



Management Report to Council



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<u>16</u> 10:30 Thurles MD Mtg	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 11:00 Clonmel BD Mtg	<u>19</u> AILG Training Event 10:00 Nenagh MD Mtg	<u>20</u> AILG Training Event
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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



Recent picture of works in progress at the R498 Latteragh Realignment Scheme





New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates

The next meeting of the Infrastructure SPC is scheduled for 30th March 2026 and will consider the following Agenda Items:

- Annual Allocations
- Public Sector Duty
- Speed Limit Review Process
- Draft review of Policy on Roadside Memorials.

Public consultation on the Draft Parking Harmonisation Bye-Laws commenced on 12th January 2026 until 13th February 2026, with a further four weeks for observations/submissions to be received.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23rd January 2023. Design Update No. 2 took place on 25th October 2024 and announced a divided road. The Draft Design was announced on 27th May 2025.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021. Phase 2: Options selection commenced 3rd May 2022. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23rd January to 9th February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola:</u> Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation: This will determine the land take required for the preferred option. Phase 3 is now programmed for completion Q3 2026 after which the next step is application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2 – Progress has been held up due to a lack of funding since 2023. On 17th February 2026 funding of €500,000 was announced which will allow the Project to proceed to Phase 3 whereby the Design and Environmental Evaluation can be progressed.</p>
Capital Programme 2026	Implementation of Programme	2026 TII Allocations received.
Implementation of 2026 Operational Road Works Programme	Implementation of Programme	2026 Regional and Local Road allocations received.



<p>Rural and Community Schemes:</p> <p>Community Involvement Scheme</p> <p>Local Improvement Scheme</p>	<p>Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department</p> 	<p>2026 Allocation for CIS notified as €1,065,700. Schemes will be offered in due course.</p> <p>LIS was advertised for applications in Q1 2026 for the period 2026-2027. Over 250 applications were received and are being processed. The 2026 Allocation for LIS is expected shortly.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.</p>	<p>The Annual Meeting with TII will be scheduled for Q4 2026.</p>
<p>Speed Limit Review - update</p>	<p>The Department of Transport carried out a Review of Speed Limits nationally and this has resulted in changes to the default speed limits for roads in Ireland. These changes were signed into law in April 2024. The changes to the legislation will reduce the default speed limits on some road categories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60km/hr on Rural Local Roads (reduction from 80km/hr) • 80km/hr on National Secondary Roads (currently 100km/hr) • 30km/hr in Urban Areas (currently predominantly 50km/hr). <p>The implementation of the reduction of a default speed limit on Rural Local Roads to 60km/hr is complete.</p>	<p>It is proposed by the National Group that implementation of the speed limits will be done in phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 - Complete • Phase 2 - Urban Areas • Phase 3 - Other Special Circumstances, schools etc. <p>Progress on Phase 2 has commenced with pre-consultation letters issued. Districts are currently reviewing urban areas within their operational areas.</p> <p>Initial Workshops with Members are being confirmed with the District Administrators.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. Preliminary design work has stalled as funding has not been provided by TII. The Council continues to look for funding to progress with the preliminary design.	Preliminary design will continue when TII funding becomes available.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> road pavement improvement works addressing a number of road safety issues the renewal and widening of footpaths the extension of footpaths to speed limit on Portumna side and to R493 Terryglass Road on Borrisokane side of village public lighting improvements public realm improvements. RPS consultants completed Preliminary design. Part 8 planning approval was received in October 2024. Advance works (drainage attenuation pond) were completed in 2025. A TII allocation has been notified in 2026 to complete the detailed design.	Procurement of a Consultant to carry out the Detailed Design and procurement of a works Contractor, both subject to TII approval. It is anticipated that the scheme will be ready for construction in 2027.
N52 Ardcroney Village	Preliminary design has commenced for a pavement rehabilitation scheme in Ardcroney village.	It is anticipated that a portion of the scheme will go through a Section 38 procedure in Q2 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route selected and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbied extensively for the project to be included in the NDP. On 25 th November 2025 the NDP Sectoral Investment Plan was announced which referenced the Project.	An allocation of €50,000 in 2026 has been notified for this project and the Council will now liaise with TII to progress the project to preliminary design.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 447m of pavement on the N62 road Thurles. It includes changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements.	Completion of the Detailed Design and procurement of a works Contractor (subject to TII approval). It is anticipated that the scheme will be ready for construction in 2027.



	The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed. Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024, and the detail design has commenced. Complications with TII funding and an Uisce Éireann Surface Water separation scheme have delayed the project. Thurles MD has carried out emergency inlay works in the interim. A TII allocation has been notified in 2026 to complete the detailed design.	
Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles, from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme was held up due to funding restrictions but went to tender in December 2024. Emergency funding was made available by TII in June 2025 and construction was completed in Q4 2025.	Works are substantially complete. Snagging work ongoing.
N62 Roscrea Bypass at Tullaskeagh	Consultants have been appointed and Preliminary Design for a safety scheme has commenced.	It is anticipated that the scheme will go through a Part 8 procedure in Q2 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
N62 Turtulla Cross Roundabout	Consultants have been appointed and Preliminary Design has commenced for a safety scheme with a roundabout at Turtulla Cross.	It is anticipated that the scheme will go through a Part 8 procedure in Q2 2026. Construction is anticipated in 2027.
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N76 Southlodge to Grangemockler	Gathering of surveys and data for design in 2026/2027.	Compile data.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	GLAS Civil Engineering was appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on 29 th April 2024. Construction works are substantially complete.	Snagging.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. The Contract was awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd., and commenced on site in February 2025, continuing to November 2025. Works are substantially complete.	12 months maintenance period commenced in October 2025, and minor snagging works are being carried out.



Clonmel Borough District		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	Tramore House RDO preparing the preliminary design to obtain TII approvals and for Planning submission.	Tramore House to progress design for Planning Phase.
N24 Knockagh to Derrygrath Pavement Scheme	Approximately 3.5km of overlay - TII have approved the preliminary report. Tender Documents in preparation.	Tender process to commence in Q1 2026.
Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020 and confirmed on 16 th April 2021 without modifications. The detail design was completed in 2024. Advance works were completed in 2024. Archaeological investigations were completed in 2025. The Main Works commenced in November 2025.	It is anticipated that the Main Works will take 18 months to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with: a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction; a new priority junction with Mill Road; 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access, and 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir; public lighting; flood alleviation works along the River Suir. This scheme is in the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to proceed to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to a new store. Business case and related documents have been submitted to the Department. The Brief for appointment of a Consultant is in preparation.	DoT approval is required to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction. Preparation for Procurement of a Consultant. A DoT allocation has been notified in 2026.



Department of Transport Allocations for Regional and Local Roads 2026

Tipperary County Council	
Protection and Renewal Grants	
Restoration Improvement	€20,551,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,425,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€2,244,000
Discretionary Grant	€4,925,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,070,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€938,500
Community Involvement Scheme	€1,065,700
Safety Improvement Works	€829,370
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Training Grant	€138,600
Drainage Works	€1,073,000
Strategic Rehabilitation Regional Roads	€680,000
Bridge Surveys Estuaries	€250,000
Total Protection and Renewal Allocation	€36,234,670
New Roads/Road Improvement Grants	
Specific Improvement Grant	€430,000
Strategic Regional & Local Road	€12,715,000
Total New Roads/Road Improvement Allocation	€13,145,000
Total Allocation	€49,379,670



Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocations 2026
2026 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR GREENWAYS

Greenways	Allocations 2026
Greenway – Nat	€ 300,000
LA Eng Support - E7 - Nat	€ 200,000
Greenways	€ 500,000



2026 GRANT ALLOCATIONS
FOR NATIONAL ROADS

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2026 (Initial)	
Improvement	Allocations 2026
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€ 245,000
Pavements incl. Safety Works	€1,200,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€1,830,000
Pavements	€ 600,000
Both National Primary and National Secondary	
Bridge Rehabilitation	€ 300,000
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€ 25,000
Engineering Support for National Primary, National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision	€ 350,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2026	€ 4,550,000
Construction of New Roads	Allocations 2026
NDP – N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction	€ 2,700,000
Thurles Bypass	€ 50,000
Total Construction of New Roads Allocations 2026	€ 2,750,000
Maintenance	Allocations 2026



Engineering Support for National Primary and National Secondary	€ 88,300
Total National Primary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€ 345,511
Winter Maintenance for National Primary	€ 146,672
Maintenance, Winter Maintenance and Route Lighting National Secondary	€ 479,860
Total Maintenance Allocations 2026	€ 1,060,343
Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads	€8,360,343

GREENWAY PROJECTS

Greenways 2026 Allocation: €500,000	Current Update
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town Allocation: €100,000	The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received formal TII Gate Approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 3 rd October 2025. TCC are preparing for the Public Consultation to run from 25 th February to 25 th March 2026 to display the various route options.
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer Allocation: €50,000	Phase 2 Options Selection Report was submitted to TII for review in September 2024 and TII returned comments in November 2024. Finding a possible preferred route is proving difficult due to various reasons such as the local topography leading to steep gradients and steep side slopes, impact to properties, state owned lands being unsuitable due to flooding and only covering parts of the route among others. The Project is unlikely to progress in its current form.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Road to Marlfield Allocation: €0	TII have not given an allocation for this project in 2026. TCC is self-funding the Phase 3/4 Planning stage of this project and has requested the Consultants to update the Environmental Assessments, the Route Options Report and prepare the Planning Package for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q2 2026.
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel Allocation: €50,000	An Bord Pleanála approved permission for this project on 15 th April 2025. Funding is insufficient for the project to progress to Phase 5 Detailed Design and Tender.



<p>Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage</p> <p>Allocation: €50,000</p>	<p>The Phase 1 Feasibility Report received formal TII Gate Approval to progress to Phase 2 Options Selection on 3rd October 2025. TCC is preparing for the Public Consultation to display the various route options in April/May 2026.</p>
<p>Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden</p> <p>Allocation: €50,000</p>	<p>TCC have not received official Gateway Approval from TII to move from Phase 1 Feasibility to Phase 2 Route Options. Tender Documents must be prepared for a Consultant to lead Phase 2 however a Consultant cannot be appointed due to insufficient funding in 2026. Waterford CC have expressed an interest in leading this greenway project in 2026 as much of the scheme is in County Waterford.</p>



CFRAM FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES

Flood Relief Schemes	Current Update
Ballina FRS	<p>The first consultation with the public and stakeholders took place online from 8th November – 6th December 2021. The second public consultation day was held 12th June 2025 during which the community were presented with five options developed to alleviate flooding including the emerging preferred option.</p> <p>Significant requests for further information and amendments to the scheme were made by attendees. The design team are currently undertaking a high-level review taking these submissions into consideration.</p> <p>Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme would then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option would be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.</p>
Golden FRS	<p>The Golden FRS failed the Scheme Viability Review Report (SVR) which concluded that there is no potentially economical scheme that could be taken to full Flood Relief Scheme project stage.</p> <p>Tipperary County Council requested that the OPW reconsider this decision and allow the Golden Scheme to advance to Stage 1 Option Selection. This would enable a more detailed analysis of the available options and provide greater certainty regarding the associated cost estimates.</p>
Holycross FRS	<p>Stage 1 Option Selection for Holycross FRS is complete. The proposed Capital Flood Relief Scheme was not accepted by the benefitting property owners.</p>
Knocklofty FRS	<p>In July 2024 the OPW approved the Preferred Option in the Options Report, which enabled progression of the Knocklofty FRS. The Preferred Option is to construct raised defences on the River Suir to prevent flooding with stormwater drainage behind the defences. Total budget of €1.1m.</p> <p>This option was presented to the public for feedback on 17th April 2025 during the second Public Consultation Day for the scheme. The scheme received largely positive feedback and issues raised by the public have been taken into consideration. This project is currently in Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option is being developed and an application will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2026.</p>



Flood Relief Schemes	Current Update
Marlfield Lake FRS	<p>The ground investigation for the scheme was completed in January 2026 and samples taken during this have been sent for laboratory testing. The results will facilitate the Design Team in selecting the most appropriate design options for the Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme. Upon selection of the emerging preferred option, the scheme would then proceed to Stage II, the planning process, where the preferred option would be developed and an application submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.</p> <p>In parallel with the Capital FRS in Marlfield, work is continuing with the interim dam rehabilitation protection works involving various interim measures that will protect the existing dam and the surrounding area. Undertaking work in Marlfield Lake area is complex with many environmental and statutory constraints, however we have been engaging with the relevant stakeholders and significant progress has been made.</p> <p>All of the above is subject to OPW funding and approval.</p>
Nenagh FRS	<p>The scope and complexity of the Nenagh Flood Relief Scheme have evolved significantly, and the scheme was formally reclassified in September 2023 from a ‘small project’ to a major flood relief scheme. This decision reflects the scale of works required, the inclusion of critical infrastructure, and the need for robust governance and resources for a capital project of such magnitude.</p> <p>Preparatory work by the OPW has been ongoing with preliminary site surveys (topographical and CCTV) completed in Q4 2025.</p> <p>A Steering Group has been established to oversee delivery of the Nenagh FRS.</p> <p>Tender documents for the procurement of consultants to progress both the engineering and environmental elements of the scheme are currently being prepared.</p> <p>Stage I – Option Identification & Preliminary Design will commence following the procurement and appointment of the Design Team. This is expected to progress in 2026 subject to OPW approval.</p>



Digital Transformation – Roads Operational Management

The Roads Directorate progress on the digital transformation of operations and asset management through the rollout of the ProWork software continues. One to one training is ongoing with GSS's and relevant staff. The system manages and records:

- Job details linked to the Safety Management System (SMS) Tasks
- TTMP – Temporary Traffic Management Plans
- SSWP – Safe System of Work Plan - linked to SMS Tasks
- TBT – Tool Box Talks - delivery and record management
- Staff Department and Area
- Staff PPE management (Thurles commencing pilot)
- Staff Training management (School Wardens, CPC and National Licences currently transferring to system)
- Equipment management and service record
- Plant and Vehicle Management and service record
- Asset Inspection and action management
- HSQA Inspection and action management.

The system will allow review of operations, reduce administrative time, delivery of safety information, activity review and ease of audit for our Safety Management System and ISO 45001. It will also identify opportunities for efficiencies and improvements. The project is ongoing in 2026 and is integrated into the sections Safety Management System.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

For the assistance of members, if you need to report a public lighting fault, please contact the Customer Services Desk on 0818 06 5000, and they will log the fault. Alternatively, you can log on via the links hereunder:

Public Lighting Fault Reporting | Tipperary County Council

<https://www.deadsureapp.com/Inventory>

When the fault is logged in this format it will go straight to the hand-held device of our Public Lighting Contractor's electrician for the area. When reporting the fault, the following information should be provided:

- The town/village/estate or street name
- The number on the pole (identified in black located on a white background at eye level on the pole)
- The location of the light (for example, outside house number 5)
- A name and contact number.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Residential Zoned Land Tax (reviewed and updated annually)	<p>Final maps for 2026 were published on 31 January 2026.</p> <p>Draft Maps for 2027 were published on 01 February 2026.</p> <p>Submissions are invited up to 01 April 2026 in respect of (a) the inclusion / exclusion of land on the Draft Map for 2027 (b) seeking a re-zoning of land identified on the Final Map for 2026.</p>	<p>Work undertaken to prepare Final Maps for 2026 and Draft Maps for 2027, including review of Uisce Eireann Capacity Registers; and zoning changes arising from the adoption of the Carrick on Suir LAP.</p>	<p>The Council will evaluate all written submissions received. The Council must issue a Determination on landowner submissions not later than 1 July 2026.</p> <p>The Final Maps for 2027 will be published on 31 January 2027 and will take account of determinations and appeal decisions.</p>
Variation (No.1) to the Tipperary County Development Plan	<p>Publication of the Variation to the CDP in mid-March, with a 4-week consultation period.</p> <p>All statutory stakeholders to be notified of consultations and all members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft proposed changes.</p>	<p>Environmental Consultants appointed. Final preparations for the Variation drafted for publication, having regard to stakeholder engagement, data collection and members workshop.</p> <p>Member Workshops provided for each MD in January 2026.</p>	<p>A CE Report will be prepared and provided to elected members for their consideration at the end of the consultation period.</p> <p>Further Workshop(s) provided to Elected Members to explain the CE report and recommendations contained within it.</p> <p>Decision on making or amending Variation at Plenary Council in June.</p>
The Planning and Development Act 2024	<p>The Act is being enacted in blocks with the relevant</p>	<p>Sections which relate to Development Plans, Urban Area Plans and</p>	<p>The next sections of the Act to be updated are within Part 4 of the Act (which</p>



	correlating sections of the P & D Act 2000 been repealed in parallel. The Department has published an Implementation Plan setting a timeline for these events.	Co-ordinated Plans implemented on 31 st December 2025.	relates to Development Consents).
Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)	Southern Regional Assembly (SRA) must commence the review process for the RSES by 02 April 2026	Commencement of sections of the 2024 Act require RSES review to commence.	SRA to outline their approach to undertaking the review of the RSES.

<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan	Complete	Progress actions identified in plan
	Draft Newport TCF Plan .	Finalise draft	Publication in Q1 2026
	Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared.	Draft plan complete	Publication in Q1 2026
	Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan	Draft plan in progress	Publication in Q1 2026
	Establish two new Town Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cashel • Ballina 	Initial scoping exercise complete and first meeting held Initial consultation complete with both local Councillor and Clare CoCo	Follow up meetings to discuss potential projects for TCF plan Open event to identify participants for town team scheduled for March

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles Market Quarter -Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Works commenced on site early August, 2024 and are almost completed.	Complete construction works by end of April, 2026.
Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community’s Ambition’ Category 1	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Contractor appointed in November 2025 and works commenced in December 2025.</p> <p>Phase 3 Digital Hub – Contractor appointed on 18th. November, 2024. Works commenced December, 2024 and are at an advanced stage.</p> <p>Phase 4a - Stable Lane Car Park – Part 8 Planning documentation under preparation.</p> <p>Phase 4b – Main Street – Detailed design under review.</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay – Complete works by end of Q4 2026.</p> <p>Phase 3 Digital Hub – Complete works by end of Q1 2026.</p> <p>Phase 4a Stable Lane Car Park – Complete Part 8 Planning in Q2 2026.</p> <p>Phase 4b - Main Street - Complete detailed design in Q1 2026. Tender for construction stage in Q3 2026.</p>
Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1	<p>Phase 1a Car Park Site –Demolition and enabling works contract completed.</p> <p>Phase 1b Car Park Construction- Works commenced on 14th July, 2025 and are in progress.</p> <p>Phase 2 Library- Contractor appointed on 9th. October, 2025. Works commenced on site on 28th October, 2025 and are in progress.</p> <p>Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works- Works are in progress.</p> <p>Phases 4, 5 & 6 Public Realm Works – Tender documentation under preparation.</p>	<p>Phase 1a Car Park Enabling Works – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 1b-Car Park Construction- Complete construction works in Q2 2026.</p> <p>Phase 2-Library- Complete works in Q3 2026.</p> <p>Phase 3a Market House Enabling Works – Complete works by end of April, 2026.</p> <p>Phase 3b Market House Main Works- Commence works end of Q4 2026 on relocation of the library to The Granary building.</p> <p>Phases 4, 5 & 6 Public Realm Works –</p>



		Complete tender documents and proceed to tender in Q1 2026 with anticipated commencement of works in Q2 2026.
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	Bi monthly progress meetings taking place with the design team. Preliminary design is completed. There is ongoing engagement with all utility providers and key stakeholders. Detailed design is in progress.	Complete detailed design. Prepare tender documents and commence the procurement process for the construction stage in Q1 2026. Commence works in Q3 2026.
Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell	Dan Breen -Revisions undertaken on Works Requirements. Court House - Tender documents completed and under review.	Dan Breen House – Prepare Final Business Case and obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department. Courthouse - Issue tender documents to contractors entered on the Protected Structures Framework. Assess tenders received. Prepare Final Business Case and obtain Approval to Proceed with the works from the Department.
The Transformational Regeneration of Roscrea: A Town Centre First Approach	Approved for funding under Call 4, Category 2, RRDF, on 10 th . October, 2025. Verification Forms completed in December, 2025. Funding agreement received from the Department of Rural & Community Development & The Gaeltacht in February 2026.	Review terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement, sign and return to the Department. Prepare tender brief for consultants.
Goldcrop Rehabilitation & Regeneration	Approved for funding under Call 4, Category 2, RRDF, on 10 th . October, 2025. Verification Forms completed in December, 2025. Funding agreement received from the Department of Rural & Community Development & The Gaeltacht in February 2026.	Review terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement, sign and return to the Department. Prepare tender brief for consultants.

<u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2	Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads - Design team appointed and detailed design has commenced	Phase 2 Complete Detailed design by end of Q3 2026.
A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	Ongoing progress meetings being held with the design team. Extensive stakeholder engagement is in progress. Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings in progress. Works are ongoing on the preliminary design.	Complete stakeholder engagement. Complete preliminary design by end of Q1 2026. Complete Part 8 Planning by end of Q3 2026.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds: Projects completed to date

The following projects are delivered.

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration – Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 was the winner of the Urban Regeneration category at the Irish Planning Institute Awards.
- Tipperary Town Regeneration: Market Yard and River Ara Walkway
- Fethard Town Park
- Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Category 2
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter - Category 2
- Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan – Category 2
- Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement -Phase 1 New Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square
- Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh – Category 2
- Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

Active Travel

In January 2026 the Council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,500,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2026 (see full details hereunder).

Project Name 2026	2026 Allocation	Current Update
Active Travel Staff Costs	€ 350,000	Ongoing and seeking to appoint new staff to current vacancy
Ardfinnan Bridge	€ 100,000	Finalise business case and submit to NTA for gateway 3 approval
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€ 15,000	Part 8 planning secured. Proceed with detailed design and construction tender pack
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	€ 225,000	Complete remaining works during 2026
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€ 3,000	Finalising Part 8 planning pack when stakeholder engagement complete
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€ 1,365,000	Finalise tender pack and proceed with public construction tender
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	€ 15,000	Design Team reviewing design team following feedback from the NTA team
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	€ 40,000	Design team appointed to develop options and preliminary design for the project
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	€ 480,000	Tender to go live in coming weeks in preparation for works to begin at end Q2.
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 240,000	Part 8 planning has been secured and detailed design is underway for the scheme.
Nenagh Urban Greenway (Previously TCC/21/0006)	€ 6,000	Design team are working on finalising documents in preparation for submitting planning application
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina (Previously TCC/21/0014)	€ 5,000	The current design layout is under review
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	€ 1,100,000	Works contractors on site
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	€ 10,000	Preparing Part 8 planning pack
SRTS (R3) HSRR Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry	€5,000	Gateway approval and delivery report to be submitted to NTA
SRTS (R3) HSRR Mount Bruis NS, Mt Bruis	€5,000	Gateway approval and delivery report to be submitted to NTA



SRTS (R3) Tankerstown NS, Tankerstown	€5,000	Gateway approval and delivery report to be submitted to NTA
SRTS (R3) HSRR Scoil Mhuire, Kilmemnon	€5,000	Gateway approval and delivery report to be submitted to NTA
SRTS (R3) Poulacapple NS, Poulacapple	€5,000	Gateway approval and delivery report to be submitted to NTA
SRTS (R4) Burncourt NS	€5,000	Site inspection to be completed by SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R4) Scoil Mhuire, Portroe	€5,000	Site inspection to be completed by SRTS team in An Taisce
SRTS (R4) Scoil San Isadoir	€5,000	Site inspection to be completed by SRTS team in An Taisce
Clonoulty Active Travel Scheme	€6,000	Initial funding allocation for the project has been secured in 2026
Total	€ 4,000,000	
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000	2026 programme to be agreed with NTA.
Total NTA Allocation 2026	€ 4,500,000	

ZEVI (Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland)

Development of an EV Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan.

As part of the Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024 -2030 Tipperary County Council as lead authority has appointed Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd, T/A Arup as the Consultant for the development of an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy for Region 5 of the Regional and Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan in December 2024. Tipperary County Council as lead Authority for Region 5 is developing the strategy in collaboration with the local authorities of Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford.

The Strategy Inception Meeting convened in January 2025 and senior officials from each local authority were in attendance. We hosted an Informational Webinar in February 2025 for the Elected Members and Local Authority officials from the five Local Authorities, to provide information on the objectives of this plan and on the project lifecycle.

A Public Consultation was completed in May (Public Consultation ran from May 01st 2025 until May 30th 2025 at 4pm) whereby residents, stakeholders and the general public were invited to share their views on the future of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in their areas. A significant number of individuals and groups participated in this Public Consultation and provided their views to help shape the final strategy.

We hosted a further Informational Webinar in December last for the Elected Members and Local Authority Officials from the five Local Authorities to provide information on the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Draft Strategy in advance of the Public Consultation being launched shortly.

We expect that the development of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy will be finalised in Quarter 1 2026.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2026

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

Tipperary County Council received the third highest award of funding in the sum of **€367,285** after Dublin City Council and Cork City Council for 2026. We also received an extra allocation of **€21,376.70** under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures. 55 applications were received under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme which closed for applications on the 26th September 2025. A thorough assessment was carried out by Eamonn Hunter, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer and 44 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

We have now received approval from them for the following projects:

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) Project	Funding Awarded
• 1798 Monument, Parnell Street, Clonmel	€4,285.00
• Beechmount House, Clybanane, Roscrea	€7,000.00
• St. Nicholas Church, William Street, Carrick on Suir	€9,000.00
• Michael Cusack Monument, Drangan	€4,000.00
• St. Joseph's RC Church, Ballinree, Nenagh	€2,500.00
• Ballylaffin, Ardfinnan	€9,000.00
• Dromore House, Newport	€7,000.00
• Beechrow House, The Terrace, Borrisokane	€6,000.00
• Cooladerry, Ballyporeen	€9,000.00
• Wellington Monument, Deerpark, Kilcooley, Thurles	€10,000.00
• The Lodge, Modreeny, Cloughjordan	€10,000.00
• Kilcarron House, Kilcarron, Lorrha, Nenagh	€5,000.00
• Dorrha Church of Ireland, Pallas, Graigue, Rathcabbin	€10,000.00



• Clareview, Clonbealy, Newport	€11,000.00
• St Ruadhans Church of Ireland, Lorrha	€4,500.00
• Suir Valley Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle	€3,500.00
• St. John the Baptist RC Church, Friar Street, Cashel	€10,000.00
• Behagloss, Clonakenny, Roscrea	€9,000.00
• Ballybrado House, Cahir	€4,500.00
• Cahir Post Office, Church Street	€12,000.00
• 5 Pierse Street, Cahir	€13,000.00
• St. Joseph's Church, Toomevara	€7,000.00
• Millford House, Borrisokane	€9,000.00
• St. Bridget's Church, Clonakenny	€7,500.00
• Cathedral of the Assumption, Cathedral Street, Thurles	€14,000.00
• Ballingarry Barracks, Main Street, Ballingarry, Roscrea	€7,000.00
• Pallas Upper, Borrisoleigh, Thurles	€3,500.00
• Town Clock, Westgate, Carrick on Suir	€10,000.00
• Old St. Mary's Church, Mary Street, Clonmel	€10,000.00
• Killoran House, Templetuohy, Thurles	€9,000.00
• Susan's Friar Street, Thurles	€9,000.00
• Rosanna Lawn Tennis Club, Murgasty, Tipperary Town	€9,000.00
• Ballingarrane House, Clonmel	€9,000.00
• Bianconi Mortuary Chapel, Ardmayle East, Boherlahan	€9,000.00
• The Rectory, Glassdrum, Cappawhite	€10,000.00
• 1 John Street, Cashel	€7,000.00
• St. Mary's Church Bailey Street, Killenuale	€7,000.00
• Church of St. John the Baptist, Clonoulty	€7,000.00
• Governor's House, O'Rahilly Street, Nenagh	€10,000.00
• Castleiney village, Templemore,	€9,000.00
• Reddanswalk	€12,000.00
• The Old Courthouse, Killaghy Street, Mullinahone	€18,000.00
• Thatch at Lodge, Ardfinnan, Clonmel	€7,000.00
• Ballywire House, Ballywire, Kilross	€7,000.00

Total: €367,285.00

Historic Thatch Buildings (HTB) Project

Funding Awarded

• Ballylaffin, Ardfinnan	€2,876.70
• Greenville, Killough, Templemore	€3,500.00
• Cooladerry, Ballyporeen	€3,000.00
• Thatch Cottage, Clonoulty Village	€3,500.00
• Kildeelagh Lodge, Dromineer, Nenagh	€3,500.00
• Suir Valley Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle	€2,500.00
• Thatch Lodge, Ardfinnan, Clonmel	€2,500.00

Total: €21,376.70

Historic Structures Fund (HSF)

The **Historic Structure Fund 2026** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. Tipperary County Council received 7 applications under the scheme. After a thorough assessment was also carried out by Eamonn Hunter, ACO, 4 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. We await news from the Department regarding these projects.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/1/26 to 31/01/26

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	14	14	0	1	0
Housing Development	4	4	0	0	0
NIA/EIA	0	0	0	1	0
Other Applications	71	69	2	3	2
Total	89	87	2	5	2

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 18 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st January 2026. During this period 18 Warning Letters and 11 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Information based on the period of 1st January 2026 to 31st January, 2026

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2025	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2026	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2026
32	20	5	2	1	1

- 2 developments (52 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2026
- 1 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2026.
- 1 estate with Roads for advertising
- 1 Housing Estate is with the MD Borough Office.
- There are currently 20 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2026 will take place on the 24th March, 2026 Report and recommendations prepared by SPC on 'Housing Solutions in a Housing Crisis' was presented to the plenary Council in January 2026.

Town Centre First

There are Town Teams established under Town Centre First principles in Carrick On Suir, Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea, Nenagh and Newport. In addition, there are plans to create additional Town teams in other towns throughout the county, there will be a focus on Cashel, Ballina and Tipperary Town for 2026, with the longer term ambition to have a Town team in place for every town in the county.

- We have Town Centre First (TCF) plans in place for Roscrea, Clonmel and Carrick On Suir with associated action plans being pursued by Town Teams.
- Work is underway to create a TCF plan for Nenagh and Thurles and a consultant has been appointed to assist with this process. We envisage that the process will be complete by Q1 2026.
- The TCF Plan for Newport is progressing with actions to be brought to the Nenagh MD for review.

Vacancy and Dereliction Team

Croí Cónaithe fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant)

	Received to date	Received in 2026
Applications received	868	46
Paid out	292	38
Approved total	€37,551,373	

Derelict Sites

The Derelict Sites Act requires the owner of a building or land to ensure that they do not become or continue to be derelict. The Act defines a derelict site as being any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood.

At the start of 2026 the derelict sites register contained 115 entries. To register is being actively reviewed and we will shortly be entering new entries and removing some current entries from the register. We continue our focus in 2026 to maintain and update the Register, with new properties once we have identified these properties and working alongside with the Districts. Derelict Sites Levies will be issued over the coming weeks for 2026 and any outstanding Levies with interest for previous years.

CPO processes to date in 2026, one concluded, one progressing actively and a new one commenced.



URDF Call 3

URDF Call 3 seeks to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites across URDF towns and cities primarily in order to accelerate the provision of residential development and regenerate town centres. An allocation of €5m has been approved for Tipperary County Council under this Call.

There are 85 properties on the list divided between the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles. We are in the process of adding additional properties to the list as they are identified. To date approximately 60% of these properties are in the process of being brought back into use.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Tipperary County Council continues to participate in both the regional steering & working groups.	Coordinate and participate in this function in the region for 2026
Building Control	Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.	Complete annual inspection programme for 2026 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Quality, Health & Safety	Onsite inspections ongoing	Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan and prepare for NSAI Audit in March 2026
Fire Safety	External NSAI Surveillance Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in June 2025 – successfully certified to both standards	Finalise Fire Safety Strategy Document for 2026
	Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off in January 2025 and Review of 2025 Document signed off in December 2025	
ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES		To 31st Dec 2025
Number of Emergency Calls Attended		2104
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received		133
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted		87
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received		91
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted		60
Number of Commencement Notices Received		339

Civil Defence

Activities	
<p>Training</p>	<p>Training of our volunteers in on going with the maintenance of volunteer minimum training standards. In addition to this, specialized training has taken place in Emergency First Responses ,water awareness & life jacket competency. Training and upskill of our drone operators took place also. A newly approved Severe weather driving course put in place by the Civil Defence college was also attended by our Advanced Driving Instructor who will now been apposition to upskill our local drivers.-</p> 
<p>Response to Adverse Weather – Significant Rain Event</p>	<p>During the most recent prolonged rain event. Volunteers were making preparation to respond if necessary and took the opportunity to revise response plans.</p>
<p>Volunteer lead Health & Safety working group</p>	<p>A newly formed group of senior volunteers has met twice already to review health & safety practices and is currently reviewing Risk Assessments for our activities.& facilities. The findings and outcomes from these meetings will be used to feed into the safety management system.</p>
<p>Community Support & Duties</p>	<p>Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks, including, sporting & cultural and more recently assisted they Cahir Gardai with the Older Adult Party.</p> 

Search for missing persons

Tipperary Civil Defence recognised by HSE (Mid-West) for Exceptional response during Winter Snow Events in 2025

In the last 2 months Civil Defence has been tasked by the Gardai to assist in searches for 2 separate missing people, one at the lake in Killaloe and the other in Borrisoleigh. Well done to our crews who attended in such adverse weather and for their professionalism and kindness in dealing with the families of the missing person.

At a recent ceremony the H.S.E (Mid-West) formally recognised the exceptional work carried out by Tipperary Civil Defence and other Voluntary Emergency service in the adverse weather event in 2025.

Tipperary Civil Defence Volunteers went above and beyond in exceptionally difficult conditions to ensure vulnerable people in the community or people isolated by severe snow & ice could assess essential medical appointment and specialised medical treatment. Volunteers assisted in the transportation of Dialysis patients, essential blood products and core community medical staff to deliver vital medication, wound care, new born checks Tipperary Civil Defence also provided daily transport to the acute hospital services, nursing homes and the transportation of home help to members of the community being cared for at home.

Volunteers also carried out welfare check, delivered essential medication and food items, fuel and were always a friendly face to check in to those isolated by the severe weather.

This area of the Country experienced an eight day long significant snow and ice event, closely followed by Red Alert Storm Eowyn. Both of these events caused significant disruption to health & community services, transport networks, power outages, disruption to water supplies & communications systems. Once again, the dedication , professionalism and resilience of the volunteers was evident.

Well done also to our colleagues from Limerick Civil Defence, Clare Civil Defence, Galway Civil Defence, Order of Malta, Red Cross and Irish Coast Guard., & Irish Defence Forces.



Library Service

Capital Projects



- The Library Service submitted the Stage 2 Plan for the Clonmel Library project to the Library Unit of the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht in August 2025. This submission forms a key requirement in securing the €3 million in grant funding allocated to the project. The funding approval process follows a four-stage capital development framework, with each stage submitted at a defined milestone in the project's progression. In February 2026, the Department issued its approval for the Stage 2 Plan. This represents a significant milestone, formally confirming the Department's endorsement of the proposed library design and layout. With Stage 2 now approved, the project will proceed to the next phase, and the Part 8 Planning Application will be advanced.
- Works at the former Craft Granary in Cahir, which will accommodate the new Cahir Library, are progressing well. All demolition works have been completed, and construction has now advanced to the installation of new stud walls,

insulation, and ongoing mechanical and electrical works



Granary Building – repointed stonework and new windows

Library Events/Activities



- The inaugural meeting of Fáilte Isteach took place in Nenagh Library on 21st January. The Fáilte Isteach initiative is a structured community-based programme designed to support the integration of migrants through conversational English classes. The programme forms part of a national initiative developed by Third Age Ireland, which utilises the experience and participation of predominantly older volunteers to facilitate language acquisition in an informal, learner-centred environment. Meetings will be held on 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.



- Nenagh Library held a St. Brigid's Day workshop for members of St. Cronan's Association CLG Nenagh on 28th January. All participants made colourful St. Brigid's crosses using pipe cleaners and created beautiful representations of St. Brigid herself to mark the arrival of Spring.



- Nenagh Library hosted the launch of artist Giulia Coli's exhibition "*Maev & Me*" on Tuesday, 10 February at 6.30pm. The exhibition which ran from 4th to 28th February, was inspired by the joyful creativity of Coli's 17-month-old daughter, Maeve. Forty percent of exhibition proceeds are being donated to Barnardo's.



- Thurles Library officially hosted Mary Doyle Burke's exhibition *Deep into the Psyche of the Land – Mo Anam Cara* during the month of February. The exhibition showcased work from Burke's three-year Bog & Wetlands Project and brings together paintings, bioplastic-based artworks, sculptural textile installations, and digital media exploring the land as *anam cara*, or "soul-companion."
- Thurles Library held a Storytime and craft session on 28th February to celebrate Ireland Reads. Ireland Reads is a national campaign encouraging everyone in Ireland to Get Lost in a Good Book which takes place every February. This country-wide celebration of reading brings together public libraries, reading and literacy organisations, and the Government of Ireland to highlight the joy and wellbeing benefits of taking time to read.



- Clonmel Library held a 3D printing workshop which delivered in partnership with the Tipperary ETB and the National Learning Network on 13th January. The session was led by Neil Lambe, Library Assistant at Clonmel Library.



- Clonmel Library facilitated an educational engagement session on 4th February featuring the SPINI VR sensory-regulation system for visiting pupils from Ballyneale National School. The demonstration introduced students to immersive virtual-reality experiences designed to support sensory awareness and wellbeing.



- Clonmel Library hosted a dedicated Research Skills Workshop for students of Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel on 12th February. The session was facilitated by Paul Devane, Executive Librarian, who provided structured guidance on effective research methodologies, the use of credible information sources, and best practices for academic inquiry.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library continues to host its monthly **Memory Café**, a free community initiative designed to provide a welcoming and supportive social setting for individuals living with dementia, as well as for their families and caregivers. Established in 2024, the Memory Café offers meaningful opportunities for social connection through conversation, music, and

light refreshments. Sessions also regularly include educational talks delivered by relevant professionals and specialists. The Memory Café welcomed members of the Lions Club on 20th January, who joined participants in the traditional crafting of St Brigid's Crosses, adding a collaborative element to the gathering.

- Carrick-on-Suir Library introduced a new wellbeing initiative entitled Mobility Monday, with the inaugural session held on 9th February. This programme is designed to support participants in improving overall strength and mobility, with a particular focus on enhancing functional movement across all major joint complexes. Each session incorporates gentle, controlled exercises that guide participants through full ranges of motion—from head to toe—with the aim of promoting flexibility, joint health, and ease of movement. The Mobility Monday sessions will continue to run weekly on Mondays.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted an art exhibition entitled Stingrea by local artist, Trina Rea. The exhibition was launched on 4th February and ran for two weeks.



Michael Miklas working in the Carrick-on-Suir Library Community Garden

- The Community Garden Project, at Carrick-on-Suir Library continues to make great progress. This project is a collaborative local initiative that includes Carrick Lions Club, and the Carrick Men's Shed. This partnership aims to create a vibrant, sustainable garden space on the library grounds, encouraging learning, wellbeing, and community connection. Work commenced in February on planting vegetables including potatoes and Martoch Faber Minor beans, an ancient bean introduced to Ireland in the 12th Century.



- Tipperary Town Library welcomed a group from the Moorehaven Centre on 28th January for a St Brigid's Day cross-making workshop as part of the library's seasonal cultural programme. During the visit, participants engaged in the traditional craft of weaving St Brigid's crosses



- Tipperary Town Library held a LEGO heart making workshop to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. This event was held on 12th February and

pupils from Gaelscoil Thiobraid Árann attended.



- Tipperary Town Library delivered two Artificial Intelligence (AI) workshops focused on practical AI tools for mobile phones on 18th February and 25th February. The sessions introduced participants to leading AI applications, including ChatGPT and Google Gemini, and provided guidance on how these tools can be used effectively and responsibly on personal devices.



- The Memory Café at Cashel Library marked its second anniversary on 10 February. This free, monthly initiative provides a welcoming and supportive social environment for people living with dementia, as well

as their families and caregivers. Established in February 2024, the Memory Café offers opportunities for connection through conversation, music, and refreshments, and regularly features educational talks delivered by relevant specialists. The programme continues to play an important role in fostering community support and reducing social isolation for those affected by dementia.



- Cashel Library held a Valentine's Day themed craft workshop for children on 7th February. This workshop was run by Yulia Pak, Cashel Library



- An exhibition of artwork by Tipperary artist Marguerite Keating was officially launched at Cashel Library on Tuesday, 17 February 2026. Marguerite Keating is a Cashel-based painter with a long-established creative practice. Her new exhibition showcases a series of paintings reflecting her artistic journey and interpretation of local landscapes and personal experiences.



- Templemore Library hosted an exhibition featuring a diverse collection of paintings, mixed-media artwork, jewellery, and textile pieces created by three local artists: Patricia Prout, Ciara Connelly, and Muireann Ryan of *Mara Designs*. The exhibition officially opened on 15 January 2026 and formed part of the library's ongoing commitment to supporting artistic expression and showcasing creative talent within the community



- Templemore Library hosted a series of bodhrán and ukulele classes which were held in Templemore Library’s Meeting Room. The programme was ran by Templemore Active Retirement Group and were held on Tuesdays for nine consecutive weeks from 22nd January.



- Templemore Library has established a joint book club programme for 4th Class pupils from St. Colmcille’s Boys National School and St. Joseph’s Girls National School. As part of this initiative, pupils read a selected book in school and attend the library twice monthly to participate in guided discussions and shared literacy activities. The book club held its first meeting on 12th February 2026.
- Roscrea Library hosted a Schools Completion Group comprising

Transition Year students and 5th–6th class pupils from local schools. Primary pupils selected a research topic of interest, and TY students supported them in conducting their research under the guidance of the local Schools Completion Officer. The group used the library for six sessions in total, with three sessions held in February and the remaining three in March.



- Roscrea Library hosted “Story in Colours,” an art exhibition by Lithuanian artist Gitare Bendaraviciene, who has lived in Ireland since 2010. The exhibition was on display throughout February 2026.



- Killenaule Library is currently hosting a group of students from

Transition Year in Scoil Ruain, Killenaule who have been working on a mural in the children's area of the library. They chose to paint scenes from the classic children's picture book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen.



- Cahir Library continues to facilitate a regular craft group where participants engage in knitting, crochet, patchwork, and card-making. The group also provides informal instruction for individuals wishing to learn new craft skills, supporting both new members and those seeking guidance without attending formal classes.

[Tipperary Studies](#)

- Tipperary People and Places Lecture January 20th. Our guest speaker was Dr. Angela Byrne. Angela's talk "The Irish in Romanov Russia: Tipperary People's Experiences of War and Epidemics in the Empire of the Tsars" was very well received by an attentive audience many of

whom were unfamiliar with the subject.

- Tipperary Studies acquired a number of items from the family of the late Michael Coady, poet, teacher and historian from Carrick on Suir. The collection includes books and archival material from various Michael Coady and historian, collector Hughes Ryan. This material is a significant addition to the Local Studies archive because resource material for Carrick was lacking up until now. These books are currently being catalogued and the resource material is being sorted and archived.
- The Tipperary People and Places lecture for February was given by Dr. Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman, Associate Professor in the School of Geography and History in UL. Niamh's talk "Churches and Chapels Before and After Emancipation" was a detailed look at Tipperary churches based on her forthcoming book on ecclesiastical architecture



- Commemoration for Anna Grubb and Frederick Close - in collaboration with Clonmel Library, the Museum and the Church of Ireland Clonmel Union of Parishes a programme of events to mark the 200th anniversary of the tragic

drowning of two young people in Clonmel. Anna Grubb was from the Quaker community and Frederick Close was a lieutenant in the army stationed in Clonmel barracks. Therese programme included an exhibition in Clonmel library 'Clonmel in the 19th century' about the river Suir and the Quaker community; a talk by Quaker historian Clodagh Grubb and a Service of Remembrance in Old St Mary's church with wreath laying on the Close grave and flowers on the Grubb plot in the Society of Friends burial ground. A Reflection during the service was written and delivered by Stephanie Woods. Some of the material for the exhibition was loaned by the Quaker Museum in Ballitore, Co Kildare

Arts Service

- A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county in 2026 were advertised from December 2025 to February 2026, as follows:
 - **The Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme** -intended to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be planned between the artist and the school. **Closing date was 6 February 2026.**
 - **Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme** – intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts

in the county. **Closing date was 19 February 2026.**

- **Tipperary Artists Awards** – intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences. **Closing date was 26 February 2026.**
- **Local Drama Scheme** - Up to two development awards annually to assist groups in developing skills within the group/enhancing production values/availing of further training/availing of professional input or for other development needs/special projects. **Closing date was 26 February 2026.**
- **BLAS International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance** - Tipperary County Council offers two bursaries to attend the BLAS summer school at the University of Limerick. The value of the bursary covers 1 week's tuition (one-week intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists. **Closing date was 26 March 2026.** The Arts Office also co-ordinates the **Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme** on behalf of Tipperary County Council which supports festivals throughout the county. **The closing date for 2026 was 5 February last.**



'My Singing Bird' artists Andy Spearpoint and Leisa Gray working in partnership with Silver Arch Family Resource Centre for Bealtaine in 2025, together explored the world of birds through song writing, soundscape making, singing, creative writing and image making.

Tipperary Bealtaine 2026 Open Call

- Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as a nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation that promotes active and engaged living as we get older. The Bealtaine theme for 2024 to 2026 is *Lust for Life*. Tipperary Arts Office runs an extensive, interactive programme throughout the county in partnership with Tipperary Libraries. The Tipperary Arts Office is keen to engage older people as makers and participants as well as audiences for the arts. An open call inviting proposals from artists to support these aims was issued in December with a closing date of 15 January.



Visual Artists Ireland

- Visual Artists Ireland serves as the representative body for professional visual artists in Ireland. This Winter we continued our online training provision for Tipperary artists in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and local authorities in Limerick and Clare. The first webinar of 2026 took place on 12 February and was presented by Sara Garveau, Director of the Fire Station Artists' Studio. The topic of the webinar was 'Building Professional Networks', acknowledging the strength of an artistic community of peers, mentors and collaborators that can sustain and strengthen an artist's practice. The webinar addressed some methods to create and foster relationships and shared successful strategies among the participants.

Basking - The Nursery, A Community Arts Project





Basking - the Nursery was a continuation of Tom Meskell's acclaimed *Basking* series, exploring the majestic presence and gentle mystery of the basking shark through illuminated sculpture, gentle music and participatory art. This new installation, *The Nursery*, drew inspiration from the early life of the basking shark - a rarely witnessed stage of one of the ocean's most graceful giants. The work brought together science, biodiversity, the arts and community in an immersive, illuminated underwater world. Four local artists and creative practitioners received training from lead artist Tom Meskell during the ten days he built the exhibition at the *At 6s & 7s Gallery* in Tipperary Town. Furthermore, Tom worked with nine students of a Foróige teenage group and 40 pupils from the Monastery school to create additional objects for display. The official launch of the exhibition was Friday 14 November by Cllr. Marie Murphy and included a short talk by Dr. Ruth Leeney, Interdisciplinary Biologist at UCD. An artist talk was held on Saturday 15 November. The exhibition was promoted in various ways: via an interview on Tipp Mid-West radio, an article on *tuairisc.ie* and via social media. Some 450 visitors, including several school classes, viewed the exhibition during its five-week run. On Wednesdays, visitors were greeted by James, gallery assistant as part of his LCA1 work experience. The visitor book overflows with wonderful feedback: "so beautiful and relaxing, I could stay here all day" and "amazing experience". Creative Places Tipperary Town organised three exhibition-themed workshops with Ukrainian families, TY students and visitors of the Dementia Café. One of the workshops was led by

Magdalena Rudnicka, one of the local artists that trained with Tom Meskell. After the gallery closed on 19 December, the exhibition was continued during the festive season as a window display, adding a new dimension to this project and engaging dozens if not hundreds of passers-by who might otherwise not be inclined to enter an art gallery space. A webpage on tipperaryarts.ie offered background information on the artist and the project, via a QR code presented on the window of the gallery. The webpage had 357 unique visits and 15 info-sheet downloads. The exhibition closed on 3 January 2026.

[Heritage Service](#)

County Heritage Plan Actions

- The Heritage Office is awaiting the completion of the Appropriate Assessment report, and the new draft Heritage Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Strategic Policy Committee in March.
- The 2026 Heritage Programme is currently in development, and funding allocations for the year are in the process of being finalised.

Irish Walled Town Network

- Comprehensive Maintenance Plans have been completed for all four towns within the network: Cashel, Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, and Fethard.
- A specialized training workshop was held in Fethard in October, focusing on best practices for general site

Heritage Council Funding

- Applications under the Heritage Council's funding streams are

progressing as planned. Applications have been prepared for submission to the Irish Walled Towns Network Interpretation and Events Scheme, which supports projects and community-focused heritage events within Ireland's historic walled towns.

- In addition, a funding application has been submitted to the Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) – Stream 2, seeking support for conservation works at DW Parkes, Clonmel



Local Authority Heritage Officers in Kilkenny with Minister Christopher O Sullivan in January

Community Monuments Fund

- A total of twelve applications were submitted across the scheme's three funding streams, with funding decisions expected to be announced in April.

Creative Ireland

- The Project Award and Community Grant funding programmes have now closed. All applications have been assessed, and letters of offer have been issued. Details of the successful applicants will be

provided in the next report, once acceptance forms have been fully processed.

- The Cruinniú na nÓg Open Call is now live, inviting expressions of interest for programme proposals for Cruinniú na nÓg, which will take place on 6 June.
- Applications are currently being prepared and submitted under the Shared Island Creative Communities funding strand across its three streams. In addition, the Creative Climate Fund has opened for applications.
- Applications for the Creative Health & Wellbeing programme are being developed and submitted in partnership with Clare and Limerick County Councils.



Tara Power, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Tipperary County Council at the Shared Island Conference in Croke Park

[Biodiversity Service](#)



- The Biodiversity Office, in collaboration with Birdwatch Tipperary, hosted a Birdwatching Breakfast on 31st January at Cabragh Wetlands to mark World Wetlands Day 2026. The purpose of World Wetlands Day is to raise awareness of the vital role wetlands play in supporting biodiversity, regulating climate, and maintaining water quality. The event was highly successful, attracting strong participation from a wide range of age groups.



Ann-Marie Fleming & Minister Christopher O'Sullivan

- Funding applications to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund were submitted in February.
- A funding application has been submitted to the Heritage Council

under the Biodiversity Plan Grant Scheme.

- The Biodiversity Officer attended the meeting of the Public Participation Network (PPN) Environmental Pillar on Saturday, 7 February.
- The Biodiversity Officer attended a presentation by the Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan, at the TUS Thurles Campus on 24th February 2026.

Museum Service



L-R: Kathleen Walsh, Richard Meehan and Peggy O' Sullivan

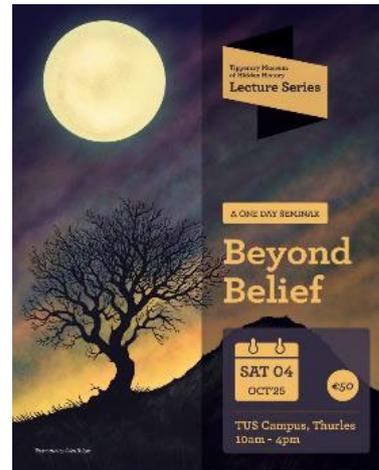


L-R: At the launch of the Lilla Perry exhibition were Back L: Andrea Power MA Student, Jayne Sutcliffe Collections Officer, David Nolan Museum Technician, Julia Walsh Education Officer, Richard Meehan Art Historian, Marie McMahon Curator & Stephen Purcell Museum Marketing & PR , Officer, Cllr Siobhan Ambrose

Lilla Perry Exhibition

- Tipperary Museum of Hidden History hosted the launch of *A Collection of Art Works by Lilla M. Bagwell Perry (1888–1974)*, formally opened by Deputy Mayor Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, with an opening address delivered by author and art historian Richard Meehan. The exhibition presents a curated selection of works by Lilla (Bagwell) Perry, an esteemed national and regional artist recognised not only for her artistic talent but also for her generosity and strong community spirit. Perry was best known for her landscape paintings, typically executed in watercolour. Over the course of her career, she exhibited nearly one hundred watercolours with the Watercolour Society of Ireland, and her work was also shown at the Royal Hibernian Academy, the Munster Fine Art Club (1933), and the Ulster Academy of Arts. This significant collection has been made possible through the generosity of family members and friends who have loaned artworks from Ireland, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand. The exhibition will run until Saturday, 25 April 2026.

- The Museum hosted local artist Colin Bolger who delivered a series of St Brigid’s Day–themed art and folklore workshops, engaging adult participants, school groups, and attendees at weekend sessions in the lead up to St Brigid’s Day. A total of 140 participants took part in these workshops.



Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Tipperary County Council, www.hiddenhistory.ie

The Tipperary Museum of Hidden History’s *Beyond Belief* Lecture Series continued to attract strong public engagement, with full-capacity audiences attending the January and February lectures. These sessions featured Barry O’Reilly’s presentation on vernacular architecture and Louise Nugent’s



lecture on pilgrimage and holy wells.



Above (L-R): Petronell Grubb, Christening robe, Irish Times Saturday 14th 2026

- In February, an article in The Irish Times highlighted the story of Petronell Grubb, drawing public attention to the museum’s display of her personal belongings. Following the publication, the museum was contacted by members of Petronell’s family, who offered to donate her Christening robe. Previously believed to have been lost, the robe was discovered in the home of a relative in South Africa and has since been returned to Tipperary. It now forms part of the museum’s collection and, following conservation, will be exhibited alongside the other items associated with Petronell.
 - ARTiculation Ireland is a national public speaking competition designed to promote the appreciation, analysis, and discussion of art, artefacts, and architecture among secondary school students aged 16–18. The programme aims to foster students’ confidence and communication skills by encouraging them to research, interpret, and present on a chosen artwork or cultural object, regardless of prior experience or background.
- The Museum runs the County Tipperary ARTiculation competition. The Tipperary Regional Final of ARTiculation Ireland has been scheduled for Wednesday, 4 March 2026, and will take place in the Tipperary County Council Chamber.
- Donations**
- In 2025 a bundle of letters was found under the floor boards of a Georgian house in Clonmel. These letters were written by a man from Clonmel who had emigrated to New York state in the US in the mid-1800s. These letters were sent to his family in Clonmel and detail his new and successful life in NY. These letters were given to TMHH to be scanned with a view to the originals being sent to the small museum located in the Town in NY the Clonmel men resided. Hopefully, within 2026 an online project will be created to show the shared history between Clonmel and the small town on the outskirts of Syracuse, NY.
- Designation Status**
- Under the provisions of the Historic and Archaeological Heritage (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2023, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History and its Curator, Marie McMahon, have been requested to renew their Designation Status. A formal request has been submitted to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, via the Director of the National Museum of Ireland. Renewal of this designation enables both the Museum and the Curator to continue to act on behalf of the State and the National Museum in the receipt and safeguarding of archaeological finds.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st January 2026

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	6,229,588	65,741,050	9%	59,511,462	6,372,463	64,202,410	10%	57,829,947	142,875
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,609,904	64,232,773	4%	61,622,869	952,914	42,295,557	2%	41,342,643	(1,656,990)
C	Water Services	822,778	12,180,177	7%	11,357,399	687,000	11,272,541	6%	10,585,541	(135,778)
D	Development Management	2,499,800	25,743,403	10%	23,243,603	1,033,308	11,775,404	9%	10,742,096	(1,466,491)
E	Environmental Services	5,314,846	68,237,374	8%	62,922,528	3,239,829	45,593,897	7%	42,354,068	(2,075,017)
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,296,029	17,886,506	7%	16,590,477	235,740	2,966,863	8%	2,731,123	(1,060,290)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	63,498	1,180,857	5%	1,117,359	17,220	356,681	5%	339,461	(46,278)
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,761,253	18,956,705	9%	17,195,452	1,948,505	24,403,346	8%	22,454,841	187,252
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	2,504,584	30,055,007	8%	27,550,423	2,504,584
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	3,453,159	41,237,139	8%	37,783,980	3,453,159
	Totals	20,597,695	274,158,845	8%	253,561,150	20,444,721	274,158,845	7%	253,714,124	(152,975)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st January 2026

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	2,824,336	1,848,868
B Road Transport & Safety	327,045	256,779
C Water Services	47,729	125,973
D Development Management	459,973	647,482
E Environmental Services	1,013,492	613,983
F Recreation & Amenity	177,177	136,000
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	6,924	0
H Miscellaneous Services	31,566	101,583
Total	4,888,242	3,730,668

Collection Rates	YTD 202512	YTD 202412
Rates	94%	94%
Rents	95%	94%
Housing Loans	101%	101%

COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 31/12/2025 Rate Accruals for 2025 amounted to **€39,331,207**.

Arrears of **€4,021,231** were brought forward from 2024, giving the total amount to be collected as **€43,352,438**. Write offs for Vacancy/Bad Debt have been processed in the amount of **€2,320,889**. Receipts of **€36,468,172** were received to 31/12/2025.

RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2025

2,241 customers benefited from our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme in 2025, and achieved total reductions in their rates of €395,423.

The terms for our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme for 2026 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €26,000.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2026.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2026.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above, and enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

Credits under the RPIS will be applied to the bulk of qualifying customers in September.

The 2026 Scheme is adjusted to allow for an annual rates bill of up to €27,500, with accounts to be cleared by 31st July 2026, (or by September 2026 if paying by direct debit).

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.

Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief	% Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100%	0%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80%	20%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60%	40%

DIGITAL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)

Websites and eDevelopment

- Continued with migration of on-premises Sharepoint business systems to MS 365.
- Surveys and data collected on National Digital Strategy target which is to have 90% of relevant services digital by 2030.
- Continued with development of digital platform to support vacant business grant for C&E.
- Developed an Environmental Inspections App in Power App with integrated mapping features.

Business Systems

- New Planning Enforcement System – User Application Testing underway.
- CRM Customer Service Desk system upgrade – Prototype System setup and administration testing underway.
- Electronic outdoor timesheet solution – Project initiated – analysis underway.
- Self-service tools for Pre Planning – Project initiated – analysis underway.
- Document Mgt System (iDocs) – System setup complete – Scanner setup in Clonmel Housing section complete.

GIS Systems

- Processed AutoCAD Renewals.
- Two new public Web experiences created:
 - Tipperary County Historic Map viewer
 - Tipperary Townland Search
- New Internal Web experiences created:
 - CSD App

- Collaboration with consultant on Cahir to Cashel Public web experience.
- Labworks updated to version 8.25.

Mobile Phones/Billing/General

- Mobile Voice and Data Communications – Migration of first users completed.
- Continued processing mobile phone and telephony billing.

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

MS Email/On-Prem Exchange:

- Reduced from five databases to one database, DAG Removed
- Servers reduced from two Exchange Servers to one Exchange Server.

Mailmeter Archiving System Project

- Mailmeter migrated to Cloud.
- On-premises server shut down.
- 50 million e-mails re-indexed in cloud.

Domain Services

- New Domain Controller created in Azure Data Centre to facilitate Server Migration project.
- Active Directory – External Network Assessment performed.

Sharing Files with external clients

- Setup sharing to facilitate sharing with external clients to replace ShareFile.

Advice re Building Projects

- Cahir Library – construction commenced.
- Ballingrane Re-cabling – Architect appointed to design new cabling runs and comms cabinet location.

Helpdesk

- Setup test version of helpdesk in cloud – intention is to migrate to hosted version in coming months after testing and review.

Networks

- Incident response technical network being rolled out. SD WAN nodes being procured for Libraries Service (11 sites).

Video Conferencing

- Upgrade of Thurles Chamber video conferencing completed.
- Pilot MS Teams rooms in Thurles MDO and Nenagh meeting rooms.
- Preparatory work for migration of main chambers to MS Teams in progress.



Cloud Data Centre

- Hybrid Cloud deployment in progress.
- On premise infrastructure refresh completed.

Cyber Security

- Vulnerability Management across environment progressed.
- Security awareness training continued.
- Carried out Phishing tests.
- Continued to tighten up on privileged access management.
- Cyber recovery solution implementation completed.
- Penetration test to cover Active Directory completed
- Presentation to Senior management team provided.

MS 365

- Preparatory work for Teams and OneDrive deployment continuing.
- Preparatory work for SharePoint Online deployment continuing.
- MS Conditional access framework deployed.
- Licenses being provisioned as rollout progresses.
- E Learning Management System (eMLS) MS pilot deployed
- Adoption training programme pilot implemented in a number of sections.
- Champions programme development continuing



All Teams

- Provided technical support to staff and elected members.
- Continued to manage and support business systems, geographical, social media, phones, desktop, devices.
- Kept our business systems, data, and network safe and secure, and at maximum uptime and performance.
- Performed security patching, application upgrades, system upgrades, systems analysis and end User support.