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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 Samhain

Monthly Management Report for consideration at the November 2022 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

BOOK LAUNCH TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE IN OFFALY

Wednesday 30 November at 5pm in Aras an Chontae

UKRAINIAN SUPPORT SERVICES IN TULLAMORE LIBRARY

A series of **Play Workshops for Ukrainian Children** have been organised in Tullamore Library. **Healthy Ireland** has kindly funded these workshops, which began on Thursday, 11th November and will continue every Thursday from 3.30pm until 2nd December.

English Lessons are also on offer for **Ukrainian Speakers** in Tullamore Library, taking place every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm. Please email:

tullamorelibrary@offalycoco.ie for more information on these events.



REPORT AT A GLANCE

Climate Action & Energy

Public Bike Hire scheme officially launched. OCC have signed a contract with Moby Bikes, for a 6-month pilot project. Bikes can be rented via MobyMove App for €1 per hour.



More Women for Local Election

Offaly County Council has partnered with Women for Election to deliver the Supporting More Women for Local Election in Offaly Programme. The program was launched in Tullamore on Tuesday the 18th of October by Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Peter Burke.



PLANNING

Development Management

	To end October 2022	To end October 2021	Total 2021
Planning Applications	578	690	831
Extensions of Duration Applications & Assessments	15	13	13
Warning Letters and (Enforcement Notices) issued	104 (9)	28(2)	30 (2)

During the month of **October 2022**, the following large planning applications were received:

DAINGEAN ROAD RESIDENTIAL LIMITED	PP 102 NEW DWELLINGS, LARGE SCALE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (LRD), DAINGEAN ROAD, TULLAMORE.
MUCKLAGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	PP PROPOSED NEW SENSORY AREA TO INCLUDE BOTH SOFT AND HARD LANDSCAPING, PLAY AREA AND OUTDOOR GYM AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE EXISTING CAR PARK AREA. PP IS ALSO SOUGHT FOR ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS.
ROSDERRA IRISH MEATS GROUP UNLIMITED COMPANY	PP EXTENSION TO EXISTING PLAN WITH: CHILL STORAGE AREA, LABORATORY, CORRIDOR ROUTES, STAFF FACILITIES, SOLAR PANELS,

	VARIOUS INTERNAL RECONFIGURATIONS, CARRICK ROAD, EDENDERRY.
KILSARAN CONCRETE UNLIMITED COMPANY	PP A) ADDITION OF A COLD FEED RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP) FEED ADDITION TO THE EXISTING APPROVED ASPHALT PLANT (PLANNING REF PL2/02/462 AND 19/478) B) A RAP MILLING PLANT WITH TWO COVERED STORAGE BAYS AND ALL ANCILLARY WORKS, SCREGGAN, TULLAMORE.

Forward Planning

The draft Birr LAP went on public display on 15th September 2022 until 28th October 2022, during which time 36 no. submissions were received. A Chief Executive's Report will be circulated to the elected members in December in relation to those submissions.

Architecture

- **BHIS 2022: 20 complete applicants** received allocation of **€126,400**. All payments processed and final documentation for each of the 20 applicants to Department for 04 November.
- **HSF 2022:** Three projects completed, Lowland House (€38k grant, costs €62k) – window repairs, Tullamore Gaol (€25k, costs €100k) - railings and wall repair and Cloneyhurke House (€38k, costs €82k) – arch, steps, render, roof repair and internal conservation repairs. Final documentation for each of the three applicants to the Department. Department advised of additional

funding for each of the three projects bringing them to the maximum grant of €50,000 each – wonderful news. **Total grants for HSF €150,000.**



- **Heritage Council Stewardship Funding: €15,000** approved for OCC, 4 new Offaly projects.
Hawkswood
Dowry Chest – repairs complete €1,300. Lime Workshop Birr
Heritage School – complete €5,500. Funding includes edits and printing costs for new publication - Traditional Architecture in Offaly by Rachel Mc Kenna, to printer October 2022, c.286 pages. Book complete and sent to Brosna Press for printing.



- **CMF** – application by AP, Emmel Castle roof repairs underway to be monitored by Architect, **€85,000**

funding. Department meeting on site – secured additional €15,000 funding for this project bringing it to the maximum grant of €100,000.

- **Note total grant costs directly overseen by SEA in 2022 - €409,900**

ROADS

New Electric Vehicle Fast Charging infrastructure

The Roads Department of Offaly County Council in collaboration with the Department of Transport Colleagues working within the Zero Emission Vehicle Ireland(ZEVI) section have commenced the installation of 2 new fast charging Electric Vehicle points at Aras an Chontae and the Machinery Yard in Tullamore. This new infrastructure will expand on the services available at both these sites to our customers and stakeholders and have been designed to enable future expansion of these services at both sites in the coming months.

As part of the works, a trial of Zero Emission Cold Road Markings is included in order to assess its application and durability with a view to expanding the use of the material across additional Road projects in 2023. Both sites are scheduled to commence operations in mid-November. In 2022 the Roads Department of Offaly County Council have facilitated and in some cases directly delivered approximately €650,000 in investment in new predominantly fast charging Infrastructure across our entire county in order to provide a foundation for our County to commence the migration towards Zero Emission vehicles.

Emergency Repairs on our Roads constructed over Peat Subgrades

OCC were allocated an additional €1m for peat based roads rehabilitation, on top of the €800k for the peat roads pilot under the 2022 Roadworks scheme from the Department of Transport. The total allocation was used for emergency interventions across the County on peat based roads which failed following the dry spell this summer. All works will be complete by mid-November.

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP)

The Public Works contract for the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project was signed on the 17th August 2022. The successful contractor is now carrying out his pre-work site inspections with a view to commencing works early in 2023.

Active Travel Works

Approximately 91% of our Active Travel schemes are now at either Design/Procurement/ Construction and Contract Closeout. All schemes within the Active Travel program must proceed through a minimum of 4 phases – Design/Procurement/Construction and Contract Closeout. The majority of expenditure on any scheme occurs on the last 2 phases that being Construction and Contract Close, while the largest time commitment usually occurs at Phase 1 and 2 namely Design and Procurement.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES

Climate Action& Energy

Further to a letter from Minister Eamon Ryan TD issued to each Government Department outlining a Climate Action Mandate (Public Sector Leading by Example) applying to all public bodies to reduce their energy consumption by 15% over the following six months, Offaly

County Council have signed up to the “Reduce Your Use” campaign to assist in achieving this target.



Offaly library services have 8 Home Energy Saving Kits (funded by OCC CA) available for hire. An order for 1000no. Guide to Home Energy Savings booklets has arrived and are available free of charge to all staff members, community groups and members of the public. Both the kits and booklets have been developed by Codema, Dublin's energy agency.

Environment

New Solid Fuel Regulations

The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan TD, has signed the new Solid Fuel Regulations for Ireland, which will come into effect on 31st October 2022. The primary focus of these regulations is on improving air quality and improving people's health chances and outcomes, by restricting the retail, online and commercial sale of smoky fuels, including smoky coal, turf and wet wood. These fuels are proven to be a major contributor to air pollution in Ireland.

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Subsidies

Annual Group Water Scheme Subsidy payments totalling €1,018,504 have been made to 16 no. Group Water Schemes which supply a combined total of 4,436 no. domestic customers. Annual subsidies amounted to €411,105.00 and advance subsidies totalled €607,369.

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) for Capital Works

The total allocation to the successful projects under the 2019-2021 programme is €1,839,625.00 for 19 projects. Two extra projects have been added to the programme during its lifetime. Fifteen of these projects are completed and the other six are at various stages of progress with all projects expected to be completed in 2022.

The circular to roll out the MARWP 2022-24 is due in quarter 4 of 2022.

Veterinary

The number of dogs being surrendered has increased since May with almost 100 dogs being surrendered to the Dog Warden in the past 6 months. In 2022 so far the Control of Dogs team has cared for more dogs than in either 2020 or 2021.

Burial Grounds

Kilcoursey cemetery extension construction works are substantially completed and we have landscaping and planting remaining to be done over the winter.

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.

Wastewater**Edenderry WWTP**

Consultants working on the upgrade design. Forecast construction mid-2025.

Daingean WWTP

Planning permission has been sought for the upgrade of the works, which will include improvements to the inlet, storm tank & sludge drying beds. Planning at FI stage.

Tullamore South West Interceptor

Irish Water has appointed Ryan Hanley as consultants & the Coffey Group as contractors. The detailed design of the 1st phase is to shortly commence. This involves the construction a gravity sewer along the Charleville road and a rising main along St. Colman's Tce.

Rahan WWTP

All M&E and Civil works complete. Waiting for ESB connection.

Banagher Network

Sewer rehabilitation- the sewer in Harbour Street is currently being relined

Birr WWTP

Under the inlet & Storm programme reed beds are to be installed.

Water**Water Mains Projects**

Pollagh 5000m completed. Canal crossing outstanding

Marian SQ, Clara 96% of pipework complete. House connections & back yard services to commence.

Fahy To commence in November

Crescent, Birr to start in Jan

Clonbullogue Design complete

Geashill Disinfection Programme 90% of works complete.

Holmshill Disinfection Prog

85% of works complete.

Ardan, Birr & Clonaslee WTP

The three new water treatment plants at Ardan, Birr and Clonaslee are all commissioned (with the exception of some minor snags and outstanding paperwork) and are all currently operational as of December 2021. They are currently being operated by the DBO contractor for the project, but will revert to operation by OCC under the Irish water SLA in early 2023.

Mountbolus

Newgate Bore Hole Water Quality testing on-going. Final design for Well extraction to be completed.

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 462 on the Social Housing List awaiting housing support at the end of October 2022.
- A further 671 active tenancies are currently being supported under the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Scheme, 5 signed up for HAP and 8 exited from HAP in October.

- At the end of October, 25 single people and 16 couples and families were being supported in emergency accommodation.
- 16 Local Authority Ireland Home Loans applications have been received in 2022 to date. 3 have been approved, 8 declined, 5 ineligible and the remainder are awaiting decisions.

Housing Stock - Number, Maintenance & Repair

- Total housing stock at end of October 2022 is 2,011.
- 365 maintenance calls were logged in October.

Housing Capital Programme Update

- **Raheen, Clara development** (38 units) – Revised Stage 4 approval was granted on the 18th October 2022. Letters to Tenderers have issued including Letter of Intent to Preferred Tenderer. Project scheduled to start on site in Q1, 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. Due for completion in Q4, 2022.
- **Beechgrove, Belmont** (7 units) – Project commenced on site on 10th November 2021. Due for completion in Q1, 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.

- **Banagher, Kylebeg** (18 Units) – Stage 4 approval received on 25th June 2021. Project is due for completion in Q1, 2023.
- **Circular Road, Daingean** (9 units) - Stage 4 approval was received on 8th March 2022 and works were due to commence on site in May 2022. However, the scheme had to be re-tendered and tenders were received on 12th September 2022. Tender analysis is currently underway and a revised Stage 4 application will lodge when the Tender Report issues from consultants.
- **Circular Road, Daingean, Site 2** (10 Units) – Stage 1 approval application was granted on 3rd August 2021 for the site adjoining the OCC housing site on Circular Road. Consultants are appointed and Surveys are complete. Stage 2 is due to be lodged in Q4, 2022.
- **Sycamore Drive, Ballycumber** (10 Units) – Stage 1 approval was granted by the Department on 11th May 2021. Design Team have been appointed and all surveys completed. Stage 2 lodged with the Department on 28th July 2022. Part 8 to follow once Stage 2 is granted.
- **1 Newbridge Street, Birr:** Works are now complete and the dwelling allocated.
- **4 Holly Park, Birr:** Consultants have been appointed; Enabling works have been completed. Works tender will issue with brief based on these opening up works following combined Stage 2/3 application in Q1 2023.

Approved Housing Bodies Schemes

- **Oaklee: Clonminch,** Tullamore (19 units) – Completion in Nov/Dec 2022
- **Oaklee: Kearney's Field,** Tullamore (41 Units) – Completion in Q2, 2023
- **Sofia Housing:** Stage 2 approved (39 units) at Presentation Lands, Portarlinton. Planning Application to be lodged
- **Sofia Housing,** Clonamore, Tullamore – Contractor has been appointed and works have commenced

Turnkey Developments/Part V

- **Woodfield, Birr,** 35 units - 20 completed to date. All completions will be in 2022
- **Bog Road, Portarlinton,** 28 units - Under Construction, completion in Q1, 2023
- **Walsh Island,** 4 units - Under Construction. Projected to be completed in 2022
- **2 x Part V units** under construction at Ard na Carriage, Edenderry. Completion in 2022
- **Part V units** in Redwood, Tullamore under construction

Housing Grants (Private)

€1.6m was awarded to the Local Authority for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme; 80% is met by exchequer with the balancing 20% being provided from Offaly County Council's own resources.

Housing are progressing the 2022 works programme and continue to liaise with all applicants who have been approved for works in an effort to ensure that all works are progressing and to facilitate the timely drawdown of funds.

Disabled Person's Grants (Social Housing)

On 31st March 2022 Housing were advised that the allocation for Disabled Person's Grants for Social Housing Units is €658,800 (representing 90%), with €65,880 matching local authority funding (representing 10%) is to be added from Offaly County Council's own resources.

Retrofit Programme

The Council received notification on 22nd October 2021 of an increase in their allocation under 'Just Transition for the Midlands Region' programme to €4.2m.

- 50 Units complete Under the Midlands Retrofit Programme including 2 Shinrone; 1 Kilcormac; 1 Clara; 3 Crinkill; 32 Birr; 7 Tullamore; 2 Edenderry; 1 Portlannington; 1 Bracknagh
- Lot 3 & 4, Tullamore: Tender analysis is complete. Subject to funding approval from the DHLGH the preferred Tenderer will be appointed to carry out the works.
- Lot 5 & 6, Edenderry, Daingean, Clara, Ferbane, Shannonbridge, Cloghan: Tender analysis is complete. Subject to funding approval from the DHLGH the preferred Tenderer will be appointed to carry out the works.

LOCAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Offaly LCDC held their monthly meeting on Thursday 13th October, 2022. Main agenda items included the Rural Development LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021 – 2022, Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 Update and Disability Participation and Awareness Fund Update.

LEADER Projects

Eight LEADER Projects were approved to the value of €411,123.82.

Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 Update

Members were provided with a detailed presentation in relation to the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 Programme Requirements. Round 4 has an applicable timeframe of 1st June 2022 – 31st December 2025, and the Offaly funding allocation is €195,000 over the lifetime of the programme.

Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021 Update

Members were informed that the "Disability Participation and Awareness Fund" was announced by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in October 2021. This is a new funding scheme available to local authorities and the purpose of the fund is:

- To provide funding for Local Authorities across Ireland to support the participation of people with disabilities in local activities,
- To help remove barriers to community involvement and
- To support the promotion and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCPRD) in communities.

The deadline for submissions was 8th November 2021 and members were advised that Offaly County Council was allocated a grant of €75,000 for a number of measures.

Offaly Community Response Forum

The Community Forum consists of a range of agencies working within Offaly who meet on a fortnightly basis 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. The Forum is working very effectively in this regard, thanks to the commitment of the various agencies. There is also excellent networking outside of the group on a weekly or daily basis, as required.

The total numbers of Ukrainians in Offaly has continued to increase. On 12 June 2022, 419 PPS numbers were allocated in Offaly, this had increased to 708 PPSN by 26 October 2022 (60,428 nationally). The majority of the families are accommodated in Tullamore, Birr, Portarlinton and Moneygall. There are a variety of accommodation offerings within the County and the range of offerings is continuing to increase. Some of the main locations are as follows:

- In Tullamore, the main centre of emergency accommodation is a hotel and there are 4 guesthouses providing accommodation on an on-going basis.
- In Portarlinton there are 16 duplex units dedicated to family accommodation.
- In Moneygall private accommodation is available with self-catering and full board arrangements.
- Offaly County Council has partnered with LOETB to provide a rest centre at Birr Outdoor Education Centre, providing accommodation for 50 persons in 3 dormitories. This rest centre has operated on an almost continuous basis since March. OCC is indebted to LOETB for their work and co-operation in this regard.

The level of suitable pledged units in the county is quite low. A large percentage of units initially pledged were withdrawn once contact was made to inspect. OCC has partnered with Peter McVerry Trust to assist in allocations but there are on-going issues with the take up of referrals to these

units. In the context of poor take up, there are a number of reasons, including: a) vacant pledged units are typically in rural locations and transport is cited as an issue, b) vacant shared units are not being accepted – concern regarding separation from others, living costs, etc.

On the 25th October, the Department of Health approved funding of €9,525 for Offaly under the Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing Support Fund which will be disbursed by the Community Forum. The fund will be used to provide activities focused on benefits to mental health, physical activity, integration/social connection, creativity, etc.

Supporting More Women for Local Election in Offaly Programme

The Programme for Government "Our Shared Future", highlights the need for greater diversity and gender equality in local government. The "Supporting More Women for Local Election in Offaly" Programme aims to encourage the participation of women in the 2024 Local Elections and to improve the level of female representation on Offaly County Council and in political activity in Offaly in the years ahead. Offaly County Council acknowledges the funding received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to encourage participation in this key area.



Minister Burke and Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the

Marine, Pippa Hackett, both took part in panel discussions at the event alongside Cllr. Clare Claffey, Cllr. Yemi Adenuga (Meath CoCo), Cllr. Angela Feeney (Kildare CoCo) and Marguerite O'Loughlin (FF National Women's and Equality officer).

A series of training events took place with an online *Introduction to Politics* workshop on the 19th of October, and in person workshop in Tullamore on the evening of 26th of October.

Comhairle Na nÓg



In October, 101 young people from all across the county of Offaly attended Comhairle Na nÓg's AGM at the Tullamore Court Hotel. The day was ran by Offaly Comhairle Na nÓg members. Those carrying out registration, technical support, MC duties and presenting, were all young people themselves.



Councillor Tony McCormack, Leas Cathaoirleach; Councillor Clare Claffey and Sharon Kennedy, Director of Services, addressed the young people on the day. Members of the Steering Committee also volunteered their time on the day to facilitate workshop and discussions.

Public Participation Network

- A number of training events took place for PPN membership including, Fundraising, online Communications and Social Media skills. Good attendance.
- Members of Offaly PPN attended the ODVSS Conference.
- Induction and Training workshops took place for the PPN Representatives.
- Two members of the Secretariat and PPN staff attended the Midland Regional PPN meeting held in Mullingar on Oct 5th.
- A Cop-26 follow-up environmental event; *Futures Forum*, was held over 2 Days in Charleville Castle, facilitated by the PPN through Green Offaly. Outcomes from the 2-day event are currently being drafted to inform Policies in relation to Environmental matters.





PPN Staff attended the LOETB Open morning with a view to working collaboratively on Community based initiatives.

The Leas Cathaoirleach Tony McCormack and Brian Pey represented Offaly County Council at the PPN National Conference in the Midlands Hotel Portlaoise on the Friday 21st October. PPN Staff and Secretariat members attended on Friday and Saturday. Minister Joe Brien attended on Friday reflecting on the work of PPN's around the country and future plans for PPN's.

Offaly Age Friendly

Online Age Friendly Business Workshops with a Nationwide remit providing an opportunity for businesses to identify opportunities to provide and enhance Age Friendly Services and Supports to their customers.

Offaly Older Persons Network met to review the Older Persons Fashion show and presented a cheque to Ms. Beth Wogan, Offaly Family Carers. The event was a resounding success.

Members of the Offaly Age Friendly Alliance and OPC, Molly Buckley and Frances Kawala attended the Age Friendly Ireland Recognition Awards in Clare.

ARTS

Funding Applications

The Arts Office is awaiting a response from the Arts Council having submitted two funding applications for 2023.

Arts Grants and Awards

The Arts Office continue to process payments and receive reports from successful applicants for the many arts awards, including, the Arts Acts Grants,

Festival Grants and Professional Artist Support Scheme, the closing date for drawdown on grants is 17th Nov 2022



Film Offaly Review

The selection for the award is in progress. The review will examine the development of film production and the film sector in Offaly to date and will offer recommendations for the potential growth of Film in Offaly going forward. The report will focus on the developments of the film commission FilmOffaly, the Offaly County Council Arts Office and Creative Ireland Film and animation programmes, and other key film activity that takes place in the county. The purpose being to demonstrate the value of Film to the county as a social, cultural and economic driver.

Annual Programming

Hullabaloo

Hullabaloo! Offaly's Children's Arts Festival is back with an extravaganza of creativity, art making and fun experiences. Now, in its 16th year, Hullabaloo! Offaly's dedicated arts festival for children under 12 runs from 2nd - 5th November in Birr, Clara, Edenderry and Tullamore.

Capital Projects

Arts Infrastructure Strategy 2023-2026

The Arts infrastructure Strategy for the County continues to be progressed by People Places Consulting: Caoimhín Corrigan and Siobhán O'Malley. The strategy has explored how all the Arts Infrastructure (existing and planned) can be developed in a collaborative and harmonic manner, resulting in a cohesive, complimentary and self-sustaining network of arts infrastructure that is beneficial to the whole county. The report is due to be

presented to the next SPC meeting in November.

Esker Arts

Excitement for the opening of the new art centre Esker Arts is increasing, with the building nearly completed and the final internal fit-out underway. An Artistic Director Sean Walsh, has been appointed and other key posts are going through the recruitment process. The Arts Office continues to assess best practice operational and planning options for the Art Centre and will work closely in terms of strategic development with Sean Walsh prior to and post opening.



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.

Art Strategy 2023-27

The Arts Office Strategy *Inspire – Imagine – Involve* 2018-22 is due for revision with a new strategy researched and written and due for completion 2023. The new Arts Strategy 2023-2027, will be aligned with the publication of the Arts Infrastructure Strategy 2023-2027. The Arts Office is currently working on a brief for consultant support.

Puca Spooka



Tullamore Municipal District working with Up Close and Personal Promotions hosted the Halloween Event Puca Spooka again in 2022 on 22nd and 23rd October 2022 in Lloyd Town Park. 10,000 people attended the event, bringing people to visit Tullamore, dressed for the occasion with Halloween trails, artists & performers, funfair, food stalls and great photo opportunities. The event was a great day out and also brought visitors to Tullamore and employed over 80 people in the entertainment industry over the two days.

Halloween events in Birr and Edenderry were held on 29th and 30th October.



This event is funded through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's Local Live

Performance Programming Scheme and Tullamore Municipal District.



OFFALY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Funding

- Sport Ireland funding application to the value of €350,429 submitted
- Health Services Executive additional (2022) section 39 funding application to the value of €2,700 submitted
- Health Services Executive section 39 (2023) funding application to the value of €15k submitted

Education & Training

- one Safeguarding 1 (child protection) course delivered in September
- one Safeguarding 3 (designated liaison person) course delivered in October
- one Sports Leader programme delivered in Coláiste Choilm for transition years

Consultative fora

Offaly SP hosted four consultative fora, one in each municipal district area; and one for agency stakeholders. Those in attendance were notified of the work of the Sports Partnership, how it's funded, its remit and plans across the next strategic period which runs from 2021 to 2025

A competition for a new community sports hubs in the county was also publicised at the meetings. Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest for this competition is Friday, 4th November. Meetings will continue to be held twice yearly

Programmes

ACE (*assisting children excel*) - Liam O Reilly, ACE Project Coordinator alongside tutors Alan Corboy and Robin Geraghty, and tutors from the South Offaly Sports Hub are delivering this programme in 21 schools.

Community Sports Development Programme

Various programmes have been delivered in September and October including: -



- A “Badminton Ireland Shuttletime” programme for primary schools.
- Community fun day in Cloncollig. 10 children participated in the activities on offer on the day
- A Couch-3k programme has also commenced in Pollagh as part of a community fitness programme

Integration

- strength & conditioning programme for senior academy members in Portarlinton commenced in October
- indoor programme for Portarlinton scheduled to recommence in November
- indoor diversity games in association with Athletics Ireland planned for December

Sports Inclusion Development Programme

Various programmes have been delivered in September and October including -

- Exercise classes with Riverview Resources in Crinkle
- Secondary school SEN adapted physical activity programme
- After school multi-sport programme for children with additional needs in the Tullamore Town Park – 10 children registered with an average attendance of five at each session

Sports inclusion development programme capital supports

Eight schools are being grant aided to purchase balance bikes or similar equipment in advance of undertaking a “Learn to Cycle” programme in the New Year

Daingean Sports Hub

- Quarter 3 (July to September) saw the ongoing delivery of a range of activities rolled out through the Hub by the sports hub coordinator; and the hosting of various Offaly SP summer programmes onsite
- A range of programmes are being delivered throughout quarter 4 of 2022 (see timetable below)

October - Adults only 18+ Programme of EVENTS	
Tuesdays & Fridays 10.00 - 11.00	Activity mornings for Mothers Come down for a social, get together and a little bit of sport. Activities can include volleyball, badminton, basketball, pickleball, bocce, walking football and many more. Open to all fitness levels and complete beginners.
Monday & Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00	Strength and conditioning class for over 50s Specifically for adults 50 yrs +
Wednesday 11.00 - 12.00	Toddler and parent/grandparent/under marriage Aimed for some social interaction. Free play for the children. Responsibility and awareness of the children who who they come with.
Thursday 11.00 - 12.30	Badminton Morning Free play - Balls will be set out. Come down and join in. Open to all fitness levels. Complete beginners are very welcome. Densie is available to assist with set and badminton development.
Thursday 10.00 - 11.00	Pilates with Michelle/ Sean Suitable for all fitness levels. Beginning Oct 20th. €10 per class. Bring own thick mat.
Days tbc	Adult Badminton and Handball clubs Coming soon - Keep an eye on our social media.
Contact Denise - 086 7912513 for further information	

October - Adult 50+ yrs programme of EVENTS	
Monday 11.00 - 12.30	Social Bocce Similar to indoor bowls. Very gentle exercise.
Monday & Wednesday 10.00 - 11.00	Strength & Conditioning classes Specifically for Adults 50+ yrs.
Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30	Morning Activities Come try Pickleball, Chair Volleyball, Badminton, Soccer, Race & more.
Thursday 11.00 - 12.30	Badminton Mornings Come Play. Open to all, complete beginners and advanced players.
Thursday 11.00 - 12.30	Pilates with Michelle/ Sean Open to all ages and abilities. €10 per class. Bring your own thick mat.
	Activators Gentle exercise for all abilities and fitness levels. Coming soon - keep an eye on our social media.
Contact Denise - 086 7912513 for further details	

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Offaly Frontair Aitúil Uille Phail

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Local Enterprise Office Offaly

Mary McInerney represented LEO Offaly at the “Energy Costs & You” event in Dooly’s Hotel, Birr on Monday 17 October organised by Minister Pippa Hackett. This public event was organised to outline what supports were available to households and businesses to help with increasing energy costs.

Female business owners and entrepreneurs from County Offaly joined the staff of LEO Offaly in Glenties, Loughglin on October 13th for the Midlands National Women’s Enterprise Day 2022. The day was a huge success and provided a great networking and experience-sharing opportunity for all attendees.

Midlands ICT Cluster

On 14th October, LEO Offaly and six businesses from Co. Offaly attended an engagement event in TUS Athlone between TUS & Midland LEOs under Midlands ICT Cluster, with a view to developing

relationships with Midland based companies to help them scale and provide employment opportunities within the region.

The Midland Regional Enterprise Plan (MREP) to 2024 contains 3 strategic objectives to support recovery and resilience across the region. Objective 2 of the MREP seeks to build on achievements to date in sectors in which the region has a competitive advantage through Smart Specialisation and wider adoption of digitalisation within business, leveraging the new Technological University of the Shannon. Within this objective there is an action which seeks to: Develop a Smart Connected Technologies Cluster to leverage identified and established regional competencies in telecoms and supporting areas including augmented reality, machine learning, data analytics etc.

The Midlands ICT Cluster operates within the ethos of the triple helix model, ICT companies, public sector and academia operating across the Midlands Region of Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath and has established three thematic working groups as follows:

All six businesses on the day applied for an Innovation Voucher which will assist them in finding solutions for technical challenges they are currently facing.

TUS Learning Gates in Offaly

The Learning Gate project with TUS launched on 26th October in The Junction and the programme will work towards the provision of Higher Education programs in Offaly.

Offaly Innovation and Design Centre CLG (The Junction, eHive and stream BIRR) and Technological University of the Shannon are committed to the development of

cooperation opportunities towards the provision of Higher Education programmes in County Offaly.



The 'TUS Learning Gate', a concept

introduced by Dr Michael Tobin, Dean of Faculty of Continuing, Professional, Online and Distance Learning, seeks to formally establish a location/space where TUS students and academic staff may meet and learn together.

Mary Hensey, manager of The Junction Tullamore and e-Hive Edenderry said she was delighted to team up with TUS on this new concept. "Our hubs offer calm professional spaces with an essential range of facilities such as fast broadband, and Eduroam that support learning, and encourage collaboration among members".

The Tullamore & District Chamber 2022 Business Awards

Congratulations to Offaly Innovation and Design Centre CLG (The Junction, eHive and stream BIRR) who won this year's



Tullamore & District Chamber of Commerce Best Professional Services award.

Upcoming Training & Mentoring Courses

In the Local Enterprise Office Offaly we provide a range of training courses and workshops designed to assist with the establishment and/or growth of local businesses which are tailored to meet specific business requirements. 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 and News

For details on our upcoming events, training courses and news, please click on the link below

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/>

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Talk to us in Local Enterprise Office Offaly on the funding supports available to help you turn your ideas and concepts into feasible products and services**

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LIBRARY SERVICES

Children's Book Festival at Offaly Libraries



Offaly Libraries were delighted to celebrate **Children's Book Festival** this past October with an array of events and activities delivered to schools and children across the county, kindly co-funded by **Creative Ireland**.



As a central pillar of the national **Right to Read** initiative, this annual festival promotes the love of reading in children and young people.

To that effect, Offaly Libraries invited popular **Irish children's authors** such as Brian Gallagher, Shane Hegarty, E.R. Murray and Jackie Burke to visit our libraries in-person and through online channels.

Children's BOOK Festival

650 Crafty Take Away Bags
24 Events Organised
290 Event Attendees
167 Scavenger Hunt Participants
186 Bookmark Competition Entries

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Libraries Ireland

Sensory Offaly Series 2022



Kindly co-funded by CYPSC, the Sensory Offaly Series has concluded for this quarter with **52 attendees participating in 5 events** including **Play Therapy Workshops, Sibshops, Mindfulness Workshops and information talks.**

Events were free of charge to all attendees (parents, children, young adults, teachers, carers, SAs, etc.).

More detailed information on the events offered can be found in the [digital brochure here](#).

Shock-tober at Offaly Libraries

Visitors to Offaly Libraries over the **Halloween midterm** were in for a shock at all the activities available as part of our Shock-tober celebrations!



Kids were most excited to receive spooky **Craft Bags, Coloring Sheets and Bookmarks** with **375 activity packs** handed out overall.

Birr and Edenderry libraries got into the Halloween spirit by hosting **Story Times**,

Arts & Crafts sessions and Movie nights with an **overall attendance of 37.**

Offaly Libraries 2022 School STEAM Programme: Science Week

OFFALY LIBRARIES 2022
SCHOOL STEAM PROGRAMME

Offaly Libraries are in the midst of our celebrations for **Science Week, November 14th – 18th** as part of our wider School STEAM Programme, kindly co-funded by the **Dormant Accounts Fund.**

Classes from local primary schools around the county are invited to attend fascinating, in person science workshops offered.

Three Twenty One Exhibition



Offaly Libraries were delighted to host the Three Twenty One photograph exhibition by **James Crombie**,



Ireland's press photographer of the year. The exhibition consists of 46 close-up and thought-provoking portraits of familiar faces local to Offaly in celebration of **World Down Syndrome Awareness Month** during October.

Gavin Casey's Sound / Code / Image Exhibition

Sound / Code / Image, an exhibition of works produced by local artist **Gavin Casey**, recipient of the 2022 Kildare Emerging Artist Bursary Award is currently on display in Tullamore Library for the month of November.

The exhibition will also be available to view in Edenderry Library for the month of December.



For more information or to see more work from Gavin, you can follow his Instagram at [Instagram.com/caseygav/](https://www.instagram.com/caseygav/)

Queries directly by phone on 087 930 7659 or via email to gavcasey@gmail.com

New! Irish Conversation Classes in Clara Library

Clara Library are delighted to welcome all to practice their 'cúpla focail' in a new Irish Conversation class, every Wednesday from 3pm. The class had their first meeting Wednesday, November 2nd.

Those who wish to register their interest can do so by contacting Clara Library directly by dropping in, by phone on 057 9331389 or by emailing claralibrary@offalycoco.ie the opening hours for Clara Library can be found [here](#).



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 our Library Newsletter and through following our social media channels. Currently we have **1,632 subscribers** to the newsletter. The link to subscribe to our newsletter is here: [Offaly Libraries Newsletter](#).

Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive

Appendix 1

Revenue Account Grant Income & Payroll Summary to 31 October 2022

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL	Full Yr Budget 2022 €m	Preliminary Value to Oct 2022 €m	% Year To Date
Payroll costs	29.81	22.61	75.8%
Grants and Subsidies Income	37.98	31.91	84.0%

OCC to 31st Oct 2022

	<u>Rates</u> €m	<u>Rents</u> €m	<u>Loans</u> €m
Opening Balance Jan 1st, 2022	2.77	0.48	0.13
Net Invoices & Adjustments, waivers	15.22	6.26	0.39
2022 Cash Collected to end of Sept	12.69	6.13	0.46
Closing Balance Oct 31st, 2022	5.29	0.61	0.05

2021 Cash collected to Oct 31st

	12.85	5.40	0.46

% Collection at this point in 2021	99%	113%	99%

*** Collections impacted in 2021 and 2022 by waiver uncertainty and effect of lockdowns

Bank Overdraft to 31st Oct 2022

	-	-	% YTD
Number of days Overdrawn in Bank year to date		57	19%
Bank Interest and non-conforming charges to Oct 31st 2022 YTD		€6,254	
Bank Administration and transactional charges to Oct 31st 2022 YTD		€28,456	

Performance Indicators

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021 (Annual)

Offaly County Council

Status: Locked

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1, H2 & H4 Approved	A. Number of dwellings in the ownership of the local authority at 1/1/2021	1910	
	B. Number of dwellings added to the local authority owned stock during 2021 (whether constructed or acquired)	49	
	C. Number of local authority owned dwellings sold in 2021	6	
	D. Number of local authority owned dwellings demolished in 2021	0	
	E. Number of dwellings in the ownership of the local authority at 31/12/2021	1953	
	F. Number of local authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a D/HLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2021	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of local authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2021	2.66 %	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2021	52	
	A. Expenditure during 2021 on the maintenance of local authority housing compiled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, divided by the no. of dwellings in the local authority stock at 31/12/2021, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€581	
	Expenditure on maintenance of local authority stock compiled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as Sustainable	€1134693	

	Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes).		
Housing: H3 & H5 Approved	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2021 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2021	52 wk	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2021, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2021	€49842.24	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2021 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	34	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	1768 wk	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1694636	
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at the end of June 2021		
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2021	27	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2021 not compliant with the Standards Regulations	91.67 %	
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2021 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)	22	
	E. The number of inspections (including reinspections) undertaken by the local authority in 2021	45	
Housing: H6 Approved	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (i.e. 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a percentage of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2021	26.32 %	
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2021 as recorded on the PASS system	19	

	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2021, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months	5	
Roads: R1 & R2 Approved	A. (a) The percentage of Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2021	79.00 %	
	A. (b) The percentage of Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2021	75.00 %	
	A. (c) The percentage of Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2021	68.00 %	
	A. (d) The percentage of Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2021	58.00 %	
	B. (a.1) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2021	11.68 %	
	B. (a.2) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2021	13.70 %	
	B. (a.3) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2021	37.09 %	
	B. (a.4) The percentage of total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2021	37.44 %	
	B. (b.1) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2021	16.49 %	
	B. (b.2) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2021	18.58 %	
	B. (b.3) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2021	31.69 %	
	B. (b.4) The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2021	32.61 %	
	B. (c.1) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2021	16.75 %	
	B. (c.2) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2021	20.47 %	

B. (c.3) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2021	32.62 %	
B. (c.4) The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2021	29.19 %	
B. (d.1) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4 at 31/12/2021	19.56 %	
B. (d.2) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6 at 31/12/2021	10.14 %	
B. (d.3) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8 at 31/12/2021	22.10 %	
B. (d.4) The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10 at 31/12/2021	31.99 %	
A.1 Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2021	17.9 km	
A.2 The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2021	€2788313.00	
A.3 The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€24.11	
B.1 Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2021	17.6 km	
B.2 The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2021	€637443.00	
B.3 The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€5.67	
C.1 Kilometres of local road strengthened during 2021	66.5 km	
C.2 The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2021	€3940271.00	
C.3 The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€14.03	
D.1 Kilometres of local road resealed during 2021	50.8 km	
D.2 The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2021	€999557.00	
D.3 The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€4.92	

Motor Tax: R3 Approved	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2021	85.40 %	
Water: W1 & W2 Approved	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements		
	The number of registered schemes monitored by each local authority as a percentage of total schemes registered	94.00 %	
	The number of registered schemes monitored in 2021	47	
	Total number of registered schemes in 2021	50	
Waste: E1 Approved	A. The number of households, which are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2021	6798	
	B. The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents (based on agglomerations of more than 500)	68.01 %	
Environmental Pollution: E2 Approved	A. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2021	1087	
	A. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	943	
	A. Total number of pollution cases on hands at 31/12/2021	366	
	The opening number of pollution cases carried forward from the year end 2020	222	
Litter Pollution: E3 Approved	A1. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2021 was unpolluted or litter free	5 %	
	A2. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2021 was slightly polluted	62 %	

	A3. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2021 was moderately polluted	30 %	
	A4. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2021 was significantly polluted	3 %	
	A5. The percentage of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2021 was grossly polluted	0 %	
Green Flag Status: E4 Approved	A. The percentage of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2021	35.06 %	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2021	1	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2021	12	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2020 and therefore do not require renewal until 2022	14	
Energy Efficiency: E5 Approved	A. The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2021 relative to baseline year (2009)		
Public Lighting: E6 Approved	A. Total billable wattage of the public lighting system	3398.00 MWh	
	B. Average billable wattage of the public lighting system	89.00 W	
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	39.10 %	
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system	3607	
	Number of non-LED lights (e.g., SOX-SON) in the public lighting system	5596	

Climate Change: E7 Approved	Does the local authority have a designated (FTE) climate action officer?	Yes	
	Does the local authority have a climate action team?	Yes	
Planning: P1 Approved	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	27.92 %	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 by a builder or developer on the local authority	240	
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2021 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2021 undertaken by the local authority	67	
Planning: P2 & P3 Approved	A. Number of local authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2021	15	
	B. Percentage of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation of the plan) the decision made by the local authority	40.0 %	
	Number of determinations confirming the local authority's decision (either with or without variation)	6	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 that were investigated	57	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2021	17	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	52.94 %	
	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	17.65 %	
	E. Percentage of the cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	29.41 %	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2021	235	

	Number of cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	9	
	Number of cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	3	
	Number of cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	5	
Planning: P4 & P5 Approved	A. The 2021 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2016 Census	€28.87	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2021	€2250927	
	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	90.0 %	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	10.0 %	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	50	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	45	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	5	
Fire Service: F1 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2021 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports	€44.96	

	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention for 2021	€3421583	
Fire Service: F2 & F3 Approved	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	0 min	No full time brigades in Offaly
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	5.16 min	
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	0 min	No full time brigades in Offaly
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	5.68 min	
	A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes	46.38 %	
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	41.45 %	
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	12.17 %	
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	38.22 %	
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	35.03 %	
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	26.75 %	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	345	
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	160	

	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	143	
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	42	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	157	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	60	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	55	
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	42	
Library Service: L1 Approved	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the local authority area per the 2016 Census	0.76	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	180692	
	C. Library active members per head of population	0.09	
	D. Number of registered library members in the year	5320	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	58952	Please note figure extrapolated from automatic door counters in each branch. $58,952 / 77,961 = 0.75$ There was one national lockdown during 2021 with libraries closed

			until May 10th and only able to provide online resources
Library Service: L2 Approved	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2021 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2016 Census	€35.70	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 1/01/2021 to 31/12/2021	€1.80	
	A. AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2021	€2783565	
	B. The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€140000	
Youth and Community: Y1 & Y2 Approved	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	100 %	
	Total number of second level schools in the local authority area at 31/12/2021	12	
	Number of second level schools in the local authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2021	12	
	A. The number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2021 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	11.17	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register (maintained in accordance with section 128 of the Local Government Act 2001) for the local authority area as at 31/12/2021	555	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2021	48	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	62	

Corporate: C1, C2, C4 & C5 Approved	A. The wholtime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2021	412.60	
	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2021	3.60 %	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2021	0.14 %	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2021	3374.5 day	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2021	132.5 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2021	2 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2021	0 day	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave		
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021, divided by the WTE no.	€3414.36	
	Total ICT expenditure in 2021	€1408764.26	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	1.66	
	Total Revenue expenditure from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 before transfers to or from reserves	84752729	
Corporate: C3 Approved	A. The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2021	18.16	
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2021 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	1.22	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	1415948	
	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2021, were following the local authority on any social media sites	94898	

	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	31	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	No change	
Finance: M1 to M4 Approved	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€-3067265	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€-2505853	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€-1873757	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€-1661523	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€-1637257	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2021 as a percentage of Total Income in 2021 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	-1.93 %	
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2021	€1020.46	
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2021 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure	€0	
	The 2021 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€84752729	
	The 2021 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€79555913	
	The 2021 Revenue expenditure excluding county / shared service expenditure for the service providers of HAP, MyPay, DRHE and Dublin Fire Services	€0	
	A. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2017	87.1 %	

A. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2017	84.6 %	
A. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2017	55.3 %	
B. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	88.7 %	
B. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	86.8 %	
B. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	55.9 %	
C. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	88.0 %	
C. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	89.0 %	
C. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	62.0 %	
D. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2020	77.0 %	
D. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2020	92.0 %	
D. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2020	75.0 %	
E. (a) Collection level of Rates in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2021	86 %	
E. (b) Collection level of Rent & Annuities in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2021	93 %	
E. (c) Collection level of Housing Loans in Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2021	82 %	
A. Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2021	€6.74	
IPB Insurance: Number of notified claims for 2021	59	
IPB Insurance: Number of settled claims for 2021	39	
IPB Insurance: Total cost of settled claims for 2021	€525119.80	
Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2021	€0	
Self-insured: Number of notified claims for 2021	0	
Self-insured: Number of settled claims for 2021	0	
Self-insured: Total cost of settled claims for 2021	€0	

	A. Overall central management charge as a percentage of total expenditure on revenue account	13.76 %	
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage of revenue expenditure	33.71 %	
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€10946925	
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2021 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€26815277	
Economic Development: J1 to J5 In Progress	A. The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 per 100,000 of population	37.1981	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	29.0	
	A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2021 per 100,000 of population	51.3077	
	B. The number of trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2021 per 100,000 of population	25.6539	
	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2021	40	
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2021	20	
	A. The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 per 100,000 of population	219.3404	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	171	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	
	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2021 per head of population	€141.86	
	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2021	€11059264	

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