct 2019</i>	<i>Total to date 2019</i>
Fire Safety Certificates Received	55	6	56
Planning Referrals Received	95	7	87
Disability Access Certification Received	31	2	36
Fire Services Act Inspections	99	5	124
Commencement Notices Received	172	24	173
Building Control Inspections	53	30	174
Certificates of Completion of Compliance Issued	45	4	17

Capital Projects

Tullamore BA Training Centre

Submission has been made to the National Directorate Fire & Emergency Management for the expansion of Tullamore Fire Station Drill Yard into a 0.8 Acre site adjacent to the station and includes the construction of a Training Development Support Block complete with classroom, changing facilities, canteen and briefing rooms. This facility will be utilised by Local Authorities across the country.

Civil Defence

Civil Defence provided medical cover for the following events in October:

- Scare in the Square – Clara
- Tullamore GAA Faithful Grand Canal

Civil Defence also provided the following operational duties October:

- Logistics for Major Emergency Exercise

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC):

Draft Offaly Migrant Integration Strategy 2019-2023

The Draft Offaly Migrant Integration Strategy 2019-2023 is currently being finalised following its presentation to members of the LCDC and to the Community, Cultural & Emergency Services SPC. The final version of the Strategy will be presented to the full Council for their consideration in December

SICAP Annual Plan 2020

The Draft SICAP 2020 Annual Plan will be presented to the members at the December LCDC meeting together with the Case Study for 2019.

Age Friendly Strategy

The Age Friendly Showcase Event took place on Oct 1st with a range of organisations, groups and Agencies promoting supports and services. Workshops were held 1. Dementia awareness 2. Frailty and maintaining Mobility: Tullamore Regional Hospital 3. Oral Hygiene: Dublin Dental Hospital. Light Entertainment provided by Crinkill Active retirement members and Music generation and the Tullamore Intergeneration Ukulele group. In attendance 150 people from across Offaly. A field trip to McCauley Place, Naas was undertaken to explore Independent living/

Right sizing opportunities, elements of which could be replicated in Offaly Bealtaine Consultation in Ferbane Library with active retirement groups
Presented Age Friendly Strategy actions to the Midlands Region of Active Retirement Ireland



Public Participation Network:

PPN Reps attended the JPC meeting in Cloneyhurl, Portllington on Oct 7th.

The PPN were in attendance at the IWA open day in Ballinagar. The National Conference took place in Carlow on October 10th & 11th. Offaly was well represented by the PPN Staff, Secretariat, with Councillor Pippa Hackett in attendance. The PPN was also represented at the LEO Climate Change Conference and Women's Networking



event. Nominations are currently being sought to fill the PPN vacancies on the SPC's. Preparations are underway for the PPN Plenary on November 28th @7pm in the Bridge House, Tullamore.



Comhairle na n'Óg:

The 2019 Comhairle Na NÓg AGM took place on Tuesday 15th October. The day was a great success with over 200 young people attending on the day. The theme of the day was 'Less Stress More Success' and centred around the 2019 project topic 'Exam Stress & Anxiety'. The Comhairle Executive unveiled an information booklet listing a series of tips for coping with exam stress which was launched on the day by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Peter Ormond.

The second series of events relating to the project took place in the afternoon through two workshops run by Leinster Rugby representatives led by Patsy Gorman and a motivational Speaker Dave Russell. A number of Youth Service organisations i.e. Jigsaw, the EDAN Project, Gardaí were also represented on the day to support and offer advice to young people.

There was a fantastic atmosphere in the room on the day with spot prizes and goody bags on offer. There was tremendous engagement



by the young people with 31 expressions of

interest to join the new Comhairle Executive. The feedback from the attendees regarding the day was very positive and it's hoped at least half of the expressions of interest will translate into new membership. Aisling Lambe, Community Sector assumed the role of Comhairle Na NÓg Coordinator immediately after the AGM.

Tidy Towns

A group of 36 volunteers from 11 different Tidy Towns groups in Offaly travelled by bus to the village of Glaslough, County Monaghan home of the 2019 National Tidy Towns winner, on Tuesday 5th November 2019 where they were provided with a wealth of tips and recommendations on how to improve their communities. The trip was jointly organised by the Council's Community and Heritage staff and all the visitors were very impressed by what they saw. Hopefully the information gleaned will be put to great use in the coming year. A Tidy Towns networking event will be held in Birr in late November where presentations will be given to groups on how to prepare for the 2020 competition and an update will be given on funding and supports available.



SPORTS

Funding Sport Ireland 2020 application submitted

LIBRARY SERVICES

Children's Book Festival – Offaly Success
With **92 reading development events** and an attendance of over **1,853**, Offaly's Children's Book Festival (CBF) was a huge

success. As part of the *Right to Read*



national programme, there were targets set for the first time for CBF, which Offaly comfortably exceeded. **With 22,374 visits to Offaly library branches in October, this festival was well supported by the Offaly community.**

Offaly Library Service projects from DRCD



Autism Friendly Offaly Libraries

As part of the programme, there were public and staff autism awareness training sessions and a series of sensory story-times with a qualified play therapist in four locations, Birr, Clara, Edenderry and Tullamore. All 19 sessions were fully booked. These sessions allowed teachers and special needs assistants (SNA) to discuss sensory programming with the facilitator.

AsIAM will conduct a sensory audit on two of our libraries during November which will enable Offaly Libraries be recognised as a registered business certified with the **AsIAM Autism Friendly Business Award**. A garden designer will also create a sensory garden plan, planting list and guidelines for maintenance which will help inform Stage 2 in the Autism Friendly accreditation process.

Articulate to Animate

This literacy programme started on the 16th October in Clara Library with 10 students from Ard Scoil Chiarain Naofa and 10 students from Youthreach participating. This is a developmental piece which was specifically designed by Offaly Library Service and our selected facilitators in response to key stakeholder needs. A local animator, Padraic Byrne and creative writer Maeve Devoy are assisting students in discovering their voice and value in society;

in essence this programme aims to cement their sense of belonging both within their local communities and amongst their peers. Throughout this process, they will create a narrative and turn this story into a visual piece through the production of a graphic novel. A presentation day for this programme is scheduled for **Wednesday 27th November at 11.00am in Clara Library.**

Hullabaloo at Offaly Libraries

Birr, Clara and Edenderry were hives of activity during the annual Hullabaloo Art festival.

Science Week and Midland Science Festival Partnership



Offaly Library Service are delighted to partner with the Midlands Science Festival team once again for 2019 to provide as many high-quality outreach events as possible during Science Week. Highlight events include **Foodoppi**, an exciting, fast-paced science & food show which gives audiences an opportunity to see food become experiments you can eat. There are **over 31 workshops** planned.

LAI Public Libraries Section Project Prize 2019



The LIBRARY ASSOCIATION of IRELAND
Cumann Leabharlann na hÉireann

Offaly's *Library Comic Con at Tullamore Central Library* is one of three projects shortlisted for the national LAI Public Libraries Section Project Prize 2019. Staff will present on the project at the Public Library conference in Adare on Wednesday 13th November.

Christmas Family Time at Offaly Libraries: Polar Express

Polar Express will once again be the star of the Family Time at your library programme with events in all 8 libraries around the county starting on



Thursday 28th November in Clara Library and finishing the county tour in Daingean Community Hall on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm. The ticketing for this event will be available via Eventbrite for the first time.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

National Women's Enterprise Day!

The largest-ever programme of events for National Women's Enterprise Day has taken place across the country this week (on October 17th). The theme for this year's event was "Making It Happen" with the aim of inspiring more women in Ireland to start and grow their own business.



The networking event for entrepreneurs in the Midland region took place in Gloster House, Birr and was organised in partnership with Local Enterprise Offices in Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath. Over 125 local entrepreneurs and businesswomen participated and speakers included Colette Twomey, Clonakilty Food Company Ltd; Louise Lennox (of the Restaurant); Emma Rose Conroy of Euro Stallions (NWED Ambassador); Ellen Gunning, Academy of Public Relations and Anna Marie Delaney, CE, Offaly County Council, MC for the event was Susan Keogh, Newstalk.

There was an 18% increase in female entrepreneurs taking LEO training programmes last year as almost 22,000 female entrepreneurs and businesswomen engaged with their LEO on supports in 2018.



Creating Economic & Business Opportunities from Climate Change

The “Creating Economic and Business Opportunities from Climate Change” conference took place in the Tullamore Court



Hotel on Wednesday 9th of October. The conference room was full with over 150 people attending the event, the first of its kind to be hosted in the Midlands, and it did not disappoint. The conference, an initiative of the Regional Transition Team under the auspices of the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan to 2020 (MREP), explored how businesses can realise unique economic and business opportunities in responding to climate change.

The conference marked the commencement of discussions on Creating Economic and Business Opportunities from Climate Change, examining international trends, and exploring how responses to climate change,

by both business and communities, can effectively drive innovation, adoption of disruptive technologies, and more flexible work practices.



The Keynote Speaker for the event was Dr. Tara Shine, Environmental Scientist and Director, Change by Degrees. She is an environmental scientist with over 20 years' experience working as an adviser to governments and world leaders. Other speakers were Ron Immink, Sustainable Nation, Dr Shane Ward, Professor of Biosystems Engineering in UCD, Deirdre DeBhailis, Dingle Hub, Dr. Joanne Rourke, Eastern and Midlands Regional Waste Management, Paddy Matthews, Fáilte Ireland and MC Jonathon Healy, Newstalk. The event was recorded and is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/MidlandsIreland.ie/videos/898108173895892/>

Economic Development News Industrial sites

LEO Offaly actively promotes business and industrial parks in the County. To date in 2019, the sale of four industrial sites has been agreed in Ferbane Business Park and contracts are being processed. Sales were also agreed for two industrial sites in Portarlinton Industrial Estate.

Offaly Innovation & Design Centre CLG

This company, under the direction of the Council, operates the Innovation Centres, The Junction, in Units 19H and 25J, Axis Business Park and also the E-HIVE, Edenderry and the STREAM Creative Suite in Birr. The contract works for the development of the offices and hot desks at

Unit 25J, Axis Business Park and on the E-HIVE were commenced and completed in 2019.

These facilities in the county provide remote working opportunities for workers and businesses. The types of businesses/people you will find there are - Cloud Based Software Company, Technical Recruitment Specialists, Cognitive Intelligence, Talent Acquisition Manager, Civil Engineers, H&S Consultant, Software Engineers, Computer Programmers, Software Developers, Digital Marketing, Designers, Web Development, Sales, Negotiation

Upcoming Events and New Initiatives Essential of Exporting workshop – Mullingar 26 November

This half day workshop - Essentials of Exporting takes place on Tuesday 26th November in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event should prove ideal for firms that are considering exporting. LEO clients will be able to progress and benefit from mentoring, training and fact finding visits proposed under a new Exporting Initiative being launched by the Midland LEOs in conjunction with Enterprise Ireland.

Productivity Voucher

The Productivity Voucher is a national programme that supports Ireland's small businesses and enterprises, by providing them with the right advice and training resources to enhance productivity and efficiency. Small Irish businesses or enterprises can now apply for one of 200 productivity vouchers valued at €2,500 each, to help them develop a more efficient and productive business operation. It aims to increase your business productivity in any of the following ways:

- Improve the quality of your products
- Reduce your delivery times
- Lower your costs of production
- Reduce waste in your business
- Increase your ability to generate more revenue

The Productivity voucher can be used by participating in small businesses to:

- Engage and leverage experts, who can consult with you and help you assess your business' value chain and operations.
- Invest in training & capability development. It will support the development of a more effective, capable and efficient workforce through relevant training.



Are you a business with a Productivity Challenge?

Solve that challenge today with the Local Enterprise Office Productivity Challenge Voucher. Apply on LocalEnterprise.ie/Productivity

Astronomy on Tap – 13th November

Astronomy on Tap will take place on Wednesday 13 November at 8.30 pm in The Chestnut, Birr. The event is hosted by I-LOFAR with support from Trinity College Dublin, ESERO Ireland and Science Foundation Ireland. There will be fascinating speakers talking all things space, research and exploring the great unknown, followed by a Science themed table quiz.

Food eirEEN Meet the Buyer & Matchmaking Event

Enterprise Europe Network, in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Offices in Ireland and Invest NI, is hosting Food eirEEN, a food "Meet the Buyer" event which offers participants a unique opportunity to engage in face-to-face sales meetings with senior food buyers from throughout Ireland and the EU. It is expected that in excess of 25 food buyers, and 100 supplier companies, will attend the event. The event takes place on the 21 November 2019 at the City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath.

ONE Network End of Year Evening 25 November

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Commercial Energy Grants Information Evening

The Tullamore Chamber are hosting a 1-hour briefing on 12th November in the Bridge House at 7pm. Learn about the various support schemes available for commercial energy projects.

Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

Appendix 1

Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll Summary
To 31st October 2019

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	Full Yr Budget 2019 €m	Preliminary Value to October 2019 €m	% Year To Date
Payroll costs	25.51	21.15	82.9%
Grants and Subsidies Income	26.87	21.48	79.9%

OCC to 31st October 2019

	<u>Rates</u> <u>€m</u>	<u>Rents</u> <u>€m</u>	<u>Loans</u> <u>€m</u>
Opening Balance Jan 1, 2019	2.21	0.92	0.39
Invoices/Adjustments	13.61	4.99	0.32
2019 Cash Collected to end of October	13.42	5.19	0.43
Closing Balance October 31st, 2019	2.41	0.71	0.28
<u>2018 Cash collected to October</u>	13.46	5.02	0.41
% Collection at this point in 2018	100%	103%	106%

Bank Overdraft to 31st October 2019

Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date 83 27%

Interest and non-conforming charges to October 31st 2019
YTD €16,783

Bank Administration and transactional charges to October 31st 2019 YTD €37,496

Appendix 2

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021				
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Measure 1 - Source Protection

GWS	Domestic Connections	Measure	Funding approved 2019 - 2021	Funding approved 2019
Eglis/Rath/Drumcullen	435	1	12,000	12,000
Ballykillen	361	1	19,440	19,440
Total			31,440	31,440

Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance

Boher/Leamonaghan (See Note 1 below)	343	2.(a)	16,380	16,380
Cadamstown (See Note 1 below)	67	2.(a)	32,000	32,000
Mountlucas (See Note 1 below)	107	2.(a)	32,000	32,000
Ballinagar	575	2.(a)	35,520	29,520
Killeigh	1,326	2.(a)	150,000	150,000
Ballyboy (See Note 1 below)	82	2.(a)	210,000	0
Tubber (See Note 1 below)	357	2.(a)	19,900	19,900
Total			495,800	279,800

Measure 3 - Enhancement of schemes including Water Conservation

Clareen/Aghancon	362	3	136,000	51,000
Bracknagh	278	3	17,000	17,000
Ballinagar	575	3	25,000	25,000
Ballyboy	82	3	25,500	17,000
Mountlucas	107	3	85,980	28,660
Killeigh	1326	3	382,500	127,500
Cadamstown	67	3	85,850	85,850
Boher Leamonaghan	343	3	316,200	69,700
Tubber	357	3	187,595	85,000
Total			1,261,625	506,710

Measure 6(a) - Community Connection Networks (Water)

Derries-Rahan	8	6.(a)	51,000	51,000
Total			51,000	51,000

Total funding approved

1,839,865

868,950

Notes

1. The most sustainable longterm solution for these schemes is for them to rationalise and/amalgamate with a nearby GWS. Funding under this programme should only be used for this longterm solution.

2. Schemes/projects listed without a funding allocation for 2019 are approved but scheduled to commence later in the Programme i.e. in 2020 or 2021.
in 2020 or 2021.

3. To maximise the opportunities for schemes to meet the water quality standards of the Drinking Water Regulations on a consistent long term basis the Department requests local authorities to encourage schemes to bring quickly executable, low cost works forward as much as possible in the programme. LA's to do this in consultation with the Department.

4. The panel considers that; the most sustainable long-term solution for a GWS is its interconnection to, & taking-in-charge by, Irish Water; the LA to proactively assist & focus the scheme in doing so, and; funding under the programme should be used for this long term solution only.