



Management Report to Council







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| <u>8</u> 10:00 TCC Plenary Meeting | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> 11:00Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC 14:30 Environment & Climate Action SPC | <u>11</u> 11:00 Budget 2026 Workshop | <u>12</u> 12:00 Southern Regional Assembly Mtg |
| <u>15</u> 10:00 LCDC (In Person Mtg) 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting | <u>18</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting | <u>19</u> 10:00 Library Services, Culture & Biodiversity SPC |
| <u>22</u> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Meeting | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> 14:30 Housing SPC | <u>25</u> 13:30 SPC Policy Making Training, Nenagh 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting | <u>26</u> |
| <u>29</u> <u>Uisce Éireann W/Shop tbc</u> | <u>30</u> 10:00 Cllr Workshop Uisce Éireann tbc | | | |

Report at a Glance

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Economic Community and Rural Development Directorate

Tipperary County Council's Economic, Community and Rural Development Directorate plays a vital role in fostering inclusive growth across the county. The council is committed to ensuring balanced economic and social development by focusing on various sectors like local enterprise, rural regeneration, tourism, community services, and sports infrastructure.

New Policy/Strategic Issues:

| Policy Changes/Updates | Progress in Previous Month |
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| Community & Rural Development SPC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on the Play & Recreation policy and the migrant strategy will be presented to members of the Community & Rural Development SPC at the September meeting. Two sub-groups have been established to develop both policies. A further sub-group will be formed to consider and develop a protocol for promoting local food production & community gardens at this meeting. |
| Economic Development and Enterprise SPC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a review of the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme, a new Vacant Business-property Reopen scheme will be presented to the Members of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC for sign off on Tuesday September 2nd. A new sub-group of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC will be established to consider the development of a Digital Strategy for County Tipperary at the September meeting. |

Directorate Highlights

| Updates | Progress |
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| Funding announcements | <p>Local Enhancement Programme 2025</p> <p>In June, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht approved funding of €194,509 for capital projects and €46,475 for running costs to over 250 community groups around the County.</p> <p>Community Recognition Fund</p> <p>In June, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht approved funding of €404,317 for 8 community groups across Co. Tipperary. This is the 3rd window of funding under the Community Recognition Fund 2024.</p> <p>2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)</p> <p>In August, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD announced funding of €269,825 for 7 projects across Co. Tipperary under the 2024/2025 ORIS Scheme.</p> |
| Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP) | <p>The LCSP regulations and guidelines were issued from the Department of Justice on the July 31st 2025. The next step is to commence the process of member nominations. There is a requirement for a maximum of 30 members representing local councillors (these nominations were approved at the October plenary meeting 2024) public agencies and community and voluntary groups. This is to allow for the broadest of representation across community safety sectoral interests, demographic and community interests and to achieve the best community safety outcomes for that area.</p> |



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| Sports Action Plan | Work has commenced on a sports action plan for the county. A steering group of internal and external stakeholders has been established and a survey has been launched to get the public views on their requirements and aspirations for sports & physical activity. |
| Tipperary Tourism Strategic Plan 2025-2030 | The Tipperary tourism company have engaged an external consultant to prepare a tourism roadmap for the county. The consultation process is under-way. |
| Tourism Activator | Fáilte Ireland's Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs have now been finalised, resulting in over €1.6m awarded to a total of 7 successful applicants in Tipperary. |
| Local Enterprise Office | The LEO Unit within Enterprise Ireland has recently published Q2 2025 Scorecard results on LEO Tipperary performance against set KPI's. Performance against the approved metrics is ahead of target across most of the areas and well positioned to year end. |

Local Community Initiatives

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Tipperary LCDC held one online meeting and one hybrid meeting since the last update. Dr. Fran Igoe, Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO) presented to the members at the July meeting on maximising LEADER funding for the benefit of biodiversity, water quality, climate resilience and local communities

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

North Tipperary Development Company presented a reporting template to the LCDC at the June monthly meeting. The template captures where SICAP Goal 2 (supporting individuals) referrals come from. The Social Inclusion Sub-Group were presented with the SICAP Mid Year Review from both North and South Tipperary Development Companies in July. Both Implementing Partners continue to deliver on their annual work programme.

Tipperary LEADER programme

A targeted call for LEADER grants is currently open for enterprises and social enterprises to carry out projects which will contribute to developing the county's green economy and employment. The minimum and maximum grant available is €10,000 and €80,000 respectively. The closing date for expressions of interest to either South Tipperary Development Company or North Tipperary Development Company is 08/09/2025.

A "Greening your LEADER Project" information guide has been developed by the LCDC. It will help groups and people applying for funding to consider the environment and climate action at all stages of their project.

The following projects were by approved by LCDC in June through an advertised environmental ‘targeted call’:

- Cahir Development Association were awarded €7,406 to restore a bridge and wall adjoining Lady Walpoles Canal at the Inch Field in Cahir and near the walk to the Swiss Cottage
- Tipperary Town Revitalisation were awarded €5,593 for the development of a new Wildflower Shrubbery at Tipperary Hills
- Cashel Tidy Towns were awarded €4,539 to produce a biodiversity action plan for the Cashel Area.
- Tipperary Excel Heritage Co. were awarded €14,595 to upgrade their lighting to LED equivalent units in the centre.
- Dualla Community Association were awarded €16,599 to install 20 Solar Panels
- Millenium Family Resource Centre were awarded €22,984 for solar panels
- Rosegreen Development Association were awarded €50,000 for 50 solar panels and a rainwater harvesting solution system at the Community centre.
- Ballyporeen Community Council were awarded €35,327 for 2 Community EV Charging Points, 30 solar panels, replacing lighting with LED lighting, new efficient boiler system and biodiversity improvements to their gardens.
- Place4U were awarded €13,63 for LED lighting

The following ‘rolling call’ projects were approved in July:

- Irish Fishing Tours were awarded €100,416 to purchase two new boats that will be custom designed to meet the needs and demands of tourists visiting the lake
- Derg Lake Tours were awarded €36,386 for two self-drive river boats and equipment.
- Cross Fabrication Limited were awarded €112,907 to purchase a horizontal bending machine and a laser cutter
- Soul Form Furniture Studio Limited were awarded €80,292 for production and marketing equipment.

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enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreation infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland.

Successful projects Co. Tipperary Measure 1:

| Project Name | Project Description | Grant Allocation |
|---|--|------------------|
| Cahir Loop Walk | Excavation and surfacing of 950m road verge on a popular walking route | €39,600 |
| High Kings Loop Walkway, Cashel | Construction of a new 400m section of footpath as a safety measure as part of the Kings Loop | €37,800 |
| Littleton Labyrinth Car Park Development | The development of the carpark at The Littleton Labyrinth | €30,825 |
| Tipperary Heritage Way Footbridge | Refurbish the existing pedestrian footbridge allowing walkers on the St. Declan's Way trail to traverse the river Tar safely | €39,600 |
| Trail the Vales | To create a series of ten short-form videos for use on digital platforms highlighting the Munster Vales region | €36,000 |
| Water Refill Stations Suir Blueway Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir | The installation of two water refill stations at Careys Slip and Kilsheelan | €36,000 |

Project Development Measure:

| Project Name | Project Description | Grant Allocation |
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| Suir Island Whitewater Channel (Millrace) | Re-watering of an old millrace channel on Suir Island, in Clonmel for recreational white water kayaking and specialist rescue training | €50,000 |

SPC Meeting

The next Community & Rural Development meeting is on the 10th September

Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly are delighted to partner with the National Understand Together Campaign and the National Tidy Towns to demonstrate the importance of connections, community participation, provision of sensory planting and dementia awareness.

In September this partnership will undertake some filming in Cahir to showcase the importance for those living with dementia to remain connected, demonstrate volunteer opportunities. This will be complimented by the provision of signage for the tidy towns groups across the county to demonstrate their participation in dementia awareness training.

Cultural Companions Tipperary

Cultural Companions Tipperary has successfully launched its first group in Clonmel, with over 25 active members. Cultural companions connect older adults together through a shared interest in arts & culture. Older adults meet up socially and attend events together making new friendships, helping to combat social isolation. To date the group have attended events in the STAC Chapel during the Clonmel Junction Festival, Clonmel Busking Festival, and SETU Waterford. It is planned to expand the initiative to Cahir and Cashel in the coming months.

National Play Day 2025

- As part of National Play Day 2025, and through funding from the Department of Children, Disability, Equality and Integration (DCDEI), a new permanent outdoor chess table and seating was installed outside the entrance to Clonmel Library.
- A series of events brought children of all ages together through the power of play. Clonmel's Junior Chess Club were among the first groups to use the new chess table.
- Anyone wishing to play chess at the new board can set up a membership with Clonmel Library, allowing them to borrow the pieces for their game.



Period Poverty

- To date the period poverty fund has supported schools, community centres, family resource centres, GAA/Camogie clubs, Down Syndrome Tipperary, and the Local Authority Integration Team across County Tipperary with period poverty mitigation measures.
- Period Poverty packs have been issued to community centres undertaking the community facility audit in Carrick on Suir and surrounds.

Clogheen Men's Shed

- Clogheen Men's Shed were supported with Healthy Ireland funding to develop their community grow garden. Funding was provided for a new polytunnel, an irrigation system and for the introduction of new raised beds to improve accessibility for shed members and community members.

- The Men's Shed group will undertake the development works themselves as a project, supported by local community members, with the view to attracting new members to the shed and grow garden.

Day Care Centres - Older Adult Indoor/Outdoor Play Equipment

- 7 x Day Care Centres in Tipperary were supported with new indoor and outdoor play equipment.
- The equipment is aimed at supporting older adults within Day Care Centres to move more, to have fun and to increase social engagement.



Slaintecare Healthy Communities

Substance Use Community Conversations

- Clonmel Community Conversations about Substance Use has been entered into the Pride of Place 'Community Wellbeing Initiative' category. Pride of Place Judging takes place on Tuesday 9th September 2025.

Further Drugs Training & Education Schools

- As part of the Clonmel Community Conversations about Substance Use, the Schools Cohort Subgroup continues to work actively on progressing a Drugs Education Programme aimed at primary and secondary schools within the Clonmel BD.
- The programme will be introduced in the 2025/2026 academic year, with plans for roll-out across both primary and secondary schools in Clonmel.

Parents Cohort

- Parent Engagement Progress: Continued positive engagement with local parents through the Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Use initiative.
- Parents have expressed an interest in a Gardening Project involving their children/teenagers.
- A planning session is scheduled for Saturday, 6th September 2025, from 10:00 to 11:30 am, inviting both parents and their children/teens to co-design the initiative.
- The project is seen as a tool to support wellbeing, community connection, and skill development, while offering a positive alternative activity.

Businesses & Hospitality Cohort Subgroup Update

- A number of meetings of the Business & Hospitality subgroup took place in June and July as part of the ongoing Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Use. The meeting focused on key challenges faced by local businesses and hospitality providers and explored potential supports and actions.

Playful Streets



- A successful Playful Streets event took place on Tuesday, 24th June at Glenconnor Hill Estate, Clonmel, bringing the local community together for a day of outdoor play, physical activity, and neighbourly connection.
- In collaboration with Tipperary Sports Partnership, the Council's Housing Community Liaison Officer, Sláintecare Healthy Communities, and Healthy Tipperary, the event transformed the estate into a safe, car-free zone. Families and children enjoyed a wide range of activities including hopscotch, giant games, obstacle courses, and hula hoops.

Tipperary Local Community Safety Partnership

- Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan has signed off on all regulations and guidance in relation to the Local Community Safety Partnership. Work can now commence on nominations for the committee. This will need to be formally signed off by the Minister and once approved, the first meeting of the LCSP can take place.



Power of Place & People in Tipperary

The Power of Place & People in Tipperary is a new community mapping project in partnership with The Public Participation Network. The aim of the project is to record details of Tipperary's many great groups, organisations and services. When all information is gathered the aim is to promote everything about the community groups and the great work they are doing.

The project commenced in early June in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District and since then our it has progressed to Thurles Municipal District.

To date we have met with approximately 90 community groups/organisations. We have been welcomed with great enthusiasm. The groups/organisations are delighted to showcase the work they are doing. The survey provides valuable data for understanding the needs and priorities of each group and also recognises the wonderful work that is being carried out in our Communities.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The team continues to work with the Ukrainian (BOTP population) and International Protection Applicants across the county. The following table details the number of individuals currently resident in the county

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| Ukrainian Community (BOTP) | 1,942 |
| International Protection (IP) | 1,034 |
| Total | 2,976 |

On the 22nd and 23rd July, 328 Ukrainians moved into their new modular homes on the Heywood Road, Clonmel. The move was coordinated by the Department of Justice and Tuath Housing Association. The LAIT team are providing on-going support for the new arrivals to settle into their new homes, in collaboration with HSE, TETB, DSP and South Tipperary Development Company.



Sports Development

Sports Action Plan

Tipperary County Council is embarking on the development of a Sports Action Plan for Tipperary. Work has commenced on the plan and a Steering Group has been established. Surveys are currently being undertaken with Stakeholders, Residents and Young People, with Focus Group Meetings planned for the 8th, 9th & 10th September.

TSP Coaching & Development Scheme

TSP has awarded 45 Sports Clubs funding under the 2025 Coaching & Development Fund.



Community Projects

The following community projects were rolled out throughout the last quarter by the sports partnership team.

- 2 Community Activator Pole Walking Programmes completed in Carrick & Thurles.
- 6 Summer Camps delivered which included 4 on the River Suir and 2 on Lough Derg in July
- 2 Outreach kayaking programmes using VR delivered on the River Suir
- Her Outdoor Campaign promoted in August with 9 activities facilitated across Tipperary to support the campaign including kayaking, orienteering, mountain biking, hill walking, dragon boating.
- Green Exercise programme was completed in Borrisokane and the programme is currently running in Nenagh.

School Programmes

2 school programmes were delivered:

- Wiggly Wobbly Balance Programme with a further 6 Preschools
- Sli Nadur programme was completed in June in Lisvernane NS

Sport4Empowerment ESF+ programme

As part of this programme,

- Phase 2 of the Thurles Ukrainian Youth Sports Pathway programme which is linking Ukrainian youths with local clubs in partnership with the Integration Team is in progress.
- Phase 2 Cycle Right programme was completed for young people in the new communities in Dundrum (Ukrainians & IPAS communities)
- A New Community Club Pathway programme is up and running in Nenagh with the local clubs - Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Badminton and the GAA.
- 6-week Taster programme is completed for 7 traveller women in Clonmel.
- A swimming programme for traveller women was completed in Nenagh which progressed to a Water Safety programme which is currently in progress.
- A 6-week swimming programme is in progress in Thurles for women from the Ukraine.

Disability Programmes

People with disabilities were supported as follows:

- Support was provided to Moorehaven with the provision of activities for the opening of their Butterfly Garden.
- Inclusive Walking Football was completed with Moorehaven in the Sports Hub in Tipperary Town.
- Sports Ability Programme was completed in Moyle Rovers with disability services from Carrick, Cahir, Clonmel & Cashel.



- Sports Ability Programme is currently running in Borrioleigh with disability services from Thurles, Nenagh & Roscrea.
- Inclusive Cycling Programme completed in August in Clonmel & Thurles.
- Activities were provided in Scoil Chormac for their Summer Programme.

Training & Education Programme

- Safeguarding Training for Sports Clubs is planned for the Autumn, Registration is currently open.
- GFL Training is planned for September for Older Adult Groups.

FAI

The following is an update on football initiatives & development by the two FAI Development Officers through June and July 2025.

Club Development

The FAI Club Mark is a series of accreditation awards for grassroots clubs based on best practice in the governance, management and administration of a club and is now mandatory for all clubs to hold at least the entry level award by December 31st, 2025.

Borrisokane and Clodiagh rangers were presented with their club mark awards in June; Cloughjordan FC and Slievenamon Celtic/Kilsheelan United FC obtained the entry level award in July.

All clubs across the county that do not hold this award are being engaged with and supported. All clubs have engaged and are now registered for the award. Ongoing continuous support is being provided to clubs who are in the process including, Garda vetting, safeguarding training, policy development, and coaching supports.

Kick Fit – Women’s Programme

The FAI Cadbury Kick Fit programme is a fun and non-competitive recreational social programme for women 18+, with no experience necessary. Moneygall, Nenagh Celtic, BT Harps FC and Clonmel Town FC continue with their Kick Fit programmes.

FAI Coach Education & Safeguarding

2 x Safeguarding 1 courses delivered with 63 participants

FAI Coach Development

1 x Me & My Ball Course delivered with 12 participants

FAI Referee Development

1x Referee beginner course delivered with 11 participants

Walking Football

Cashel Men’s Shed completed their walking football program which is supported by Tipperary Sports Partnership and the FAI.

Football 4 All

The Brothers of Charity completed their Football 4 All program at The Tipperary Sports Hub with support from Tipperary Sports Partnership and the FAI.

FAI Football Camps

FAI Football camps held in Moneygall FC; Borrisokane FC; Clodiagh Rangers FC; Newport Town AFC; Peake Villa FC; Birdhill FC; BT Harps FC; Slievenamon Celtic Kilsheelan United FC; Galbally United

FC; Clonmel Town FC; St Michael's Schoolboys FC & Two Mile Borris St Kevin's FC. 980 participants aged between 6-14 attended camps with 80+ staff employed to work on this year's football camps across the county.

FAI EPV Teacher training

The FAI Primary Playbook EPV teacher training program, which is recognised by the Department of Education for EPV (Exceptional Professional Value) days. This program equips primary school teachers with the knowledge and skills to use football as a tool for teaching various subjects, promoting physical education, and fostering inclusivity and well-being in the classroom. 11 teachers were trained in Gaelscoil Bhride in Thurles from primary schools across the county.

TOURISM



Tipperary Tourism Strategic Plan 2025-2030

The strategic roadmap is progressing. The plan will set out a clear vision that will support the county through inspiring domestic and international visitors, enhancing collaboration and partnership, along with targeted actions that will support economic growth across the industry.

Tipperary A3 Map

Tipperary Tourism has developed a pull off A3 Visitor Map with QR codes, which are available to the trade and community.

Tourism Activator Update

Fáilte Ireland's Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs have now been finalised, resulting in over €1.6m awarded to a total of 7 successful applicants in Tipperary; each of these applicants is at the procurement stage.

Connecting Clusters Tourism Breakfast Briefing takes place in Hotel Minella on the 25th of September from 8.30 am. This event will inspire and support the networking of clusters in Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Cashel and Cahir in collaborating to promote and leverage, increasing visitor dwell time.

The Tourism Activator rolled out a Tour Operator Workshop with Alva Person on the 19th June in the Carraig Hotel, Carrick on Suir, with over 25 of the tourism trade in attendance to gain an in-depth knowledge of the tour operator market, with tips on how to navigate the market.

Munster Vales

A new Munster Vales Map & Brochure have gone to print. A request for tenders is underway for a 5-year strategic. There is ongoing activity on social media and website content creation.



Destination Lough Derg (DLD)

Familiarisation Trip

Two Fam trips have been completed to-date, the first trip took place on 19th June. The purpose of this trip was to showcase Lough Derg from the water. This Fam trip was sponsored by waterways Ireland and commenced in Portumna and sailed down along the Tipperary shoreline.

The second fam trip was on land and commenced in Nenagh Travelling to Dromineer Garrykennedy, Graves of the Leinster-men, Killaloe/Ballina, Tumegraney, Inis Cealtra and the Rectory in Mountshannon.

Platforms for Growth. Construction has commenced on the Platforms for Growth & Changing Places facility in Domineer. The official sod turning ceremony took place on 24th July 2025. This investment scheme will deliver best-in-class permanent water-sports facilities and is due for completion in Q4 2025.

Entente Florale Europe

Judging of the Entente Florale took place on the 11th July in glorious sunshine results will be announced at the end of September at an event in Slovenia. Fingers crossed for Terryglass.

Killaloe Ballina Bridge

The old bridge in Ballina/ Killaloe has been pedestrianised on a pilot basis for August, September and running into mid-October. Various activities are being organised by both Tipperary County Council & Clare County Council on the bridge at week-ends.

Shane Mc Gowan Map

A new Shane Mc Gowan map showcasing places he mentioned in his songs or points of inspiration has been developed in cooperation with Siobhan Mc Gowan this will be launched at the Kilbarron festival in September.

Economic Development Programme

Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme

The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC Retail Sub-Group have concluded their review of the Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme with a plan to approve the changes at the September SPC meeting before it goes to the plenary meeting.

Shop Local Tipperary

Still time to enter our Back to School or for you to like and share it across the whole county.

Love Tipperary Gift Card

290 Businesses across County Tipperary are now signed up to the Love Tipperary Gift Card and this number is increasing monthly. Businesses are in the Shopping (196), Accommodation (9), Food and Drink (47), Health & Beauty (24), Services (12) and Leisure & Attractions (2) Sectors.

A marketing campaign is being devised currently that will promote the card, inform regarding purchasing it and promotion the shops that have signed up to it. This will include Posters, Window and Till Stickers, 'where to spend' leaflets, and more cards for distribution across the county for 'loading' funds onto.

Tipperary County Council is playing its part by providing the cards to the public at the customer Service Desks in Tipperary, Thurles, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir and Nenagh.

SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise

The September SPC hosted Speakers on the following topics:

- The Agriculture Sector and the impact on County Tipperary's Economy by Robert Malone, IFA.
- Tourism in County Tipperary – an update from Mairead Winters and Cora Morrissey.
- Tipperary Local Enterprise office Mid-Year update by Anthony Fitzgerald.
- A digital Strategy for County Tipperary – a new sub-group established.

Christmas Retail Support Grant

The development of a Christmas Retail Support Grant for 2025 has commenced and the application process will open in late September.

Local Enterprise Office

The LEO Unit within Enterprise Ireland has recently published Q2 2025 Scorecard results on LEO Tipperary performance against set KPI's. Performance against the approved metrics is ahead of target across most of the areas and well positioned to year end. This reflects the significant effort and dedication that the team have invested in supporting businesses. A new performance monitor, the Quarterly Grant Payment Performance Metric has been added to the quarterly scorecard (second part of table below). The local Enterprise Office is tasked with achieving an 80% payment on funds drawn down from Enterprise Ireland in the previous quarters.

REACH Roscrea

The REACH project in Roscrea has been completed under budget and on time with a final project cost of €3,096,367. The state of the art centre has secured two Anchor Tenants, Herdwatch a Global Technology Company working with the Agri Sector and Tipperary ETB providing upskilling and training opportunities through their numerous FET courses.

The remaining space approximately 2,000 sq ft provides flexible workspace solutions for businesses, entrepreneurs, and remote workers, offering private offices, hot desks, fully equipped meeting spaces, video conferencing facilities and high-speed gigabit broadband to support productivity and collaboration.

The REACH Centre will be officially opened by Minister Dara Calleary at 2pm on the Tuesday the 2nd of September.

Pathways 2 Resilience Programme (P2R)

TCC has been successful in securing EU funding to participate in an 18 month programme, Pathways2Resilience (P2R). TCC is one of 40 European regions participating in the first cohort of the programme, and we are working with Irish and European partners to build a resilient Circular Bioeconomy, centred on the work of the National Bioeconomy Campus at the former Lisheen Mine Campus, Thurles.



P2R Achievements to date:

- Partnering with key stakeholders to raise awareness, and build capacity across the region
- Stakeholder engagements
- Circular Bioeconomy trainings and outreach by the Rediscovery centre
- Collaborating with Local enterprise office LEO and our partners Magfi LTD, to support businesses across Tipperary for EU fund scan at zero cost.
- Embedding Climate Action into Core Governance
- Actions identified in TCC LACAP are being delivered by a multi disciplinary group with the Climate Action Team. The Climate Action Steering Group (internal group made of Directors of services and CEO), has been set up and engaged in reviewing baseline findings and identifying cross-cutting risks to support the embedding of climate risk consideration into service delivery.
- TCC is addressing data gaps by partnering with universities, CARO, and national bodies like the EPA. Example of TCC led research and capacity building projects in collaboration with academic researchers are 'Bio-Scale Up', Biomethane for Carbon and Communities and CLIMAAX.

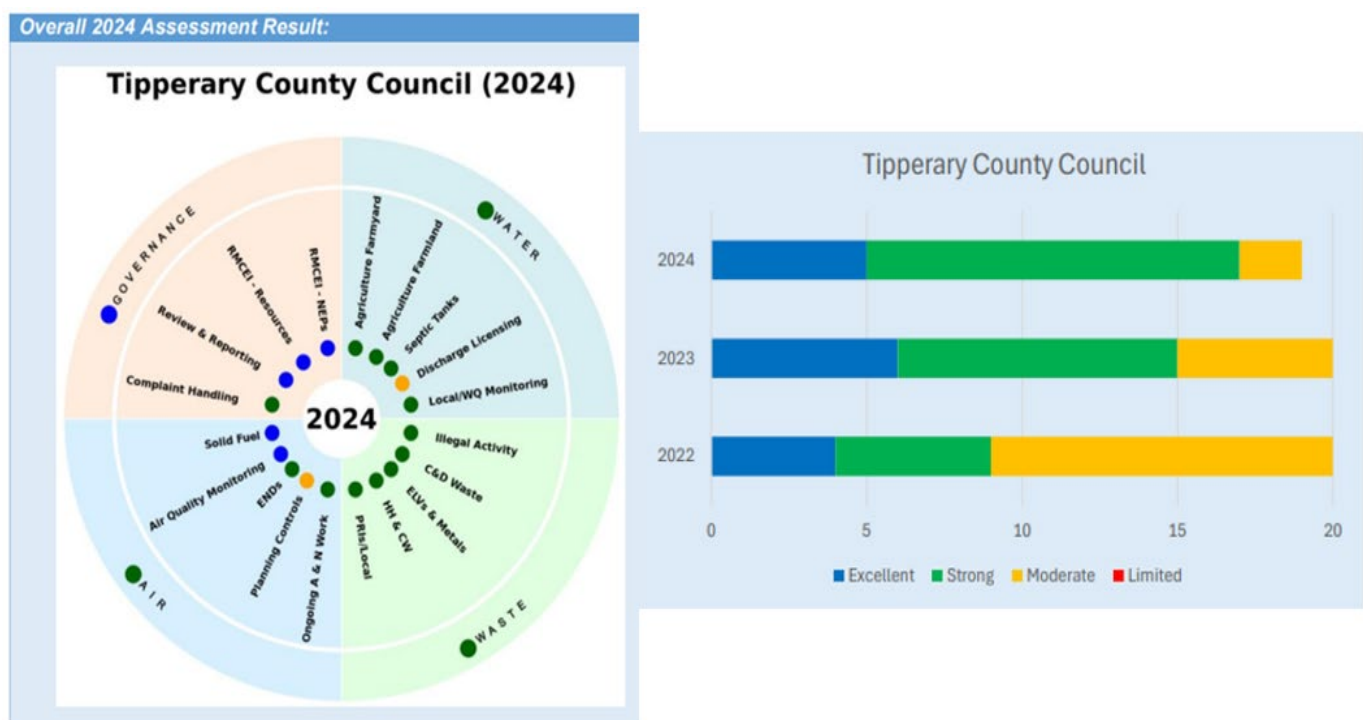
Environment & Climate Action Section

Local Authority Performance Framework for Environmental Enforcement – 2024 Results

The EPA recently completed the 2024 assessment of local authority performance, including Tipperary County Council's, against the agreed National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) under the Local Authority Performance Framework (LAPF).

There are 19 NEPs in total, with 5 NEPs in the areas of waste, water, air and noise, and 4 NEPs under governance processes. The EPA's assessment of local authority performance is based on the information and data contained in the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Plans, Data Returns and NEP Progress Reports which are submitted on an annual basis to the EPA, by each local authority. EPA and third-party intelligence are also considered in the assessments.

In 2024 Tipperary County Council not only consolidated its results and performance from 2023, but improved on same. The Council has reached a Strong or Excellent standard in 17 of the 19 National Enforcement Priorities, which is an increase from 15 in 2023 and from 9 in 2022. This is an excellent achievement and reflects the hard work and commitment of the staff of the Environment and Climate Action Section.



Climate & Energy

Mid-Tipperary Decarbonising Zone (DZ)

The Council will host an evening public information event on Wednesday the 17th September at 7:00pm at Moycarkey Borris Community & Sports Centre, Littleton. This is a collaboration between the Council, Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA), Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and EcoVision Energy Communities Co-op. This will be an information and networking event for homeowners, community groups, residents associations, group water scheme participants, farmers, energy volunteers, etc. interested in cleaner, cheaper energy solutions. For further detail, contact Alan Walsh, DZ Stakeholder and Outreach Officer at climateaction@tipperarycoco.ie.



Climate Change Risk Management

KPMG Ireland have been appointed to deliver a Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) for Tipperary County Council. When completed by the end of 2026, this will provide guidance for how the Council can manage current and future climate risk and adaptation response across its services and functions. In particular, it will see the Council joining 69 regions across Europe in harmonising their CRA and response processes.

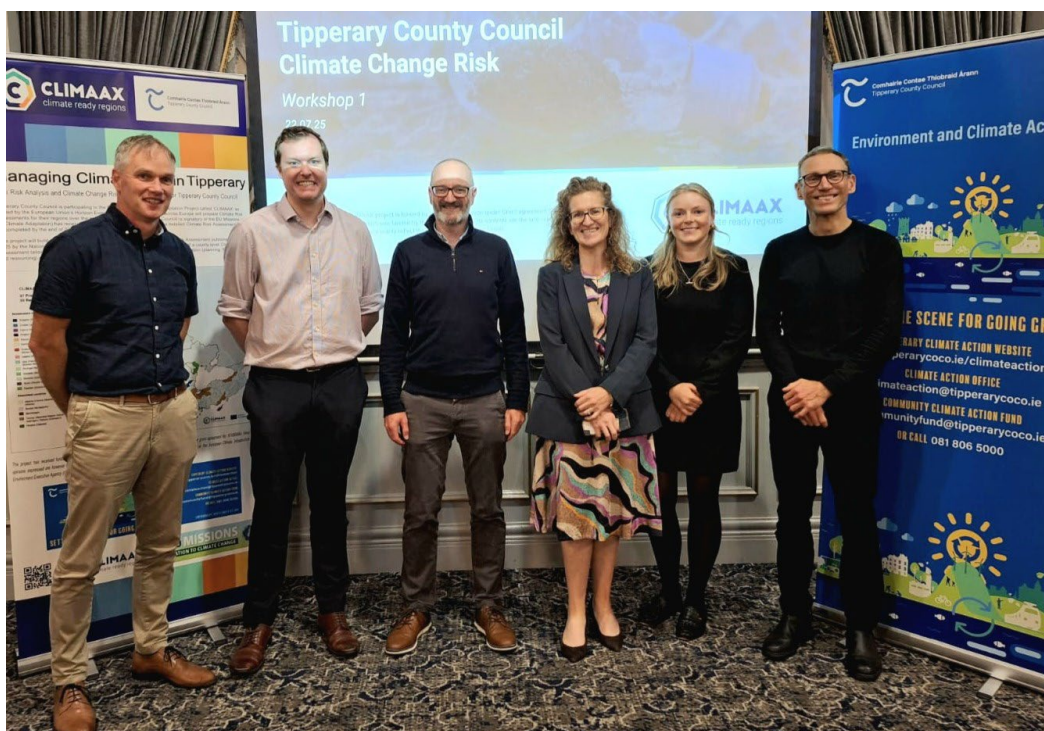


On 22nd July, an event was held with 37 staff members to enable discussion about the influences of climate change in how the Council delivers its services, for example, in terms of emergency response, building and roads maintenance, biodiversity services, tourism, health and safety, quality of life etc. In particular, those attending considered climate hazards, hazard exposure and the people and assets that are vulnerable to climate change hazards and risks.

The event was the first of a series of planned stakeholder and public events that will be held over the lifetime of the project. The first phase of the project (ending Sept. 2025) will set out the key climate change risks for Tipperary using a common European methodology.



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Michael Moroney, Clare Lee and Eddie Meegan of the Climate Action Office with members of KPMG Ireland

Emissions Reduction Targets 2030

In accordance with Actions 30, 31 and 32 of the Climate Action Plan, the Council is implementing an organisational-wide building energy efficiency and decarbonisation strategy and a fleet decarbonisation strategy to achieve its 51% reduction in Green House Gas emissions and 50% energy efficiency 2030 targets. Emissions reductions initiatives include:

- The TCC-led Regional Energy Unit is working through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Pathfinder Programme on a facility retrofitting programme.
- The Council Roads Office is leading a Fleet Decarbonisation Strategy.
- The Council Roads Office are delivering the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

Policy

A meeting of the Environment & Climate Action SPC took place on Wednesday 11th June at Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD offices. Items discussed included an update on the proposed Silvermines Hydroelectric Energy Storage Project; consideration of Notice of Motion (Ref: 2888) re. Cormacs Cemetery, Cashel; and the TCC Corporate Plan 2024-2029. The Committee also received updates on the Community Climate Action Fund and from the PPN. The next SPC meeting

will take place on Wednesday 10th September at 2:30pm.

Public Awareness Initiatives

Mattress Amnesty

A very successful mattress amnesty was held at all our Civic Amenity Sites (Cashel, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea and Donohill) on dates in June and July, with a total of 1,075 mattresses recycled. This important initiative helps tackle illegal dumping and provides for proper disposal of used mattresses contributing to the circular economy. Research data from the European Bedding Industry Assoc. states that up to 30 million mattresses reach end of life in Europe each year. Approximately 14% are recycled, 34% are used for energy from waste, and 51% end up in landfill. However, 85% of the mass of a mattress can be recycled into insulation, carpet underlays, building panels, and metal scrap with proper disassembly. Initiatives like the Mattress Amnesty are essential to ensuring that mattresses are properly recycled and contribute positively to our environment.



Mattress brought to Civic Amenity Site Nenagh for recycling

Annual Irish Farm Plastics Collection

The 2025 Annual Irish Farm Plastics Collection took place at designated bring centres across Tipperary during August and September. There was 12 sites available to farmers across Tipperary. This is a fantastic opportunity for farmers to responsibly dispose of used silage pit covers, bale wrap, fertiliser bags, netting, and chemical drums.



Farm Plastics Annual Collection Days: Newport and Monard Aug 2025

Summer Events Promotion

The Environment and Climate Action Awareness Team attended a number of events over the summer period with their Food Waste Roadshow supported by mywaste.ie, promoting the proper segregation of food waste and providing food waste recycling tips and the distribution of Food Waste Caddy bins. The team will also be attending the Bansha Show on 20th August and Dualla Show on 30th August with their promotion trailer. The following events were attended – Tipperary Age Friendly Annual Expo in the TUS College Campus Thurles – 18th June; Clonmel Show – 6th

July; Queen of the Castle, Cahir – 3rd August; Bansha Show – 20th August; and Dualla Show – 30th August.



Rediscovery Centre Climate Action Workshops

Ten schools in the Mid-Tipperary Decarbonisation Zone participated in an interactive Climate and Decarbonisation workshop delivered by The Rediscovery Centre, Ballymun.



4th and 5th Class Students from Gortnahoe NS participating in Climate Action Workshop

Animal-Related Services

Control of Horses

There has been 29 reports to the Council of loose horses as at mid-August. This has resulted in a total of 29 horses being seized across the county. Two of these horses were reclaimed by the owners with the remaining 27 horses being re-homed.

Control of Dogs

Dog Control

A total of 114 dogs were surrendered or seized by the dog wardens up to 31st July. 72 of that number were sent to rescue, 16 were reclaimed by their owners, 3 were rehomed and 20 were put to sleep.

Licences

The number of dog licences purchased in the County to 31st July is 4,252.

XL Bully Certificate of Exemption

A total of 76 applications were received by the Council under the XL Bully (Certificate of Exemption) legislation. The closing date for receipt of such applications was 31st January, 2025. To date 64 Certificates of Exemption have been granted, 3 applications were withdrawn by applicants, and there are now 9 applications frozen until such time as the dog is mature enough for neutering. The final date for receipt of completed Confirmation of Neutering Status forms is 30th June 2026.

Infrastructure

Civic Amenity Sites

The customer numbers that have used the Civic Amenity facilities up to 31st July is 70,473. Below is the breakdown of each Amenity Site. This is a slight increase on 2024 figures at this time of year.

| Customers visits to the CAS | |
|--|---------------|
| Waller's-Lot | 16,885 |
| Carrigeen Clonmel | 12,829 |
| Nenagh | 16,361 |
| Roscrea | 15,936 |
| Donohill | 8,462 |
| Total as at the 31st July 2025 | 70,473 |

Burial Grounds

Capital, Minor and Improvement Works

An extensive work programme across the county is ongoing.

Capital works are at an advanced stage in the provision of new Burial Grounds in Boher & Fethard.

Land acquisition for lands for the provision of a Burial ground extension at St Marys Burial Ground Carrick on Suir has recently been completed.

Minor and Improvement Works are being carried out at Clonmel St Patrick's and Holycross.

Burial Ground Site identification for the following parishes is ongoing: Kiladangan, Solohead/Monard, New Inn and Borrisoleigh

Tidy Town and Burial Ground Maintenance Grants 2025

- There has been 131 applications received for Tidy Towns Grants across the county. The funding awarded to these applications is €184,000 approximately with most grants being paid over by the end of September.
- There has been 269 applications received for Burial Ground Maintenance Grants. The funding for these applications amounts to €193,000 approximately and payment is on going.



Waste Management and Enforcement

CCTV Pilot Project

The Pilot Project aims to assess the effectiveness of CCTV surveillance in capturing evidence of illegal dumping and littering, which has been a persistent issue, notwithstanding the erection of signage and enforcement efforts. It is proposed to engage a professional CCTV surveillance contractor to install and monitor cameras at the two nominated locations, while ensuring compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 requirements through a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA). A Public Consultation was undertaken as part of this process and was open for submission from 07th August to 22nd August 2025. All submissions will be reviewed and considered in the finalisation of the Proposed Pilot Project.

Collection of Textiles

Environment and Climate Action expanded its collection of textiles service c. 2020 to provide for the location of clothes/textile receptacles at various Bring Centres dispersed throughout the county. The purpose of the expanded service was to increase the recycling levels of textiles, by enabling householders to dispose of unwanted clothes in support of the circular economy.

However, the operation of the service has given rise to a number of issues in recent months. The volatility of the international political situation has resulted in challenging market conditions which have made it more difficult for service providers to access traditional markets for this waste stream. This has affected the frequency of the collection of materials from the Council's suite of clothes banks. A further issue is the financial implication presented by these challenging and changing market conditions, which are not within the control of the local authority.

In addition, the nature and extent of use of the service by the public has given rise to localised matters of concern where, due to banks being full, service users deposit their items of clothing at or adjacent to the clothes banks, thus creating an environmental nuisance.

Tipperary County Council is not unique in its experience of these issues. Having regard to same, the Council regrets that it will not be able to continue the operation of the service in its current form. With this in mind, a procurement exercise was recently commenced, which seeks the provision of a textile collection service at the Council's suite of Civic Amenity Sites, which are located at Cashel, Clonmel, Nenagh, Roscrea and Tipperary (Donohill). It is envisaged that the



revised service will take effect in the coming weeks which will include the withdrawal of the current textile collection service from the suite of Bring Centres and the removal of the clothes/textile receptacles from those locations.

Enforcement Actions

A total of 5 enforcement actions have been undertaken in the year to date, which comprised of Directions to clean a site/property and cease any further unauthorised waste activity. 2 Directions are still active and within the specified timeframe for completion. The other Directions were complied with.

Legal Proceedings

To date there have been 5 Recommendations for prosecutions under the Waste Management Act. 3 successful convictions have been achieved. We are awaiting Court dates on the other 2.

Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) Issued

The total number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued up until 12th August is 122. These are issued for Litter Fines, Waste Management Enforcement and Waste Bye Laws (Household Waste Inspections). Litter Fines account for 79 of these fines.

Household Waste Inspections

A total of 327 household waste survey letters have issued since early 2025 to households in Co. Tipperary. The compliancy rate to date is 84% with 275 of the 327 householders providing evidence of their waste service providers. The Section continues to engage with home owners/occupiers in an effort to encourage full compliance and to date 35 Fixed Payment Notices have been issued for failure to provide evidence of a waste service.

Glass, Cans & Textile Recycling

- 275 tonnes of textiles were collected in 2025 to 25th July.
- 1976 tonnes of glass was collected in 2025 to 31st July.
- 27.40 tonnes of cans were collected to end of July. Can tonnages continue to fall since the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme in 2024.



Certificate of Registrations / Waste Permits

There are 14 Certificates of Registrations, 32 Waste Facility Permits and 82 Waste Collection Permits currently active in Co. Tipperary. There are 3 permits under review at the time of report writing; 2 of which are existing permits and 1 which is an existing Certificate of Registration review.

Landfills & Waste Removal from Rathcabbin

Ballaghveny landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste licence conditions is ongoing. Up to August 2025, the landfill accepted a total of ca 16,200t of waste, this was ca. 33% of the licensed intake limit of 49,000t/annum. The tender process for the Ballaghveny Landfill Phase 1 Capping project is complete and the contract award was finalised in August 2025. The contract has been awarded to Priority Construction Limited.

Donohill landfill

The monitoring of the landfill in compliance with its waste license conditions is ongoing.

Rathcabbin Waste Removal

The removal of waste (comprising both stabilised waste, contaminated soil and mixed construction and demolition material contaminated with waste) from the former Shannon Vermi-Composting (SVC) facility in Rathcabbin is substantially completed since December 2024. There are High Court proceedings awaited before the project can be fully concluded.

Ballaghveny Landfill Community Gain Fund 2024 – Allocation of Funds

Applications for the 2024 Fund have been assessed and the funds have been allocated. The value of the Community Gain Fund (CGF) allocated is €65,873 arising from the waste accepted during 2024, which was €61,873, and a further €4,000 was also available due to funding allocated being unspent from the 2023 Fund.

| Organisation Name | Project Description | CGF 2024 Allocation |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Ballinree Church | Restoration of windows. | €7,126.67 |
| Ballymackey Football Club | Construct four dressing rooms and a gym. | €46,560.59 |
| Ballymackey Women's Shed | Purchase a sewing machine and storage cabinet. | €797.08 |
| Bishop Harty National School | Provision of outdoor garden and picnic area. | €11,389.00 |
| Total | | €65,873.33 |

Closed/Historic Landfills

A request for additional funding from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) was sought. Approval of an additional €1,581,900 in addition to the previously granted amount of €451,615 for Landfill Remediation Works 2025 has been received from the DCEE. The eligible work covered by the funding includes the landfill remediation work at Ballaghveny Phase 1 Cap, Tipperary Town Historic Landfill Remediation Project, consultant fees and costs, Environmental Risk Assessment Tier 2 and Tier 3 costs, annual monitoring fees, Certificate of Authorisation applications, preparations and fees, and borehole installations for closed landfills within the county. The funding is provided for the closed landfills at: Ballaghveny (closed section); Rathcabbin; and the below list of Historic Landfills. Environmental monitoring of these Historic Landfills is ongoing. Additional funding may become available as projects progress, subject to availability.

Environmental Protection

Water Pollution/National Agricultural Inspection Programme

- 277 samples have been taken as part of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme.
- 221 “first-time” farm inspections have been carried out under the NAIP in 9 catchments across the County. An additional 15 first-time inspections took place under complaint investigations and planning application inspection programmes. Non-compliance across all NAIP catchment inspections ranges between 45-90%. Average non-compliance rate is 67% (this is an improvement on the average non-compliance rate of 75% in 2024). 624 notification letters were issued to farmers in these catchments prior to inspections taking place. These letters give a minimum of 2 weeks notice of potential inspection as well as a list of common breaches found during farm inspections.
- 13 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted, assessed and approved for the Use of Sewage Sludge in Agriculture.
- 23 septic tank inspections were performed under the National Inspection Plan including verification inspections.
- 57 Section 4 discharges to water samples were taken and monitored for compliance under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977(as amended).

- 252 drinking water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme and under the European Union (Drinking Water) Regs 2023, 37 of which were investigative follow-up samples.
- 52 drinking water audits were performed (Small private supplies , GWS & Private Wells)

Planning Referrals

42 Planning applications have been assessed and reported to the Planning Section to ensure potential environment impacts of proposed developments are identified and mitigated at planning stage.

AIR

Air Inspections

- Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022) – 15 inspections have been carried out.
- European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012 – 3 renewal applications received and processed.
- European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012 – 10 inspection has been carried out . 9 renewal application received and processed.
- Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997 – 13 petroleum vapours inspections have been carried out

Air Monitors

- The current status of air quality in all towns monitored is rated as good and is compliant with The CAFE directive.
- Live Information on Air Quality in Clonmel and Tipperary Town can be retrieved at <https://airquality.ie/>.

Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance (AM) Subsidy 2025

- 67 Schemes were invited to apply for AM Subsidy in 2025. Sixty-seven applications received at 30th June, total paid to date is €225,266.79 (30 GWSs).

Current Capital Projects

Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (2024-2026) – In November 2024 the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLG&H) allocated €1.789m for 13 projects, 15



GWSs. In July 2025, the DHLG&H allocated €540,174 for 21 projects, 16 GWSs. Both allocations bring the MARWP 2024 – 2026 funding to a final total of €2.6m. A Multi-Party Framework is being prepared with which to procure Consulting Engineering services in order to put the major projects in place (for example, Amalgamation of GWS and Taking in Charge by UÉ). Total paid at 14th August is €27,522.00, (3 GWSs), this relates to smaller projects (Water Quality Systems, for example).

Private Well Grants

- Applicants paid a grant - 52. A total of €201,767.62 has been invested.

Environmental Complaints

| Category | Active | Resolved | Total |
|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Air | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| Animal | 47 | 229 | 276 |
| Infrastructure | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| Litter | 17 | 419 | 436 |
| Noise | 5 | 24 | 29 |
| Waste | 49 | 260 | 309 |
| Water | 14 | 45 | 59 |
| Default | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Totals | 161 | 1,007 | 1,168 |

Percentage of Resolved Complaints: 86%

Percentage of Active Complaints: 14%



CORPORATE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

Directorate Priorities

| Policy/Strategic Issues | Status |
|--|----------------|
| Audit Committee Work Prog | Approved |
| SPC Scheme 2024-2029 | Approved |
| Corporate Plan 2024-2029 | Approved |
| Service Delivery Plan 2025 | Approved |
| Annual Report 2024 | Completed |
| Communication Strategy Implementation | Under Review |
| Social Media Policy & Protocol | Under Review |
| Associated Companies Governance Policy & Guidance document | At Draft Stage |

Circular Letters

- LG 10-2025 dated 9th July 2025 re. Security Allowance for Local Authority Members

Audit Committee

The last meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 17th July 2025. The following items were considered:

1. Minutes of audit Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025.
2. Update on Performance Indicators 2023.
3. Update on new Fraud & Corruption Plan
4. Draft AFS 2023
5. Internal Audit Update and Internal Audit Reports
6. Reports for Noting & Information

Insurance Management

Public Liability/Pothole Claims

Period 21st August 2025:

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Pothole Claims: | 65 |
| Public Liability Claims: | 29 |

Coroner Service - Statistics

Period to 31st July 2025

No of deaths reported: 492

No. of Post mortems/Inquests: 140

No. of Undertaker Removals: 36

Electoral Reform Update

The Data Quality work on the Tipperary Register is continuing. This work will result in a more accurate Electoral Register. Phase 1 Data Quality Report has been completed, except duplicate electors, which is in progress.

Phase 2 Data Quality Report addresses:

- National duplicates - those on the Tipperary Register and on the Register of one or more other local authorities. Work is ongoing on this aspect of the report
- Deaths – This identifies potential deaths of electors on the Tipperary Register. This work has been completed.

In addition, an awareness campaign will be carried out through radio, print, and digital encouraging constituents to check the register to ensure they are registered to vote and to update their details in advance of the upcoming Presidential Election.

Presidential Election Protocol 2025

The term of office of the current President expires on **10 November 2025**. An election for the office of President shall be held in the 60 days before the expiry of the term of office of the President. Every candidate who is not a former or retiring President must be nominated either by:

- (i) not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or
- (ii) by the Councils of not less than four local authorities as defined by law.

The nomination of candidates for a presidential election by councils is a reserved



function; councils may, by resolution, resolve to nominate **one** candidate.

To be eligible for election as President, you must be an Irish citizen who is 35 or older. All candidates will be required to submit a copy of their passport to prove that they are eligible for election.

Arrangements for candidates

1. Any requests by candidates are recorded, and an acknowledgment letter is issued.
2. On receipt of the Presidential Election Order, each candidate will be contacted to inform them of the process and date of the special meeting to be held. Each candidate to submit a copy of their passport.
3. The length of the special meeting will be determined on the basis of the number of candidates, and the normal meeting notification procedure will be followed.
4. The Meetings Administrator will meet with candidates before the special meeting to outline the procedure for the meeting.
5. All candidates will be allowed to present to the council at the Special Meeting. This will include a 5-minute presentation, affording the candidate the opportunity to outline their manifesto, followed by a 10-minute Q&A session.
6. Any candidate being nominated at the special meeting needs a proposer and seconder if they are to be considered. If more than one candidate is proposed a roll call vote will be called and the candidate with the majority of votes will be nominated as the candidate from Tipperary County Council.

If the council makes a nomination, this will require submission on the prescribed nomination paper, sealed with the seal of the council, and delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer.

If the council agrees on a candidate, the Meetings Administrator will liaise with the other councils who are proposing to nominate the same candidate to ensure that the details (names, address and occupation) in relation to the candidate on the nomination papers are identical. The nomination form will be hand-delivered to the Custom House.

Updates to the Register

The total number of electors on the Register as of 22nd August 2025 is 137,506, with the following details populated:

| <u>Tipperary</u> | <u>August 2025</u> | <u>% Change since 09/23</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Electorate | 137,506 | +8,981 |
| <u>DOB</u> | <u>109,093 (79%)</u> | <u>+5%</u> |
| <u>Eircode</u> | <u>75,479 (55%)</u> | <u>+14%</u> |
| <u>Email</u> | <u>30,559 (22%)</u> | <u>+20%</u> |
| <u>Contact no</u> | <u>28,045 (20%)</u> | <u>+18%</u> |
| <u>Both DOB & Eircode</u> | <u>65,195 (47%)</u> | <u>+15%</u> |
| <u>PPSN</u> | <u>33,473 (24%)</u> | <u>+21%</u> |

Communications and Customer Service Desk

The Communications team communicates and promotes Council activities and services and raises public awareness of matters of local and national interest.

Digital and Social Media

The communications team plays a vital role in managing the Tipperary County Council's social media enhancing community engagement, promoting key initiatives, and increasing awareness of the Council's ongoing projects, services and policies.



1 January -22 August 2025



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| Communications focus | | Summary of some items PLANNED for Quarter 4 2025 |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Month | Event | Messaging suggestions |
| September | Culture Night (19 September) | Highlight events in the area for culture night and opportunity to demonstrate culture services and actions |
| | National Ploughing Championships (16-18 September) | Showcase LEO involvement, agri-food strategy or agri-food in enterprise strategy. |
| | European Week of Sport (23 – 30 September) | Highlight events but also an opportunity to highlight all sports facilities and amenities run by local authority and their availability to community sport – Park Run etc. |
| | Tidy Towns Awards | Celebrate the winners, celebrate local authority staff who contribute to litter management and placemaking. |
| | Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week (26 September – 2 October) | Fire safety activities during the week and information & advice. |



| Month | Event | Messaging suggestions |
|-----------------|--|--|
| October | National Fire Safety Week (5-11 October) | Fire safety activities during the week and information & advice. |
| | Children's Book Festival (month of October) | Events planned during the week – Library Services |
| | Re-use Month | Waste management tips. Profile/interview of waste awareness officer. Highlight aspects of LA waste management plan |
| | World Food Day (16 October) | Tips to cut down on food waste. Highlight agri-food policies/actions. |
| | Halloween (31 October) | Highlight local events planned and messages re fire safety and illegal bonfires / fireworks |
| November | Pride of Place Awards (7 November) | Celebrate winners and local authority involvement. |
| | Science Week (9-16 November) | Profile of local authority employee with science/tech career. Highlight examples of science or tech in action in the local authority. |
| December | Christmas Fire Safety Advice Campaign | Fire safety messaging and advice |

Customer Service Activity

CSD staff also utilise the following systems for logging and looking up customer queries:

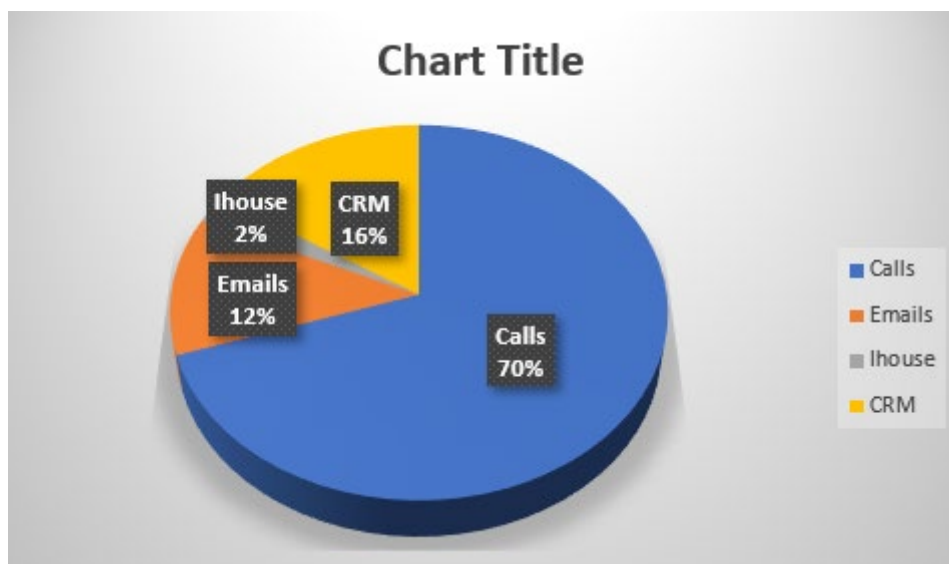
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- CRM – customer relationship management
- Anti-Social Behaviour Log
- Environmental complaints register
- Fix your street
- NVDF system (motor tax)
- Ihouse

Customer Service activity including Customer Relations Management System – CSD staff

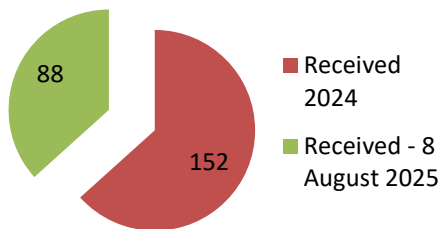
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| Calls | Emails | Ihouse | CRM |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 75,936 | 12,958 | 2,563 | 17,222 |

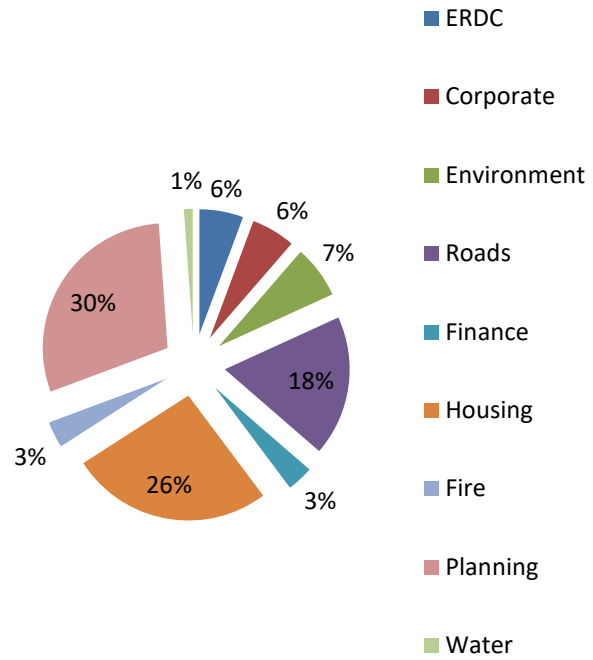


Information Management

FOI - Freedom of Information

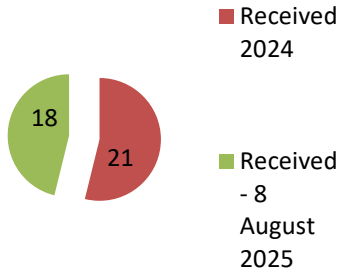


FOI Analysis by Directorate

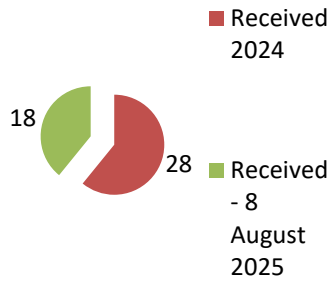




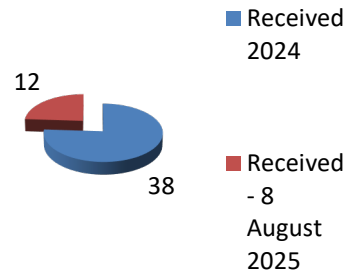
Data Protection



Ombudsman



AIE - Access to Information on Environment



Property Management

Property Unit, Corporate Services is responsible for managing Tipperary County Council's Property Portfolio, consisting currently of **282** Buildings and **687** land parcels.

Property Transactions:

The Property Section actively manage the acquisition and disposal of the Council's Property portfolio, excluding the Council's Housing Stock. If a property is to be acquired or disposed a Property Transaction file is opened accordingly.

There are currently **278** active Property Transaction files currently open.

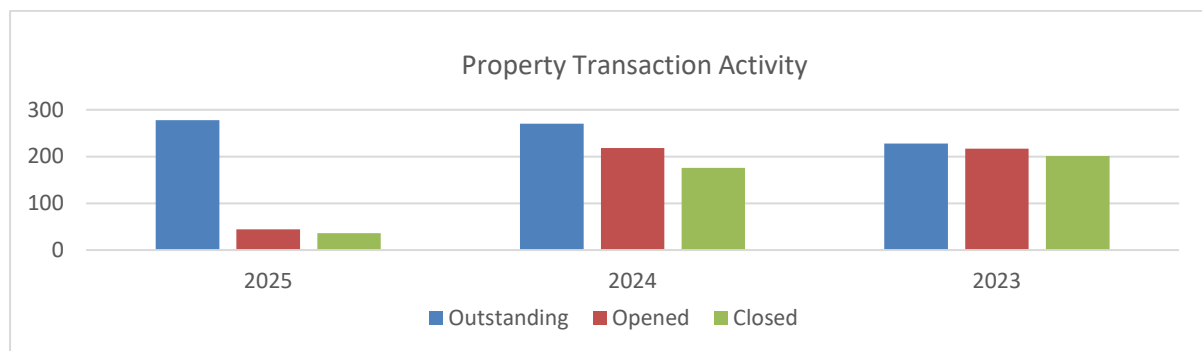


Table 1: Property Transaction Activity

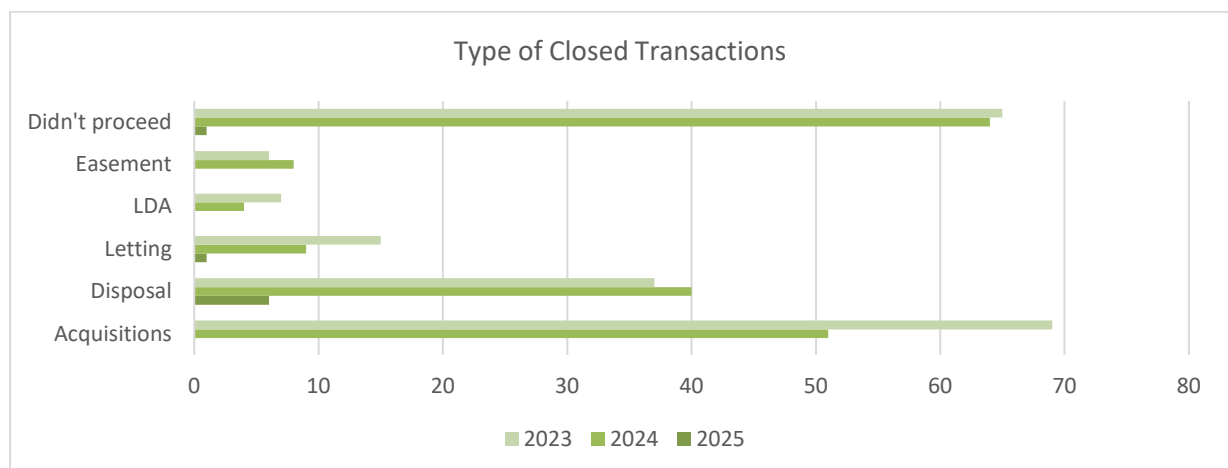


Table 2: Completed Property Transaction Types

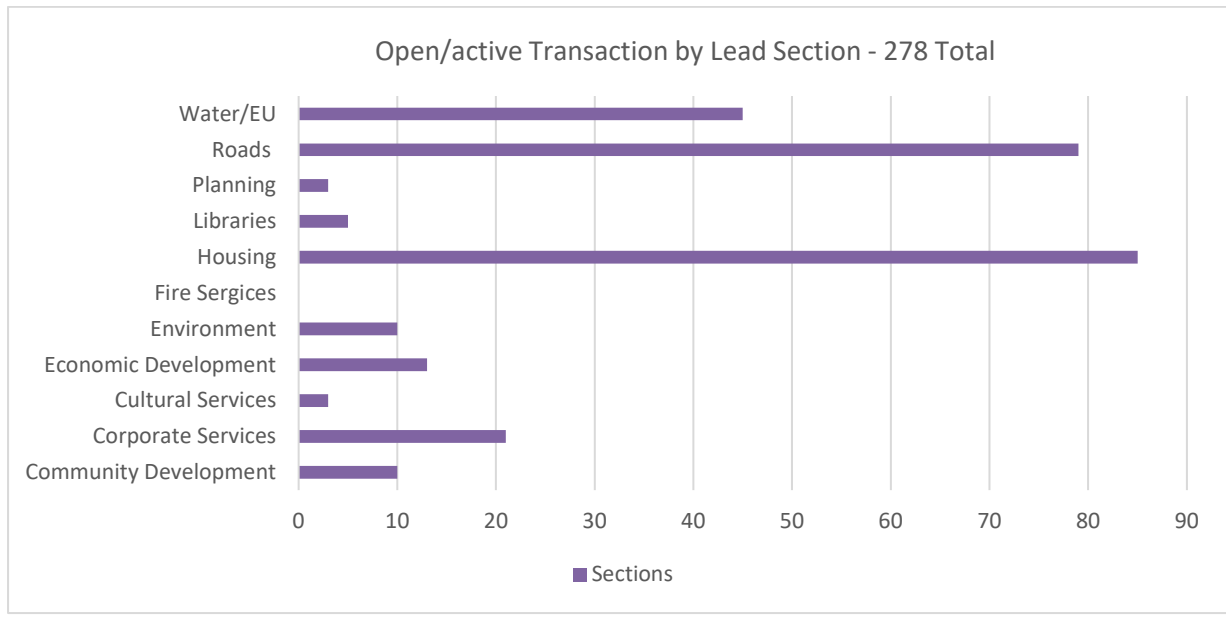


Table 3: Property Transaction assigned to Sections

[Section 183 Resolutions \(Disposals\)](#)

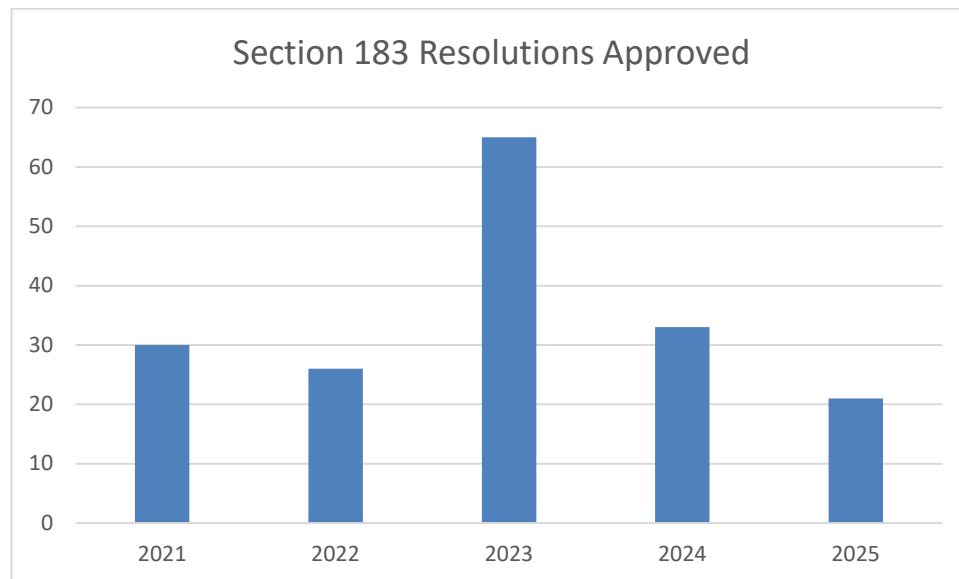


Table 4: Section 183 Resolutions Approved

LOCATION

- Church View House –
- Cloughjordan Library –
- No. 5 Avondale Court, Cahir
- Garranlea, New Inn –

TYPE

- Boundary Rectification
- Disposal
- Boundary Rectification
- Boundary Rectification

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| • Poulmucka, Clonmel | Boundary Rectification |
| • Cahir Tourist Office | Lease |
| • Maryville Monadreen | Boundary Rectification |
| • Clonmel Business Park | Disposal |
| • Boherlahan | Disposal |
| • Ballinderry, Carrick on Suir, | Disposal |
| • Roscrea Business and Technology Park | Disposal |
| • Sladagh, Lisronagh, Clonmel | |
| • Kickham Barracks Chapel | Boundary Rectification |
| • No. 10 Fontenoy Terrace, Thurles | Lease |
| • Roads Depot, Old Water Tower Site, | Boundary Rectification |
| Nenagh Road, Borrisokane | Disposal |
| • Fethard Road, Rathronna | Boundary Rectification |
| • Manna South, Templemore | Boundary Rectification |
| • Ballinderry, Carrick on Suir | Disposal |
| • Nenagh Road, Borrisokane | Disposal |
| • Manna South, Templemore | Boundary Rectification |
| • Rathronan, Fethard Road | Disposal |
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Table 5: 2025 Section 183 Resolutions

Letting Agreements:

The Property Unit is currently responsible for the management of letting agreements, i.e., create new lease agreement, review current agreements, issuing of annual licences, and oversee surrender of letting agreements.

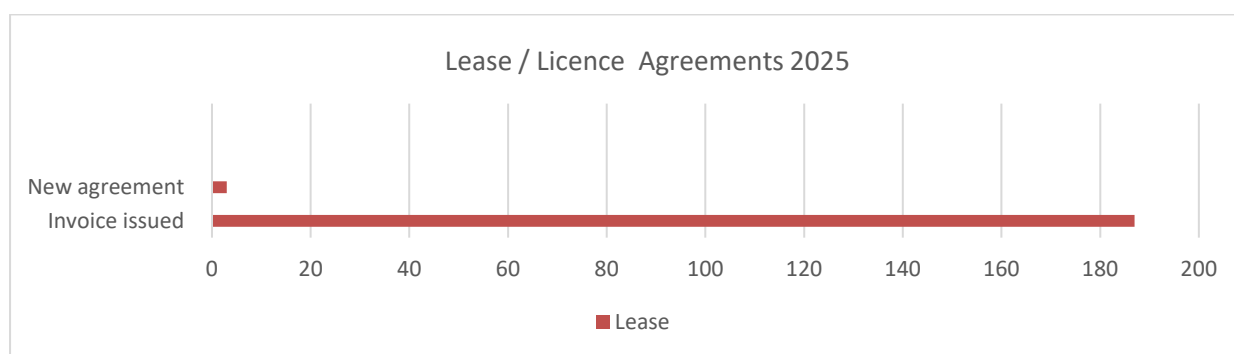


Table 6: Lease/Licence Agreements invoiced 2025

[Housing](#)
[Directorate](#)



All figures relate to the period
01 January 2025 – 31st July 2025

New Policy/Strategic Issues

| Policy Changes/Updates | Current Position/Progress made | Next Stage |
|---|--|---|
| Right Sizing (Enabling tenants who may be overaccommodated to transfer to properties more suited to their needs) | An examination of properties to identify those that are potentially overaccommodated is currently taking place. | <p>Development of a policy, through examination of the learnings of other local Authorities.</p> <p>This will be worked through the SPC and brought to the plenary.</p> <p>Write to the identified households informing them of the scheme to determine interest.</p> |
| Disability strategy | HDSG steering group established with alternative sub-groups set up. Pathways set for collaboration between TCC and relevant stakeholders identifying need, expectation and proactively planning for future infrastructure to support the need. | Three-year capital plan based on disability strategy to be finalised. |

Housing Delivery

2022 – 2026 Construction Programme

| Delivery Summary | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Department Target 2025 | 170 |
| Projected 2025 Delivery | 249 |

The current status of the projects is as follows:

| <i>Address</i> | <i>No of Units</i> | <i>Current Status</i> | <i>Next Stage</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Kilcooley Way, Gortnahoe | 12 | Stage 1 Approved | Design being appointed. |
| Donohill Phase 3 | 7 | Stage 1 Approved. Design team appointed | Stage 2 to be submitted. |
| Bansha Phase 2 | 16 | Stage 1 Approved | Appoint Design team |
| Churchview, Killenaule | 15 | Stage 1 Approved. Design team appointed | Stage 2 to be submitted |
| Borrisoleigh | 30 | Stage 1 Approved. Design team appointed | Stage 2 being prepared |
| Presentation Fethard | 20 | Stage 2 submission with increase in units | Stage 2 Approval |
| CuChulainn Road, Thurles | 6 | Review design & Stage 2 prep | Stage 2 submission |
| Rathcabbin | 7 | Stage 2 submission | Stage 2 approval |
| Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town | 2 | Design review & engagement with National Monuments | Revised Stage 2 approval |
| Ballingarry (South) | 18 | Waiting UE response to increased units | Stage 2 submission |
| Gantley Road, Roscrea | 17 | Part 8 Planning Approved | Stage 3 submission |
| Clogheen | 15 | Design review followed by Part 8 Planning process | Stage 3 submission. |



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| Gort an Oir, Fethard Belmont Park Housing Association | 7 | Belmont, Planning granted | Stage 3 Submission |
| Croke Street, Thurles | 6 | CAS Thurles Lions Trust | Planning granted for 5 units – Scheme design change needed before Stage 3 Submission |
| Morton Street, Clonmel (FHIST) | 6 | Planning Approval | Stage 3 submission |
| Ashbury, Roscrea | 10 | Out to tender | Appoint Contractor |
| Longfield Park, Boherlahan | 7 | Turnkey – Department Approval | Contractor on Site |
| Slieve Alainn, Drangan | 7 | Turnkey | Contractor on Site |
| Thomas Street, Clonmel | 61 | Turnkey Dept Approved - | Ongoing legals - Delivery 2026 |
| Mountain Road, Cahir | 45 | Part 8 Planning process | Stage 4 submission & Contractor appointment |
| Grove Street, Roscrea | 9 | Contractor appointed | Commence Demolition under derogation license |
| Church Street, Templemore | 2 | 1 Complete | 1 awaiting ESB connection |
| Springfort Meadows, Nenagh | 19 | Turnkey – 9 Delivered | Phased delivery, completion early Q4 2025 |
| Farranahassery, Cahir | 48 | Respond AHB | Phased delivery, completion 2025 |
| Ma Chaoín, Templemore | 13 | Turnkey – 6 delivered Construction Ongoing | Phased Delivery, completion 2026 |
| Coopers Lot, Cashel | 44 | Respond AHB | On site – Phased delivery |
| Friary Walk, Parkmore Roscrea | 32 | Cluid AHB | Completed |
| Ivowen, Kilsheelan | 23 | Turnkey | Phased Delivery |
| SHIP Renewals | 4 | On Site | 4 completions for 2025 |
| Glencarrick, Roscrea | 50 | Cluid AHB, - Contractor on site | Completion 2025 |
| Dun Lia, Thurles | 61 | Cluid AHB – Under Construction | Delivery 2025 |



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| Rosefield, Dundrum Road, Tipperary | 16 | Cluid AHB | Contractor on Site |
| Glenconnor Road, Clonmel | 6 | Contractor on Site | Delivery 2025 -2026 |
| Radharc na Carraige,Glencarrick, Roscrea | 47 | Contractor Onsite | 2026 completion |
| Tyone Road, Nenagh | 67 | Resond AHB - Commenced on site | Completion 2026 |
| Wallors Lot, Cashel | 20 | Tuaith AHB | Completion 2026 |
| Templemore | 35 | Turnkey | Department Approval Received, Legals being finalised. 2026 Completion |
| Blackthorn Close, Greenhill Village, Carrick-on-Suir | 36 | Turnkey | Department Approval, Legals being finalised. 2025 Completion |
| Puckane | 21 | Utility connection viability review | |
| Gortlandroe, Nenagh | 27 | On Hold – Uisce Eireann | UE Connection confirmation |
| Millersbrook, Nenagh | 13 | On Hold – Uisce Eireann | UE Connection confirmation |
| New Line Road, Nenagh | 10 | On Hold – Uisce Eireann | UE Connection confirmation |
| Rialto site, Nenagh | 13 | On Hold – Uisce Eireann | UE Connection confirmation |
| William Street, Nenagh | 5 | On Hold – Uisce Eireann | UE Connection confirmation |

RAS Voluntary

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| Total tenancies | 436 |
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RAS Private

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| Total tenancies | 535 |
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Long term lease

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| Total tenancies | 237 |
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Mortgage to rent

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| Total tenancies | 130 |
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Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

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| HAP tenancies set up | 62 |
| Total tenancies | 1334 |

Inspections

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| | Total Inspections & reinspection's |
| Total | 628 |

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

| EERP Programme Delivery | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Units Completed to Date | 237 |
| 2025 Allocation | 71 |
| 2025 Completions | 7 |
| Construction on-site | 62 |

Housing Grants

In May, the Council received confirmation of a total of €4,189,105 in private grant funding for 2025. Additionally, the Council successfully secured €500,000 in additional funds for the private grants bringing the total amount of private grants to €4,689,105.

| | Budget | Allocated | No. of Paid Applications |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Housing Adaptation for People with A Disability (HGD) | €2,785,707 | €1,754,903 | 180 |
| Mobility Aids Grant (MAG) | €190,000 | €113,354 | 28 |
| Housing Aid for Older People (HOP) | €1,713,398 | €1,046,642 | 234 |
| TOTAL | €4,689,105 | €2,914,899 | 442 |

Where applications are not progressed in a calendar year, these works roll into the next year pending funding.

LA Grants

In June, the Council received confirmation of its 2025 allocation for LA grants to the amount of €1,984,478. Works are in progress and will be recouped in the coming months.

| | Allocated | No. of Paid Applications |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Local Authority DPG Grants | €1,984,478 | 16 |

Voids

The number completed is 66.

- Tipp/Cashel/Cahir – 15
- Nenagh – 8
- Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea – 13
- Carrick - 19
- Clonmel – 11

Vacant Houses¹

| District | Approved Applicants | Vacant Houses | % Vacant Houses ² |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Carrick | 393 | 11 | 0.19 |
| Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel | 856 | 31 | 0.55 |
| Clonmel | 593 | 16 | 0.28 |
| Nenagh | 795 | 18 | 0.32 |
| Templemore/Thurles | 880 | 30 | 0.53 |
| Total | 3517 | 106 | 1.86% |

Number of Housing Applications received

There were 686 housing applications received of which:

- 514 were found to be valid
- 172 were found to be invalid

Offers of Tenancy

| | Offers | Accepted/ Pending | Refused | Nomination to AHBs |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Carrick | 25 | 24 | 1 | 3 |
| Tipperary-Cahir- Cashel | 43 | 38 | 5 | 16 |
| Clonmel | 35 | 35 | 0 | 4 |
| Nenagh | 31 | 29 | 2 | 6 |
| Templemore Thurles | 46 | 45 | 1 | 14 |
| Total | 180 | 171 | 9 | 43 |

Choice Based Lettings

- 93 offers of accommodation have been made to applicants who expressed an interest
- There have been 2 refusals

¹ Includes available for letting and houses where works are being carried out

² Calculated as a percentage of overall housing stock



AHB forum

There is continuous engagement with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) through the AHB forum. The Council meets with the AHB's quarterly both through zoom and in person for 2025 as these have proven to be beneficial in building relationships with AHBs and is an effective means of communicating with them. The First meeting held on 1st April 2025. Individual AHB schemes are at various stages of construction and delivery and are listed above in the Construction Programme 2022-2026. The council present on demand, seeks potential schemes there are discussions regarding potential development in certain locations to ensure there is a coordinated approach to delivery.

Over the duration of the Housing For All programme the AHB's have been tasked with delivering 40-45% of the 1,125 houses set to be delivered over the period 2022-2026. The AHB forum provides a means of managing delivery of that target and it is expected this will continue with the next programme that will supersede Housing For All.

Local Authority Home Loans³

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Number of Applications Received | 29 |
| Number of Valid Applications Received | 11 |
| Number of Loan Applications Approved | 4 |
| Number of Loans Issued | 2 |
| Total Value of Loans Issued | €183,000 |

Tenant Purchase Scheme

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|--|-----------------|
| Formal applications to purchase received | 35 |
| Applications approved (i.e. offer letter issued) | 21 |
| Sales completed | 10 |
| Total proceeds of sales received | €852,520 |

Homelessness

The Homeless Team provide a number of dedicated homeless clinics to support individuals presenting as homeless.

| Homeless Support Services | | Number |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Presentations | Total No. | 1162 |
| | Individual presentations | 498 |

³ Please note any application received which is deemed to be invalid i.e. missing information will be returned to the applicant for updating. Therefore, not all applications received will be moved on to "Valid"

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|--|-----------------|----|
| Secured HAP accommodation from prevention work | Singles | 7 |
| | Families | 4 |
| HAP Placefinder - exit EA to HAP | Singles | 1 |
| | Families | 1 |
| Exits from EA to LA/AHB/RAS | Singles | 15 |
| | Families | 10 |
| Number In emergency accommodation B&B | Singles | 34 |
| | Families | 12 |
| Number in OFD | No of units | 28 |
| CWI 9-9 | No of beds | 14 |
| Number in Housing First | North | 7 |
| | South | 14 |
| Tenancy Support & Settlement (TSS) | Number of cases | 35 |
| North Tipperary Intensive TSS | Number of cases | 24 |
| START | Number of units | 7 |

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 sets out a target of 110 travellers accommodated during the lifetime of this plan. The Council continues to support members of the traveller community accessing CBL as the primary mechanism for allocation Social Housing Supports. The current numbers would indicate we expect to meet the 22 units per annum.

SHIP Renewals

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|-------------------------------|---|
| SHIP Renewal | |
| Completed 2023 | 5 |
| Completed 2024 | 6 |
| Projected Completions 2025 | 4 |
| Units Purchased / Sale Agreed | 2 |

Repair and Lease

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Repair and Lease Delivery | |
| Delivered 2023 (Units) | 19 |
| Delivered 2024 (Units) | 2 |
| Projected Delivery 2025 | 9 |
| Live Applications | 17 |
| Under Review | 4 |
| Contract Stage | 8 |

Affordable Housing

The Affordable Sites in Boherlahan

In the first round of sales, 1 of the 4 available sites was sold, while the remaining 3 did not progress despite all Expressions of Interest (EOI's) being exhausted.

To generate further interest the scheme was advertised in Q2 2025, with a closing date of 30th May 2025. Since then, deposits have been placed on all 3 of the remaining sites. Although the level of interest was slightly lower than expected the outcome is considered positive.

Key differences in the second round of advertising included

- Increased promotion through social media by Corporate Services staff
- Strong support from elected members in spreading awareness
- Clearer messaging in advertisements, advising potential purchasers to engage with the planning section early regarding proposed house designs.

Affordable Housing Clonmel

Two potential schemes have been identified in Clonmel. A business case for the first has already been submitted to the Department while discussions with the Developer of the second scheme is ongoing.

The Department have in the last number of weeks sought additional supporting information to demonstrate the affordability gap in Clonmel. The Housing Section is currently gathering this information for the Department.

Affordable Housing Nenagh

An EOI process for interested developers in Nenagh was advertised over an extended period but no responses were received. However, with improvements in the wastewater capacity in Nenagh, it is anticipated that planning applications and interest from developers will increase.