



# **Chief Executive's Report**

**March 2020**

## 1.Economic Development & Planning:

# Economic Development Unit

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### Local Enterprise Office

**Initium:** The first South East Initium Bootcamp focusing on ICT, Visualisation, Technology and Software start-up businesses will take place in the Hatch Lab, Gorey on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Incrementum:** As part of the Regional Incrementum Project for businesses with more than 10 employees, a conference/management development day entitled 'Blueprint for Growth 2020' will take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 in Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny.

Applications are currently being taken for the Incrementum project which aims to assist companies with growth opportunities through either export or agile/innovation.

**Local Enterprise Week:** Local Enterprise Week will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. As part of a network of national events, the following events are being run by LEO Wexford.

#### **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- **Announcement of Co Wexford representative for National Enterprise Awards 2020**

#### **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- **Female Entrepreneur Business Development Programme**
- **Launch of Initium Project: Bootcamp for ICT/Technology Startups**

#### **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- **Open the door to improving efficiencies, growing through innovation and getting the finance to make it happen.**
- **Social Media Strategy for Business**
- **Thinking of Starting a Business – What you really need to know**

#### **THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **Effective Time Management**

#### **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

- **Bringing your Best Self to work**

**Further details and bookings available online at [www.localenterprise.ie/wexford](http://www.localenterprise.ie/wexford); Email [info@leo.wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:info@leo.wexfordcoco.ie); Phone 053 9196620**

## Economic Development



An Invest Wexford evening event was held in Dublin on 20<sup>th</sup> February to promote Wexford as a top FDI location. The event was attended by companies who are considering setting up a second site in Ireland. The benefits of doing business in County Wexford from a business-friendly location, talent, infrastructure, property solutions, proximity to Dublin/Rosslare Europort and the help available to companies locating in Wexford were highlighted on the night.



There are two events planned for 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in New Ross, “New Ross Leaders Event, Transforming New Ross” and 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in Gorey, “Gorey Leaders Event, Gorey beyond 2020”, to support collaboration with the business community in promoting the towns for inward investment.



## Business in the Community

Transition Year Students from Coláiste Abbain were given a tour of the Wexford Fire Station which included an explanation of the equipment used, type of incidents that the firefighters deal with and a chance to check out the fire engines.

Afterwards, the group travelled to County Hall, Carricklawn where they were initially given a brief tour of the premises. Students then did mock interviews which were kindly facilitated by staff from a number of departments. The day finished off by the students hearing from staff members who outlined their daily work as well as the journey taken to get to their current position.

## Tourism

### Neven's Irish Seafood Trails

In October 2019 the production, team for Neven Maguires “*Neven's Irish Seafood Trails*” was in County Wexford to record an episode for a new instalment in the series. The Wexford episode of “*Neven's Irish Seafood Trails*” was aired on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

The show highlighted Wexford Town and Kilmore Quay.



The Wexford episode of “*Neven's Irish Seafood Trails*” was a great showcase for County Wexford and attracted an audience of 229,700 and a 17% audience share.

## **BUCANIER:** (*Building Clusters and Networks in Innovation Enterprise and Research*)

In February BUCANIER supported 10 Irish companies to attend the Pembrokeshire Food and Drink Supplier to Buyer Event on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February and attended an Innovation workshop in Carmarthenshire on the 6<sup>th</sup> as part of the learning journey. As part of the legacy of the BUCANIER project we are working with all the food and drink companies in Wales and Ireland to produce a recipe book containing their products. This will be launched at the close event in Carmarthen in June. We are also planning on two final workshops for participants - "The process of innovation with special reference to market validation" and "The steps in developing a market (Marketing Strategy etc.)" these will be held in March and April.

## **PLANNING**

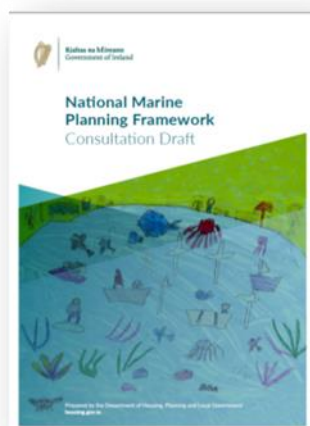
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### ***Planning Applications:***

No. of valid applications received up to 21/02/2020	189
No. of invalid applications received up to 21/02/2020	31
Extension of Duration received up to 21/02/2020	8
Exempted Development Declaration Received up to 21/02/2020	8

### **Forward Planning**

**Wexford County Development Plan 2020-2026:** The preparation of the Wexford County Development Plan was paused by Statutory Instrument pending the adoption of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region. Wexford County Council must recommence the preparation of the County Development Plan within 13 weeks of the effective date of the Strategy (31<sup>st</sup> January 2020). It is anticipated that the pre-draft plan will be submitted to the Members in Q2 of 2020.



### **National Marine Planning Framework**

The *National Marine Planning Framework (NMFP) - Consultation Draft* has been published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. It is Ireland's first marine planning framework and it applies to a broad range of activities including aquaculture, offshore renewable energy, shipping, ports and harbours, sea fisheries and tourism. It is an important document as it will set the development consent framework for development in the whole marine area. **The period during which submissions may be made has been extended to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 at 3pm.** The Department intend to hold a consultation event in Wexford and details will follow.

## Biodiversity and Natural Heritage

**In-house Actions:** The proposed two week controlled trial of new biodegradable cleaning products will take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Wexford County Council are on the road to eliminating most, if not all, bleach and chemical cleaners from County Hall in 2020.

**Natural Wexford:** Work has commenced on a Natural Wexford Sign for both Forth Mountain and Lady's Island. The sign will inform visitors to the area of the importance of the natural heritage in these areas. Scoping is being carried out to decide on the next locations for Natural Wexford signs.

**Wex Bee Aware:** A small awareness campaign is to run over the spring, to encourage people to plan ahead for the summer, and to create pollinator friendly environments, starting with leaving the first lawn cut of the year until mid-April. Over the spring and summer it is hoped to continue to raise awareness on the small changes people can make to enhance bee and other pollinator populations.

The Girl Guides of Ireland has published its spring campaign in collaboration with Wex Bee Aware to create Teacup Bee Hotels. The publication is nationwide and Wex Bee Aware is looking forward to getting updates and data on the success of the Teacup Bee Hotels in the coming months.

## Building Control:

**Commencement Notices:** A total of 39 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 on the BCMS.

Enniscorthy	Gorey	New Ross	Wexford	Rosslare
8	14	7	4	6

## Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites

**Cumulative Yearly Figures for Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures & Vacant Sites as of the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020:**

Notices issued under Derelict Sites Act 1990	16
Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964	1
Notices issued under Section 7 Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015	0

## Planning Enforcement:

The number of planning enforcement cases as at 20/02/2020 is as follows:

- Cases Opened 31 to 20/02/2020
- Live Cases 247 Total up to 20/02/2020
- Cases Closed 9 to 20/02/2020

## District Court Cases

None this month

## **Heritage Grants 2020:**

We have 23 applications for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020 and 13 applications for the Historic Structures Fund 2020.

### **Disability Access:**

#### **2020 DAC Applications Validated to date:**

The Total valid DAC Applications received up to and including **20<sup>th</sup> February 2020** totals 20

**Total Refused: 0**

**Total Granted: 6**

**Awaiting F.I.: 13**

**Under Assessment: 1**

#### **2020 DAC Applications Returned Invalid:**

The Total returned as Invalid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020: 2

### **Pre-assessment of Planning Referrals to date;**

LAC /PLAC & General Planning Applications: **12**

## **Access Supports**

**The Recite-Me software**, an accessibility and support tool, has been installed on WCC website along with visitwexford.ie and four heritage site locations as follows

- The Irish National Heritage Park
- Hook Heritage
- The Dunbrody Famine Ship
- The Enniscorthy Castle Museum

**A new on-line sign language web-based service** in accordance with the requirements of The Irish Sign Language Act 2017 will initially be available at Wexford County Council headquarters, Carricklawn from the first of March 2020. This service will be facilitated by CSU and booking procedures which will be informed to staff, the intranet and detailed on Wexford County Councils website in advance of the service going live.

**Fáilte Irelands request for information** regarding Wexford County Councils programme of best practice examples and supports to provide for accessible tourism initiatives has been facilitated by the Access Section. The information is to be presented at Fáilte Irelands event for local authorities associated with the Wild Atlantic Way, to be held in Kerry the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.

## 2. Special Projects:

**Min Ryan Park, Wexford:** Works nearing completion on the majority of the site, with some landscaping works requiring dry weather to allow for enable completion. The official opening ceremony will be on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

The Skatepark works contract was issued for tender on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Works are expected to commence on site in June 2020.

**Trinity Wharf:** The application for development approval was submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 15/02/2019. WCC has responded to a request for further information issued by An Bord Pleanála in late July 2019.

The related application for foreshore consent was submitted to Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 01/03/2019 and the public consultation process for this application is now completed.

Grant aid of €2.028m has been secured for the scheme under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) to date.

**Crescent Quay:** Works at Crescent Quay are substantially completed.

**Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy:** The preliminary designs, environmental studies and planning documents for the proposed pedestrian bridge have commenced and are expected to be completed by May 2020. A draft bridge options report has been received and is being reviewed.

WCC presented revised options for the street and public realm works to the Members of the Enniscorthy MDC in December 2019. Following consultation with the members, a revised plan for these works will now be prepared for public consultation as part of a further planning process in Q1 2020.

**Enniscorthy Technology Park, Killagoley:** Works are now substantially complete on Phase 1 of the Technology Park.

**Gorey Market House:** Following discussion at their July monthly meeting, the members of Gorey-Kilmuckridge Municipal District have requested that the development of the 2012 Public Realm plan for the Market House be suspended and that the Council re-examine options for the development and operation of a multi-functional performance venue at the site as proposed in the Public Consultation Process of 2018.

WCC issued a Call for Expressions of Interest / Tender Proposals on 10/02/2020 and 2 submissions were received by the closing date. These submissions are currently being reviewed.

**Wexford Arts Centre:** An appointment for design services was completed in April 2019 and investigative and building surveys and inspections are substantially completed. The preliminary design is complete and the Part VIII approval was obtained on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Detailed designs are progressing with tenders scheduled to be invited in May 2020.

**John Street Building Regeneration Project:** The Council has received initial RRDF funding in the value of circa. €0.328m towards the acquisition and redevelopment of the old grain stores at John Street, New Ross. It is planned to convert these buildings into a high quality enterprise hub. Architects have been appointed for the project and the Part VIII process is due to commence in Q2 2020 with construction planned to be completed by Q3 2021.

**High Hill, New Ross:** Detailed design and tender documents are progressing and works are expected to commence in Q3 2020. An application for RRDF funding approval for this project as part of the expansion of the New Ross tourism experience was successful.

**Esmonde Street:** Tenders for design, planning and construction management services for public realm improvement works have been received and an appointment of a consultant is imminent. The Council has received initial RRDF funding to the value of €95,224.00 for this project.

**Carrigfoyle Activity Centre:** Works have commenced on Phase 1 (access road, car park, trails and services) and is programmed to be completed by Q3 2020. An RRDF application for funding for the scheme was submitted in August 2019 seeking support for the scheme. This application was not successful.

**Enniscorthy Tourism Project:** Alan Sherwood & Associates has been appointed to prepare the feasibility study and an application to Failte Ireland for Capital Investment funding.

The project was presented to the Enniscorthy Municipal District at its January 2019 meeting and the report was finalised in August 2019.

An application for funding for the project was submitted to Failte Ireland's Pathways to Growth programme in July 2019 but was not successful in progressing to the next stage.

**Kilmore Quay Link Road:** Part 8 approval was obtained in February 2019. Detailed designs and tender documents have been completed and tenders for construction works have been received and are being assessed. Works on site are planned to commence in Q1 2020.

An RRDF application for funding for the scheme was submitted in August 2019 seeking support for the scheme, but was unsuccessful.

**Gorey Town Park:** Niall Barry & Co. Ltd was appointed for the construction of the re-development works at Gorey Town Park in March 2019. Works commenced on site in May 2019 and are due to be completed by June 2020.

The playground equipment tender was issued on 31<sup>st</sup> January with tenders due in by end of February. Works are planned to commence on site in June (following completion of the Niall Barry contract).

**Monck Street Enhancement Scheme:** Tender documents are being prepared to invite consultants to design and procure this scheme. Appointment is expected in March/April, with works expected to commence on site in early 2021.

### **WEXFORDIA – INHP, Hook Lighthouse and New Ross Tourism Projects**

WCC has secured RRDF funding for the development of a cluster of tourism projects within the county.

Design services are currently being procured for the development of the INHP and the Hook Lighthouse to shovel ready status including securing the required environmental, planning and other consents. Design services for both projects are expected to commence in Q1 2020.

A brief for the procurement for detailed design for the New Ross Transformation Tourism Experience is currently being prepared and is expected to commence in Q2 2020.



**Wexford Flood Relief Scheme:** A quotation for the Wave and Water Level Modelling study for Wexford and the Burrow CAPOs has been received and Wexford County Council are awaiting funding approval prior to appointment of the Consultant. The project brief for the Flood Relief Main Project has been finalised and will be advertised on eTenders before the end of February.

**Enniscorthy Flood Defence Scheme:** The Public Consultation Phase is complete, the Public Exhibition Report has been completed and the Confirmation Documents were submitted to the OPW on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for submission to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

The detailed design for the new Slaney Road Bridge is complete and tender documents for short listing contractors were published on eTenders 05/02/2020.

Advance Works for the Promenade Sewer diversions have been agreed with Irish Water and tender documents for these works are being prepared.

### **GREENWAYS:**

#### **Rosslare Europort to Waterford City Greenway.**

Draft feasibility, route options and environmental screening documents have been completed. Public information events were held in Wellingtonbridge & Rosslare Strand in May 2019. The draft EIAR & NATURA Impact reports are being reviewed by WCC and the CPO drawings and schedules are being prepared.

An application for development consent and CPO will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in March 2020.

A presentation to the Rosslare MDC was made in Dec 2019 and January 2020 where the proposals for the 1 way system in the village of Rosslare to facilitate the greenway and the section of greenway between Rosslare Strand and harbour were detailed. The proposals were endorsed by the MDC.

An application for funding, submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on 28/11/2018 was not successful.

#### **New Ross to Waterford Greenway / South East Greenway:**

Section 85 and funding agreements have been signed by Wexford County Council, Kilkenny County Council & Waterford City & County Council to enable Wexford County Council to act as the lead authority for this project. Detailed design is currently underway and it is planned to tender for a Works contractor in May 2020. Site investigation, vegetation clearance works & the topographical surveys have been completed.

Grant aid funding of €8.0m for the project was awarded from DTTAS on 21/06/2019.

#### **Curraclloe to Wexford Greenway:**

Permission for the development was refused by the Board in a decision issued on 17/10/2018 citing, in particular, concerns in relation to the potential impact of the development on the Raven Point Nature Reserve Special Area of Conservation and Wexford Harbour and Slobbs Special Protection Area.

The Council has reviewed the ABP decision and met with the NPWS to review issues raised in the Planners report. A decision on proceeding with a further application is being considered.

#### **Wexford to Rosslare Greenway**

WCC has undertaken a preliminary study to examine the potential for developing a greenway from Wexford town to Rosslare. Further route options assessment, studies and consultation are required to determine the feasibility of delivering this greenway and a brief for delivery of these services is currently being prepared.

### 3. Housing, Community, Libraries, Arts, Emergency Services & Community:

#### Housing Supply

##### Capital Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Current Position	Comment
Coolcotts	7	Wexford	Construction complete	Completed in Dec 2019
Castlemoyle	1	New Ross	Construction complete	Special needs housing – completed in Dec 2019
Ross Road	1	Enniscorthy	Under construction	Due to complete June 2020
The Ballagh	7	Enniscorthy	Under construction	Due to complete June 2020
Taghmon	18	Rosslare	Under construction	Due to complete July 2020
Ballynaboola	1	New Ross	Stage 3	Boundary & Environmental issues unresolved (no activity)
Whiterock Hill	44	Wexford	Stage 3 ( <i>with DHPLG</i> )	Stage 3 to DHPLG Nov 2019
Carley's Bridge	17	Enniscorthy	Stage 3 approved	Tender March 2020
Rosetown, Rosslare	36	Rosslare	Stage 3	Stage 3 to DHPLG Q2 2020
Ballywish, Castlebridge	11	Wexford	Stage 2 Q1 2019	Propose CPO of land for access
Maudlintown	12	Wexford	Preparing Stage 2	Women's refuge, initial design review and costs Stage 2 Q1 2020
Rosemary Heights, Ferns	8	Enniscorthy	Stage 2	Stage 2 to DHPLG Q1 2020 consultants appointed
Kileens	40	Wexford	Stage 2	Stage 2 – Higher densities under discussion with DHPLG
Creagh East	4	Gorey	Stage 2	Consultants appointed, ESB cables – Stage 2 Q2 2020
Ballyhine, Barntown	7	Wexford	Stage 2	Stage 2 – Q2 2020 Design team appointed
Rosbercon	28	New Ross	Stage 2	Q2 2020 - reviewing Knotweed and Framework.
Wexford Street	20	Gorey	Stage 1 approved	Demolitions complete, Stage 2 Q3 2020 plus Framework competition
Creagh West	8	Gorey	Stage 1	Stage 2 Q2 2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270</b>			

## Pre-development Stage

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Marconi Park	1	Enniscorthy	Single stage – DHPLG approved Sept 2019. Part VIII approved, tender Q1 2020
5 Francis Street	1	Wexford	Awaiting survey (Buy & Renew)
Bullawn	2	New Ross	Stage 2 - Q2 2020
Marley	1	Enniscorthy	Stage 1 – awaiting DHPLG approval (submitted 23/05/19) not approved – on hold (no activity)
Castlebridge	1	Wexford (single stage)	TAP house, site ownership to WCC – Land transfer underway. Part VIII approved. Tender Q2 2020
Ballycullane	1	New Ross	Fire damaged house – Funding approved from WCC Part VIII approved. Tender Q1 2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>		

## Longer Term Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Clonard	26	Wexford	Site cleared March 2019 – inner relief road in design by others, awaiting road
Adamstown	16	New Ross	No services capacity presently, discussion with Irish Water ongoing re upgrade
Tagoat	9	Rosslare	Site cleared, addressing boundaries (Stage 1 Q2 2020)
Daphne View	24	Enniscorthy	Access issues – discussions commenced
Thomastown Road, Rosbercon	10	New Ross	Feasibility for suitability of the site
Bride Street	2	Wexford	Demolition and enabling works Q2 2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>		

## Other Projects (early feasibility)

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Newtown, Ferns	1	Enniscorthy	Survey 2019 (recommend sale), no activity
Adamstown	2	New Ross	Demolition of old house required, demolition Q2 2020. CPO commenced, in newspaper. Single stage Q2 2020
Monomolin	4	Gorey	Services and enabling works 2020

King Street	2	Wexford	Municipal District approved, Stage 2 Q2 2020
Lacken (TAP)	1	New Ross	Single stage approved, Part VIII not required, partial funding required from WCC
Belvedere	6	Wexford	To go to next Municipal District meeting
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		

#### Part V Acquisitions

<b>Project Address</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Municipal District Area</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Estuary View, Crosstown	2	Wexford	Due to be delivered 2020
Ard Uisce, Whiterock Hill	13	Wexford	6 delivered , 7 to deliver Q1 2020
Millquarter,Knockmullen	18	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	Delayed - now due to be delivered Q3 2020
Roxborough Manor, Mulgannon	22	Wexford	14 units to be delivered Q2 2020, 8 units to be delivered Q2 2021.
Hunters Hill, Gorey	3	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	To be delivered Q2 2020.
Clonard	6	Wexford	Delayed on site. Awaiting recommencement of construction
Clonhaston /Enniscorthy	18	Enniscorthy	To deliver 2020/2021
An Glasan, Enniscorthy	4	Enniscorthy	3 units to deliver 2020, 4 units to deliver 2021
Gleann an Ghairdin Ph 3		Gorey/Kilmuckridge	6 units will not deliver. Developer is to apply for change of Planning Permission.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>		

#### Turnkeys

<b>Project Address</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Municipal District Area</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Glen Aoibhinn, Ardamine	3	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	Remaining 3 units to deliver Q1 2020 (7 units delivered 2019)
Belvedere Road	7	Wexford	To deliver Q3 2020
Michael St, New Ross	3	New Ross	Delayed on site. To deliver Q2 2020
Ard Uisce, Whiterock Hill	19	Wexford	1 unit to deliver Q1 2020. 18 units to deliver Q4 2020
Whitewater Estuary, Ballyhack	3	New Ross	To deliver Q1 2020
Clonhaston, Enniscorthy	50	Enniscorthy	To deliver on phased basis from 2021
5 The Break, Aylesbridge	1	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	Delivered

<b>Project Address</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Municipal District Area</b>	<b>Comment</b>
64 & 74 Chapelwood, Kilmuckridge	2	Gorey/Kilmuckridge	Delivered
Clonattin Upper, Goreybridge	8	Gorey Kilmuckridge	To deliver Q3 2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>		

Wexford County Council has received a number of other turnkey proposals which are currently being assessed.

#### Approved Housing Bodies

<b>Project Address</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Municipal District Area</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Cooperative Housing Ireland</b>			
Fort Road, Gorey	11	Gorey	To be delivered Q1 2020
<b>Cluid</b>			
Greenville Lane	52	Enniscorthy	To deliver on phased basis in 2020 & 2021
<b>Tuath</b>			
Gleann an Ghairdin	9	Gorey	9 units delivered. 9 to deliver Q1 2020
Rocksborough, Drinagh	85	Wexford	10 units to be occupied by Q3 2020 remainder to be occupied as completed
Old Forge Road, Milehouse	59	Enniscorthy	To deliver on phased basis in 2020.
Gleann an Ghairdin	9	Gorey	To deliver Q4 2020
Gleann an Ghairdin	24	Gorey	To deliver 2020
<b>Peter McVerry Trust</b>			
Tuskar House , John's Gate St Wexford Town	12	Wexford	CAS Funding. To deliver Q2 2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261</b>		

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) & Local Action Group (LAG)***

A meeting of both committees took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. The LAG meeting approved the four Expressions of Interest received from the recent call for North Wexford specific feasibility studies. It also approved a project extension for High Meadows Community Hub. It was noted that €2,180,895.15 of the allocated budget of €5,231,431.21 has been drawn down to date. As the programme ends in December 2020 the programme implementer WLD will put particular emphasis on encouraging promoters to make their claims promptly.

The LCDC proposed the recommendations of the SICAP evaluation committee that to adopt the 2020 plan and accept the 2019 Annual performance Review which found that all KPI's had been exceeded. The committee proposed the LCDC member organisations nominations to the Healthy County Committee;

- Ms. Patricia Keenan – Library Representative
- Ms Nuala Harper – HSE
- Ms Susan Sheehan – WWETB

### **LEADER**

Six claims received for Article 48 pre-payment check. Three were checked (3 still to be checked) with 1 returned for minor queries to the implementing partner, Wexford Local Development. These were dealt with promptly and are moving through the process. A total of 7 claims to the value of €360,740.55 was paid out to projects for the period 20/01/2020 to 20/02/2020.

### **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting of this committee was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020. It was agreed that priority 2020 actions would be agreed with the Gardai based on the annual policing plan and Local Authority priorities.

### **GARDA YOUTH AWARDS**

The Garda Youth Awards will be taking place on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT EXPO**

An information event for community, sports and voluntary groups highlighting services, schemes and supports that Wexford County Council and its partners provide will take place on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March from 4.00pm to 8.00pm in The Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy.

Details on schemes such as Community Enhancement, Town and Village Renewal, as well as advice and information will be available on the evening.

### **PLAYGROUNDS**

The following repairs and works were carried out over the past four weeks:

1. Wolfe Tone; replacement of bearing on vertical rotator.
2. Kilmore; moss and weeds cleared from surface, rust removed and metal work primed on dolphin rocker, fish rocker and see saw. Primer and sealant applied to all wooden framework, graffiti removed from equipment, replacement of deck on ship mast.
3. Cluain Dara; replacement of bearing on vertical rotator.
4. Maudlintown; replacement of climbing rope on multi unit.
5. Ferns; replacement of deck on senior multi unit.

## WEXFORD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

Plenary Planning is underway with the County Membership meeting planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy. This event will include a Showcase and membership meeting and will have a theme of '**Connected Communities for All Ages**'.

Wexford PPN will see a replacement of its Support Officer at the end of February, with Annette Dupuy departing the role after a term of three and a half years. Annette will be replaced by Ann Marie Laffan.

### HEALTHY IRELAND

A meeting of the Healthy County Committee took place on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> February and Cllr. John Hegarty was elected Chairperson of that committee. The Healthy Ireland Coordinator Ms Annette Dupuy will take up the role on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. The launch of the Healthy Wexford County Plan will be held before Easter 2020.

### Horeswood Community Gain Fund

A public advice meeting was held in the Horeswood Parochial Hall on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with the closing date for Expressions of Interest (EOIs), set as the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. 15 EOIs have been received. A meeting of the Community Gain Fund Committee will now be arranged and all members (community) previously elected have agreed to take up their position.

### Upcoming Events - February

Date	Event	Details
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Garda Youth Awards	The Street, County Hall, Wexford
12 <sup>th</sup> March	WCC Community Support Expo	An information event for community, sports and voluntary groups highlighting services, schemes and supports that Wexford County Council and its partners provide is to be held on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> of March at 4.00pm to 8.00pm in The Riverside Park Hotel.

## ENVIRONMENT

1. Coastal: The Environment Department is undertaking an analysis and assessment of the coastline of Wexford with a particular focus on the issue of Coastal Erosion. The assessment includes a review of studies and strategies completed to date and takes into account recent and increased rates of erosion in certain parts of the County. It is anticipated that the completed works will be presented to the MDs in April.
2. Waste Inspections: Additional resources are to be utilised this year in the area of waste presentation bye-law inspections. These inspections will be targeted in litter blackspots throughout the county.
3. Funding has successfully been secured from the Department of Rural Community Development under Measure 1 of the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme 2019 for the Duncannon to Arthurstown Walking Trail in the amount of €62,328.00.

## LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

### Libraries and Archives

#### National Library Open Day

Wexford Libraries successfully celebrated the first National Open day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Over 1500 people visited the five libraries to talk to staff and take a closer look at the services and resources available. Library staff demonstrated 3D printing, exploring with VR headsets and how to code with Microbits. People were invited to join in with the usual Saturday events, storytime, browsing the book collection and using library PCs and WiFi and to take time to discover the electronic resources available free of charge at their local library, how to download free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eLearning courses and more to their smartphone, tablet and other devices.

#### Parenting Today

*The third series of free talks for parents in County Wexford libraries* was launched by Cathaoirleach Cllr Michael Sheehan in Wexford Library on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Val Mullally, author and life coach, gave the keynote lecture. In 2020, sixty five talks by qualified professionals, ranging from family fitness and emotional health to language development, from childcare and safety on the internet to ADHD and other learning needs will be delivered in libraries and at four community venues, Bridgetown College and in Raheen, Southend and Taghmon family resource centres. This series is provided with the support of the Wexford Children and Young People's Services Committee.

#### Archives

The county archive received a deposit of three large historic banners commemorating the 1798 Rebellion from the Dublin Wexford Men's Association. Many men and women from County Wexford, living and working in Dublin were members of the Association, founded in 1897. Banners were manufactured for the '98 commemorations in 1898, 1938, 1948 and for the bicentenary in 1998. It is planned to display at least one of these highly visual banners in the National 1798 Rebellion Centre, Enniscorthy following appropriate conservation repair.

To coincide with the centenary of the death of Seamus O'Brien in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, his grand-daughter presented a large framed photograph of him to the county archive for digitisation. Originally from Morriscastle, Seamus was an active participant in the 1916 Rising in Enniscorthy. Following his release from prison after the Rising, he moved to Rathdrum. During the War of Independence, he served with 'A' Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, IRA in Rathdrum and was appointed Brigade Commandant of Wicklow East Brigade. On the evening of 12 February 1920 while standing in the doorway of his premises, he was shot by a bullet from a RIC constable's gun. He is buried in Ballvaldon cemetery, Blackwater.

### ARTS

**PLASTICS exhibition County Hall:** Wexford County Council worked in partnership with the Science Gallery Dublin to bring PLASTIC, a touring exhibition to Wexford. The exhibition, that interrogates our current and future relationship with the material, was opened in County Hall on Friday 28 February by Patrick Prendergast, Provost of Trinity College Dublin. The exhibition runs until 17<sup>th</sup> April, it features the work of over 30 national and international artists, designers and scientists. It contains a newly commissioned work by artist Ed Devine which was derived during a co-design



workshop with communities and schools in Wexford. Ed Devine will also be running a free two day workshop in March with local communities in Wexford exploring music instrument making using recycled plastics. Free tours of the exhibition are available to groups and schools, throughout the seven week run of exhibition.

**‘Safe hold’, Christine Mackey exhibition, Wexford Arts Centre:** The Safe Hold exhibition was opened on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February by Paddy Woodworth, author and journalist. It is an outcome of the Wexford County Council M11 Per Cent for Art commission in 2019 awarded to artist Christine Mackey. During this residency, Mackey worked with local communities and Wexford County Council to develop a number of sites with pollinator friendly plants in the Gorey area. In addition, the artist worked with local communities to actively engage in solutions for habitat loss and transform underutilized sites into environmentally sustainable pollinating pastures for our bees to inhabit and for native wild-flowers to take hold. As part of her residency a planting scheme is planned for Enniscorthy this spring.

**Public Art, Wexford Wales’s commission:** Wexford County Council Ireland Per Cent for Art is committing €24,000 in match funding for an artists’ residency programme across Wexford and Wales, as part of the Ancient Connections programme led by Pembrokeshire County Council in Wales. An open call went out in February and closing date for applications is early March 2020. During this 2 year residency period, two artists will connect across Wexford and Wales around the residency theme of ‘Exploring a Shared Past’ and work with local communities in both countries. Final outcomes will be new artworks presented publicly in Wexford and Wales in 2022.

## **SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

February 2020 Sports Active Wexford Report to CEO and Director of Services

**Slaintecare (2.2):** The Integrated Exercise practitioner Anna Flynn has been appointed and will begin employment in February. The research post in partnership with WIT is in the recruitment phase at the moment.

**HSE Funding (2.2):** We have received confirmation that we will receive €7650 from the Health Promotion unit to support our disability programmes.

**Buntús Refresher Training (1.2):** Gaelscoil Moshilog, Gorey received refresher training for 14 female and 2 males teachers. This was part of their active schools flag programme.

**Playmaker (1.2):** 35 girls and 7 boys from fifth and sixth class in two schools were trained up as Playground leaders and led activities for 18 girls and 17 boys from second class.

**Sports Taster Session (2.2):** 14 female and 11 male service users from RehabCare and Ard Aoibhinn participated in our first Sports Taster session for 2020. On the day everyone got a chance to try Walking Football and Go For Life Games. We were supported on the day by FAI Wexford Development staff.

**Inclusive P.E (2.2):** 27 female and 1 male staff from Riverchapel National School received a demo on the use of Inclusive P.E games for their students.

**Wexford COPD Peer & Exercise Support group (2.2):** Sports Active Wexford staff & Wexford Working Men's Shed held a Scooch demo for the Wexford COPD Peer & Exercise Support Group in Clonard Community Centre. 22 males and 13 females took part.

**Remember Me (2.2):** Sports Active Wexford led an activity session for Remember Me service users from Dublin on residential respite in the Ferrycarrig hotel. One female and 10 males took part.

## **FIRE SERVICE**

**News:** The Fire Authority have agreed to run two Fire Safety Seminars with TUSLA and Wexford Childcare Committee in March and April 2020.

**Fire Operations:** There were 83 incidents in January as detailed below:

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Calls January 2020</b>	<b>Calls to date 2020</b>	<b>Calls to this period 2019</b>
<b>Chimney fire (WCC / Private)</b>	<b>6 / 12 (18)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Domestic fire (WCC / Private)</b>	<b>0 / 5 (5)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Road Traffic Accident</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Industrial fire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Commercial fire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Assembly fire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Agricultural fire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Forest/bog/grass etc</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Rubbish</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Non-fire rescues</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>False alarms – good intent</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Malicious false alarms</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>104</b>

**Fire Safety:** The number of applications for fire safety certificates, planning referrals and Fire Services Acts inspections for the month of January were as follows:-

<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>January</b>
Fire Safety Certificates	15	15
Planning Referrals	52	52

<b>Number of Inspections</b>	<b>Year to date</b>	<b>January</b>
FSA Inspections	19	19

## 4. Transportation, Water Services:

### ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

#### NATIONAL ROADS

##### Major Schemes

#### M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme

##### **M11, N80 Link and N30**

The M11, N80 Link and N30 are now open to traffic. Works in relation to fencing, landscaping drainage and general housekeeping will continue until contract completion.

##### **Side Roads**

Any outstanding works in relation to side roads will involve the installation of Traffic Management on a temporary basis to enable the works to be carried out safely.

##### **R772 (Underpass on old N11 - Enniscorthy to Oilgate Road)**

Works Completed

##### **Liaison Office**

Wexford County Council is continuing to liaise with the public in relation to the scheme.

#### N25 New Ross By-Pass

##### **Progress Update March 2020**

The N25 New Ross By-Pass incorporating the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge was officially opened on 29 January 2020 by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar T.D. The By-Pass was open to the public on the following day – Thursday 30 January 2020.



## **2019 Pavement Schemes**

The following schemes were either awarded or commenced in 2019 and will be completed in 2020.

### **N30 Clonroche from Ballymackessy to Tomfarney.**

This scheme commenced on September 30<sup>th</sup>. 2019. Works recommenced on 20<sup>th</sup>. January and will be completed by 14<sup>th</sup>. March.

### **Pavement Repairs N25 Ring Road Wexford, N25 Orristown Junction Killinick**

This scheme was tendered in October 2019.

A contractor was appointed in November 2019.

This scheme will be commenced in the first quarter of 2020.

## **2020 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:**

The 2020 TII road improvement allocation has been received from TII.

The following schemes will be carried out in 2020;

- N30 Mountelliot Pavement Scheme
- N11 Kileen to Newtown Phase 2 Pavement Scheme
- N25 New Ross Roundabout to Clonard Great Pavement Scheme
- N11 Ferns Pavement Scheme

### **N30 Mountelliot Pavement Scheme**

This scheme runs from the newly constructed Mountelliot roundabout to the R731 Ballyanne junction in New Ross.

Contract documents are substantially completed and it is hoped to tender this scheme by the end of February.

### **N11 Kileen to Newtown Phase 2 Pavement Scheme**

This scheme runs from Ferrycarrig Bridge to the Maldron roundabout on the N11.

Works are progressing on the tender documents. This scheme should be tendered in the first quarter of the year.

### **N25 New Ross Roundabout to Clonard Great Pavement Scheme**

This scheme may be postponed until 2021 due to its proximity to the N11 Kileen to Newtown scheme.

It will most likely be replaced by a pavement scheme on the N25 from Holmestown to Tomcool.

Survey works have commenced and will be completed in February.

It is expected to tender this scheme in the second quarter of the year.

### **N11 Ferns Pavement Scheme**

Preliminary archaeology investigations were carried out in 2019. Further archaeological investigations are required to be carried out in advance of the pavement scheme going ahead. The timing of the pavement scheme will become clearer once the archaeological investigations have been completed.

### **Verge Maintenance**

Tree pruning and verge maintenance was carried out on the N25 Ring road in Wexford and the N11 from the Maldron Roundabout to Kitestown.

## **Winter Maintenance**

The 2019/2020 winter maintenance programme commenced on Monday 14th. October 2019. There have been 37 no. call outs up to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## **Public Lighting LED Upgrade (Non National Roads)**

Over 7,000 lanterns have been upgraded to Led since the beginning of 2016. It is hoped to upgrade the remaining 5,700 lanterns on non-national roads and housing estates in 2020.

## **TII Energy Efficiency Schemes**

Wexford County Council has applied to TII to upgrade the remaining lights on national routes to Led in 2020.

The locations are listed below;

- N11 Oilgate
- N25 Kilrane and Rosslare Harbour
- N25 Ashfield cross Roundabout
- N25 Barntown
- N25 Larkins Cross
- N25 Balinabola
- N30 Clonroche
- N80 Ballycarney
- N80 Bunclody

TII has not indicated how many schemes it intends to fund in 2020 but we would expect to have the 8 locations funded over the next 2 to 3 years.

## **REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS**

### **Resurfacing/Strengthening**

The strengthening programme commenced in the Gorey-Kilmuckridge District on 21 February.

Roads completed (macadam surfacing) in the last month were: Paul Quay; Common Quay at bridge; Hill Street; Killeens; Distillery Road Tesco and King Street (all in Wexford Borough District).

Roads completed (clause 804) in the last month were: Monaseed to Millquarter (Gorey-Kilmuckridge District).

### **Community Involvement Schemes**

Roads completed in the last month were: Pouldarrig (Gorey-Kilmuckridge District).

### **Local Improvement Schemes**

Roads completed in the last month were: Tinnabaun (Gorey-Kilmuckridge District) and Raheearren (New Ross District).

### **General Maintenance**

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





***1. Irish Water Asset  
Delivery***

***2. Minor Capital***

***3. Rural Water  
Programme***

***4. Water  
Conservation***



# 1. Irish Water – Asset Delivery



## Capital Schemes

### Enniscorthy Network Upgrade

- Surveying work continuing in Enniscorthy to enable hydraulic model of the sewer network be completed.
- Design work for rehabilitation/upgrade works will follow in Q3 2020.

### Enniscorthy Intake Project

- New water intake and pumping station at Clonhasten.
- Planning permission was granted in September 2019.
- Tender documents are now complete and with Irish Water to issue a tender.
- New infrastructure expected to be operational in 2022.

### Wexford Drainage Area Plan

- Complete drainage model of the Wexford Town foul drainage system.
- A full detailed hydraulic model identifying all pipelines and infrastructure and deficiencies in the network.
- Consultants Nicholas O'Dwyer appointed by IW.
- Drainage infrastructure survey works commenced in Wexford Town and Castlebridge.
- Deferred survey works to be completed by April 2020.

### Fethard-on-Sea Sewerage Scheme

- Preliminary Design for the project now complete for issue to contractor for design and build.

### Gorey Regional Water Supply

- - Gorey RWSS To be upgrade and new 8 ml/day WTP and 7,500m3 reservoir provided at Ballyminaun.
- Planning granted to upgrade borehole sites and build new WTP at Ballyminaun.
  - CPO completed
  - Contract awarded to Glan Agua
  - Operational date early 2022
- New Treatment plant and storage site at Ballyminaun
  - Construction began October 2019.
  - Pipe installation works ongoing.
  - New borehole drilling to begin March 2020



<b>Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contractor selected.</li> <li>○ Planning permission granted.</li> <li>○ Construction commencement early 2020</li> <li>○ New plant operational by 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Kilmore Quay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scheme design complete and ready to tender.</li> <li>○ Land acquisition finalised</li> <li>○ Planning application lodged December 2019.</li> <li>○ Commence construction in 2020</li> <li>○ Plant operational - end 2021</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Wexford Town Water Main Rehab and Gas Network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Significant de-scoping of works by Gas Networks Ireland issued in September will affect the quantity of both gas mains to be installed and water mains to be rehabilitated under this contract.</li> <li>➤ WCC assessing impact of de-scoping to establish what works will be done under current funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Direct Labour Pipe Laying Crew</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Currently in Taylorstown on a mains rehab project.</li> <li>➤ Crew will focus primarily on the find and fix scheme for 2020 to reduce leakage and unaccounted for water.</li> </ul>
<b>Ferns Sewerage Upgrade</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At detailed design stage</li> </ul>
<b>Treated water storage programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 3 sites in Wexford, Kilmallock, Camolin and Killealy</li> <li>➤ Site investigation work completed at Kilmallock and Camolin</li> <li>➤ Kilmallock planning application to be submitted March 2020</li> </ul>

## 2. Minor Capital



<b>IW Minor Water Schemes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Disinfection Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Disinfection upgrade project at 95% complete county wide excluding snagging.</li> <li>○ Works ongoing at Creagh WTP and Glynn WTP</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Kilmallock Taylorstown Upgrade</b></li> <li>➤ Works complete- plant automation contract and removal of chlorine gas.</li> </ul>
<b>IW Minor Wastewater Schemes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Murrtown Pumping Station</b></li> <li>➤ Works complete- pumping to Wexford agglomeration.</li> <li>➤ <b>Trinity Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Generator Upgrade works expected to take place Q4 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Fairgreen Pumping Station, Ballycullane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Works to decommission WWTP, construct PS and rising main to connect to Ballycullane WWTP to commence in Q2 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Sinnottstown Lane Pumping Station</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upgrade works nearing completion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>IW Capital Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fixed budget of 720K for 2020 for Capital maintenance upgrades county wide.</li> </ul>
<b>New Connections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 21 applications received for Water Connections</li> <li>○ 10 applications received for Wastewater Connections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Non Irish Water Small Capital Schemes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Somer's Way Pumping Station, Ballycullane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Decommission WWTP, construct PS and rising main to connect to Ballycullane WWTP.</li> <li>○ Expected completion Q3 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>O'Rahilly View WWTP(TIC), Gusserane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Site improvement works on-going during Q1 2020</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Ballinamorrhagh WWTP (TIC), Curracloe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Site improvement works on-going during Q1 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### 3. Rural Water Programme



#### Measure 2 - Public Health Compliance

- Mullawn GWS
  - Approval issued for quotation in the sum of €8,874.28 from EPS for the supply and installation of Turbidity Meter
- Killaneran GWS
  - Quotations being sought for the engagement of a Hydrogeologist.

#### Measure 3 - Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation

- Blackstairs GWS
  - Awaiting revised Fee Proposal from TJ O' Connor & Associates, Client Representative, for the By-pass infrastructure required for the treated water tank at the treatment plant in Corrageen, Rathnure.
- Killanerin GWS
  - Quotations sought for installations of 9 bulk meters

#### Measure 5 - Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes

- Bing GSS
  - Site Investigations Tender Documents to be forwarded to contractors by end of March.

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

- Battlestown CWC
  - Discussions ongoing with residents
- Ballinahask, Kilmuckridge CWC
  - Discussions ongoing with residents
- Crosstown GSS Scheme/Orchard Lane GSS
  - Awaiting confirmation from Irish Water on takeover of both schemes

## 4. Water Conservation



<b>Water Conservation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Countywide consumption for January was on average 40.5 MLD, no change from December 2019 figures.</li> </ul>
<b>Leak Detection &amp; Repair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 26nr leaks were detected and repaired in January 2020, including New Ross town centre, Wexford town centre, Murntown, Rosslare and Ballyhogue, achieving network savings of 561m<sup>3</sup>/day.</li> <li>➤ Leak detection operations are currently focused in Gorey town centre, Ballindaggin, Kilmore, Enniscorthy town centre and Fethard, which may cause some supply interruptions.</li> </ul>
<b>Water Network Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Wexford:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ GMC have completed their current works in Wexford Town in January 2020 achieving savings of 460m<sup>3</sup>/day</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Enniscorthy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coffey Northumberland have recommenced works in January, connecting Backyard services to the main in Bellfield.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Capital Budget</b> <b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Operating on a rolling budget since 2017.</li> <li>➤ Current approved spend from IW is €2.8m.</li> </ul>
<b>Find &amp; Fix</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Areas selected for intensive leak detection works under the find and fix scheme. Find Crews have commenced in New Ross-Town Centre and South Regional –Duncannon/Arthurstown DMAs</li> </ul>

## **5. Finance:**

### **Audit Committee**

The next Audit Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The committee will meet the LG auditor at this meeting to discuss the 2019 Accounts and associated Audit Report. Ms Catherine Tuohy, has been appointed LG Auditor for Wexford County Council for the 2019 Audit and will be the auditor meeting with the Audit Committee in the absence of Mr Gerard McMorrow, LG Auditor.

### **Finance Report – Qtr 4 2019**

The Q4 financial report has been circulated and provides a provisional position in relation to the 2019 financial performance. The preliminary figures contained in this report indicate a surplus on the Revenue Account will be reported again for 2019 making this the sixth consecutive year to report a surplus on the Revenue Account. As there is still work to be completed on the end of year transactions this is subject to change and a more detailed report on the 2019 financial performance will be presented to members once the final accounts for 2019 are complete.

### **Annual Financial Statement 2019**

Work has commenced on the preparation of the 2019 Accounts. This work will take a number of months but it is expected that the Council will meet the submission deadline of the end of March.

### **Capital Programme 2020 – 2022**

A draft of the 2020 – 2022 Capital Programme is included on the agenda for consideration of members. The programme contains a list of proposed major capital projects to be progressed over the next three years and the estimated spend on the projects during that time. The programme assumes funding will be in place through the sources available to the council which are grants, borrowing, planning levies, and internal reserve funding. Where funding does not materialise projects cannot be progressed and alternatively where additional funding becomes available during the term of the programme these projects will be added. An introductory note to the programme sets out the basis for the programme as presented.

### **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 to the 31st December, 2020.

**Tom Enright,  
Chief Executive.**