



Chief Executive's Report

SEPTEMBER 2017

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING & SPECIAL PROJECTS

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) TEAM

Launch of Business Training Courses, Workshop and Clinic - Autumn 2017

LEO Wexford recently launched a new programme of business training courses, workshops and clinics for the Autumn period. The programme features 42 courses, workshops and clinics ranging from the flagship Start Your Own Business course to Marketing on a Show String Budget. Up to 500 business people and new entrepreneurs will participate on the programme over the next 4 months.

Local Enterprise Village at the National Ploughing Championships

From the 19th to 21st September, the 'Local Enterprise Village,' managed and funded by the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), will be home to 31 diverse start-ups and small businesses from all over the country. Many of the small businesses will be making their debut at the Championships, using the opportunity to launch new products and services to the 280,000 visitors expected by the National Ploughing Association (NPA). County Wexford will be proudly represented in this year's Local Enterprise Village by Coatek. Coatek are one of Ireland's leading Glass Coating & Film Specialists and are based in the IDA business Park, Courtown Road, Gorey

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur – #IBYE New Search begins

The search is on to find Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneurs. With a €2 million investment fund available, the enterprise initiative from the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Enterprise Ireland run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices around the country, supports young entrepreneurs through training, mentoring and direct financial investments. Young entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 35 are now being encouraged to apply, before the closing date of Friday, 29th September, 2017

With an available IBYE investment fund of €50,000, Local Enterprise Office Wexford will award six investments to three category winners and three runners-up at county level. The local winners in the Best Start-Up and Best Established Business categories at county level will receive investments of up to €15,000 each and the two runners-up will each receive up to €5,000. The Best Business Idea winner at county level will receive an investment of up to €7,000 and the runner-up will receive up to €3,000 of investment. The winners at county level in December 2017 will progress to Regional Finals in January and the National IBYE finals will be held in March 2018.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – August 2017

Min Ryan Park, Wexford: The Park obtained Part 8 Planning in April, 2016 based on a preliminary design by Wexford County Council. Consultants Brady Shipman Martin has been appointed and currently preparing detailed design and contract documents. A tendering process for construction will commence in Qtr 4 2017 and a contractor will be appointed in Qtr 1 2018. Preliminary enabling works commenced on site in June and will be completed by October.

Wexford Quay: Architects Scott Tallon Walker has completed the draft Stage 2A report on the Economic Development and Spatial Implementation Plan for the Wexford Quay front. The draft Stage 2A report was issued to the Council's Wexford Quays working group for review in August and will be finalised in September.

Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy: The strategy plan is being finalised with a view to presentation to members in quarter four of 2017.

Enniscorthy Business Park, Killagoley: Reddy Architecture + Urbanism have been appointed to develop the master plan, secure planning and develop and construct infrastructure services for the Enniscorthy Business Park at Killagoley. Initial surveys, studies and site investigation works are substantially completed and the development of master plan layouts is underway. An application for planning will be submitted in Qtr 4 2017.

New Ross Business Park: WCC is preparing documents for obtaining expressions of interest from developers willing to partner Wexford County Council in delivering an advanced technology building on this site. The procurement will require a 2 stage process. Documents for pre qualification will issue in October with Requests for tender to issue by the end of the year.

Gorey Market House: A project has been initiated to determine and procure the best use for the Market House. To guide the procurement process, the Council has sought the views of parties interested in the viable and sustainable re-development of the Market House. Over 20 submissions were received from a variety of interested individuals and groups and these submissions are currently being reviewed. A report on these submissions will be presented to the Gorey District Councillors for their consideration, once the review is completed. The next stage of the process will involve Wexford County Council seeking detailed proposals from parties interested in partnering with WCC to progress the project in line with the Council's objectives and taking account of the building's importance as a focal point on Main Street and its status as a protected structure.

Wexford Arts Centre: Funding of €1m has been approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional and Rural Affairs and the Gaeltacht for an extension and renovation of the Wexford Arts Centre. Wexford County Council have committed to providing matching funding. Bucholz McEvoy Architects have been appointed to review existing plans and to develop a detailed design Brief for Services. Funding must be expended by March 2020.

PLANNING

Planning Applications:

No. of valid applications received up to 23/08/2017	929
No. of pre planning requests up to 23/08/2017	607

Forward Planning:

Variation No. 2 to the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 (as extended)

At a special meeting of the Council on Monday 3rd July 2017, Wexford County Council decided, by resolution, to make Variation No 2 to the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 (as extended). The Variation relates to a parcel of land located at Killagoley, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford and includes a change to the zoning of lands (approximately 14.48 hectares) from Open Space and Amenity (5.3 ha), New Residential / Low Medium Density (R1) (4.5 ha), Public Utilities (1.03 ha) and Community and Education (3.65 ha) to Business and Technology Park (approximately 14.48 hectares). A number of policies within the plan were also varied. The Variation will facilitate the development of a Business and Technology Park at this location. The Variation came into effect on 3rd July, 2017. Copies of the Variation and the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 (as extended) are available to view on www.wexfordcoco.ie

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Mr Paul Cramp has been approved funding to thatch his mud wall cottage in Crossabeg but his project is a little different as Mr Cramp is growing his own “heritage” straw with the help of Teagasc. On the 31st July, 2017 the crop was harvested with a 100 year old reaper binder and the sheaves were “stoked” on the fields to dry.





Building Control:

- **Commencement Notices**

A total of 311 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 23rd August, 2017 on the BCMS.

- **Taking in Charge**

Three new applications for taking in charge have been received this year to date.

Seven estates were referred to the relevant Municipal District meeting for the formal Taking in Charge in June, 2017. The Members agreed the taking in charge of following estates in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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| 1. Larkfield, Rosslare | 5. Cul na Greine, Kilrane |
| 2. The Paddocks, Mayfield | 6. Oakpark, Ballymurn |
| 3. Sweet Briar, Rosslare | 7. The Grove, Monagear |
| 4. Shelbourne Place, Campile | |

The following 48 estates have progressed through the public consultation stage. They will be referred to the relevant Municipal District meetings for the formal Taking in Charge in September, 2017.

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| 1. Arduain, Greenville Lane, Enniscorthy | 19. Woodlands, Gorey |
| 2. Ash Grove, The Paddocks, Enniscorthy | 20. Skuna Hill, Donaghmore, Ballygarrett, Gorey |
| 3. Beech Avenue, The Paddocks | 21. Ard Alainn, New Ross |
| 4. Bishop's Well, Nunnery Road, Enniscorthy | 22. Bellevue Heights, New Ross |
| 5. Carraig Dubh, Inch Blackwater | 23. Grangelawn, Ramsgrange |
| 6. Cluain Bui, The Moyne | 24. Lacken Valley, Irishtown, New Ross |
| 7. Cluain Oir, The Moyne | 25. The Bowling Green, New Ross |
| 8. Hempfield Close, Enniscorthy | 26. The Orchard, New Ross |
| 9. Meadowlands Estate, Ross Rd, Enniscorthy | 27. Woodlands Grove, New Ross |
| 10. Sean Browne Crescent, Enniscorthy | 28. Ballinamorrhagh, Curracloe |
| 11. The Brambles, Galbally, Ballyhogue | 29. Bishopspark, Wexford |
| 12. The Paddocks, Enniscorthy | 30. Coolballow Cul de Sac |
| 13. An tArdan Killenagh, Ballycanew | 31. Hillview, Whiterock, Wexford |
| 14. Ballycanew Grove, Ballycanew | 32. Hunters Court, Coolcotts |
| 15. Barmona Heights, Monamolin | 33. Port Na bPucai, Kilmore Quay |
| 16. Cluain Oir, Monamolin | 34. Rectory Mews, Duncormick |
| 17. Dunehaven, Ardamine | 35. Slaney Woods, Park, Wexford |
| 18. Sean Doire / Cois Doire, Gorey | 36. Spawell Close, Wexford |

37. Summerhill Heights, Wexford
38. The Laurels and Laurel Court, Clonard
39. Tincone, Ferrybank
40. Westgate, Wexford
41. Westlands, Wexford
42. Hillview, Whiterock, Wexford
43. Walsheslough, Rosslare, Wexford
44. Strandfield Manor, Spawell Road, Wexford
45. Skuna Bay, Donaghmore, Ballygarrett, Gorey
46. Greenacres, Donaghmore, Ballygarrett, Gorey
47. Elm Park, Wexford
48. McClure Meadows, Wexford

- **Works in Progress**

Ongoing works are in progress in the following estates:-

Old Forest, Bunclody

Contractor appointed for works. Works to commence mid - September.

Somersway, Ballycullane

Pricing Documents have been issued for works, including the replacement of the failed Waste Water Treatment Plant, with a Pumping station and associated pipe work and connection to Irish Water treatment plant.

Beechfield Manor, Screen

Proposal for the provision of an integrated constructed wetland was submitted for the Part 8 planning process. This is intended to replace the failed waste water treatment plant and associated percolation system.

- **Works Complete**

Coill Aoibhinn

Remedial works have been completed. The estate is now ready to proceed to be Taken in Charge.

- **Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites**

Activity on Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures is as follows:

Notices Issued under Derelict Sites Act 1990

39 since 1st January

6 for the months of July/August

Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964

8 since 1st January

0 for the months of July/August

Notices issued under Section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

6 since 1st January

0 for the months of July/August

Planning Enforcement:

The number of planning enforcement cases as at 23rd August, 2017 are as follows;

➤ Cases Opened - June	5
➤ Live Cases	466
➤ Cases Closed - June	8

Circuit Court Cases

PENF 0100/2014

Injunctive proceedings against the Alleged Offender relating to unauthorised waste activity at Killowen Upper, were unsuccessful in the Circuit Court case on the 27th July, 2017 and an appeal is now under consideration.

Access Section:

Disability Access Certificates (DAC): The current number of Disability Access Certificate applications, validated for the period up to and including the 24th August, 2017 totals 36, with a further 3 currently going through admin / technical validation. This is an increase of 14 from the previous report of the 27th of June.

Significant applications include:

- Two DAC applications for Johnstown Castle, for the Castle itself and a New Visitor Centre
- Two DAC applications for the Renal Dialysis Unit at Drinagh (main building and auxiliary building)

Disability Proofing: A legislative requirement under the Disability Act 2005 is to ensure an active procedure for disability proofing of all new works, buildings, amenities and services within the remit of a Local Authority. This process supported by a robust procurement procedure is paramount to ensuring universal access and sustainability of developments.

In this regard the following LAC applications have undergone disability proofing via the Access Section in 2017:

LAC 1611 WCC New Ross Redbridge Mountelliot Greenway 2

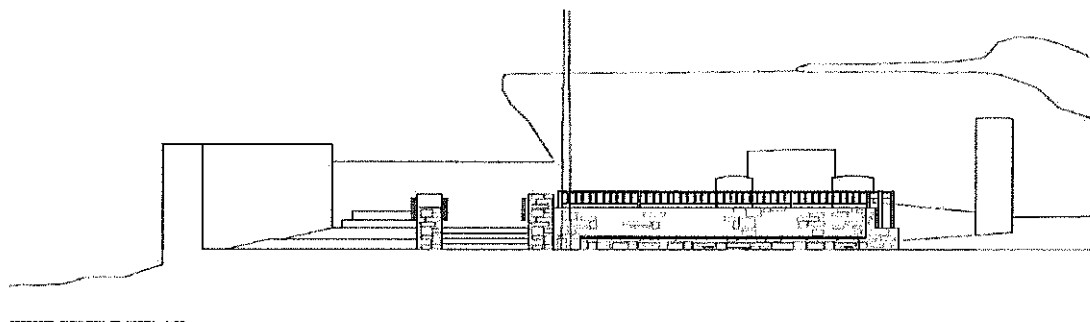
LAC 1701 Enniscorthy Sports Hub

LAC 1702 Castlemoyle Healysland New Ross

LAC 1705 Wexford County Council, Danescastle, Carrick on Bannow, Co. Wexford

LAC 1706 Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

Slade Harbour: Following the successful restoration works to the walls/archway in the harbour, access works are due to start mid September. This programme will be carried out in conjunction with Access, Heritage and the New Ross Municipal District under the supervision of, Executive Engineer, Abraham Dunne. These works include a new ramped and upgraded stepped access route to a viewing area and the current WC facilities.



HOUSING

Social Housing Supply Programme 2017-2019

In early 2017, Housing Section prepared and launched the Wexford County Council Social Housing Supply Programme 2017-2019. It was approved by the Housing, Community & Environment SPC on 5th April, 2017 and it was then presented to members at each Municipal District meeting.

It was agreed to give quarterly updates to the Council on the progress of implementing the plan. The following tables show the Q2 2017 progress report:-

Summary	Target 2017-2019	Target 2017	Progress Q2 (30 th June, 2017)
Construction Projects	245	87	5
Part V - WCC	83	1	0
Part V - AHB's	5	0	0
Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's)	208	117	36
Portfolio Acquisitions	10	10	3
Acquisitions	310	150	51
Buy & Renew	52	12	0
Refugee Resettlement Programme	32	32	10
Turnkeys	78	8	4
Traveller Accommodations Plan (TAP)	6	2	0
Other	1	1	0
	1,030	420	109

From 2017 to 2019 a further **1,757** social housing units will be delivered through the Private Rental Sector throughout the County:-

Unit Type	Target 2017-2019	Target 2017	Progress Q2 (30 th June, 2017)
Leasing (including 9 NARPS units)	69	29	6
RAS	36	12	12
Repair & Leasing	52	12	0
HAP	1,600	400	158

TOTAL	1,757	453	176
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Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)

Wexford County Council has completed a review of social housing applications (Housing List) in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. A total of 3,006 households were written to for the purposes of the HNA which determined the following:-

- 2,588 households are deemed qualified for social housing support
- 80 are deemed not to qualify for social housing support
- 128 households are awaiting an assessment and decision

Rent Review 2017

A full rent review has commenced in July 2017 with a planned effective date for new rents of 1st January 2018. A total of 4,919 rent review forms were issued with a return date of 31st July, 2017. A reminder was sent to 999 unreturned forms on 22nd August. The assessment of forms will commence on 5th September. It is proposed to carry out a rent review on an annual basis.

Refugee Resettlement Programme

The relocation of the refugee's is ongoing and eight families arrived in Enniscorthy recently and have moved into their homes. The designated refugee support worker will work closely with them providing support and assistance to help them integrate into the Irish community.

Housing Supply

A number of housing capital projects have been approved and are progressing to construction stage:-

Construction Projects – All projects listed have funding approved

Following recent approval from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) the following projects have started construction:-

- **Francis Street, Wexford** – construction complete. Flue alterations to be finalised by Friday 25th August and keys will be handed over for allocation then.
- **41 St Martin's Park, Ballycullane** – On programme for September handover
- **2 Special Needs Houses in Oilgate** – Roof trusses to be placed this week. Project on programme for completion in May 2018

- **9 houses in Baile Eoghain, Gorey** – First tender was unsuccessful and was terminated. Material changes have been made to the design and revised documents have been uploaded to the eTender system with a closing date of 21/09/17. Stage 4 October 2017
- **8 houses in Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy** – Contracts signed by Contractor. Commencement Notice Application lodged with BCMS. Site works to commence in September 2017.
- **2 houses in Cois Mara, Rosslare** – Work commenced on site in August 17. Project on programme to complete in June 2018
- **5 Mountain View in Rathnure** – Construction proceeding on programme for handover this month.

The following projects are also approved by DHPCLG and are at various stages of development, the design teams are working on:

- **36 Housing Units at Whiterock Hill, Wexford** – Delay due to investigations of Attenuation system on site. Stage 2 submission to be lodged in October 2017
- **10 Houses at Slippery Green, Wexford** – stage 3 will be submitted in Sept 2017.
- **10 Houses in Creagh, Gorey** – Costs reviewed and revised Stage 3 to be submitted in August 2017
- **10 Houses in Danescastle** – stage 2 approved in July 2017. Stage 3 to be submitted in Sept 2017
- **7 Houses in Coolcots** – preparing Stage 2 for submission in Sept 2017
- **1 house at Ross Road Enniscorthy** – To tender in October 2017
- **14 Houses in Carricklawn** – Stage 1 in June 2017, Stage 2 under preparation for September 2017
- **1 house in Castlemoyle** - Stage 2 to be submitted in Sept 2017
- **18 houses in Taghmon** – Stage 1 approved in July. Consultants appointed. Stage 2 Nov 2017

The number of units with Capital Approval is 131 as detailed above.

The following projects (13 units) have been submitted to DHPCLG recently and we are awaiting Stage 1 approval or we are working with DHP with queries regarding costs:

- **1 house at Ballynaboola** - Stage 1 submitted in July 2017. Stage 2 in Sept 2017
- **7 Units at belvedere Road, Wexford** – Stage 1 submitted and we are reviewing costs presently.
- **1 House in Castlemoyle** for Special Needs – Stage 1 submitted
- **3 Units at King Street, Wexford** – Stage 1 submitted June 2017
- **1 House in Cloneree** with High Radon levels – Stage 1 submitted in April 2017

We are working on other projects preparing feasibility studies and the Stage 1 documents. In total there are 139 units in this category. It is estimated about 100 of them will move to Stage 1 between October 2017 and Q1 2018.

ENVIRONMENT

A. COASTAL MATTERS

1. Coastal:

Carne beach has been identified as a bathing water.

It is expected that Duncannon Beach will achieve sufficient bathing water quality status for 2016 (based on a 4 year average). This would see the lifting of the EPA advisory note concerning bathing at the beach for the 2017 bathing season.

The DAFM approved 8 no. projects under the Fishery Harbours and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme at a total estimated cost of €418,000. Work is underway to progress these.

2. Piers & Harbours:

The Courtown Harbour Refurbishment Works on the South Pier is substantially complete and work on the north pier is progressing at present, weather permitting.

B. WATER, AIR & NOISE

1. Water Framework Directive

Under the Water Framework Directive every catchment in the county must be assessed to identify required actions to maintain and improve water quality. This is being overseen by the Sub-Catchment Unit of the EPA.

2. Water Sampling

85 sampling sites in the county have been identified by the EPA for sampling 5 times per year with the subsequent analysis carried out by the EPA. 11 surveillance sites are being sampled 12 times per year.

3. Septic Tank Inspections:

The target for the 2017 inspection programme is 130 and 129 inspections have been carried out to date. Current results show a 62% failure rate. However, this rate usually decreases as householders carry out necessary remedial works.

Each local authority is set a target number of inspections to carry out based on environmental risk. According to new figures from the Environmental Protection Agency, the highest number of inspections in 2016 was conducted by Wexford County Council, which inspected 129 septic tanks. The highest number of inspections in 2015 was again carried out by Wexford County Council.

Section 4 Discharge Licences:

The Council currently has 103 active Discharge Licences. A review of all Licences is ongoing. There have been a number of successful prosecutions of non-compliance with Section 4 Licences over the last number of years and there are more currently in progress.

4. Air & Noise:

Air quality monitoring is carried out at a number of locations in the county. Noise complaints are dealt with on an ongoing basis. A report on the recently completed noise assessment concerning windfarms in North Wexford will be presented at the next SPC meeting and will then be brought to a Council meeting thereafter.

C.WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Landfills:

Holmestown Landfill remains temporarily closed. Environmental monitoring and maintenance of infrastructure continues at both Killurin and Holmestown in accordance with the conditions of our waste licences.

The Household Recycling Centre at Holmestown continues to provide recycling services to members of the public as well as a disposal service for other waste streams such as residual waste, bulky waste, segregated food waste, garden waste and waste paint.

2. Recycling Services:

Bring Bank Network –

WASTE CATEGORY	No. of Sites July 2017	Recycling out (End July) 2016 (t)	Recycling out (End July)2017 (t)
Glass bottles		1745	1642
Aluminium Cans		47	42
Total	108	1792	1684

Household Recycling Centres –

Summary of Activities

WASTE CATEGORY	Enniscorthy		New Ross		Holmestown		Gorey	
	Recycling out Jan-July. 2016 (t)	Recycling out Jan-July 2017(t)	Recycling out Jan-July 2016 (t)	Recycling out Jan-July 2017(t)	Recycling out Jan-July. 2016 (t)	Recycling out Jan-July. 2017(t)	Recycling out Jan- July 2016 (t)	Recycling out Jan-July 2017 (t)
Total Recycling out	345	328	454	412	407	371	345	322
Total Domestic Waste in	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	739	715	N/A	N/A
Daily Average Customers Jan-July	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	124	116	212	179	110	100	127	123

Due to net operating costs increases, an entry charge of €2 was introduced at all household recycling centres on 13th June 2017.

3. Rapid Response Crew

Our Rapid Response Crew operates out of Holmestown, with one two-man crew servicing Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts and a second servicing Wexford and New Ross Municipal Districts. Their headline activities for year to date are summarised below:

Activity	To end July 2016	July 2017	To end July 2017	% +/_
Total Illegal Dumping/Clean Ups	1122	124	1064	-5%
<i>Gorey *</i>		26		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>		37		
<i>Wexford *</i>		49		
<i>New Ross*</i>		12		
Total Bring Site Inspections	612	41	420	-31%
<i>Gorey</i>		5		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		7		
<i>Wexford</i>		24		
<i>New Ross</i>		5		
Total Ringbuoy Inspections	1580	414	1607	2%
<i>Gorey</i>		132		
<i>Enniscorthy *</i>		6		
<i>Wexford*</i>		172		
<i>New Ross*</i>		104		
Other Works		23	82	
<i>Gorey</i>		6		
<i>Enniscorthy</i>		8		
<i>Wexford</i>		9		
<i>New Ross</i>		0		

*Excluding Towns

4. FOOD WASTE

The Food Waste Regulations 2013 are in force in all towns with >500 population. They impose obligations on Waste Collectors and householders. Collectors must provide separate bins for collection of food waste and householders must segregate their waste by either using "brown bins" provided by their waste collection company; composting at home, bearing in mind that certain food wastes cannot be composted, or bringing it to an authorised facility. Householders in all towns and villages to whom the regulations apply were visited by Council staff as part of our ongoing information campaign. Food waste is now accepted at all four household recycling centres.

5. Waste Facility Permits:

We currently have fifteen Clean Soil and Stone sites in operation; four construction and demolition sites and a number of sites for End of Life Vehicles. The full list of facility permits and certificates of registration can be viewed on the Council's website.

Altogether there are over 40 registered operational Waste Facility Permits and Certificates of Registration for premises involved in waste management activities in the County.

6. Household Waste Collection:

A Press Release issued on behalf of the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, T.D., on 27th June announced a framework for waste collection charges, which is due to take effect from autumn 2017.

Under the new arrangement, waste collectors will be given the flexibility to continue to offer, or to introduce, a range of incentivised pricing options to their customers. These options include elements or combinations of standing charges, and per-lift, per-kilogramme, weight-bands, and weight allowance charges.

A mandatory, nationwide per-kilogramme charging system will not now be implemented. However, 'all-in flat rate' charging for household waste will start to be phased out as customers renew or enter new service contracts.

An annual support of €75 will be introduced for persons with lifelong/long-term medical incontinence. This support will help people meet the average annual cost of disposal of incontinence products. The details and arrangements of this support will be finalised later this year, after further consultation with the stakeholder groups.

In support of the new arrangements, the three Regional Waste Management Planning Offices will implement an information and awareness campaign in the third quarter of the year.

It is unclear what the position will be in relation to waste collection in bags in view of the new framework.

7. Enforcement:

The Waste Enforcement Team carries out routine and non-routine inspections of Waste Facilities and problem sites in accordance with the Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections as required by the EPA along with inspections under the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations; ELV (End of Life Vehicles) Regulations; Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations; Household and Commercial Food Waste Regulations; Batteries, Tyres, etc.

D. LITTER MANAGEMENT

The Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 was adopted by the Council at the June Meeting.

Any evidence collected from littering incidents is used in bringing action under the Litter Pollution legislation. The continuing use of CCTV and the dedicated Litter Warden for North Co. Wexford has enhanced enforcement. A significant number of offences captured on CCTV have been through the Courts and more are pending. The local press regularly reports on such cases. We will continue to target illegal dumping black-spots and the county's roads throughout the year.

LITTER FINES	Total for 2016	1/1/17-21/8/17
Fines Issued	274	149
Fines Paid in Full●	114	54
Fines Cancelled/Proceedings Discontinued/Struck Out*	84	84
Successful Prosecutions	17	20
Legal Proceedings In Progress	42	31
Amount Collected in Fines (directly/following proceedings)	€17,124	€10,075

Most cases coming before the Courts are successful. It can take up to a year or more for a case to be heard in the District Court. Members of the public who report incidents are often reluctant to act as witnesses and without evidence and testimony we cannot proceed.

*Other cases referred for proceedings are either subsequently paid by the offender prior to the court case or discontinued for technical or legal reasons.

●A large number of fines are paid in instalments and these are not reflected in the statistics.

Litter Enforcement Activity 2009-2016

	Fines Issued	Court	Reports
2016	274	17	2,354 (up 22%)
2015	242	17	1,927 (up 11%)
2014	154	17	1,732 (up 10%)
2013	140	15	1,571 (up 21%)
2012	182	16	1,292 (down 3%)
2011	209	17	1,329
2010	370	27	1,338

2009	345	15	1,906
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E. GENERAL

1. Environmental Complaints and Investigations:

All environmental complaints are logged on the Environmental Incident Management System for further investigation.

The total figures for complaints received from 1st January to 21st August 2017 are:

Received	Closed	Closure rate
2357	1619	69%

Control of Dogs & Horses:

The Council employs one Dog Warden and an acting Dog Warden for holidays and relief. More dogs were collected by the County Wexford Dog Warden than in any other county in Ireland from January 2010 to the end of 2015. From January to November 2015 the percentage of dogs collected and subsequently put to sleep was down over 10% on the same period in 2014. Percentage in 2014: 35%; percentage in 2015: 23%. The main pound is Pets First Kennels, Ballycarney, Co Wexford.

Control of dogs	1/1/17 – 31/07/17	2016
Dogs collected	625	1016*
Dogs reclaimed	95	122
Dogs re-homed/transferred	454	717
Dogs put to sleep	75	171
Dog Fines	22	25

Note * Wexford County Council had to deal with an exceptional animal hoarding situation in January 2016 with the Gardai and WSPCA. Around 239 dogs in bad condition were removed from a house in North Wexford. The Council/WSPCA and veterinary staff saved 74 of the dogs. Unfortunately 165 dogs were put to sleep on veterinary and animal welfare advice. Legal proceedings are pending.

There are now 27 Dog Breeding Establishments registered in total with a number of applications on hand awaiting inspection. To 23rd August, 2017, 22 equine were impounded (as against 90 in total for 2016). A large number of the equine impounded in 2017 have either been reclaimed or re-homed. The balance were put to sleep as they could not be re-homed nor were they reclaimed.

2. Environment Education and Awareness:

Our aim is to promote awareness and active participation in a range of environmental initiatives.

Green Schools: Creagh College Gorey, St Joseph's P.S., Gorey, and Mayglass National School were awarded their first green flag by An Taisce at an awards ceremony in Kilkenny on Tuesday 23rd May. This brings the number of green schools in County Wexford to 106.

Green School Renewals: 25 renewal schools were awarded their flag in Kilkenny on May 23rd. 8 schools received their energy flag, 3 schools received their water flag, 6 schools received their travel flag, 5 schools received their biodiversity flag, 1 school received their Global Citizenship Litter & Waste flag and 2 schools received their Global Citizenship Energy flag.

Holmestown Household Recycling Centre: Ballygarrett National School visited on Monday 22nd May. The tour outlines the energy saving technologies used, how landfills are managed, a birds of prey display and a tour of the recycling site.



Annual Artwork Competition: The Prizegiving Ceremony for the winners in the annual artwork competition for primary and secondary schools took place on the 25th June. The theme this year was 'Bees – Nature Pollinators' and the competition involved a colouring competition for junior and senior infant students. The colouring sheet was drawn by Don Conroy who judged the competition and presented prizes along with An Cathaoirleach, John Hegarty and representatives of the Wexford Field Naturalists Club presented bee houses.

Greener Home Hints: A new Greener Home Hints guide has been launched by the Regional Waste Management Office. Joanne Condon officially launched the booklet and an awareness campaign took place in February. Press releases issued to all papers and radio stations and columns on paint, furniture upcycling, 'Loose the stuff you have' and questions and answers.



Planting Grant: Closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 9th June.

Local Authority Prevention Network. A grant application has been submitted for the grant scheme 2017. Funding has been applied to carry out food waste prevention workshops and to develop an animated video to create an awareness of how we can all prevent food waste.

Tidy Towns: A Tidy Towns evening was held on Tuesday 9th May in County Hall. Ann O' Leary, adjudicator with Tidy Towns, spoke about the competition from an adjudicator's perspective. Caroline Horan, Access Officer, informed all of the Access for Gardens and Parks competition. It proved a very informative night for all who attended. All Tidy Towns applications are due by Thursday 25th May.

Community talks: A talk was given to Ballyduff community on Monday 22nd May on all aspects of recycling, composting and waste prevention.

Southern Region Waste Management Plan: Work is continuing under the following policy action:-

Policy Action B.2.4: A target has been set to reduce the quantity of waste generated at local authority head office by at least 10% over the baseline year (2015) during the plan period. A waste audit which

was carried out identified areas where certain streams of waste could be prevented. Single use items be targeted and waste segregation bins will be introduced to all offices.

Green Dog Walker: Promotion of the Green Dog Walker is ongoing. Information is available to all Ti Towns groups on the Green Dog Walker Campaign.



COMMUNITY

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) acting as the Local Action Group (LAG):

At its July meeting 12 number Applications for Grants under the LEADER Programme 2014–2020 Artisan Food Call were considered and Grants totalling €383,738.10 Euros were approved for funding. This funding allocation marks a significant milestone in the LEADER Programme.

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Street Paddler – Kayaking Programme

Street Paddler is a youth kayaking programme which took place on the River Slaney in Bunclody over four beautiful days in July. Sports Active Wexford have organised this programme with support from Enniscorthy Municipal Council and FDYS for young people in Bunclody aged between 12-16yrs. 10 young people started the programme and 7 completed it on July 25th and received their certificates for Level 1 and Level 2 Kayaking Skills from Shielbaggan Outdoor Education and Training Centre who delivered the four days training.

This was a very rewarding programme for all involved and the knowledge and skills from Shielbaggan OETC was excellent. The young people were shown how to respect the water, the kayaking equipment and each other. They really enjoyed learning how to kayak and the new skills involved. One young person said “It was very enjoyable” while a second said “It was very fun, thank you”. People from Bunclody made statements to us over the four days that it was great to see the activity in the town and to see young people using the river in a positive safe way.

Bunclody REDZ

Sports Active Wexford organised the Street Paddler programme alongside the current REDZ programme in Bunclody. Sports Active Wexford (SAW) is supporting the Bunclody REDZ programme on the Town Team and are also town team representative for the Community Works Community Action Team.

Fun in The Sun

The programme was run again over 8 days. We have partnered with our Sports Development team from Wexford GAA, Leinster Rugby and The FAI, and also funded tennis, cricket and the climbing wall. This year Wexford Local Development supported us in all our venues with staff and support for the climbing wall and we were able to use the recreation week grant to support the programmes.

Venue	Total Numbers	Girls	Boys
Riverchapel	112	52	60
Curraclloe	150	65	85
Enniscorthy	167	86	81
Duncannon	70	31	39
Rosslare	96	48	48
Wexford Park	115	45	70
Bunclody GAA Park	109	56	53
New Ross *	4	1	3

We had a total 823 but New Ross* was adversely affected by the weather. This has been our largest attendance ever, also the largest number of participants from disadvantaged areas and included a small number from the relocated refugees from Syria. The feedback from our Facebook page and from Clients was excellent. I wish to acknowledge and thank Wexford Local Development for their support of this programme.

Schools Cricket programme

The Annual Wexford Schools Blitz took place in glorious sunshine at Gorey Cricket Club. This event was the culmination of a 9 week cricket programme supported by Sports Active Wexford and Cricket Leinster, during which over 800 children, from 10 schools, received weekly cricket coaching. Schools teams from Ballaghkeene, Kilnamanagh, Kilanerin and Central Gorey took part but Kilnamanagh emerging narrow winners after four hard fought games.

School Completion Programme Bridgetown

Sports Active Wexford supported the Tennis programme held at Bridgetown Community College run in partnership with Bridgetown School completion programme.

50 young people attended from 6-16 yrs for four weeks which culminated in the Parks tennis tournament in the Wexford Boat Club. The programme we hope will now be able to sustain itself in the future with young leaders being trained by tennis Ireland to run the programme.

Couch to Ben 5k

Couch to Ben 5K started with staff at Wexford County Council on the 1st of August and will run for eight weeks every Tuesday and Thursday. There are 10 people signed up to this programme which aims to have everyone jogging 5K in eight weeks. This programme is a build up to Ben 5K which will take place on the 24th of September. Sports Active Wexford is also supporting this event on the 24th of September.

Slaneyside Super Stars

Following our Come and Try event and following meetings with parents of children with a physical disability a new club has been formed in Enniscorthy. This is the first club in Wexford for children with a physical disability and Sports Active Wexford along with the Irish Wheelchair Association have provided and facilitated training for the parents in setting up a committee and coaching games and activities for the new club. They are holding two summer open days and will start a weekly club in September.

Funding Grants being worked on :

Healthy Ireland fund in conjunction with the LCDC and CYPSC

Urban Outdoor Adventure

This programme we are working with Shiellbaggan

Initiatives will need to be partnership projects, located in an urban setting and will need to expand or create new opportunities for at risk youth in disadvantaged urban communities.

Projects must focus on outdoor adventure sports / activities that can be undertaken in natural landscapes and outdoor settings within easy reach of the target community.

We are also awaiting the result of our application for Funding for Dormant accounts for Leadership and Community Coaching Projects

Up and Coming Events

Ben 5K event 24th September

European Week of Sport 23rd Sept -29th Sept

Fitness Week 23rd Sept -29th Sept

Sports Active Wexford Strategy Launch TBC (Proposed Dates either 19th /20th October)

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

Literacy. Wexford Right to Read Action Plan 2017 was submitted to the LGMA in July. The supporting interagency network will be convened in the autumn. Over 1700 children from 1000 families took part in the Summer Stars Summer Reading programme and over 70 associated events were held in all Wexford Library Service branches this July and August.

‘Advancing the Arts’, Draft Arts Plan 2018-2022, after extensive Public Consultations in May, the first draft Arts Plan was completed in June and July. The Arts Officer will present to the SPC on 6th Sept and submit to Council in October 2017. The Arts Plan will be published and launched in December 2017.

Film Locations Website, an extensive photo data base of 4,000 images divided into 20 categories such as Beaches, Castles, Rivers, Period Houses, villages etc. will be launched in Autumn 2017 and will link to national film websites as well as Wexford County Council and tourism websites. The plan is to further develop this website over the coming years to advertise and incorporate opportunities for those seeking film funding and as a database for film crews.

Arts Council Award: Art & Biodiversity, Wexford Arts Department was awarded €15,000, as part of Arts Council’s, ‘Invitation to collaboration Scheme’. The programme will involve action research in relation to Coastal Biodiversity and will feed into a future strand of Public Arts Programming and new commissions. This programme is in partnership with Dublin City Council and Fingal Co Council Arts Departments and biodiversity officers, Wexford County Council is the lead partner.

Creative Ireland

Wexford has been featured as part of the Creative Ireland national publicity campaign with articles and photographs appearing in the Irish Independent, South East Radio and with the People group. Fourteen creative projects are underway as part of the Creative Ireland Small Grants Scheme.

Science. Planning is now underway for the WexSci Science Festival from 12th to 19th November 2017, funded from the Science Foundation Ireland Discovery programme. It features multiple events for both children and adults in all libraries and ends with a large public event, the WexfSci Showcase in The Street on Friday 17th November.

Local Studies. Heritage Week was marked with 14 events in all Wexford Library Service branches, including a public lecture on the **Vinegar Hill Battlefield**, a first event from the Vinegar Hill Archaeology project.

The library service has added 50 items to build the **Kennedy Family/JFK book and research archive**. A launch, with exhibition, will be held in New Ross library on Thursday 7th September.

Energy efficiency upgrade work under the **Better Energy Communities 2017 Project** is being completed in Enniscorthy Library and Archive Ardcavan this August.

FIRE SERVICE

News

The section 26 Fire and Emergency Operations plan was adopted by full council on 10 July.

The Fire Authority have received 7 expressions of interest for the provision of services of lead team to supervise the new build of a fire station in New Ross and the material alteration / first floor extension of the fire station in Gorey. An independent panel to reduce this to 5 has been set up and will meet this week.

The Fire Authority will run two 2 day courses on fire safety for fire officers nationally in conjunction with the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management. The tender process for provision of training was secured by BB7. The courses will commence in November.

The Fire Authority and the housing section worked together to answer the ministerial queries raised in department circulars FIRE 04/2017 and FIRE 05/2017. Based on the information to hand, there are 18 multi-storey premises owned by the local authority, 2 multi-storey premises fully leased by the local authority, 8 residential premises over 18m and 4 non-residential premises over 18m within the county. A schedule of inspections has been implemented. The Fire Authority is also providing fire safety training for housing section staff.

Fire Operations

June and July were busy with 141 incidents including 28 road traffic accidents, 34 false alarms with good intent and 34 small fires.

Incident type	Year to date	June/July
Fires	204	68
Special Services	98	39
Chimney Fires	93	0
False Alarms	118	34

Fire Safety

The number of applications for fire safety certificates, planning referrals and Fire Services Acts inspections for the months of June and July were as follows:-

Applications Received	Year to date	June/July
Fire Safety Certificates	52	19
Planning Referrals	399	144

Number of Inspections	Year to date	June/July
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FSA Inspections	144	41
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During June and July 13 notification(s) for liquor licence(s) were received by the Fire Authority.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence – Operations / Training Report August 2017

Civic Duties

There was a total of 23 Civic Duties for July & August a total of 66 duties so far for 2017.

1 st July	Adamstown Show, Wexford
1 st 7 2 nd July	Wexford Maritime & Food Festival, Wexford
8 th & 9 th July	Edermine Regatta, Enniscorthy
14 th July	Killag Agricultural Show, Wexford
15 th July	Clonhatten Village, Gorey
20 th July	Mount Carmel Carmelite Sisters, New Ross
23 rd July	Pink Rock 10K, New Ross
23 rd July	Dog Show, Courtown
26 th July	Senior Track & Field , Sports Hub, Enniscorthy
29 th July	Relay for life, Wexford
30 th July	South East Music Festival, Wexford
4 th August	Playground Re opening , Enniscorthy
5 th August	Gorey Market Festival
5 th August	Enniscorthy Rocking Festival
11 th August	The Gap Festival, Gorey
25 th August	Lions Coastal Walk, Wexford
26 th August	Irish Water Safety – Surf Swim, Curracloe

Training Courses

Training continues on a weekly basis in Gorey, New Ross and Wexford.

AOB

We have a new ambulance which was donated to us by the HSE. The ambulance is a 11 reg Ford Transit. The ambulance will replace the 96 Reg transit which is stationed in Gorey. Wexford Civil Defence would like to thank Mr. Christy Power and Mr. Anthony Byrne from the HSE for their assistance in requiring this vehicle.



ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

COUNTY WEXFORD'S NATIONAL ROADS SCHEMES:

	<i>Total No of Landowners</i>	<i>Settled to date</i>
M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy	201	197

1. M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme update

Program

The contractor has 81% of their certified design issued for construction and is on target in their overall program for construction. The Permit to Use date remains the same of July 2019.

Construction to Date

The following table indicates site work progression to date.

	Progress Reported in December	Progress Reported in March	Progress Reported in April	Progress Reported in May	Progress Reported in June	Progress Reported in July
Site Clearance	96%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Fencing	85%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%
Drainage & Service Ducts	7%	10%	11%	12%	14%	15%
Earthworks	23%	28%	30%	35%	56%	62%
Structures – main Bridges		6%	15%	20%	29%	33%
Structures – Culverts	29%	49%	55%	65%	68%	71%
Structures – Access Structures	12%	33%	42%	50%	67%	72%
Accommodation Works	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%

Earthworks:-

Bulk Cut to Fill was approx. 986,821m³ to the end of the year for 2016 (6 month Work Period).

Bulk Cut to Fill as reported this year to the end of July 2017 is 1,241,677m³

Major Structures

Ballygullen Railway Crossing, M11-S3

The beams have been lifted in under a railway possession and the fixing of the deck steel has commenced.

Estimated completion date for the structure is Q4, 2017

Structure for River Slaney and Railway Crossing, N80-S1

Beams are being brought to site for assembly in August and will be erected under a railway position in September. Estimated completion date for the structure is Q1, 2018

River Urrin – Bessmount, N30-S6

Piling is complete for both abutments and the central pier. The columns have been poured and the north abutment reinforced earth Wall is substantially complete. Estimated completion date for the structure is Q4, 2017

Blasting

Rock Blasting is continuing at Frankfurt interchange, Crane Road area and between Bessmount and Templescoby. Affected landowners have been notified by the contractor 14 days in advance of blasting commencing and 3 days by either text or a phone call in advance of the blast taking place. Results to date for Vibration and Noise Monitoring have returned below the maximum permitted levels for the contract.

Ongoing repairs and monitoring of local roads

The following roads are being inspected on weekly bases by the contractor and Wexford County Council. Any defects arising from this inspection is being addressed by the contractor.

- L1027, Ballygullen Road
- L2020, Crane Road
- L2021, Ballynabarny Road
- L2011, Tinnacross Road

Applications submitted to WCC from the PPP:

Road Closure Applications

WCC are progressing the following road closure applications

Road	Application Status	Closure Date	Duration (months)	Status	New Opening Date
L2020, Ballynabarny	Granted	Nov 2016	3	Reopened 23/1/17	
L5096, Rocksprings Road	Granted	Jan 2017	6 (8)	Extension Requested	Reopened under traffic management
L2021, Crane Road	Submitted	March 2017	6	November 2017	
L2012, Killalligan Road	Granted	Feb 2017	6 (8)	August 2017 Extension Requested	6/10/17
L6122, Templescoby	Granted	April 2017	6	Closure reactivated extension to be applied for.	
L6125, Monart East	Granted	Feb 2017	6 (8)	August 2017 Extension Requested	20/10/17

L6055, Drumgold Road	Withdrawn	Postponed	6		
L2040, Knockrathkyle	Granted	Feb 2017	6	August 2017	
L6052, Scurlocksbush	Submitted	March 2017	6 (7)	September 2017	13/10/17
L1027, Ballygullen Road	Withdrawn	April 2017	2		
L1023, Ballycarrigeen Lk	Submitted	August 2017	6	Local Diversion to be constructed	
L2024, Corbally Road	Submitted	August 2017	6	On hold until L2020 (Application pending) is reopened	
L5092, Ballyeden Road	Submitted	August 2017	6	To be withdrawn until L5096 is reopened	
L2014, Ballyorrl Link	Submitted	August 2017	2	On hold until L2012, Killalligan Road is reopened	
L2015, Coolnahorna	Submitted	August 2017	6	January 2018	
L6048, Glenteige Road	Submitted	August 2017	7	February 2017	
L2030, Bessmount Road	Submitted	August 2017	3	On hold until L6125 and L2012 is reopened	

Newsletter

The Newsletter for this quarter has been issued and circulated and is available on the M11 website at WWW.m11gtoe.ie. This website is updated on a monthly bases providing information on blasting and road closures and traffic management.

A 24 emergency telephone is also operational to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815701, and this number has been posted on both the newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland awarded the PPP Contract to a BAM Iridium consortium (the PPP Co.) on 26th January 2016. The PPP Co's contractor for the works is a BAM Civil Ltd and Dragados Ireland Ltd joint venture (New Ross Joint Venture – NRJV). The works are progressing well and the road remains on programme to open in 2019.

Earthworks operations continue to progress throughout the site and are estimated to be approximately 40% complete. Blasting operations are ongoing at four locations at Stokestown, Camlin, Ballymacar and Lacken and prior notifications to local residents in ongoing before each blast event.

Barrow Bridge pier stems to the west of the river have progressed with some piers now raised to the soffit of the bridge deck. Works to pier stems to the east of the river and bridge deck spans to the west of the river are anticipated to progress in the coming months. Structural works are substantially complete for Stokestown Road Underbridge, R733 Campile Road Underbridge & Ballymacar Road Underbridge, and are ongoing for Camlin Road Overbridge, Creakan Road Underbridge, Arnestown Road Overbridge and Ryleen Road Underbridge. Six farm underpasses are substantially complete and works are also progressing for a significant retaining wall adjacent to the R733 road.

The temporary diversion and statutory 60km/h speed limit continues to operate on the N25 at Ballymacar. The diversion is via a newly constructed road and through a new underbridge and will remain in place until 2018. Extensive traffic management is being implemented to guide road users safely through and around the diversion route. Localised temporary diversions and traffic management are also in place on the Stokestown Road, Camlin Road, Arnestown Road and Ryleen Road to facilitate bridge works at these sites. It is anticipated that the statutory 60km/h speed limit and traffic management on the N25 at Glenmore will become operational in July to facilitate the construction of a roundabout and a new underpass. These operations will continue on the N25 until 2018. A temporary closure of the L-7501 into Glenmore village has been advertised from July 1st to September 1st to facilitate these works and alternative routes will be signposted. The Pink Rock Road in Co. Kilkenny remains closed to facilitate Barrow Bridge access and construction. A temporary diversion route and traffic management plan will remain in place until June 2018. All site access points on the N25, N30 and R733 are now operational, and wheel wash facilities and a road cleaning regime are operational at all exits. Road conditions are being monitored in these areas, and also on local roads where site traffic crosses roads at manned stop/go control points. As an enhancement to routine road cleaning operations, lane closures and traffic management are being implemented where necessary to allow more intensive washing of road surfaces. Road repairs are also being implemented where necessary. The site is also being monitored for the generation of noise, vibration and dust and any results outside of acceptable criteria are being reported and actioned. The recent very dry weather created challenging conditions for the generation of dust and mitigation measures are being closely monitored to minimise any impacts on neighbouring properties. The fifth quarterly project newsletter will be published at the end of June and circulated widely at local conveniences (service stations, shops etc.) as well as at local public buildings and in County Hall. The dedicated project website www.n25newross.ie provides progress updates as well as information on traffic management and road works, and also provides contact details for the project. A 24 telephone hotline is also operational to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815672, and this number has been posted on both the

newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.



1. Earthworks on Glenmore side with Pink Rock in background.



2. Barrow Bridge – Pink Rock pier



3. Barrow Bridge – Pink Rock piers rising towards deck soffit level.



4. Barrow Bridge - Pier 2 & 3 construction at Pink Rock.



5. Barrow Bridge - Pier 4 (river pier) in
Foreground



6. Earthworks at Stokestown



7. Preparation for retaining wall base at R733



8. N25 temporary diversion route via
Ballymacar realignment & Underbridge - view
Eastbound



9. N30 Tie-in – towards Clonroche

2016 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:

TII initially allocated a sum of €5,394,000 for pavement and minor improvement works in 2016. Some of the schemes are due to be completed in 2017.

N25 Ross By-Pass Residual Network

N30 from Irishtown to R700 junction.

This contract is being completed in 2 phases.

Phase 1 from Irishtown to R700 junction was substantially completed on 26th. August 2016.

Phase 2 from Irishtown to New Ross swimming pool will be completed in 2018 following works to the sewer network by Irish Water.

N11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Residual Network

R702 Enniscorthy Killealy Road

This scheme was split into 2 contracts.

Contract 1 from Milehouse to Monart East was completed in April.

Contract 2 is from Milehouse Crossroads to Duffry Gate.

Works commenced on Monday 31st. July and is due to be completed by mid September.

N11 Scarawalsh to Ferns South

This contract involves the overlay of 5km of the N11 between Scarawalsh Bridge and Ferns. This scheme commenced on 24th. April and was substantially completed on the 9th. June. Works are ongoing on accommodation works which should be completed by the 9th September.

2017 National Pavement Schemes

Transport Infrastructure Ireland has provided funding for the following scheme.

N11 Ferns Village

This scheme has been postponed and will be carried out once the Enniscorthy bypass scheme has been completed.

Additional Pavement Improvement Works

The following 7 pavement schemes have been identified by TII as priority schemes.

- Ballynabola to Cushenstown Pavement Scheme (1.0km)
- Carrigadaggan to Ballynabola Pavement Scheme (2.3km)
- Kileen to Newtown Pavement Scheme (2.6km)
- Kyle Upper Pavement Scheme (1.1km)
- Tinnahask to Ballynaslaney Pavement Scheme (1.2km)
- Ballygillane Little Pavement Scheme (0.7km)
- Ballygoman to Knockeen Pavement Scheme (3.2km)

Design works have commenced on these schemes. TII will release funding as these schemes are tendered during the year.

Ballygillane Little Pavement Scheme

This scheme was completed in June.

Ballynabola to Cushenstown Pavement Scheme

This scheme commenced on the 19th. June. It is due to be completed by the 16th. September.

N25 Ballygoman to Knockeen Pavement Scheme

This scheme was tendered on 17th. August with a tender return date of 31st. August.ly. Construction works should commence in late September.

Tinnahask to Ballynaslaney Pavement Scheme

This scheme will be tendered in early September. Construction works should commence in early October.

Kyle Upper Pavement Scheme

This scheme will be tendered in October. Construction works should commence in the first quarter of 2018.

Killeen to Newtown Pavement Scheme

Survey works are due to be completed in August. There will be additional site investigation works required on the southern end of the scheme. It is hoped to have this scheme tendered in early 2018.

2017 HD28 Pavement Renewals

The NRA allocated an additional €520,000 for the 2015 HD28 pavement renewals programme. Tenders will be invited in September and a contractor will be appointed in October.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Strengthening

Macadam works completed at Moyne Roundabout to Pettits, and Old Dublin Road to N11 – Link Road (both in Enniscorthy District); Rathnure to Tomanine, Knockavilla to Maudlins, and Camross (all in New Ross District).

Surface Dressing

Surface dressing programme commenced on Monday June 19 in the Wexford District.

Works completed within the last couple of months: Screen to Curracloe, Curracloe Village, Castlebridge to Garrylough, Ballycogley to Ballymore, Ballycogley to Silversprings, Baldwinstown to Bridgetown, Kyle Upper, Duncormick to Rathangan, Bridgetown to Baldwinstown, Newtown to Coolycall (**all in Wexford District**); Templescoby to Kiltrea, Castledockrell to Shroughmore, Drumderry, Ballina to the Five Cross Roads, Newtownbarry House to Brady's Hill, Ballycrystal to Booladurragh, Ballindaggin to Monalee, Monawilling to Tiknock, Monart, and Woodbrook to Mocurry (**all in Enniscorthy District**); Shrute Hill, Cummerduff to Logganbridge, Monaseed, Tinnock bridge to Tinnock Cross, Ballytegan to Knockina, Knockina to Lacken, Ahare to Tara Hill School, Coolroe, Morriscastle, Ballyedmond to Ballymurragh, Killenagh to Weafer's Cross, Pollshone, Kilthomas to Tinnashrule, Kiltilahane to Mine Bridge, and Shrute to Ballytarsna (**all in Gorey District**); Brophy's Cross to Ballyhackbeg, Graigue Little to Ralph, Carrigbyrne to Tomgarrow, The Barracks Junction (**all in New Ross District**).

Improvement Works

Works on New Ross Flood Relief Scheme ongoing.

Tender process complete for Oaklands Roundabout (New Ross District). Work expected to commence in September.

General Maintenance

Drainage, patching and road surface repair works ongoing in all Districts.

WATER SERVICES

A. Irish Water – Asset Management

Irish Water Capital Schemes

IW Asset Management: Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme – Stage 3 (included in IW – CIP14-16 i.e. Irish Water Capital Investment Programme (CIP) 2014 to 2016)

The WWTP is to be extended to cater for a PE of 26,000, an increase of 10,000 PE from the existing 16,000 PE. The DBO contract was signed on the 10th April, 2017. The design stage is complete and construction on site has commenced.

IW Asset Management: Enniscorthy and Sow Regional Water S.S. (included in IW - CIP14-16)

IW Asset Strategy has approved the following elements of work on this Scheme:

- New intake and pumping station at Clonhasten.
- New rising main from Clonhasten to Vinegar Hill WTP.
- Hydraulic model of the Enniscorthy and Sow Schemes.

Terms of Reference are being agreed with Irish Water in order to appoint Consultants to progress the above work.

Preparation of budget application for Concept Design is underway; this includes for Strategic Report and review of options for the entire scheme.

IW Asset Management: Fethard-on-Sea Sewerage Scheme (included in IW - CIP14-16)

Site Investigations have been completed along the proposed outfall route. Foreshore application was lodged. The land acquisition by CPO has also commenced for the selected WWTP site and Pumping Station site. Revised terms of reference and new appointment for the Consulting Engineer, is complete. The design of the scheme is in progress and preparation of tender documents. A detailed design report was prepared and workshop held to review report.

IW Asset Management: Gorey Sewerage Scheme – Stage 2 (included in IW - CIP14-16)

The DBO contract with AECOM/SIAC Construction to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant in Courtown was completed in 2016. The plant is now operated by the contractor. (Aecom is now Murphy Process Engineering).

The 75% OPW-funded flood relief works minor scheme for Gorey Town is underway.

IW Asset Management: Gorey Regional Water Supply – South Wellfield (included in IW - CIP14-16)

The Gorey RWSS will be upgraded and a new 8 Ml/day WTP and 7,500m³ reservoir provided at Ballyminaun. A DWSP and catchment yield review is to be done. Consultants have been engaged by IW to review the design and revise the contract documents. Planning permission was granted by WCC to upgrade the borehole sites and build a new water treatment plant at Ballyminaun. Negotiations for wayleaves ongoing with landowners. Tender documents are in preparation.

IW Asset Management: Bundled Sewerage Schemes

Village Bundle 1 (included in IW - CIP14-16)

Aecom has been appointed to design a waste water treatment plant for the villages of Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon. These designs are currently underway. A Scheme for Kilmore Quay is also currently being designed. These have progressed from the Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS) to identify areas of the highest priority requiring treatment.

IW Asset Management: Murrintown Sewerage Scheme

The rising main from Piercetown to Murrintown is complete. Irish Water have approved the provision of a new pump station at Murrintown under minor programmes.

IW Asset Management: Water Conservation – Pipeline Rehabilitation Phase 2

Ballylucas – Screen is 75% complete under construction by WCC Direct Labour Crew. The next phase will start in Mill Lands, Gorey in late October. IW are funding this project for €2m for 9KM of pipeline rehabilitation.

IW Asset Management: Wexford Town Watermain Rehab and Gas Network

Site Investigation works are 80% complete and estimated for completion by the end of June. The hydraulic model for Wexford town is to be updated to allow for the design works to progress; work on this has commenced. There will be a number of road closures around Wexford town in relation to this project.

New Ross Sewerage Scheme – Irishtown to Nunnery Lane Sewers

Contract award is expected within the next month and works to begin immediately after signing.

Small Mains Replacement

Small mains replacement in Ballymitty, Wellingtonbridge and Ferns. The main contractor, Shareridge has laid and tested the pipelines in Ballymitty and Wellingtonbridge. There is approximately 1KM of pipeline left to replace in Ferns. Temporary road reinstatement is in place with permanent reinstatement to follow.

B. IRISH WATER MINOR SCHEMES & SPECIAL SCHEMES

IW Asset Management: Murrintown P.S.(Wastewater to Wexford WWTW)

Tender are being reviewed.

Flow Monitoring & Sampling Programme

Snagging ongoing.

Sewer network pump station maintenance contract

1st round of servicing is complete. 2nd round is approved.

WWTP pre-planned Maintenance Contract

Tenders assessed and panel formed.

IW Asset Management: Newtown WTW (pumps, blowers etc.)

Works commenced at Newtown August 22nd with positioning of air blowers and installation of new electrical panel. Contract to be completed by mid December

IW Asset Management: Kilmallock & Taylorstown WTW (new pumps, automated treatment, replacement of chlorine gas etc)

M&E fitout ongoing. Kilmallock has had new raw water, highlift and backwash pumps fitted. Valve arrangements are being changed and automated. Additional works have been approved for Taylorstown including the replacement of sand and the installation of polyelectrolyte dosing.

IW Asset Management: pH Emergency (Automated dosing control)

Coolgreaney wayleave agreement to be resolved.

IW Asset Management: Vinegar Hill Air Blowers replacement

Pipework being fabricated. Works to commence on site mid September.

IW Asset Management: Coagulation automation at Creagh, Vinegar Hill and Newtown WTW

Commissioning Services Ltd. (CSL) has been appointed as Contractors. Commencement meeting held August 21st. CSL awaiting PO from IW.

IW Asset Management: Disinfection and pH Control Programme

Value Engineering workshop meeting held August 2nd covering 7 schemes. Initial reports received from Contractor for all sites.

Suppressed Capital Maintenance scheme

A capital maintenance budget of €930,000 has been allocated by Irish Water for Wexford for 2017. €1,180,720 worth of capital maintenance replacement work has been applied for to date for approval. €728,959 has been approved to proceed to procurement by Irish Water.

C. RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Framework Agreement for Private Group Water Schemes and Private Group Water & Sewerage Schemes.

Three Contractors selected for Framework.

Blackstairs Group Water Scheme – Contract No. 11 Pollpeasty

Site Investigations complete. Tender Documents forwarded to three Tenderers on Framework. Closing date for receipt of tenders is 21st September, 2017.

Oilgate Group Sewerage Scheme

Irish Water have submitted an estimate of €533,990 for the upgrade of the waste water treatment plant in Oilgate. This has been referred to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

Crosstown Group Sewerage Scheme / Orchard Lane Group Sewerage Scheme

Takeover of these schemes is being followed up with Irish Water.

WATER CONSERVATION

An application for a permanent Assistant Engineer has been made to Irish Water and a Business Case Application has been forwarded to Personnel for submission to the Department

Watermains Rehabilitation

Wexford Small Mains Replacement Contract 1 (Ballymitty, Wellingtonbridge and Newtown Ferns) – (ShareRidge Ltd.)

Wellington Bridge: 925m of 400mm PE Pipe, Complete.

Ballymitty: 2,900m of 110mm PE Pipe installed. 350m of pipe remaining.

Ferns: Expected to commence in Ferns Monday 3rd July, 2950m of 180mm PE Pipe to be installed.

Wexford - Water Conservation Stage 3 Works Watermains Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 (**Direct Labour Crew**)

Screen to Ballylucas: 4,300m of 355mm PE pipe, 2750m of pipe remaining.

4. Finance:

Audit of Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2016

The LGAS audit of the 2016 financial records is ongoing.

Q2 Finance Report 2017

The Finance Report for the second quarter of 2017, i.e. to 30th June 2017, has been circulated. The results for Q2 are largely in line with expectations and there are no major items to report.

Audit Committee

The next Audit Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 18th October.

3 Year Capital Programme 2017 - 2019

The capital programme for the period 2017- 2019 was distributed to the municipal districts for consideration and discussion. The programme is now before the Council for formal adoption.

Budget 2018

Initial preparation for the 2018 budget process has now commenced. The LPT public consultation process commenced in July with public notices in the newspapers and on the Council's website. This public consultation will close in early September. Dates now need to be agreed for

- Budget Strategy Cross Party Meeting.
- Special Meeting of the Council to formally agree the LPT rate for 2018 before 30th September.
- GMA Meetings in Municipal Districts.
- Statutory Budget Meeting.

Cash Flow/Overdraft

The Council continues to operate in overdraft, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €13m for the period up to 31st December, 2017.

**Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.**