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2013 events from left to right:

1. Wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday at Redmond Square - November 2013
2. Taoiseach Enda Kenny with Jean Kennedy Smith and Caroline Kennedy at JFK Emigrant Flame Ceremony, New Ross - June 2013
3. Harpist playing for Arts Disability Event at Wexford County Council HQ - September 2013
4. Wexford Means Business Event which took place in the Stillorgan Park Hotel, Dublin - May 2013
5. Lugo Town Twinning Ceremony, Wexford Borough Council - October 2013

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by representing the interests of citizens and
providing services to meet their needs”**



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CATHAOIRLEACH'S INTRODUCTION



Cllr. Ted Howlin
Cathaoirleach

A Chara,

It is a great honour to be elected Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, as I was in 2013. I offer my thanks to the outgoing Cathaoirleach Kathleen Codd Nolan for her contribution to the council and to the Elected Members for their support during my tenure.

The principle activities of the Council during the year 2013 are reviewed in this Annual Report and I am proud to introduce to you the successful work on many projects developed by the Local Authority for the benefit of the people of the county.

In particular, the work of the Community department and the Economic department of the council has greatly added to Wexford County Council's partnership with local community groups and businesses. Working with the Community Forum, the Gateways programme, Comhairle na nÓg, Community Development Associations, and sports groups throughout the county, the council has strengthened links which will allow it to work in partnership with the community through programme delivery and strategic policy development.

On the economic front, the Economic Development department has developed an Action Plan "Supporting Enterprise, Local Development and Economic Growth," which has established and provided useful infrastructure and information for local businesses.

The Elected Members, Management and Staff of Wexford County Council focus on best practice in the management of key issues that affect the overall development of the county. The council continues to be successful in its efforts to provide services that contribute to the bright future of the county, despite difficult financial times for all. Working together, I am confident that Wexford will continue to offer many advantages and attractions to those who live here and to those who visit.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all the Councillors for their support and assistance and to the County Manager and the Management Team and Staff in all areas for their work and the enthusiasm. In particular, I would like to thank Acting County Manager Adrian Doyle for his sterling leadership during his term and to wish him the best of happiness and health in his retirement. I welcome the new County Manager, Mr. Tom Enright and I look forward to working with him in the future.

Wexford County Council will continue to work for the good of the people of Wexford and I believe that, together, we can add to the quality of life of each and every resident of our lovely county.

Councillor Ted Howlin
Cathaoirleach

COUNTY MANAGER'S STATEMENT



Mr. Tom Enright
County Manager

I would like to thank the Elected Members, the Management and Staff of Wexford County Council and the people of Wexford for their warm welcome. It is indeed an honour for me to take up the position of County Manager of such a vibrant and progressive County.

I follow in a line of distinguished County Managers who have performed their duties with dedication and integrity and I look forward to leading Wexford County Council into a challenging but exciting future. I would like to pay tribute to my immediate predecessor, Adrian Doyle, for his strong leadership and commitment to an organisation he served for forty years. I wish Adrian health and happiness in his retirement.

In my short time with Wexford County Council, I have been very impressed with the capability of the staff in providing services to the community. In 2013, the Council was active with its partners and stakeholders in advancing the cultural, economic and social development of the County. The Council in 2013 played its part in supporting the local economy in Wexford in these challenging economic times through significant investment in public infrastructure and services.

Gorey Civic Centre hosted many civic receptions and special events, such as the Cuisle Cheoil festival which was a great success and brought many visitors to the town. New Ross hosted a marvelous contribution to the Gathering with its JFK50 celebrations, commemorating the visit of the 35th president of the United States to the home of his forefathers. The town attracted visitors, both national and international, to a well organised and exemplary event which celebrated the influence of Ireland and indeed, Wexford, on the rest of the world. Wexford town itself hosted another world renowned Opera Festival, bringing yet more visitors to her fair shores.

Along with the celebrations and international events, the work of the Council went on. Wexford County Council performed services such as road building and maintenance, with great progress being made on the N25 New Ross Bypass and the M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy major road project being notable, along with various other road improvement schemes. The Council offered services to business through the work of the Economic Development Section with its action plan to support enterprise and job creation.

I would in particular like to thank the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Ted Howlin and his predecessor, Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan and all the Councillors for their great work throughout 2013. I appreciate also the support of the Management Team and their staff. The support of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in achieving our corporate goals is also valued.

2013 was a productive and successful year for Wexford County Council. 2014 will see much change with the devolution of the Borough and Town Councils and the establishment of new Municipal Districts after the local elections in May. The establishment of a new Local Enterprise Office in April will help to strengthen the Council's role in economic development. I look forward to the future in this wonderful part of the country. The mission statement of Wexford County Council is to improve the quality of life of the people of Wexford by representing the interests of citizens and customers and providing services to meet their needs. I certainly intend to pursue my responsibilities towards meeting this goal to the utmost of my ability.

Mr. Tom Enright
County Manager

MEMBERS OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL



Cllr. Ted Howlin
Cathaoirleach



Cllr. Robert Ireton
Leas-Chathaoirleach



Cllr. Martin Storey
Labour



Cllr. Keith Doyle
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
Fine Gael

ENNISCORTHY ELECTORAL AREA



Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Fine Gael



Cllr. Oliver Walsh
Fine Gael



Cllr. John Hegarty
Fine Gael



Cllr. Malcom Byrne
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Michael Kinsella
Fine Gael



Cllr. Robert Ireton
Labour



Cllr. Declan MacPartlin
Non-Party

GOREY ELECTORAL AREA

MEMBERS OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL



Cllr. Denis Kennedy
Fine Gael



Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Fine Gael

NEW ROSS ELECTORAL AREA



Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Martin Murphy
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Padge Reck
Non-Party



Cllr. Pat Codd
Fine Gael



Cllr. Ted Howlin
Labour



Cllr. George Lawlor
Labour



Cllr. Anna Fenlon
Fine Gael



Cllr. Tony Dempsey
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Jim Moore
Fine Gael

WEXFORD ELECTORAL AREA

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE'S

MEMBERSHIP	Corporate Policy Group	Planning SPC	Water, Environment and Emergency SPC	Transportation SPC	Housing SPC	Economic and Social Development SPC	Enniscorthy Electoral Area Committee	Gorey Electoral Area Committee	New Ross Electoral Area Committee	Wexford Electoral Area Committee	Protocol Committee	Rents Committee	Local Traveller (Accommodation) Consultative Committee	Rural Water Monitoring Committee	Audit Committee
County Councillors															
Malcom Byrne						*		*			*	*			
Pat Codd	*			*						*	*			*	
Kathleen Codd- Nolan	*			*			*				*	*			*
Tony Dempsey		*			*					*		*			
Keith Doyle		*		*			*								
Anna Fenlon					*					*					
John Hegarty	*					*		*							
Ted Howlin				*		*				*	*				
Robert Ireton		*						*				*	*	*	
Paddy Kavanagh						*	*					*	*		
Denis Kennedy			*						*						
Michael Kinsella		*						*			*		*	*	
George Lawlor	*	*								*	*	*			
Declan MacPartlin			*					*			*				
Jim Moore				*		*				*					
Martin Murphy	*				*				*				*		*
Larry O' Brien	*		*						*				*	*	
Padge Reck					*					*		*			
Martin Storey					*		*						*		
Michael Sheehan			*						*				*		
Oliver Walsh			*				*				*	*		*	
Town Councillors															
John Dwyer - New Ross		*										*			
John O' Rourke - Enniscorthy			*												
Colin Webb - Gorey				*											
Davy Hynes - Wex Borough					*							*	*		
Jim Allen - Wex Borough						*									
Jackser Owens - Enniscorthy												*			

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Sectoral Representation									
Brian Byrne (Development/Construction)		*							
Vacant (Environmental/Conservational/Cultural)		*							
Vacant (Agriculture/Farming)		*							
Vincent Kennedy (IRDA)		*							
Malcolm Roberts (Environmental Representative)		*							
John Fitzgerald (Agriculture/Farming)			*						
William Warham (Environmental/Conservational/Cultural)			*						
Madeleine Quirke (Business/Commercial)			*						
Vacant (Agriculture/Farming)				*					
Dick White (Business/Commercial)				*					
Mary B. Trehin (Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged)				*					
Brian Rickwood (Environmental Representative)				*					
Margo O'Hanlon (Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged)					*				
Paddy Foley (Trade Union)					*				
Anthony Neville (Business/Commercial)					*				
Dave Ormonde (Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged)						*			
Elizabeth Kehoe (Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged)						*			
Susan Rickwood (Environmental Representative)						*			
Helen Brady (Business/Commercial)						*			
Brigid Connors (WTN Gorey area)							*		
Mary Connors (WTN New Ross area)							*		
Mick Connors (WTN Bunclody area)							*		
Ann Connors (WTN Enniscorthy area)							*		
Mary Connors (WTN Wexford area)							*		
Mary Hughes (HSE)							*		
Thomas Erbsloh (ITM)							*		
Percy Deacon (Blackstairs Group Water Scheme)								*	
Barry Deane (National Federation of Group Water Schemes)								*	
Donal Doyle (ICMSA)								*	
Tony Sinnott (IFA)								*	
Geraldine McCarthy (ICA)								*	
John Redmond (HSE)								*	
Vincent Sommers (Killanerin Group Water Scheme)								*	
External Representation									
Ronan Furlong									*
Dr. Seamus Beirne									*
James Byrne									*

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES 2013

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL AUTHORITY – Board Membership

Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Cllr. Keith Doyle
Cllr. Martin Storey
Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
Cllr. Declan MacPartlin
Cllr. Ted Howlin

SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (Membership of SERA required)

Cllr. Ted Howlin
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL AUTHORITY – OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE (EU Assistance Function) (Membership of SERA required)

Cllr. Declan MacPartlin
Cllr. Oliver Walsh

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Cllr. George Lawlor
Cllr. Jim Moore

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Cllr. Denis Kennedy
Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Cllr. Martin Murphy

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Cllr. Denis Kennedy
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
Cllr. George Lawlor

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES

Cllr. Michael Kinsella

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Cllr. Martin Storey
Cllr. Robert Ireton

COUNTY WEXFORD TOURISM BOARD

Cllr. Jim Moore

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Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Cllr. Martin Storey
Cllr. Oliver Walsh
Cllr. Michael Kinsella

WEXFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Cllr. John Hegarty
Cllr. Robert Ireton
Cllr. Jim Moore

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Cllr. Malcolm Byrne
Cllr. Jim Moore
Cllr. Anna Fenlon
Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Denis Kennedy
Cllr. Michael Kinsella
Cllr. Robert Ireton

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan
Cllr. Pat Codd
Cllr. Martin Murphy
Cllr. John Hegarty
Cllr. George Lawlor
Cllr. Larry O'Brien

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Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan
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COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Pat Codd

**WEXFORD ENERGY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY**

Cllr. Jim Moore

**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING
COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Pat Codd
 Cllr. Padge Reck

**SOUTH EASTERN RIVER BASIN
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Cllr. Larry O'Brien

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(SOUTH)**

Cllr. Tony Dempsey
 Cllr. Denis Kennedy
 Cllr. Michael Kinsella
 Cllr. Martin Storey

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan
 Cllr. Martin Murphy
 Cllr. Tony Dempsey
 Cllr. Keith Doyle
 Cllr. Michael Kinsella
 Cllr. Larry O'Brien
 Cllr. Robert Ireton
 Cllr. Martin Storey
 Cllr. Oliver Walsh
 Cllr. Declan MacPartlin
 Cllr. Padge Reck
 Cllr. Denis Kennedy
 Cllr. Pat Codd

CONFERENCES ATTENDED IN 2013

Date in 2013	Conference	Attendee(s)
16 January	Positive Farmers Conference	1
17/19 January	A National Tourism Conference, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	1
7/8 March	ACCC Annual Conference, Waterford	2
12/25 March	St. Patrick's Day Celebrations – New York, Washington & Annapolis	1
23 March	Local Government Job Creation, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.	1
5/6 April	LAMA Conference 2013 – Gorey, Co. Wexford.	3
13 April	A Decade of Commemoration, Enniscorthy Presentation Centre.	1
19/20 April	Local Government & the Consumer, Bundoran, Co. Donegal	1
28 May	Launch of the Business Network, Dublin	1
14/15 June	Putting People First – Electoral Boundary Shake Up & Local Government Reform – Bunratty, Co. Clare	1
14/15 June	Supporting Enterprise, Local Development and Economic Growth – Galway	1
14/15 June	Learning from the Environment, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare	1
28/20 June	Byrne Perry School, Gorey.	1
29 June	Presentation of Certificates – New Ross	1
2 July	Meeting of All Mayors & Chairmen – Waterford	1
5/7 July	Mental Health & Well Being, Kenmare, Co. Kerry	1
12/14 July	Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	1
16 July	Launch of Heritage Trail – Wells House, Gorey.	1
19/20 July	Aiding Local Communities in Job Creating	2
23 July	World Ploughing Championships, Dublin	1
26/28 July	Westport Conference Media an the Councillor	2
28 July/1 August	Mac Gill Summer School, Glenties, Co. Donegal	2
11/16 August	Parnell Summer School, Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow	1
14/18 August	Merrion Summer School 2013 – Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare	1
16/18 August	Benefits of Job Creation Tax Entitlements Seminar, Carlingford, Co. Louth	1
23/25 August	Public Presentation and PR Management Seminar, Rosscarbery, West Cork	1
5/6 September	City Visionaries Conference – London	1
12/14 September	AMAI Annual Conference, Cork	2
12/14 September	Kennedy Summer School, New Ross	3
18/19 September	International Investigators Conference – Enniscorthy	1

CONFERENCES ATTENDED IN 2013

18/20 September	National Social Housing Conference, Wexford	1
25 September	Official Opening – Gorey Civic Site	1
26/27 September	A Decade of Commemoration – The Role of Local Authorities	1
27/29 September	Life & Times of Michael Collins, Cork	1
27/29 September	How Elected Members can help Combat Crime, Killarney, Co. Kerry	1
29 September	Junior All-Ireland Final (Wexford Ladies Football) Dublin	1
5 October	People of the Year Awards – Enniscorthy	1
8 October	St. Mary's Boxing Club – New Ross	1
9/11 October	Political Foundations in Europe – Ljubljana, Slovenia	1
11/12 October	LAMA Autumn Seminar, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	4
18/19 October	Preventing & Reducing Alcohol Related Harm, Westport, Co. Mayo	2
4 November	Tidy Towns Awards, Kilkenny Castle	1
9 November	St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross Arts Programme	1
16/17 November	Pride of Place Awards - Derry	3
23 November	JFK Memorial – New Ross	1
22/24 November	Personal Debt Insolvency – Rosscarbery, West Cork	1
6/7 December	Overview of Immigration into Ireland, Bunratty, Co. Clare	1
13/14 December	Putting People First – Update on Local Government Reform to date, Bunratty, Co. Clare	1
20/21 December	Improving Road Safety Traffic Management, Westport, Co. Mayo	2

CONFERENCES ATTENDED IN 2013

MEMBERS EXPENSES

MEMBERS EXPENSES	€
Annual Allowances	
Cathaoirleach	35,926.44
Leas-Chathaoirleach	10,379.46
SPC Chairpersons	30,000
Representational Payments	347,169.10
Councillors Expenses	132,980.58
Conferences/Seminars	
At Home	17,032.74
Abroad	4,923.94
Entertainment Expenses	3,879.60
Total	582,291.86

WATER SERVICES



Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Chairman -
Water, Environment and
Emergency Services SPC



Mr. Eddie Taaffe
Director of Services -
Water, Environment
and Emergency
Services

Waste Water

Wexford County Council continues to operate 193 facilities and 579 km of public sewer throughout the county, treating the waste from both domestic and trade/industrial sources. There are also four Wexford County Council plants operated by private contractors on behalf of the Council. Total operational expenditure for 2013 is estimated at €7m.

Significant improvement works were carried out by Wexford County Council staff at the following plants in 2013:

Rosslare Strand, Kilmyshal, Ballywilliam Fatima, Ballywilliam Costan, Blackwater, Castlebridge and Galbally.

The Direct Labour Crew is estimated to have laid 3000 m of new sewers by end of 2013.

Drinking Water

Wexford County Council continues to operate 218 facilities and 1890 km of public water mains serving approximately 85,000 people at a total estimated cost of €5.9m. Wexford County Council also supervises the operation of the Group Water Schemes (128 schemes serving approx. 2200 people), Group Sewerage Schemes and the Individual Well Grant Scheme (approx. 250 new applications in 2013). Four new Group Sewerage Schemes were completed in 2013 (Ramsfort Park Gorey, Clonattin, Cloughan and Coolbaun).

Significant upgrade work was carried out on the Blackstairs and Knockinagh Group Water Schemes.

The percentage of unaccounted for water (UFW) continues to decrease, from 51% at the start of the Water Conservation Project to 36% at present. However, it is expected that pipeline replacement (completion due in 2014, with 9 km laid in 2013) will reduce this figure to approximately 33%.

(The target level of UFW in a large system with active leakage and waste control methods is 20–25%.)

The Direct Labour Crew laid 4,800 metres of new watermain in 2013.

Capital Projects

Bunclody Water Supply: well field completed.

New Ross Water Supply: major upgrade to Castlemoyle water treatment works completed.

Wexford Sewerage Collection System: Castlebridge, Crosstown, Taghmon, Piercestown and Murrin town (new sewers) completed.

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

Coastal

Blue Flag status, the European Standard of excellence for beaches was awarded to 3 beaches, Courtown, Curracloe and Rosslare. The marinas at Kilmore Quay and New Ross also achieved blue flag status.



- Green Coast awards for beaches with excellent water quality, environmental information and local community involvement were awarded to 5 beaches, Ballinesker, Culleton's Gap, Ballymoney, Cahore and Old Bawn.
- Throughout the year, the Environment section continued to monitor the effects of coastal erosion along the extensive coastline.

Piers & Harbours

- During 2013, over €830,000 was spent on improvement works at piers and harbours, funded by Wexford County Council, the Department of Marine & the Department of Transport.
- During 2013, significant improvement works were carried out at Wexford Harbour & Kilmore Quay.
- In Wexford, the works included the renovation of the Ballast Office and substantial completion of the new slip way and link footpath at Ferrybank.



- In Kilmore Quay, a new fuel dispensing system was installed at the marina and the new promenade was substantially completed.

WATER, AIR & NOISE

- Throughout 2013, the Water, Air and Noise section monitored, sampled, analysed, reported on and enforced the quality of water, wastewater, air, noise and various other aspects of the environment in accordance with EU and National legislation.
- 2013 was the first year of inspections under the National Inspection Plan for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (septic tanks) in accordance with the Water Services (Amendment) Act, 2012.



- The Waste Management Team monitored and enforced licenses and activities at a variety of waste facility sites.
- Historic landfills sites in the county were investigated.
- The waste operations section maintained two closed landfill sites, four Civic Amenity Sites and over 100 Bring Bank sites throughout the county.



- The new Civic Amenity Site at Gorey was opened in 2013.
- Capping works were carried out at the Killurin Landfill site.

LITTER MANAGEMENT

- Approximately €1.7 million was spent dealing with the litter problem in County Wexford in 2013.
- 140 litter fines were issued.
- Over 500 clean ups carried out by the Rapid Response Crew during 2013

National Litter Pollution Monitoring System Statistics

Year	Litter free	Slightly littered	Moderately littered	Seriously littered	Grossly littered
2013	Not available to date				
2012	26.79%	60.71%	12.50%	0%	0%
2011	7.50%	82.50%	10%	0%	0%
2010	13.2%	53.9%	28.9%	3.9%	0%
2009	0%	75.3%	21%	3.7%	0%
2008	9.4%	55.2%	26%	9.4%	0%
2007	5.4%	60.9%	17.4%	16.3%	0%

GENERAL

Control of Dogs & Horses

CONTROL OF DOGS	CONTROL OF HORSES
1343 dogs collected 2013	162 horses impounded
815 dogs reclaimed/ re-homed	28 horses reclaimed/ re-homed
The cost of the service was €231,373	The cost of the service was €135,000

Environment Education and Awareness

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

- 4 schools achieved first Green Flag (total in county 85).



- 60 schools participated in workshops.
- 9 schools visited Holmestown Waste Management Facility.
- Wexford County Council was selected as the winner of the WEEE Ireland Best Schools Battery Recycling.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITIONS

- The environmental art campaign was again successfully organised.



- The Christmas Recycling Decoration Competition produced a number of high quality entrants.



- The Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition was highlighted by a number of splendid projects throughout the county.
- Environment Awards held in November with over 300 in attendance.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS

- The Gum Litter Awareness Campaign was launched, aiming to reduce gum litter.



- Dog fouling campaign launched and promoted.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- 9 Tidy Towns Groups were assisted in improving their landscape management practices.
- 25 volunteers were trained on composting and food waste prevention.

- Various activities were co-ordinated with coast care groups throughout the county; Friends of The Raven awarded Coastcare Group of The Year by An Taisce.



- National Spring Clean was held during the month of April, with 250 community clean-ups registered and carried out.

ENERGY USAGE

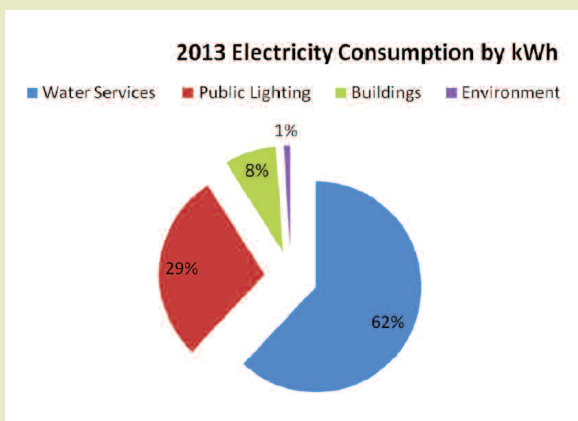
Overview of Energy Usage in 2013

In 2013, Wexford County Council consumed 24,140 MWh of energy, consisting of:

- 16,336 MWh of electricity
 - 6,694 MWh of fossil fuels*
 - 1,109 MWh of renewable fuels*
- *estimated

This was a total energy reduction of 18.6% on the 2012 consumption.

Electricity is the largest energy source consumed by Wexford County Council and its production is responsible for the highest greenhouse gas emissions. In terms of electricity consumption Water Services consume 62% of the total electricity consumption, with public lighting accounting for 28%, while public buildings account for 8% of the total. The Water Services figure includes the electricity consumed by the Design Build Operate sewage plants which account for 26% of the waste water services total. Excluding the DBO plant Wexford County Council consumed 13,776 MWh of electricity in 2013.



Fossil Fuels

Fossil fuels include fuels for transport along with fuels used for heating such as kerosene, LPG and heating oil.

Renewable Energy

The use of wood fuel heating systems in public Council buildings continues to contribute to renewable energy targets. Renewable energy reduces the Council's energy costs, increases local employment and significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Actions Undertaken in 2013

In 2013 Wexford County Council improved its energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

- Upgrading the heating system in Enniscorthy Fire Station
- Installing remote energy monitoring systems in Council buildings
- Installing energy efficient public lighting

Actions Planned for 2014

In 2014 Wexford County Council will continue to improve the energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

- Upgrades at New Ross Library
- Upgrades at Harbourmaster's Office
- Improvement in lighting efficiency

The transfer of Water Services sites to Irish Water will significantly reduce the Council's energy consumption in 2014. Public Lighting will then account for the majority of the Council's energy usage.

WEXFORD COUNTY FIRE SERVICE



Wexford County Fire Service maintains five retained fire brigades located in the main towns throughout the County. Each brigade responds from a purpose-built fire station and is equipped and crewed as follows to respond to emergencies:

Brigade	Appliances	No. of
Wexford	2 Class B water tenders, 1 emergency tender, 1 water tanker	15
Gorey	2 Class B water tenders, 1 emergency tender	14
Enniscorthy	2 Class B water tenders, 1 hydraulic platform	14
New Ross	2 Class B water tenders	14
Bunclody	1 Class B water tender, 1 water tanker	9

Fire Service Operations

Continuous improvements were carried out at stations, including the upgrading of the Fire Service communications infrastructure and an additional storage facility added at Wexford Fire Station.

Winter Preparedness continues to be an integral part of Fire Service operations to ensure continuity of service during severe weather. All fire stations were adequately supplied with equipment and consumables to help maintain service during prolonged severe weather incidents.

Framework for Major Emergency Management

The Wexford Local Authorities Major Emergency Plan was appraised in May 2013 by the Regional Working Group for Major Emergency Management. The Major Emergency Development Programme for the year consisted of training and development of key staff and the continued development of the Major Emergency Development Committee (MEDC) which included monthly meetings and exercises to improve the Local Authority's ability to effectively deal with a major emergency. The dedicated local coordination centre was maintained and tested throughout the year to cater for any major emergency response.

Wexford Local Authority staff participated in two regional major emergency exercises in

2013, namely Exercise 'Church Street' in Wexford on 13th March 2013 and Exercise 'Fishbowl' in Kilkenny on 13th November 2013. An inter-agency M11 motorway response exercise took place on 22nd October in Wexford Council Chamber to test the response to a major incident on the M11 motorway. On-site Coordination Training took place on 22nd November and the Major Emergency Management Plenary Session took place in Dublin on 6th November 2013.

Fire Safety

The Fire Authority is notified annually of all applications to the District and Circuit Courts for licences. During the year, 150 applications were received. The Court and applicant were notified in each case of the conditions recommended by the Fire Authority and these were included with the licence issued by the Court. In 95 cases, following an inspection, the applicant was required to carry out essential fire safety improvement works to the satisfaction of the Fire Authority prior to the licence being issued.

During the course of the year 171 inspections were carried out on a broad range of premises types with the emphasis in 2013 on hotels. In the course of the 2013 inspection programme, three premises were served with Closure Notices to prohibit the use of buildings due to serious fire safety concerns.

Community Fire Safety

Throughout 2013, fire safety was promoted where possible to both large groups and small groups including schoolchildren, ICA meetings and retirement groups.

Fire Safety Week took place in October 2013, the theme of which was 'Together we can STOP Fire'. A presentation was developed for the display screens in County Hall. For the Christmas period key fire safety messages were advertised in local papers, council websites, etc.

In the 2012/2013 school year, 75 primary schools were visited by their local firefighters as part of the Primary Schools Fire Safety Programme. This resulted in approximately 2,250 students receiving the fire safety in the home message.

Building Control – Part B Fire Safety

The following fire safety certificate applications were received in 2013:

Application Type	No.
Fire safety certificate	71
Revised fire safety certificate	1
7-Day notice fire safety certificate	6
Regularisation certificate	21
Total	99

During the year, 25 Warning Notices were issued for unauthorised developments. In the majority of these cases, a subsequent application was made for a Fire Safety Certificate and/or the required works were carried out to the satisfaction of the Building Control Authority. In addition, 37 inspections were carried out by fire officers under Section 11 of the Building Control Act, 1990.

Throughout the year the Building Control Authority worked with other agencies to develop new improved standards for different building types.

Pre-incident Planning

The Fire Service's pre-incident planning programme continued in 2013. This involved fire brigades inspecting high-risk premises and formulating a plan for responding to an incident at such premises. Throughout the year pre-incident plan visits were carried out at premises such as Tesco Extra in Gorey, Medentech Ltd and Farnogue Residential Care

Unit in Wexford and fuel depots in Marsh Meadows, New Ross. A regional risk-based approach to pre-incident planning was developed in 2013 for roll-out in 2014.

Training

A full programme of training was carried out by Wexford County Fire Service during the year. In addition to the standard two hours on-station weekly training programme, the following courses were provided for Fire Service personnel:

Application Type	No.
AED refresher	67
Station Officers Course	2
Sub Officer Course	3
Pump Operator and NICS Refresher Training	1
Operational Command Course	2
Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (Initials)	10
Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (Refresher)	35
BA Instructors Course	1
Breathing Apparatus Refresher Training	65
Gas Detection Meter Training	55
GPS Awareness	56
Schools Programme Refresher Training	13
IOSH Managing Health and Safety	2
Advanced Driver (Module 1)	6
Advanced Driver (Module 2)	8
Advanced Driver (Module 2 Refresher)	6
Working at Heights (Refresher)	60
Senior Officer Seminar	6
APEA Seminar Petroleum	1
Fire Safety Engineering Course	6
Institute of Fire Engineers Annual Seminar	3
Manual Handling (Refresher)	7
Media Liaison Officer Training	1
Water Tanker Training	9
Road Traffic Collision Instructors Course	1
Response to Marine Oil Spills	1
Stove Construction Course	3
Emergency First Responder Refresher Training	17
Critical Incident Stress Management (Peer Supporter Refresher)	1
Critical Incident Stress Management (Senior Officers Refresher)	4
Critical Incident Stress Management (Liaison Officer Refresher)	1

Incidents

The fire service attended 1018 incidents in total during the year. The following is a breakdown of incidents attended by each station:

INCIDENT TYPE	WEXFORD	GOREY	ENNISCORTHY	NEW ROSS	BUNCLODY	TOTAL
Chimney Fire	90	35	48	49	21	243
Domestic Fire	28	19	18	18	0	83
Road Traffic Accident	14	14	13	20	1	62
Industrial Fire	2	0	0	2	1	5
Commercial fire	4	1	1	3	0	9
Assembly Fire	2	1	0	1	0	4
Agricultural Fire	0	2	4	5	1	12
Motor Vehicles	19	11	9	13	2	54
Forest/Bog/Grass Etc.	50	53	67	12	15	197
Rubbish Fire	50	9	15	6	3	83
Non-Fire Rescues	5	3	2	2	0	12
False Alarms - Good Intent	71	46	34	24	12	187
False Alarms - Malicious	1	1	1	1	1	5
Miscellaneous	25	9	8	17	3	62
Totals	361	204	220	173	60	1018



CIVIL DEFENCE



The Civil Defence service is unique in that although it is a Council function it is staffed by volunteers who contribute their time in servicing the local community. The object of Civil Defence is to facilitate through the Local Authorities, Civil Defence responses for emergency relief and support to ensure the operation of vital services and maintenance of public life. The function is significantly grant-aided by the Department of Defence and Wexford County Council.

Objectives

- Continue to provide coordinated support for Emergencies and Community Events.
- Continue participation in Major Emergency and Severe Weather Planning and Response.

Civic Duties 2013

Civic Duties involve local events such as sports events, hunter trials, charity fundraisers, concerts, agricultural shows, parades, festivals, also the Lions Charity Coastal Walk, Wexford Festival Opera and the JFK 50 Commemoration Event. Civil Defence volunteers provided ambulance and first aid cover in the event of an accident/emergency and safety boat cover. Civil Defence, supported by Wexford County Council, covered 65 such public events, in the interest of public safety.

Missing Persons Search

Civil Defence responded to one missing person search.

Training

Many courses were attended and successfully completed by members to enhance the already

very high standards, skills and training in Civil Defence.

Courses

The following Instructors Courses delivered by the Civil Defence College were successfully completed:

- Field Skills – 1 Member
- Stress Management (CISM) – 1 Member
- Rope Rescue Level 1, Instructor Re-certification – 2 Members
- Occupational First Aid (OFA) Instructor Re-certification – 1 Member
- Emergency First Responder (EFR) Instructor Re-certification – 3 Members
- Manual Handling/Moving People Workshop – 1 Member
- Urban Search and Rescue – 2 Members
- Swift Water Technician – 1 Member
- Cardiac First Response Community (CFR-C) Instructor Re-certification – 4 Members
- Search Manager Course – 1 Member
- Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) Seminar – 1 Member
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-CPC) Refresher – 6 Members
- Rescue 3 Swift Water and Flood Rescue Training – 1 Member
- Search Skills Instructor Workshop – 1 Member
- Tetra Radio Training

Also, courses delivered by Local Civil Defence instructors to Civil Defence volunteers and Wexford Local Authority staff were completed successfully as follows:

- Cardiac First Response Community (CFR-C) Volunteer Re-certification: 28 Volunteers and 14 Wexford Local Authority Staff
- Occupational First Aid (OFA) Re-certification: 14 Volunteers, 42 Wexford Local Authority Staff and 5 Coast Guards

Other

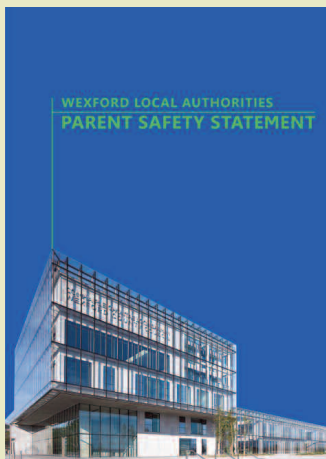
- Avian Flu Vaccination Programme
- Hepatitis B and Tetanus Programme
- Garda Vetting
- Child Protection and Training – 79 Members

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Over the past year Wexford Local Authorities continued their commitment to providing a safe and healthy working environment for staff, contractors and visitors at or near their workplaces. The policy statement commits to a process of continual improvement in the health and safety management through proactive and reactive monitoring of compliance and performance. In 2013, the internal health and safety team was strengthened with the appointment of an additional Health and Safety Officer.

Safety Statements

Following extensive consultation with line managers, employees and safety representatives the Parent Safety Statement was reissued and circulated to all Local Authorities Staff in 2013. This revised the procedure for identification of hazards and assessment of risks. Each section or department within Wexford Local Authorities operates to an Ancillary Safety Statement reflecting the specific hazards and risks within their own area of operation. These Ancillary Safety Statements, risk assessments and work practices are subject to continuous review and update, in line with the requirements of the new Parent Safety Statement.



Health and Safety Improvement Programme

A health and safety improvement programme for 2013 established targets and objectives for Wexford Local Authorities. These were delivered successfully throughout the year and included initiatives to introduce:

- Online reporting and statistical analysis of accidents and incidents
- An electronic database of all equipment requiring statutory inspection
- A new procedure for reporting incidents of violence, aggression or threats of self-harm made to our employees
- New health and safety systems for facilities management and preventative maintenance of equipment

Employee Training and Consultation

Training of our employees remains a priority within the health and safety programme. Investment in health and safety training resulted in an extensive range of mandatory and recommended courses delivered to employees. The total cost of health and safety training was approximately €130,000.

Wexford Local Authorities have an established committee structure. These committees met throughout the year to communicate and consult with both managers and employees. We have an extensive network of health and safety representatives in place and they meet at both section and corporate level.

We encourage feedback from our employees, both through this representative structure and by using health and safety concern forms. Management representatives meet on a bi-monthly basis where they receive health and safety information.



New Technologies

Extensive work was undertaken to develop new technologies to enhance health and safety management. As well as introducing an online reporting mechanism for accidents and incidents, a new health and safety intranet was introduced, providing health and safety information to all our employees. Smartphones and tablets are now being used to deliver and record compliance with health and safety requirements. For example, the Fire Register for County Hall is now based on barcodes installed on all relevant equipment and is entirely electronic. We are also using technologies on mobile phones to provide protection to employees who may have to work alone or in isolated environments.



OHSAS 18001

OHSAS 18001 is a recognisable occupational health and safety standard against which an organisation's safety management systems can be assessed and externally accredited.

Throughout 2013, we have continued our commitment to achieving this standard, by ensuring that updates to any procedures and processes meet the requirements of OHSAS 18001. We also introduced an OHSAS 18001 internal audit function and carried out a series of comprehensive audits against this standard.



PLANNING



Cllr. George Lawlor
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Planning SPC



Mr. Diarmuid Houston
Senior Planner -
Planning and
Development

Forward Planning:

The **County Wexford Development Plan 2013-2019** was adopted on 11th February 2013.



The **Draft Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020** was adopted by Enniscorthy Town Council and Wexford County Council on 11th July and 9th September 2014 respectively.

A review of the **Wexford Town and Environs Plan 2008-2014** was announced in February 2013 and preparation commenced, starting with the initial public consultation, of a new plan for the area for the period 2015-2020.

Variation to Development Plans to Accommodate the Housing Strategy

Variations were made to the Enniscorthy Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014, the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 and the New Ross Town and Environs Development Plan 2011-2017 to accommodate both the Joint Housing Strategy and an objective with regard to the Habitats Directive.

Draft Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan 2014-2020

Wexford County Council announced their intention to prepare a new Local Area Plan for Courtown and Riverchapel in April. A public consultation period, including a well-attended public meeting, was held. A Manager's Report on the submissions received during the public consultation was discussed with the Gorey Electoral Area Committee in December 2013.

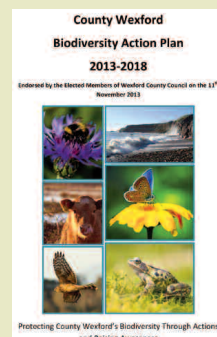
Eirgrid – The Grid Link Project

Following from the November meeting of Wexford County Council, the Planning Department prepared a detailed submission on the Grid Link project – a proposed 400kV line from Cork to Kildare via Wexford. The submission was presented to a special meeting of Wexford County Council on 22nd November and subsequently amended and submitted to Eirgrid.



Biodiversity Plan - County Wexford Biodiversity Action Plan 2013-2018

The first County Wexford Biodiversity Action Plan 2013–2018 was adopted in full in November 2013 by the Elected Members of Wexford County Council. The Plan, prepared by the Planning Department working with the Environment Department, provides a framework for the conservation, management and enhancement of biodiversity in the County over the next five years.



Biodiversity Photography Competition

The annual Biodiversity Photography Competition was held on Thursday 16th May 2013 in the County Hall.

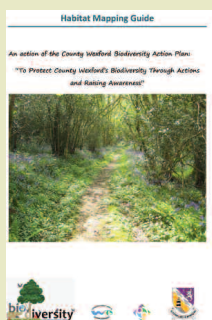
Biodiversity Schools Art Competition

The annual Biodiversity Schools Art Competition Awards Ceremony was held on the 20th June 2013. Coastal Habitats and Species was the theme and Don Conroy produced a beautiful drawing for colouring in which depicted a coastal habitat, with various typical coastal species in the foreground.



Habitat Mapping

A seminar on habitat mapping was held on 16th July in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy for local community groups. This seminar was aimed at helping community and Tidy Town groups to prepare their own basic habitat map to inform them of what important biodiversity features are within their local environment.



Conservation

Graveyard Memorials Recording Training

A one-day training session on how to record memorials in graveyards was organised as part of a pilot project in County Wexford to conserve and care for our historic graveyards.



Conservation Grants

- **Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme** - Three projects were successful in obtaining significant grant aid under the Traditional Farm Buildings Grants Scheme for conservation works 2013, with assistance from the Conservation Officer. The grants totalled €56,000.

- **Wexford Local Authorities Conservation Grant Scheme 2013** - The Wexford Local Authorities Conservation Grant Scheme 2013' was launched with a closing date of 10th May. A total of 21 applications were received and were adjudicated on in accordance with a Scheme of Priorities.
- **Irish Walled Towns Network** - A grant of €15,000 was secured for the conservation of Goat Hill in New Ross, through the Irish Walled Towns Network.
- **Wexford Local Development Grants** - The Conservation Officer assisted members of the public in applying for Wexford Local Development Heritage Grants, including Wilton Castle which was successful in obtaining significant grant aid.

National Heritage Week Online Submission

Wexford County Council Planning Section was recently announced as the winner of the **National Online Award for Best Submission on 'My Heritage'**.



Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

During the year, the Planning SPC held a total of 4 meetings during which various significant and strategic items relating to the County Development Plan were discussed.

Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement Section continues to be one of the most active and successful in the country. 384 enforcement site inspections were carried out during 2013 resulting in 204 Warning Letters being issued. 93 Enforcement Notices were served and 14 cases were sent for Legal Proceedings.

Quarries

There has been a significant focus on quarries as a result of the commencement of Section 261A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in 2011. There were two

applications for Substitute Consent to An Bord Pleanála and two planning applications in 2013. There has also been a significant amount of work carried out on assessing compliance with conditions of permissions and monitoring requirements of planning applications.

Further to the S261A process, enforcement files have been opened on a total of 24 cases and from those 11 Enforcement Notices requiring the cessation of quarrying operations have been served. Most of the remainder of the files relate to sites where a review of the S261A decision/determination has been sought from An Bord Pleanála and the outcome of that review is awaited. Site inspections from Planning and Enforcement staff commenced during September, checking compliance with Enforcement Notices.

Planning Bonds

The ongoing monitoring and management of cash and security bonds forms a crucial part of the Council's work, helping to fund the completion of Unfinished Estates and other development issues.

Dangerous Structures/Dangerous Places

Details of activity levels in the area of Dangerous Structures and Dangerous Places are as outlined in the following tables:

Dangerous Structures

Files Opened	Compliance With Notices/ Works Carried Out	Ongoing
11	21*	18**

Dangerous Places

Files Opened	Compliance With Notices/ Works Carried Out	Ongoing
0	0	3**

*Figures include compliance with notices and works carried out for files opened prior to 2013

**Figures include files opened prior to 2013

The issue of Notices in respect of Dangerous Structures and Dangerous Places that occur within Unfinished Estates.

The legal process involves site inspections and formal directions to owners of properties to carry out the necessary works. Court proceedings are initiated where owners fail to carry out works. The Council may carry out the works in some circumstances and the owners are charged with any costs incurred.

Derelict Sites

Details of activity levels in the area of Derelict Sites are as outlined in the attached tables.

Derelict Sites Notices

Notices Issued	Compliance With Notices/ Works Carried Out	Ongoing
2	1	5**

As with Dangerous Structure/Dangerous Place Notices, it is not uncommon for a Derelict Sites Notice to issue as part of the processes engaged to manage and improve Unfinished Estates. However, notices can and have been used outside of the estate resolution process to address dereliction when and where it presents.

Development Contributions

Development contributions are a vital source of income for the Council. Development Contributions fund capital infrastructure projects on a countywide basis.

In 2013, invoices totalling €1,346,722.21 were raised and receipts in the sum of €1,300,639.23 were collected.

Commencement Notices

In 2013, Wexford County Council recorded and received a total of 332 valid Commencement Notices which are statutory documents required to indicate the commencement of a development.

There is a fee associated with the submission of this document. The rate of submission of Commencement Notices is a reasonable indicator of development activity within the Local Authority functional area.

Development Management

Planning application activity remained consistent for 2013. A total of 995 planning applications and a further 228 Extension of Duration planning applications were received.

	Total	Wexford County Council	Wexford Borough Council	New Ross Town Council	Enniscorthy Town Council
Valid applications received	995	871	99	17	8
Decisions made	906	784	103	12	7
Percentage of total permissions granted	92%	92%	92%	75%	100%

	Total	Wexford County Council	Wexford Borough Council	New Ross Town Council	Enniscorthy Town Council
Extension of Duration Applications	228	203	14	4	7
Exempted Development Applications	39	30	6	3	0
Number of Pre-Planning Meetings	404				

Licensing

Finger Post Signs	93 + 37 exempt = 130
Event Licensing	2
Fairground/ Funfair Notifications	4

Customer Services Unit:

The CSU of the Planning Department continued to provide a high standard of customer service in 2013 to those customers who called to the Planning Public Counter, emailed or telephoned. The Unit continued to deal with a high majority of telephone calls from customers contacting the Unit for the first time.

Number of telephone enquiries	11,290
Number of counter enquiries	3,248

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION



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Transportation SPC



Mr. Eamonn Hore
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Budget 2013

The budget for improvement and maintenance of roads in the County this year amounted to €28,654,831.

The breakdown was:

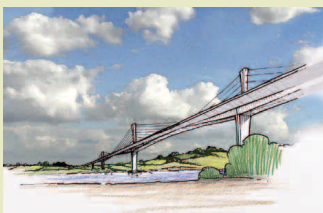
- **National Roads – Majors (NRA)**
- €9,479,890
- **National Roads – Improvements (NRA)** - €1,586,500
- **National Roads – Maintenance (NRA)**
- €1,051,704
- **Regional and Local Roads – Improvements (DoT)** - €8,108,878
- **Regional and Local Roads – Maintenance (DoT)** - €1,916,929
- **Wexford County Council's own resources** - €6,510,930

County Wexford PPP Project

The N25 New Ross Bypass and the M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy non-toll, PPP project was allocated a total of €8,000,000 to facilitate the continued acquisition of the land for the project.

All necessary surveys and investigation contracts, including archaeological, topographical, ground investigation, environmental and water monitoring have been completed.

Consultants have been procured to provide technical support to the schemes. The process of appointing PPP Concessionaires has commenced for both schemes.



Non-National Road Restoration Schemes

During the course of the year, 82.75 km of our non-national roads were improved under the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport funded Road Restoration Programme. A further 93 km were surfaced dressed, representing a surface dressing return cycle of 34.8 years.

Specific Improvement Schemes

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport allocated €750,000 for Specific Improvement Projects in the County. These schemes consisted of the surfacing of 5.35 km of Regional Roads at the following locations:

- **R742 Fahy's Cross to Kilmuckridge**
2.30 km - €250,000
- **R742 Kilmuckridge to Courtown**
2.25 km - €250,000
- **R744 Blackwater to Enniscorthy**
0.80 km - €250,000

Community Involvement Schemes

A pilot Community Involvement Scheme was launched by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2013. Wexford County Council applied for and received €400,000 under this programme. With the addition of €47,000 in local monetary contributions and €207,000 by way of local work, surfacing was carried out on roads at Clonjordan, Monbeg, Dranagh, Colroguemore, Kilbora, Bearlough and Mauritiustown.



Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes were carried out at a number of locations around the County.

The locations and the type of improvement carried out are summarised below:

- **R730 Killann/Caim Cross Roads**
- Improved Sightlines
- **R736 Clongeen**
- Surfacing/Signage/Road Marking
- **L1001 Kilmurry**
- Changed Junction Priority
- **L4042 Milltown, New Ross**
- Signage and Road Marking
- **R725 Knockbrandon Lower**
- Surfacing/Signage/Road Marking

Local Improvement Schemes

The Local Improvement Scheme, for the surfacing of roads not in charge, was reinstated for 2013, although there was no separate allocation available towards this grant category. Wexford County Council chose to use €100,000 of its Discretionary Grant for this purpose. A total of five roads were surfaced at Neamstown, Coolcull, Kildermot, Oldcourt and Clone.

Road Safety

Wexford County Council continues to work closely with An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and various other government agencies and local voluntary organisations to promote the message of road safety in County Wexford. In addition all fatal road collisions are investigated.

Road Safety Initiative – Just One Life

Wexford County Council, The Rotary Club of Wexford, An Garda Síochána and the Health Service Executive continued with this road safety initiative aimed at transition year students.



Unfinished Housing Schemes Bonds

The Building Control Department became involved in the resolution of unfinished housing developments in February 2012 focusing initially on the list of schemes issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in 2010. However, the remit broadened to include all estates within the County. A key element of the work was claiming and settling security bonds and associated completion of outstanding works.

In 2013:

- 23 Security Bonds were claimed and settled totalling €2,095,784
- 14 Security Bonds have been claimed and negotiations are ongoing. The total value of these bonds amounts to €778,965.
- 26 Cash Bonds in the amount of €997,319 were released to fund works during 2013. Of these estates, 18 have works in progress or works completed and 9 of these have been taken in charge by Wexford County Council.

Taking in Charge of Housing Estates:

A total of sixty-two housing estates were taken in charge by Wexford County Council during 2013.

Strategic Policy Committee – Roads & Transportation

This committee met on four occasions during 2013 and the main matters discussed were:

- **Unfinished Housing Developments**
- **Future of Rosslare to Waterford Railway Line**
- **Noise Action Plan**
- **Wexford County Council – Use of Chemicals and Control of Noxious Weeds**
- **Control of Invasive Species**
- **Development of Rosslare Europort**
- **Safety Measures at Schools**
- **Winter Maintenance**
- **A Walking and Cycling Strategy for Wexford Town**

Community Employment Programme

Wexford County Council was responsible for two Community Employment Schemes and employed two supervisors and sixty participants. The schemes operated over six locations including Wexford Library, Wexford, New Ross, Enniscorthy and Gorey Engineering Areas and Duncannon Fort.

Many of the participants in the schemes have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement in the scheme.

BUILDING CONTROL

During 2013, the Building Control Department focused on the resolution of all unfinished estates within the County in addition to their normal building control activity. A total of 336 commencement notices were received by Wexford County Council under the Building Control Act, 1990, of which 14% were inspected.

The recommended inspection rate is between 12–15% of all commencement notices. This inspection figure does not reflect the inspections carried out under Part B by the Fire Department or Part M by the Access Office.



ACCESSIBILITY- DISABILITY STRATEGY 2013

Significant Achievements

It is fair to say that one of the most significant achievements which has gathered momentum throughout this year is the recognition and collaboration regarding access. It involved a wide selection of stakeholders in the planning and progressive development of not only the built environment, but also of the service provisions by Wexford Local Authorities. Never more so than in these times of economic difficulty and pressures is collaboration among all public services and government departments a requirement to ensure sustainable initiatives by maximising existing resources.

One such example is the annual nationwide local authority initiative for Transition Year Students. This initiative is a Learning Module, 'Enabling Access across Generations,' which was developed in conjunction with the National Disability Authority and supported by the Department of Education and Skills via the Second Level Support Services (SLSS), to assist in raising disability awareness in the national arena.



The winning entry of the competition element of Enabling Access across Generations: Produced by a Transition Year Student 2012–2013.

New Ross Town

The engagement of the Access Office at the initial design stage and throughout the programme of works in 2013 for three significant building projects in New Ross Town resulted in the New Ross Quay Front Regeneration Project, the Bosheen Housing Estate and the APEX leisure complex having accessibility at their core and ultimately, on their opening, they presented as flagships in the field of universal design for Wexford Local Authorities.

Wexford Town

The intervention of the Access Office, with the support of Wexford County Council's Architect, proved successful in the relocation of a well-known and established Community Sports Group: the Clonard Boxing Club. The relocation of the Club to the Old Fire Station Building, Davitt Road highlights the collaborative efforts which are paramount to ensuring successful, sustainable and accessible results for all.

Rosslare Strand

Year on year our beaches and outdoor amenities are met with ecological challenges; to provide access presents as a further challenge.

Burrow Beach in Rosslare Strand was but one example of the collaboration of the Environment Section and the Access Office to ensure this ever-changing landscape retains a level of accessibility and the ability to accommodate all users.



Programme of Activities

Keep Wexford Beautiful

This annually run initiative of the Environment Section, in supporting the Access Office remit with the category 'The Best Environmental Improvement on Accessibility by a Community', saw its largest number of entries this year.

The overall winner in this category of ten entries was Caim Development Association for works which were carried out to the grounds of the parish church.

Proactive Engagement

The Access Office engages with the Planning Department year on year to inform and advise planning applicants on Part M, Building Regulations' requirements by carrying out Disability Access Certificate (DAC) pre-assessments on planning applications. A total of 138 such pre-assessments were carried out during the year.

Disability Access Certificates

All new buildings, including apartment blocks, extensions to and material change of the use to buildings, require a Disability Access Certificate (DAC) under the Building Control Act(s) 1990–2013.

A total of 55 DACs were received in 2013 generating €35,200 in income.

The following table informs of the location and number of DAC applications in 2013:

Location	Number of Applications
Enniscorthy Town	3
Enniscorthy Area	5
New Ross Town	3
New Ross Area	7
Wexford Borough	19
Wexford Area	11
Gorey	7

Dispensations – Relaxations from Part M

Nine applications for a Dispensation from, or a Relaxation of, a Requirement of the Building Regulations under Part M were assessed through the Access Office in 2013.

Accessibility Improvements

Throughout the year accessibility improvements around the County are incorporated as part of upgrade or maintenance works; these works are supported by the four Town Access Focus Groups and the Accessibility Steering Group.

In many instances the access element is mainstreamed into the work schedule and would not necessarily be highlighted as a separate work element for access.

However, one such accessibility improvement which was noticeable, purely due to the difficulty of providing access and the subsequent impact of the works for the community, was that of the installation of a footpath alongside the stepped route at the top of Castle Hill in Enniscorthy Town, which was designed in keeping with previous works on Rafter Street and Church Street.

The Access Office continues to ensure the issue of accessibility is to the fore for building and service developments within the County, not only for local authority builds but also through the Disability Access Certificate which supports the development of a universally accessible County.

HOUSING



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Housing SPC



Mr. Tony Larkin
Director of Services -
Housing and Economic
Development

The aim of the Housing Department is to provide, maintain and manage housing solutions for persons who are unable to do so from their own resources. In addition to the provision of accommodation, the Housing Department supports the social infrastructure of local communities through the promotion of good estate management practices. There are a number of examples of community development initiatives including support for resident associations and a small scale grants scheme fostering community pride.

The Council's social housing stock at 31 December 2013 was 2,485 units. A total of 135 houses were allocated during the year to provide accommodation which consisted of 15 New Lets, 98 Casual Vacancies and 22 Transfers.

Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Housing SPC is responsible for implementation and monitoring of housing policy within the local authority. A wide range of items were discussed including:

Housing SPC

- Planned Maintenance programme 2013
- Social Housing Investment Programme 2013
- Differential Rents Scheme 2013
- Voluntary Housing Forum
- Housing Needs Assessment
- 2013 Grants Programme
- South East Homeless Strategy
- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018
- Mortgage Arrears

Housing Demand

The Housing Needs Assessment was carried out nationally by each local authority at the end of May 2013. The Social Housing Assessment regulations in April 2011 set out a new standardised system of assessing applications for housing support.

The regulations tightened up the eligibility criteria for applicants to be approved on the social housing list to target those with greatest need.

Wexford County Council has 1,337 approved applicants in 2013 with Gorey presenting as the area of highest need followed by Wexford.

Social Housing Investment Programme

The allocation of just over €1 million was received from the DECLG for the Countywide Local Authority Housing Programme.

In addition, €713,546 was allocated to Wexford County Council under its housing acquisition programme, with 6 new properties purchased with a particular focus on meeting the needs of people with disabilities. The technical unit of the Housing Department co-ordinates the design, planning and tender process for local authority construction projects and supports the social housing programme. In 2013, a two house Traveller Group scheme was completed at Castlemoyle, New Ross under the Traveller Accommodation Programme.



4 bedroom two storey dwelling

Funding of €801,000 was allocated to Wexford County Council by the DECLG for an energy upgrade programme of local authority housing stock. The Housing Section carried out a range of energy saving measures including attic and wall insulation to create warmer homes and reduce fuel bills for tenants.

Number of Houses completed in 2013 WCC Housing Stock

No. of Attics Insulated	695
No. of Cavity Walls Insulated	758
No. of Houses Draught Proofed	43
Total Retrofitted	805

Housing Maintenance 2013

Wexford County Council has almost 2,500 houses in its housing stock. The local authority administers a differential rent scheme for the majority of tenants based on income and affordability to pay.

During 2013, the Housing Maintenance call centre received 4,649 maintenance calls resulting in maintenance expenditure of €1.6 million.

In 2013, a total of 85 pre-let repairs were carried out within an average of 4 weeks, thus ensuring that there are no long term vacant houses currently in the Council's housing stock.

Planned Housing Maintenance

The 2013 planned housing maintenance programme was carried out across the four electoral areas of the County.

Works were carried out to the fabric of the houses in the following estates:

- Carrigban, Bunclody - 47 houses.
- Allenwood Drive, Gorey - 11 houses
- St Aidan's Green, Clongeen - 24 houses
- Monastery Avenue, Taghmon - 32 houses

The works carried out included replacement of windows & doors, kitchens, gates and driveways, fascia and soffits, walls and footpaths, electrical works and provision of insulation.



Before Improvement Works



After Improvement works

Private Rented Sector

Housing Authorities are responsible for the enforcement of the Standards set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations, 2008 and 2009. These regulations set out the minimum standards which rented houses must meet.

In 2013, 1,075 inspections were carried out with a 54% compliance rate. Where landlords were found to be not in compliance with the Regulations, notification was issued to the landlord outlining the works required to bring property up to the required standard.

In February 2013, bedsits were prohibited for private rented accommodation. The Private Rented Tenancies Board makes a financial contribution to housing authorities based on inspections carried out.

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) is a government initiative providing an alternative housing option for tenants in the private and

voluntary housing rented sector who are in receipt of Rent Supplement from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for specific periods. In 2013, RAS exceeded its target of properties with 165 transfers.



Housing Grants

The Housing department aims to assist works which improve the living conditions of people with a disability, persons with mobility issues as well as to assist older people living in poor housing conditions with due regard given to best value for money when assessing applications. In 2013, a budget of €1,395,218 was allocated to the grant schemes.

Housing Local Authority Loans

	Totals
Applications Received	38
Applications Approved	13
Applications Paid to Date	11
Total Expenditure	€826,823

There were 38 loan applications of which 13 were approved with a budget of €826,823.

Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARF)

The Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARF) was introduced to local authorities at the end of 2012. MARF aims to provide a framework to enable local authorities to deal with arrears cases both sympathetically and pragmatically, while maintaining a consistent approach across all local authority areas.

Wexford County Council applies a cross departmental approach in dealing with mortgage arrears involving both the Housing Department and the Credit Control section of the Finance Department.

Over the past year 236 MARF cases have been engaged with by the Arrears Team and currently 45 cases have an agreement plan in place. The arrears management of the loans will continue to remain a priority for Wexford County Council.

Under the MARF fund, WCC was allocated €127,146 for residual loss on a repossession. The Local authority web site has a designated MARF section enabling loan account holders to download information and application forms and to discuss their case with MARF officers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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Economic, and Social
Development SPC

The newly formed Economic Development section of Wexford County Council was set up in February 2013 with a view to creating an effective and co-ordinated approach to economic development in the county.

The section has a dedicated staff of 4 including County Development Officer, Tourism Officer and a Research Officer. Under the collaborative brand 'Wexford Means Business,' a range of specific actions have been progressed to help support enterprise, local development and economic growth in County Wexford and to promote County Wexford as a premier location for businesses and visitors alike.

The Economic Development Section has developed an Action Plan "Supporting Enterprise, Local Development and Economic Growth," which was adopted in 2013. The duration of the plan is for 2013 – 2014 and incorporates 45 actions, 11 of which have been completed. Actions include:

- Development of "ready to go" sites at business parks in strategic locations around the county, developing both public and privately owned sites in collaboration with private owners to promote and create opportunities for new businesses.
- Co-ordination of a range of infrastructure enhancements across the county and supporting engagement with business sector; upgrade of the fibre network with Eircom in the four main towns; extension of the natural gas pipeline to Wexford and promotion of the Grid Link Project

- Production of a regular business e-zine for circulation to the Wexford Means Business Network, which comprises 546 business members.
- Development of a specific enterprise development website for promotion of economic activities in the county.
- Hosting a public procurement seminar for County Wexford based enterprises.
- Establishment of a Wexford Exporting Network.
- Development of incubation unit spaces for new business start-ups.
- Support of the County Wexford Food Producers to promote the Wexford Food Brand.
- Compilation of local and national economic information which is shared with businesses and network members.
- Support of Waterford and Carlow Institute of Technology to obtain Technological University status.
- Development and activation of a tourism 'brand' for County Wexford 'So Old So New'.
- Marketing Wexford as a premier visitor destination.
- Providing financial support for festivals, events and attractions which in turn creates employment.



Identified Business Parks in the County

The Economic Development section undertook a review of industrial lands and business parks in County Wexford which highlighted a need for an increase in the amount of serviced lands provided throughout the county. The section has developed a portfolio of both public and privately owned "ready to go" industrial sites at business parks in the following strategic locations throughout County Wexford:

Wexford Town
New Ross
Enniscorthy
Gorey
Rosslare
Taghmon

The plans are available for viewing at
www.wexfordmeansbusiness.ie



The section is actively promoting these sites for investment with signs on display on 3 of the 6 sites, New Ross, Taghmon and Rosslare. A live database of available industrial and business facilities in County Wexford has been created and this is being promoted on line through **www.wexfordmeansbusiness.ie** in association with IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland.

The Economic Development section is strategically managing Wexford County Council's industrial land banks and is utilising proceeds from the sale of lands at Edermine, in the sum of €685,000, to develop the strategic sites outlined above. A Compulsory Purchase Order was initiated for 1.502 hectares at Butlersland, New Ross for the purpose of having lands available for the further development of New Ross Business Park.



Wexford Means Business Network

The Economic Development section set up the Wexford Means Business Network in May 2013 with the launch being held in the Stillorgan Park Hotel, with over 200 people in attendance.



The aims of the network are to provide the following:

- Opportunities for business networking & the generation of investment in County Wexford
- A platform to promote positive economic development through quarterly business e-Zine – 3 editions were issued in 2013
- A forum for business related issues to be discussed and addressed
- An opportunity to engage with the officers of the new Economic Development Unit of Wexford County Council.

Businesses and individuals can join the network through Linked In. It currently has 546 members.



Incubation Space

The Economic Development section provided grant assistance to Enniscorthy Enterprise and Technology Centre that enabled incubation space to be provided for 6 new businesses to be established in the Enterprise Centre as follows:

- Byron & Woods – Financial Advisors
- Toddle Marketing – Marketing Company
- Theresa Aspel – Language Translator
- CATTs Ireland (Clinical Assessment & Therapy Team Services) – Speech & Language Occupational Therapy

- Dr Patricia Davis – Chiropractor offering on site x-raying
- Boffin Marketing – Marketing PR



How to Win Local Authority Contracts

One of the actions identified in the Economic Development Section Action Plan was to provide information to locally based businesses on the new procurement procedures and work with them to achieve pre-qualifying criteria for the award of public contracts. Breaking down the barriers of the tendering process and simplifying the procedures in place for accessing local authority contract was the message given at an information session hosted by the Economic Development Section in November 2013. In excess of 90 people attended to find out how they could win contracts with Local Authorities. Speakers on the night included Catherine Carmody, Procurement Co-ordinator in the Local Government National Procurement Office (LGNPO) and Noel O'Driscoll, Senior Executive engineer, Wexford County Council.



Tour Operators

A group of International Tour Operators was invited to attend a Tourism Showcase on 31st October. The event aimed at selling County Wexford as a great visitor destination.

Operators met with representatives of the

various Wexford Trail products and accommodation providers across the county, as well as experiencing the delights of Wexford Festival Opera. The business to business event builds on the collaborative efforts of Visit Wexford Tourism in promoting the county's offerings to prospective international visitors. It resulted in additional bookings in the month following the event, both in reserved bed-nights and activity/food & beverage spend.



Investment in Tourism

The Economic Development section continued to invest in and redevelop key tourism assets across the county to ensure our tourism offering remains competitive and relevant. Under the action plan, priority was given to the completion of works at Enniscorthy Castle, The Irish National Heritage Park, Hook Head Lighthouse and the National 1798 Rebellion Centre. Plans have also been agreed for enhanced visitor parking and access to Vinegar Hill, which will be developed in 2014/15. The section supported the operation of tourism facilities under the local authority remit. This support includes human resources in conjunction with regular grant allocations. The Tourism Development Officer will continue to review operating structures and grant allocations in line with this commitment.

Key tourism assets under this remit include:

**Irish National Heritage Park
National 1798 Centre
Enniscorthy Castle
Hook Head Lighthouse
Duncannon Fort
Kilmore Quay Marina
New Ross Marina**



COMMUNITY

The formation of a dedicated Community Development Department by the Council in 2013 has given the Council a renewed focus on community development within the County. This focus has positioned the Council to adapt to the changes which are expected to occur in 2014, in the area of local government reform.

The Community Department in partnership with the Local Sports Partnership has, over the course of 2013, strengthened the links with local communities through the Community Forum, the Gateways programme, Comhairle na nÓg, Community Development Associations and sports groups throughout the County. The strengthening of these important linkages will allow the Council work in partnership through programme delivery and strategic policy development.

Community Forum

During 2013 the Council has undertaken considerable work with the Forum to strengthen its internal structures and establishing stronger linkages with the constituent member groups. The year 2014 will see the benefits of this work through the active engagement with local communities in the roll-out of programmes, particularly in the area of social inclusion, such as the Accessible Towns and Villages Programme.



Comhairle na nÓg

The County Wexford Comhairle na nÓg held their AGM in County Hall in October 2013. The Comhairle has worked closely with the County Joint Policing Committee on a Cyber Bullying Project.

FDYS delivers the Comhairle, and the Council's relationship with FDYS has been strengthened in 2013 with the Community Department and FDYS working in partnership to establish youth services in Courtown/Riverchapel.



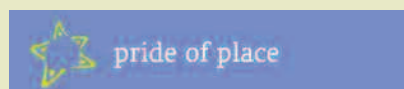
Community Grants

The Community Grants Scheme is an important support to communities and groups throughout the County. The continuation of this funding is a vote of confidence in the community and voluntary sector and is instrumental in keeping the door open on many projects. The role of the Elected Members in the delivery of this scheme gives the Council a valuable insight into the often unseen work that goes on within communities.

Pride of Place

The Council will continue to participate in the National Pride of Place competition. Participation in this competition facilitates networking between community groups and fosters best practice. Wexford achieved two runner-up awards in the 2013 competition. The Wexford entries for 2013 were:

- **Kilmore Quay Community Association**
- **Hook Residents**
- **New Ross Quayside**
- **Bree ICA Community Art Project**



Gateway Villages

In 2013, the Council designated five villages as Gateway Villages. All of the designated villages are on the national primary route network and give an impression of the County.

The Community Department and Planning Department began the consultation with these communities with the goal of creating a 'sense of place'. Dedicated community development work is taking place in these Gateway Villages to underpin the sustainability of any programme delivery.

A sustainable planting programme commenced during 2013 in these villages:

- **Ballynaboola**
- **Camolin**
- **Rosslare Harbour**
- **Oylegate**
- **Clonroche**
- **Courtown Riverchapel**

The Community Department, in partnership with the local community and the support agencies, are developing a community development plan for the community in Courtown/Riverchapel. This community development plan will address, in a strategic and sustainable way, community development in Courtown/Riverchapel. Key elements of this plan will include the provision of sport and recreational amenities and the provision of community facilities for young people.

Wexford Day

Wexford Day 2013 had as a theme the Wexford colours and the Wexford flag. This initiative is important as it creates a sense of place about County Wexford. Over 100 groups participated in a celebration of the Purple and Gold.



Conclusion

To put a value on the work carried out by community groups throughout County Wexford would be impossible. The Council through the supports given to community groups is supporting communities in a sustainable way. Through volunteerism and active citizenship, strong communities are being created throughout the County. The support of Wexford County Council is critical to this development.

SPORTS ACTIVE WEXFORD



Sports Active Wexford (Wexford Local Sports Partnership) is the key agency working towards the provision and development of opportunities for people to become involved in sport and physical activity in Wexford. It has played a key role on the steering committee for the County Wexford Recreation Strategy as a collaborative partner.

Fun In the Sun

The Annual Sports Camps 'Fun in the Sun' took place around County Wexford in 2013. The camps are organised and run by the partnership, with cooperation from the FAI, Leinster Rugby, County Wexford GAA, Parks Tennis, Wexford Wanderers Cricket Club, Shielbaggan Outdoor Adventure Centre (County Wexford and Waterford ETB) and Courtown Community Group and were sponsored in 2013 by Loftus Hall. The camps were successful with a total of 705 participants over the 5 days and Sports Active Wexford received positive feedback from participants.

JFK Challenge – New Ross

Over 300 students from Primary and Secondary schools from the New Ross area took part in the JFK Challenge in the New Ross Town Park. The event promoted physical activity and was run in partnership with Wexford County Council, Leinster Rugby, Wexford GAA, Leinster Region GAA, FAI Development Officer, United Striders Athletic Club, Parks Tennis and New Ross Town Council.

The event enabled students to take part in an athletic challenge and to try out sporting activities. Students from a number of schools in the area took part.

Operation Transformation

The Operation Transformation Annual National Walk took place on Saturday 19th January, 2013. Six walks in different areas of County Wexford took place with 427 participants. Eighty people in Wexford town also availed of a health screening provided by WIT's Health Sciences Department.



Ability Awareness Training with Cumas New Ross

The Genio Project, run by Cumas New Ross, is a 3 hour course on ability awareness and is a Train the Trainers programme. It includes an opportunity for people with a disability to deliver the programme. It was piloted in 2013 to transition year students in Good Counsel College and CBS Secondary School, New Ross, with 144 students taking part.



Traveller Women Community Health Programme - Active leaders programme

This programme was designed in partnership with Wexford Local Development, Go for Life and the Irish Heart Foundation.

Eleven members of the group were presented with their Walking Leader Certificates by Cllr Kathleen Codd-Nolan. The leaders work with over 120 travellers from around the County. This project has been an example of co-operation between agencies and has had a significant impact on the lives of the group and has effected a major cultural change in attitudes towards physical activity in this socio economic group.

Project FUTSAL (Football Used Towards Social Advancement and Learning)

This is an EU funded initiative offered jointly by the Football Association of Ireland and local education partners. The project is designed to provide education and work opportunities in sports related areas and to influence and assist community regeneration via employment and volunteerism. The main objectives of the project are to increase a participant's employability and/or enhance their prospects of going onto further education.

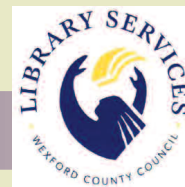
The venue in 2013 was Ferrycarrig Park in Wexford town, with 65 people participating. The Enniscorthy hub was nominated for an AONTAS award. Twenty participants on the Adult Learners course received their full Sport & Recreation award while 12 received the FAI Youth certificate. This resulted in 5 participants gaining employment, 3 going on to further education, 6 receiving Internships with the FAI and 14 receiving part time work on the FAI Summer Soccer Schools.

The subjects covered in Project FUTSAL range from Health Related Fitness to communications and work experience, all of which contribute to an overall FETAC Level 5 award in Sports and recreation.

Aside from the academic work the participants will also complete their FAI coaching badges up to Youth Cert level which will enable them to bring new ideas back to their clubs and communities.



ARTS, LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE SERVICES



Chambers Ireland awarded Wexford County Council the Best Library Service Award 2013.

Business Information Needs in Wexford Investigated: A Report on Findings was a piece of research completed in the early part of 2013 to inform the development of a business information service to be delivered initially from the new County Library and then extended countywide through the community library network. A parallel initiative researched the economic benefit of the Council's investment in the arts through its Arts Department.

On Our Own Ground: Wexford, Parish by Parish. Volume 1, A–D by Dr Edward Culleton, was published by Wexford County Council and launched in November. This project began in 2008 and was made excellent in particular by the contribution of the Council's GIS service, as well as the Libraries Local Studies and publishing services. The long lead-in time is evidence of the complexity of the project. One volume done, two to go.

Bi linn in 2013! Heritage postcards of County Wexford were developed to support the national Gathering cultural tourism promotion. Images range across 100 years and show South Main St in Wexford town, Slaney Place in Enniscorthy, Bridge St in New Ross, as well as fair days there and in Enniscorthy, busy summer beach days at Rosslare and Courtown and working windmills in Tacumshin and Ballindaggin.

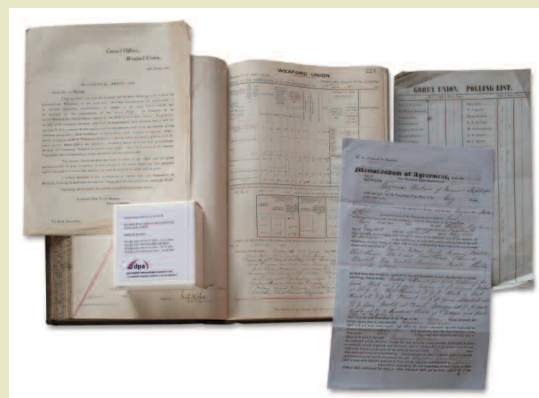


Watermarks – The Designing of Tides and the Tales Left Behind was an exhibition of the year's work of first year Art and Design Students, IT Carlow, Wexford Campus. It ran in the County Library throughout May. The exhibition took a

fresh look at the Wexford maritime environment and particularly the town's harbour and the sloblands to its north and south.

Students liaised with the Council's GIS service and with the Library's Wexford Studies Unit throughout the year. From research, they composed unique sea maps, made models of the coast in metalwork, undertook video and multimedia projects on display on the library's e-boards to capture the character of our River Slaney and its destination in Wexford Harbour.

The new Wexford County Archive website, www.wexfordcoco.ie/archive, was launched in late August; it highlights for the first time many of the collections of private origin in the Archive. In addition to the archives of the present and predecessor local government system, the collections include estate papers, solicitors' records, business records, political and military archives and school records. A page dedicated to family history outlines the many collections in the Archive that can be of relevance to family research.



United Nations' World Refugee Day – Monday, 17th June – was supported in libraries countywide, with exhibitions, bookmarks, drawing packs and reading lists targeted at adults and children. The reading lists prioritised fictional examinations of the refugee experience and texts will be used by adult reading circles countywide throughout the year.

The Creepy House Summer Reading Challenge was successful, with 1,300 children signed up to the challenge during the summer. Participants collected incentives and recorded their progress in their own Creepy House Log Book as they read their way from the Awful Upstairs, through the Gruesome Ground Floor to the Spine-tingling Cellar. Free resources for family activities were provided.

Local Government Service Indicators for Wexford County Council Library Services 2013 -L1 Library Public Opening Hours

	2013
Average number of Opening Hours per week for full-time libraries	42.8
Average number of Opening Hours per week for part-time libraries	16.28
Number of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	5 libraries
Number of full time libraries that have evening openings	5 libraries
Number of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	5 libraries

Notes:

1. Despite a decrease in opening hours in Bunclody Library in 2013, the average opening hours for full time libraries increased. This was due to the fact that 2013 was the first full year that the new Wexford County Library's schedule was included. The new library opened in November 2012 and increased opening hours from 45 hours to 49 hours per week.

2. Part-time libraries: the only part-time branches in Co Wexford are two mobile libraries. It was necessary to close the mobile libraries during July and August in 2013 for staffing reasons. In previous years they closed in August only. Furthermore, 26 days service to the public were lost due to necessary repair of these vehicles.

L2 Library Visits

	2013
Total number of visits to full-time libraries (yearly figure)	642,450

Notes:

1. The large increase of 96,700 visits in the overall figure is mainly due to the opening of the new Wexford County Library in November 2012.

L3 Library Stock

	2013
Annual expenditure on stock	€250,000
Total number of books issued	653,711
Total number of other items issued	41,955

Notes:

1. Total number of books issued increased by 38,541, non book decreased by 3,538 leaving an overall net increase of 35,003.

L4 Internet Access through Libraries

	2013
Total number of internet sessions provided (actually taken up)	102,953

Notes:

1. There is an increase in the number of internet sessions provided of 31,619. This is attributable to the large investment in technology in the new County Library leading to an increased uptake of public internet sessions and e-learning programmes.

2. All 5 libraries introduced pc reservation software early in 2013. This maximises the available sessions for members of the public and increases usage of shorter sessions.

Arts

During June 2013 the Arts Department oversaw the installation of a significant sculpture on the campus of Wexford County Council.

Entitled Solstice, the piece is by renowned sculptor Rowan Gillespie.



Public sculptures and major commissions by Gillespie are to be found in a host of countries spread throughout Europe, Canada and the USA.

A short film, in which Gillespie outlines the inspiration behind the piece, has been uploaded onto Wexford County Council's YouTube Channel.

Solstice was donated to Wexford County Council by the Harrington and Goltz families. Both families have a long-standing relationship with County Wexford.

As a contribution to the Irish Presidency of the EU a European Arts Ability Weekend was organised in late March and created learning opportunities for arts and health and arts and disability groups from Ireland, Wales and Sweden.

HUMAN RESOURCES

During the first quarter of 2013 the Government chose to revisit the terms of the Public Service Agreement 2010–2014 (The Croke Park Agreement). Subsequently, in May 2013, following protracted national negotiations, under the auspices of the Labour Relations Commission, the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013–2016 (The Haddington Road Agreement) was finalised. This Agreement committed the public service to further sustainable reform measures in areas such as:

- Redeployment
- Performance Management
- Flexible working arrangements
- Work-sharing arrangements
- Workforce restructuring

While the Agreement maintained the long-standing pay freeze across the public service, it also contained provisions for additional working hours, reduced overtime and premium payments, forfeiture of annual leave, increment deferrals and other pay-related reduction measures.

During the year significant progress was made with regard to the transition of the water services function to Irish Water. Following successful local trade union negotiations, the domestic water meter surveying and installation programmes were commissioned and well advanced by year's end. In addition, a number of Staff Information Meetings were held to update staff on key developments, particularly in relation to the proposed Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. Water Services staff also received training in Irish Water's IT systems as part of the transition process.



In May 2013 a revised Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) was launched, replacing the service provided for many years by Mr Willie Collins (Aire). The new service provider, Vhi Corporate Solutions, operates 24 hours a day,

365 days a year, with a dedicated free confidential telephone counselling service. In addition, staff can choose face-to-face counselling sessions, with appointments arranged locally. Also, specialist information is available in areas such as finance, legal, family and consumer issues.



In July a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme for local authority staff was introduced by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. The purpose of the Scheme was to achieve a permanent reduction in the number of employees from 2013 onwards. While the Scheme was open to all staff, there was no automatic right to redundancy; all applications were to be considered in the context of current and future business needs and service provision priorities of the local authority.

A total of 28 applications were received for consideration under the VR Scheme. Two were subsequently withdrawn and, of the remainder, 17 were approved with the other 9 either deemed ineligible or refused. The Council did not avail of the discretion to extend the closing date for receipt and decision of applications under the Scheme and consequently the deadline for the departure of staff approved for voluntary redundancy was set at 31st October 2013.

In addition to the staff who availed of the VR Scheme, a further 17 employees retired from the Council during 2013.

In July 2013 the Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Group issued a document entitled The Transition Framework for Sub-County/Municipal Reorganisation. This document was a follow-up to the Action Programme for Effective Local Government: Putting People First released by the Department in late December 2012. This Programme involves the abolition of all Borough and Town Councils in the County leaving the County Council as the single legal local authority entity.

It also provides for the establishment of four Municipal Districts in the County, each one centred around the main towns of Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford.

The creation of these Municipal Districts will coincide with the election of a new County Council with an augmented membership. It will have a significant impact, particularly for office-based staff in the existing Borough and Town Councils and Area Office staff. In the final quarter of 2013 a series of information meetings were held with these staff to outline the impact this reorganisation will have on their working lives. Formal discussions with the various trade unions representing staff were also initiated through the industrial relations arena.

The Council discontinued its Summer Student Scheme entirely during 2013. However, support for the National Internship Scheme (JobBridge) continued and 16 interns were taken on for a variety of projects across the Council's services. During the year the Council ran a total of 12 recruitment competitions involving over 1,200 applicants. Forty-seven appointments were subsequently made on foot of these competitions.

During the year the HR Department continued to provide support to line managers and section heads across the range of human resource functions – training, family friendly initiatives, grievance and disciplinary issues.

Staff Training

The Training Unit, within the Human Resources Department, is responsible for the provision of training for all employees and provides opportunities to further develop knowledge and skills.

In 2013 there were 2,195 days dedicated to training. A total of 682 staff attended a broad range of courses and seminars, including the following:

- **Child Safeguarding Awareness**
- **Customer Service Training**
- **Manual Handling**
- **Abrasive Wheels**
- **CSCS Signing, Lighting & Guarding**
- **Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC)**
- **Mid-Career Financial Planning Seminar**
- **Occupational First Aid**

The training provided was a mixture of in-house training, external training and training delivered locally by external providers.

The Council also continued to support staff by providing financial assistance and/or paid leave for study/exam purposes for relevant further education programmes. At total of 17 staff members received support for third level courses.

WORKPLACE PARTNERSHIP



Introduction and Background

During 2013, the Wexford Local Authorities rose to the challenge of implementing the local government reform programme with the assistance and support of the Workplace Partnership Process.

The Haddington Road (Public Service Stability) Agreement 2013-2014 came into operation in July, 2013 and carried forward many of the reforms in the Croke Park Agreement 2010-2014. The new agreement provides for a further series of pay and productivity measures, aimed at securing an identified level of savings over the 3 years from 2013-2015. The reform measures to be implemented include: redeployment, performance management, flexible working arrangements, work-sharing arrangements and workforce restructuring.

The workplace partnership culture is based on a collaborative approach and is focussed on the provision of information and consultation arrangements between senior management, employees and their senior trade union representatives. In Wexford Local Authorities, it is accepted that consultation and the exchange of information take place at all stages during the implementation of change. This facilitates the involvement of staff in change processes and improves decision-making and organisational performance.

Throughout the year, the process ensured the continued cooperation of trade unions in supporting the implementation of the savings, revision of work practices, re-configuration of the services to the public and the maintenance of industrial peace. Productivity continued to increase as staff numbers were reduced further and the nature and scope of the public service reforms intensified.

Handling Significant Change Committee

The workplace partnership process has at its core the Handling Significant Change through Partnership Agreement as the primary co-ordinating framework for all partnership

activity and strategic consultation on workplace change. The Committee is concerned with the sharing and exchange of information in relation to current developments and changes aimed at supporting the smooth operation of industrial relations within the organisation.

In 2013, the committee met on five occasions and the key change issues supported and addressed by the Committee were:

- The reform of local government as set out in the "Putting People First - Action Programme for Effective Local Government" – Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, 2012.
- Information and consultation concerning the transition for the centralisation of the water function within the Irish Water Utility Company.
- Information and consultation concerning the abolition of the Town Councils and the transition to Municipal/ Sub- County Local Government and Management Proposals for establishment of the four new integrated Municipal District Offices in the county.
- Information and consultation to support the staff transition to the new Apex Sports, Leisure and Health Centre in New Ross.
- Consultation regarding the implementation of the Voluntary Redundancy Scheme for Local Government – 2013.
- Information and consultation regarding the integration of the Local Enterprise Office with Wexford County Council and the alignment of the local community development sector with local government.
- Information and consultation regarding the ending of Driver Licensing function .
- Information and consultation regarding the implementation of the "Gateway Programme known also as the labour activation measure for long term employed persons".

- Information and consultation regarding the preparation of the Workforce Planning Report for Wexford County Council.
- Delivery of the FETAC Accredited Staff Learning and Development Programme in association with the Waterford/Wexford Educational and Training Board.
- Involvement with the delivery of the Junior Achievement Ireland Programme in primary and second level schools in Wexford and New Ross.
- Continuing interventions in relation to improving the health and well-being of employees arising from the general findings set out in the "Health Watch-Corporate Report".
- The implementation of agreed changes concerning the Construction Procurement Monitoring Systems.
- Provision of Mid-Career Financial Planning Courses - aimed at educating and motivating employees at this stage in their career.
- Provision of Specialist Training for Staff in Customer Service Delivery.

Conclusion

It is clear that the environment in which local government operates is increasingly challenging. Managers must manage within scarce resources and respond to increasing demand for services, while leading and implementing significant change and reform measures. They must engage with and manage important relationships with key stakeholders including the staff and trade unions.

In the context of the information and consultation requirements, the workplace partnership process will continue to assist with the exchange of information and the promotion of strong, positive working relationships while acknowledging and accommodating the needs and concerns of the employees and their representatives.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Food Safety

The Veterinary Department of Wexford County Council carries out official controls in local abattoirs and small meat manufacturing premises in County Wexford.

All abattoirs and small meat manufacturing premises are approved under EU food safety regulations. This approval allows these premises to trade products of animal origin within the EU.

The Veterinary Department carries out controls at these premises under a service contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland. The present contract expires in 2016. All duties carried out under the contract are fully funded by the Department of Health.

There are two local abattoirs in County Wexford. All animals sent for slaughter must undergo an ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection which is carried out by authorised Veterinary Inspectors. A health mark is applied to all carcasses deemed fit for human consumption. There is one seasonal turkey slaughter operation registered with Wexford County Council.

Small meat manufacturing plants are inspected to ensure that products are produced and distributed under appropriate food safety management systems. There is one manufacturing plant and three distributing plants in County Wexford.

The statistics and returns from the abattoirs and meat manufacturing premises for 2013 are contained in the annex.

Zoonosis

The Veterinary Officer is a member of the South East Regional Zoonosis Committee. The committee works to prevent the spread of infectious diseases from animals to humans through education, communication and epidemiological investigations.

Animal Health Surveillance Scheme

The Veterinary Department operates an animal health surveillance scheme on farms contiguous with the landfill site at Holmestown. The purpose of the scheme is to use the animal health status of the herds in the vicinity of the landfill facility as a sentinel for possible human health environmental hazards.

Surveillance on the herds is carried out using blood tests to monitor haematological and biochemical parameters; storing serum, plasma, tissue and milk samples for retrospective analysis; carrying out post-mortems as required; and gathering production data. Production data and samples were collected during the year.

The Veterinary Department worked in close collaboration with the Veterinary Department of Cork County Council which operates a similar surveillance scheme on dairy herds in the vicinity of a large industrial complex in the Cork harbour region.

Annex – 2013 STATISTICS

Meat Hygiene Service

Number of hygiene inspections – 53

Number of samples analysed – 107

Number of meat inspection visits – 467

Annual Abattoir Returns

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Number of animals inspected	628	3268	1198
Rejections on ante-mortem examination	1	0	0
Carcasses wholly condemned	1	0	0
Carcasses partly condemned	3	1	0
Organs only condemned	259	562	34
Number of bovine tuberculous lesions	0		

MISCELLANEOUS

Some changes that occurred in the 2013/2014 academic year were:

- The increase of the Student Contribution from €2,250 to €2,500.
- The income bands relating to the award of maintenance grants decreased, whilst the actual rates of maintenance grants remained static.

Dog Licences

The total number of Dog Licences issued in 2013 was 9,843. This was approximately a 6% increase in the number issued in 2012.

The breakdown of each type of licence was as follows:

Single Dog Licences €20 each	9,815
General Licences €140 each	13
Lifetime Licences €400 each	15

Register of Electors

No. of Voters in the Constituency of Wexford	109,411
No. of Special and Postal Voters	708
No. of Polling Districts (of Units of the Register)	126
No. of Deletion Notices issued in respect of Voters names being removed from previous years	4,86
No. of additions, deletions and corrections to 2012/2013 Register to make up the 2013/2014 Register	12,120
No. of Voters on Draft Register printed on 1 November 2013	109,760
No. of Voters on Draft Edited Register printed on 1 November 2013	1,301

Student Grants 2013–2014

As all new applications since 2012 are made online to a single awarding authority, Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI), through the website www.studentfinance.ie, the numbers of grants awarded by the Local Authority continued to reduce in volume. There were 410 renewals in 2013.

FINANCE



**Ms. Annette
O' Neill -**
Head of Finance

The Finance Department provides a support service to the operations of the frontline departments of the Council.

The mission of the Department is to enhance the effectiveness and value of services to the community in County Wexford through the provision of quality financial services which contribute towards the Corporate Objectives of the Wexford Local Authorities.

The Internal Audit, Motor Taxation, Rates, Credit Control, Insurance Risk Management, Water Charges and Local Charges Sections are also managed within the Finance Directorate. The following provides a summary of items and statistics of particular note within the Finance Department for 2013.

Rates Department

Rates Incentive Scheme

The Rates Incentive Scheme introduced by Wexford Local Authorities as part of the annual budget process for 2013 provided an opportunity for Ratepayers to avail of a discount of 5% from their annual Rates Bill up to a maximum of €250. Some 75% of ratepayers in the County pay €5,000 or less in annual rates so the Rates Incentive Scheme targeted this reduction primarily towards the SME sector.

Almost 40% of ratepayers availed of the scheme and it is proposed to repeat and extend the scheme even further in 2014. Other statistics for Rates Collection in County Wexford for 2013 include:

Rates	
2013 Warrant (including arrears)	€27,188,205
2013 Collection	€16,977,391
% Collection	69%
No. of relevant properties	2,579
No. of Demand Notes issued	2,172
Effective Valuation	€270,130
Revision Requests to Valuation Office	77

Local Charges Unit – NPPR Enforcement Team

During 2013 a Non Principal Private Residence charge (NPPR) Enforcement Team was established to increase efforts to identify non compliant properties for this charge. Since its formal establishment in July 2013 the number of registrations of NPPR properties has increased from 12,883 to 13,456. Income secured from this source since 2009 is set out in the following table:

NPPR	Nett Charges Collected
2009	€2,381,820
2010	€2,726,520
2011	€2,551,480
2012	€3,270,360
2013	€3,716,940
Total	€14,647,120

Water Charges Section

During 2013 the Water Charges Section has been working with representatives of Irish Water in preparation for the legal transfer of Water Services to this body from 1st January 2014. It has been decided that the Water Charges Section, on behalf of Irish Water, will remain responsible for the management of a database of non-domestic customers who avail of the public water supply and sewerage services infrastructure, and for the billing and collection of the appropriate charges in this regard until at least the last quarter of 2014.

Motor Taxation

There were two specific and significant changes to the service provided by the Wexford Motor Tax Office (MTO) in 2013, as follows:

Privatisation of Driving Licence Service

In 2013 the issuing of Driver Licences moved

from Motor Taxation Offices where they have been processed and issued for almost 50 years; the first driver licences were issued in Ireland in 1964.

The changeover commenced on 19th January 2013 when, arising from the 3rd EU Directive of 2006, a new plastic credit card style driving licence was introduced. While driver licence applications continued to be processed in the MTO the new style driving licence was actually produced and issued by private contractors.

In October 2013 the legal responsibility for processing and issuing licences was fully transferred to the Road Safety Authority, who moved the service from Council buildings thus ending 50 years of service.

Since 2010 Wexford Co Council processed an average of 400 licences per week with over 96% of all applications processed and issued within 3 days.

Statutory Off-Road Declarations (SORDS)

The Non-Use of Motor Vehicles Act, 2013 came into effect from 30th September 2013 and abolished the provision whereby an owner who made an off-road declaration, stamped by a Garda, was not liable for the motor tax for the declared period.

Owners must now declare in advance that they will not be using their vehicle in a public place and the declaration must be received in the MTO before the start of the off-road period. This change in legislation resulted in a surge of activity in the Wexford MTO and all other MTOs in the country, with owners moving to regularise their position before the required deadline. Wexford alone dealt with a total of 7,500 SORDS and Garda stamped forms before the deadline.

The Act was as a result of continuing losses in motor tax revenue, with Wexford losing a potential €4.87 million in 2011, as 24,093 or 23% of the total vehicle licence transactions were declared off the road (Local Government Audit Report, 2011).

Online Taxing

In 2013, 90% of the Wexford vehicle fleet could avail of online taxing, with 56% of those availing of this facility. However, following the abolition of off-road declarations in September as outlined above the monthly rate of online taxing increased steadily with figures of 57%,

59% and 63% reported for October, November and December.

The following table shows the trend in both online and MTO taxing of vehicles:

Year	MTO	Online	Total
2011	67,982	73,062	141,044
2012	70,778	80,254	151,032
2013	69,942	87,213	157,155

Other Motor Taxation Statistics include:

	2012	2011	2010
New Registered Vehicles	3,031	3,657	3,636
Tax Discs	89,171	96,951	99,049
Driving Licences	20,942	21,285	20,199
Other Stock	29,090	29,090	24,738
Total Stock Issues	138,508	147,326	143,986
Counter Issues	72,594	79,947	86,294
Postal Issues	38,914	40,675	57,692
Postal Taxes 3 day turnaround	97%	96.75%	98.93%
Postal Licences 3 day turnaround	98.6%	98.44%	99.37%
Receipts for Year	€20,625,927	€21,648,233	€22,317,211

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2013

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus (deficit) for the year.

		Gross Expenditure 2013	Income	Net Expenditure 2013	Net Expenditure 2012
Expenditure by Division	Note	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building		14,212,865	15,852,538	1,639,673	1,750,011
Road Transport and Safety		24,887,491	15,475,864	9,411,627	9,281,164
Water Services		18,979,860	6,556,921	12,422,939	12,128,843
Development Management		5,422,171	877,919	4,564,252	4,515,207
Environmental Services		9,911,848	1,728,950	8,182,898	9,095,295
Recreation and Amenity		4,743,059	406,2013	4,336,846	4,034,604
Agri, Educ, Health and Welfare		4,248,938	2,864,926	1,384,012	58,680
Miscellaneous Services		8,643,656	6,447,346	2,196,310	2,030,072
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	91,069,888	50,210,677		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from County Rates and Local Government fund				40,859,211	39,393,854
Local Government fund				15,912,433	15,704,965
Pension Related Deduction				1,784,259	1,746,689
Commercial Rates				19,497,357	18,672,534
County Charge				8,145,092	8,059,163
Surplus (Deficit) for Year before Transfers				4,479,931	4,789,496
Transfers from/(to) Revenue	15			(4,881,940)	(4,925,704)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				(402,009)	(136,208)
General Revenue Reserve at 1st January				(6,465,890)	(6,329,683)
General Reserve at 31st December				(6,867,899)	(6,465,890)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013	2012
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		559,113,926	558,689,903
Infrastructural		1,944,118,115	1,942,418,376
Community		2,948,741	2,861,689
Non-Operational		14,636,776	14,913,808
		2,520,817,558	2,518,883,776
Work-inProgress and Preliminary Expenses	2	92,007,922	97,736,054
Long Term Debtors	3	69,832,395	74,545,426
Current Assets			
Stock	4	419,116	367,482
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	27,115,975	29,291,541
Bank Investments		5,028,496	17,902,896
Cash in Transit		2,985	3,055
Urban Account	7	1,794,933	-
		34,631,505	47,564,974
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		1,269,732	7,490,220
Creditors and Accruals	6	25,123,997	26,218,776
Finance Leases		343,634	343,634
		26,737,363	34,052,630
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		7,624,142	13,512,344
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	145,887,335	152,895,440
Finance Leases		446,802	732,557
Refundable Deposits	9	4,907,671	5,823,099
Other		5,977,516	8,231,045
		157,219,324	167,682,142
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		2,533,062,693	2,536,995,458
Represented By			
Capitalisation Account	10	2,520,817,558	2,518,883,776
Income WIP	2	91,967,244	95,482,976
Specific Revenue Reserve		1,517,729	1,517,729
General Revenue Reserve		(6,867,900)	(6,465,890)
Other Balances	11	(74,371,937)	(72,423,132)
Total Reserves		2,533,062,693	2,536,995,458

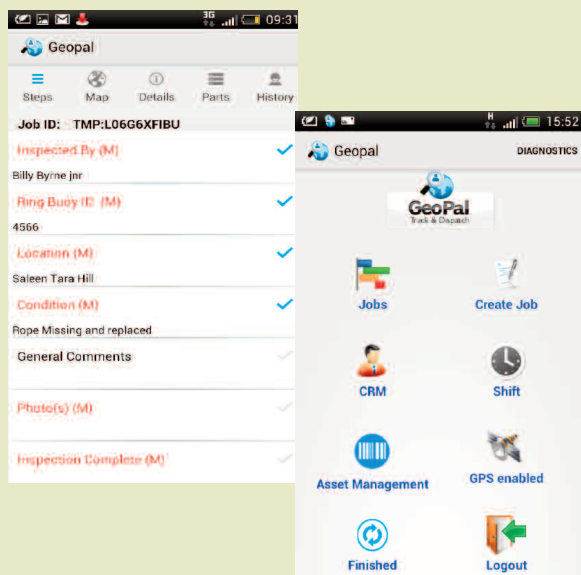
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

The ICT Department provides a support service to the operations of the frontline departments of the Council. During 2013 several initiatives were undertaken to enhance this service including:

GeoPal

In early 2013, the ICT Department embarked on a project to facilitate the development of applications for mobile devices to replace paper-based forms, streamline processes and allow for better record management within the organisation. The GeoPal system was selected to enable the in-house development of a range of mobile apps to provide access to inspection and survey forms on mobile devices.

These mobile forms facilitate convenient data capture using menu selections, buttons, text boxes, GPS data and photographs and subsequent management of the captured data. In 2013, fifteen separate mobile apps were developed and implemented for departments such as Environment, Planning, Housing, Water Services and Health & Safety. Over 3,000 records were captured in 2013 and this number is expected to grow significantly in 2014. Further application development and implementations are planned for 2014 and beyond.



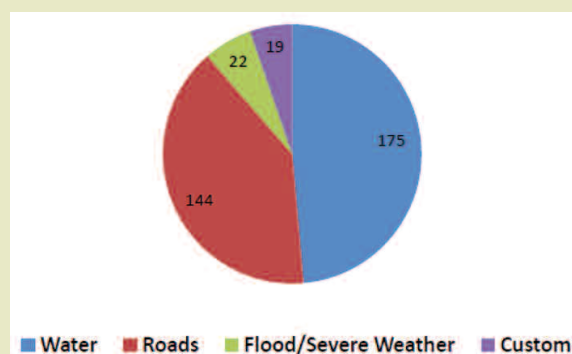
MapAlerter

The MapAlerter service continues to provide a valuable information service to residents of the county who have signed up to receive alerts. As of December 2013, there were 3,750 registered users with a roughly 60/40 split between home locations and work locations. In addition to this, MapAlerter provides an information feed to the @wexfordcoco twitter account which has approximately 3,600 followers and also to an emergency website.

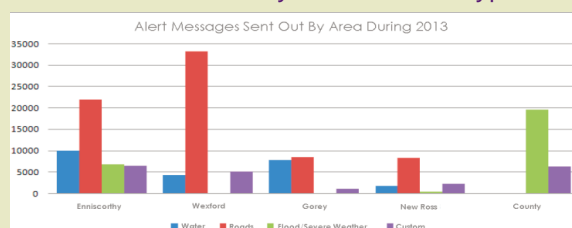
There were 360 alerts sent out during 2013, the majority emanating from the Council's Water Services Department or the Roads Department (see Fig. 1 below). There were 19 custom alerts issued covering a range of subjects:

- Irish Road Safety Week
- Notice of meetings for the Draft Enniscorthy and Wexford Development Plans
- Gorey Christmas Market
- Opening of the Gorey Recycling Centre
- Enniscorthy Street Rhythms Festival
- Feast of Wexford

Fig.1 – Alerts by source in 2013

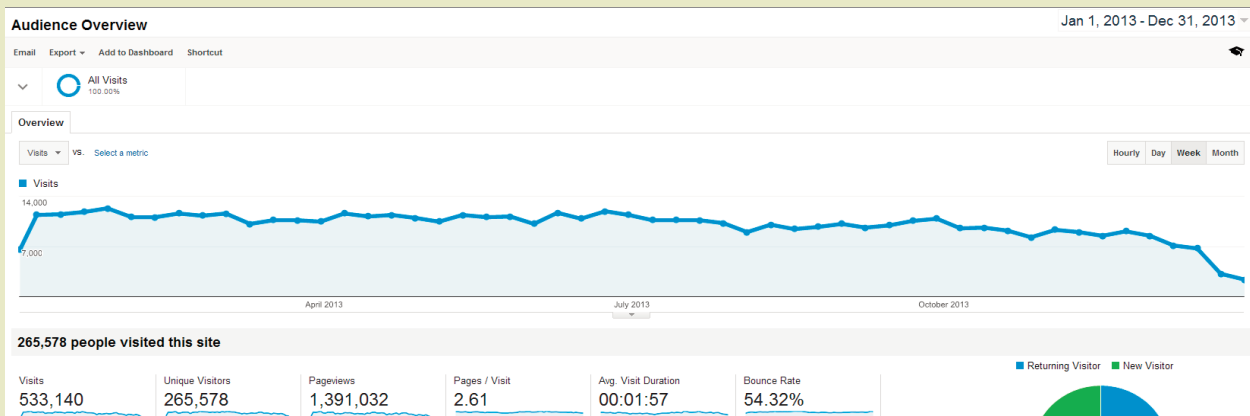


A total of 148,702 alert messages were sent out during 2013. The following chart provides a breakdown of these by area and alert type.



Website and Social Media

Wexford County Council website continues to be a popular channel for information for the public with nearly 1.4 million page views and 533,000 visits in 2013. The use of smart devices to access the Council's website increased significantly during the year and has almost doubled to 20% of overall traffic in that time. One interesting statistic to note is the significant amount of hits coming from the UK, US and Australia which may reflect a need by our diaspora for information – the website had 15,000 hits from the UK alone in 2013.



Social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter continue to be useful communication tools for Wexford County Council with individual departments such as the Libraries, Arts Department and Sports Active all maintaining Facebook pages. The Council has a very active Twitter account with over 3,600 followers and daily interaction with the public. Tweets cover a very wide range of topics and the Twitter account has proven to be a popular and useful channel particularly during severe weather events.



Network Security Audit

Wexford County Council and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) completed the audit and maintenance of the Council's LAN (Local Area Network) and WAN (Wide Area Network) equipment and configurations. All routers and switches were configured to ensure the optimal security of our network and to standardise configurations across all platforms.

Included in the network maintenance was the configuration of our ASA devices (firewalls) to ensure that they were resilient and included up-to-date IPS (Intrusion Prevention System) software. Our ASA devices fully utilise communication links from two separate providers to ensure full redundancy on our connection to Government Networks.

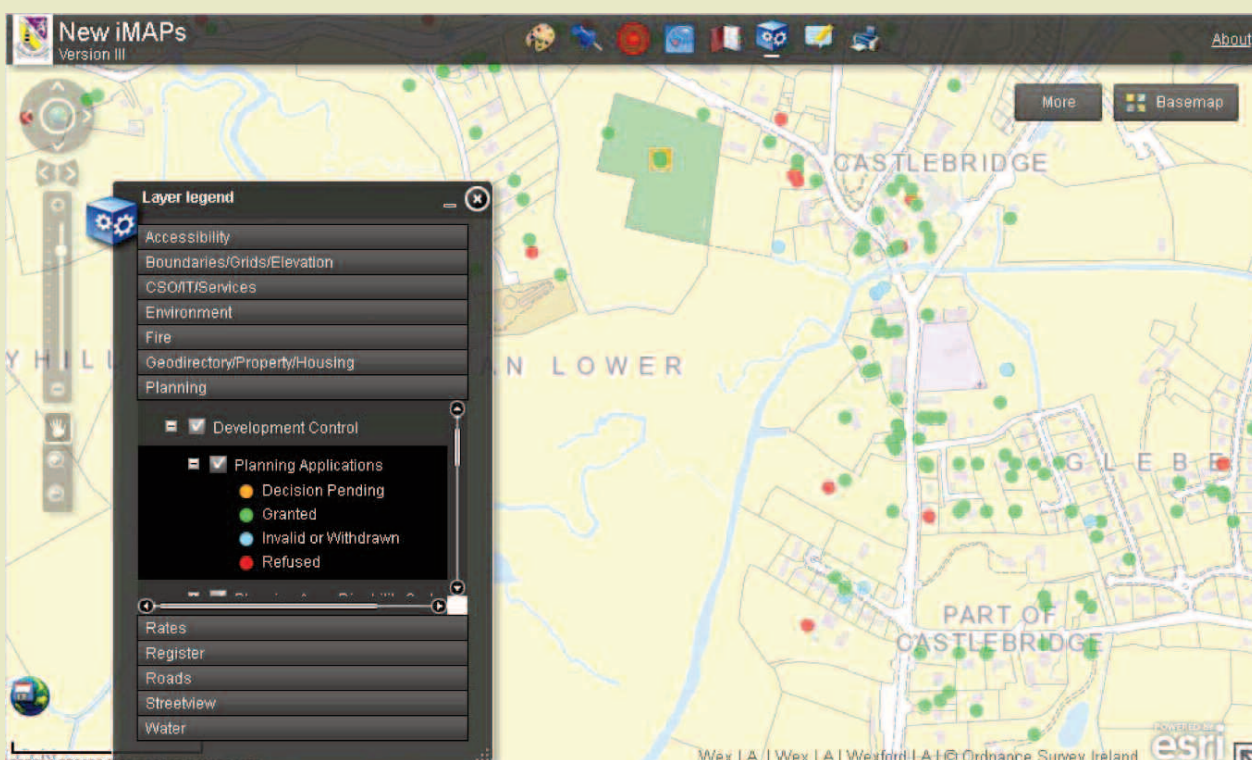


New Intranet GIS

The new intranet GIS was implemented in 2013. The system was rolled out to all staff across the Council with training provided to almost 200 members of staff. The benefits of the new system include:

- Up-to-date GIS functionality with intuitive user interface
- Centralised management of all GIS data in one database
- Use of web services to access data from other organisations
- Inclusion of mobile mapping functionality to allow capture data in the field
- Inclusion of editing functionality to digitise GIS datasets

The intranet GIS provides access to over 200 map layers from all departments including Planning, Roads, Water Services, Environment and Fire Services.



WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL



Cllr. George Lawlor
Mayor of Wexford



Mr. Adrian Doyle
Director of Services/
Wexford Town
Manager

Wexford Inner Relief Road

The second phase of the Wexford Inner Relief Road from Newtown Road to Park was completed and officially opened by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor George Lawlor, in August 2013. The new Inner Relief Road was constructed at a total cost of €9.2m and the project completed the Wexford Town Traffic Management Plan which had commenced 10 years previously. The Plan significantly improved the traffic flow and parking availability in Wexford Town.

The Inner Relief Road also links the new access road into Park and the Pairc Charman sporting facilities, which was also completed in 2013 paving the way for the construction of a new town park on the former landfill site at Carcur.



Refurbishment of Main Street

The final phase of the Main Street Refurbishment Programme was completed in 2013 at a total investment of €6.0m by the Borough Council. The project has significantly enhanced and improved the overall presentation of Wexford's vibrant town centre whilst also improving general accessibility for all to the Main Street and commercial centre.

World War I Remembrance Ceremonies at Redmond Square

In June 2013 the Borough Council, in conjunction with The Royal British Legion of Wexford, held its first Ecumenical Dedication Ceremony of Remembrance and Wreathlaying at the War Memorial Monument in Redmond Square to remember the Wexford war dead who sacrificed their lives in the defence of freedom in the First World War, 1914–1918. A wreath was laid during the ceremony by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Jim Allen, on behalf of the people of Wexford.

The Borough Council subsequently unanimously agreed to make this an annual ceremony to coincide with Remembrance Sunday in November of each year and a further ceremony was held at the Redmond Square Monument on 10th November 2013, at which His Worship the Mayor, Councillor George Lawlor, laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Wexford.



Development of Sporting Facilities at The Rocks, Maudlintown

The Borough Council entered into a Lease Agreement with St Mary's GAA Club, Maudlintown and made lands available at The Rocks, Maudlintown to facilitate the development of a full size playing pitch and associated facilities. The first phase of the development will be completed in early 2014 with financial assistance under the Government's Sports Capital Programme and the facilities will also be made available, by agreement, for use by local schools and community groups.

Cultural Spine

The Cultural Spine in Wexford Town stretches from the historic Westgate and forms a vital link from the section of the Old Town Wall at Westgate and the Westgate Tower taking in Selskar Abbey, the Wexford Arts Centre, the new Wexford Library and the Wexford Opera House along its route before discharging into South Main Street.

In 2013, the Borough Council developed and implemented Phases 1 and 2 of a proposal to upgrade the pedestrian link between South Main Street and High Street, known as Keyser's Lane, and in so doing completing the Cultural Spine from Westgate to South Main Street. Keyser's Lane is but one of many of the old laneways adjoining the Main Street and the objective was to increase the sense of place generated by the old laneways, and to raise the sense of enjoyment of use of the laneways by the public on a daily basis.

Site for new Divisional Garda Headquarters

A development of significance in 2013 was the acquisition of a town centre site at The Faythe/ Mulgannon by the Borough Council for the new Divisional Garda Headquarters. Without the intervention of the Borough Council this major development would have been constructed on a less suitable site on the periphery of the town.

Mr Patrick (Patsy) Whelan RIP

A former employee of the Borough Council, Mr Patrick Whelan, or 'Patsy' as he was fondly known by family and friends, passed away in May 2013. Mr Whelan had been employed as a Driver with the Council's outdoor staff for many years.

Mr James Browne RIP

Another former employee, Mr James (Jimmy) Browne, passed away in November 2013. Mr Browne had been employed as a Labourer for a long number of years and he took particular pride in his work on the maintenance and presentation of Redmond Park and the grounds of the old Municipal Buildings on Belvedere Road, which he carried out up to the time of his retirement from the Council. Mr Browne had also worked as a Retained Fire Fighter in the Fire Service for a number of years.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.

GOREY TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr. Michael D'Arcy
Cathaoirleach



Mr. Eddie Taaffe
Director of Services/
Gorey Town Manager

Gorey Town Council with the support of Wexford County Council developed a number of new events and initiatives in 2013. The programme of activities also prioritised existing strengths and sharing of resources.

Love Gorey

Gorey Town Council supported the development and maintenance of the Love Gorey website, www.lovegorey.ie launched by Wexford Ambassador Ann Doyle on 7th March. The website and Facebook page had a very successful first year promoting Gorey and North Wexford. An associated PR programme was delivered throughout the year and the site utilised links with www.visitwexford.ie



Festivals

Gorey Town Council assisted the Cuisle Cheoil Festival Committee to develop their concert programme into a weekend festival. This niche traditional music festival brought a considerable number of visitors to the town at an otherwise quiet time.

The Gorey Town Council Market House Festival Committee organised a highly successful four-day event programme for the August bank holiday weekend. The programme promoted local foods, crafts and heritage against a backdrop of leading Irish entertainment acts.

Conferences

Gorey was delighted to welcome the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Spring Conference to Gorey. The conference had one

of the largest attendances in recent years, with excellent feedback.

The large attendance was used to promote the Wexford Garden Trail and Coastal Path. Other important conferences included those of the Library Association of Ireland and the Irish Secondary Science Teachers Association.

The Council provided delegates to all conferences with a welcome pack with details of facilities and attractions in the area and welcome signage was posted at entry points to the town.

Civic Receptions and Special Events

Receptions held throughout the year included:

- **Cuisle Cheoil Opening Night Reception**
- **Craanford National School, Comenius Multilateral Project**
- **Environment Competition Launch and An Taisce Green Homes Presentation**
- **Wexford Day Heritage Trail**
- **Byrne Perry Summer School**
- **Cornerstone Youth Team, New Jersey**
- **Argentine Ambassadors & Gorey Musical Society**
- **Gorey Market House Festival Business Launch**
- **Gorey Market House Festival 'Offsprings' Opening Night**
- **Drug & Alcohol Free Teens Music Event**
- **Voluntary Groups Contribution Awards and Information Fair**

Gorey Heritage Trail

As part of the Wexford Day Celebrations, Gorey Town Council worked with the North Wexford Historical Society to produce a map and guide for the key attractions in Gorey Town. The project will be developed further in 2014.



Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme

A roundabout sponsorship scheme was developed in partnership with local businesses, whereby businesses support planting costs on roundabouts for a fixed period. This successful scheme will be extended in 2014. Other environmental initiatives included an anti dog fouling promotion programme and development of a number of projects with Gorey Tidy Towns. The Gorey Town Council Environment & Garden Competitions took place in June and had a fourfold increase in entries.



Voluntary Groups Contribution Scheme

The following Groups were each awarded €150, from the annual Voluntary Groups Funding Programme:

Gorey Rangers
Gorey Hockey Club
Sean Doire Res. Association
Gorey St Patrick's Day Parade
Gorey And District Lions Club

Sr Clemens Community Playschool
St Michael's Pipe Band
Gorey Girl Guides
1st Gorey Boys' Brigade
Advocates For Autism
Baile Eoghain Res. Association
Yellow Moon Theatre Company
CCE Tuaisceart Loch Garman
Gorey Youth Needs
Gorey Racing Pigeon Society
Gorey Arch Club
Gorey Active Retirement
St Columba's Day Care
Gorey ICA
Gorey Men's Shed
New 2 Gorey Women's Group
Gorey Girls' Brigade
Gorey Red Cross
Hazelwood Residents Association
Willow Park/Ashwood Grove Residents Association
St Patrick's Snooker Club
Gorey Tourism
Gorey Heartsafe Project Group
The Gallops Residents Association
Gorey Choral Group
Gorey Carriage Driving Group
Camolin Craft Club
St Columba's Old Folks Club
Gorey Celtic FC
Gorey Musical Society
Wednesday Women's Group
Men's Development Group
Clonattin Estate Residents Association
Week Of Elderly
Byrne Perry Summer School
Gorey Community Social Services Council
Gorey Meals On Wheels
Gorey Gymnastics Club
Gorey Community Games
NWSPCA
Doire Fea Residents Association

NEW ROSS TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr. Niamh Fitzgibbon
Cathaoirleach



Mr. Eamonn Hore
Director of Services/
New Ross Town
Manager

New Ross was firmly established on the world stage in 2013. Our association with the Kennedy family and the celebration of JFK50 brought huge International attention and focus on New Ross Town.

It gave us the opportunity to showcase our town and we expect to see the benefits of this for years to come.

Housing:

McMorrough Court

McMorrough Court, formally the Bosheen Bungalows, was officially opened by the Minister for Housing and Planning, Jan O'Sullivan, T.D., on the 18th of September, 2013.

This development is comprised of 16 2 bed Units and a community centre. It is used to meet the needs of the elderly and has improved the quality of life of the new residents.



Insulation of Local Authority Houses

New Ross Town Council was successful in acquiring grants and matching funding in 2013 for energy upgrades with the following 2 schemes:

- Better Energy Warmer Homes Area Based Programme 2013 - New Ross Town with WLD
- Partnership with Wexford County Council and SSE Airtricity under its National Community Fund Programme.

Approximately, €300,000 was spent on these works which resulted in improved insulation and warmth for 80 houses. 80 families in New Ross town can now look forward to warmer winters, significantly reduced energy bills and lower Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

Barrack Lane

In December 2013, we were successful in our application to the Department of the Environment to knock the 20 derelict duplex social housing units in Barrack Lane. We were awarded funding of €215,334.94 from the department for this purpose and also to landscape the site.

While knocking the houses we took the opportunity to knock the old pool and clear up the entire site. The landscaping plans include the creation of an amphitheatre type area which will be used as an amenity in the future.

Apex Leisure Centre

The Apex Leisure Centre opened in 2013. This is a state of the Art €7m leisure centre operated by New Ross Sports and Leisure, a company 100% owned by New Ross Town Council.

This centre opened in October 2013 with a 6 lane 25 metre pool, toddler and learner pool, health suite, flume, gym and dance studio. The facility has been successful since its opening, with continuing growth in customer numbers.



Tourism JFK 50

JFK50 celebrated the 50th anniversary of the visit of President John F. Kennedy to the town of his forefathers. President Kennedy's great grandfather emigrated from the quayside in 1848 to escape the ravages of the Great famine. His visit in 1963 was a pivotal moment in Irish history.

There were a number of events during the year that made Kennedy 50 special, as shown below:

- The AMAI spring conference took place in New Ross in February 2013.
- The Central bank issued a silver €10 commemorative JFK proof coin and a Gold €20 commemorative JFK proof coin on the 27th June, 2013 These were launched by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Brendan Howlin TD.
- An Post launched two commemorative stamps in the Council chamber.

The outstanding and most memorable event of the year however was the Homecoming event on the 22nd June, 2013.



The homecoming event captivated the public in a way not seen since the original Kennedy visit of 1963. Internationally renowned entertainers gave their time free of charge to help in producing a four hour show on the main stage in New Ross. The event was embraced by the late President's family who arrived in great numbers and participated in the whole event. The Homecoming embodied the objective of the gathering year, and the council, with the support of many, produced an event that reached out to the diaspora, and created a tangible legacy for the Irish Emigrant.

Awards

New Ross Town Council received awards from a number of bodies in 2013, in recognition of our outstanding achievements.

IPB Pride of Place Awards

The New Ross Quayside redevelopment project was awarded first runner up prize at the All-Ireland Pride of Place awards held in Derry on November 16th, 2013. The Quayside redevelopment secured the prize in the Single – Issue / Tourism Diaspora Initiative category.

The All-Island Pride of Place Competition recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. The focus is on people coming together to shape, change and enjoy all that is good about their local area.

New Ross was also among seven other locations listed as Livcom nominees which will be judged in 2014.

Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

New Ross Town Council was announced as the national winner of the Gathering Ireland 2013 - County Gathering of the Year category.

The Homecoming event won a fiercely contested category.

The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards are run in conjunction with the Department of Environment.

The award was graciously accepted on behalf of New Ross Town Council by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Niamh FitzGibbon and Town Manager, Eamonn Hore.



Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Awards

The Quayside Development brought further recognition to the town with the award for best Civil Engineering development by a Local Authority.

Barrow Awards Scheme

The Barrow Awards Scheme is a competition in which the objectives are to focus on the many aspects and assets of this important waterway and its adjacent environs for inland waterways boating, canoeing, bird and wildlife, history and archaeological groups, ramblers and walking enthusiasts.

The 2013 awards also focused on attractions and amenities within a 1 km distance of the river, as well as the immediate river bank space.

New Ross, winners of the overall award in 2012, won the County award in 2013. The winning project in 2013 involved the rehabilitation of the area at the old bridge abutment at Rosbercon.

Civic Receptions/Welcomes

New Ross Town Council held a civic awards night on the 12th December, 2013 in the Brandon House hotel in recognition of those who have contributed to the town. The following groups and people were honoured:

**Old Folks Club on the occasion
of their 50th Anniversary**

**Mons. Joe McGrath on the 25th
Anniversary of his ordination
St Michael's Musical Society on their
winning of the AIMS Festival Award**

**New Ross & District Pipe Band on their
winning the World Championships**

Mercy School

New Ross Drama Society

Catriona Mernagh for her Blogging Award

Robert Viera, New Ross Rugby Club

New Ross Kickboxing Association

A very successful night was had by all.

Town Twinning

New Ross Town Council took part in a very successful Twinning trip to Moncoutant in September, 2013. The chairman and Town Clerk represented the Town Council at this event and accompanied a party of 20 locals,

further cementing the strong links between the twinned communities.

Retirements

The members and staff of New Ross Town Council would like to wish Siobhan Kelly, Billy Murphy & Brid Ann McDonald well in their retirements from New Ross Town Council.

We also wish former Councillor Bobby Dunphy well after retiring from public service in September, 2013 following 13 years of dedicated and committed work as a New Ross Town Councillor.

ENNISCORTHY TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr. Johnny Mythen
Cathaoirleach



Mr. Tony Larkin
Director of Services/
Enniscorthy Town
Manager

Throughout 2013 the Council continued to provide improvements in the quality of life for the citizens of Enniscorthy, expending in excess of €4.5m across a wide range of services.

Housing and Building

The Council now has 455 houses in its housing stock.

The Town Council continued its Planned Maintenance Programme completing a number of heating upgrades and energy efficiency works. Planned Maintenance was carried out to 38 houses in total in 2013.

Pre-letting Repairs were also carried out to 13 properties.

The Council also proceeded with the purchase and installation of radon detectors in all its houses.

The Council continues to encourage development of tenants' associations and give tenants a sense of pride in their own home and community. A number of resident associations were formed in local authority estates in 2013.

Following the completion of a statutory Housing Needs Assessment in April 2013, there are currently 454 housing applicants to the Town Council. The Council housed 9 applicants from its housing list in 2013.

A total of 146 inspections of tenanted private residential properties were completed by the Town Council in 2013.

Road Transportation and Safety

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government funding of €161,300 towards the 2013 Roads Programme allowed improvements to footpaths and other works at Friary Hill, Maudlins Folly, The Duffry, Gimont, Parnell Road, Fr Murphy Park, The Shannon, Lower Church Street, Moran Park,

St John's Villas, Slaney View Park, Patrick Street, St Aidan's Villas, together with road markings throughout the town.

The Town Council continued to provide additional measures to combat adverse weather conditions.

It acquired an independent 100 tonnes of salt supply and also stored 1,000 filled sand bags. Flooding in January 2013 resulted in closure of the Enniscorthy Quays portion of the N11 and significant road diversions over a two-day period but happily no property damage occurred.

The gritting of roads during severe weather events also continued in 2013.

The next phase of the Accessibility Improvement Project was completed with the installation of further uncontrolled crossings and a controlled crossing, a number of dropped kerbs and tactile paving to footpaths around the town and in housing estates, to facilitate residents. This included works to Vinegar Hill and the addition of a pedestrian path around the steps opposite Enniscorthy Castle.

A significant programme of improvement was completed to footpaths and road surface at Church St and has met with much acclaim from business and community interests throughout the town.

A one-way system was implemented from Market Square to Irish Street allowing improved access for pedestrians and improved traffic management in town centre areas.

Development Incentives and Control

Further progress was made in 2013 in combating dereliction in the town and a number of properties were developed and removed from the Derelict Sites Register. In total eight properties have been upgraded

under this measure over the last number of years.

The Town Council was again pleased, with the kind support of Wexford IFA, to co-sponsor the All-Ireland Farmers' Market Competition in Enniscorthy which greatly enhanced the Co Wexford Strawberry Festival in 2013, which in itself was a resounding success.

Twenty-eight local community groups received funding totalling €26,500 under the Promotion of Interest in the Local Community Grants Scheme.

The Templeshannon Regeneration Scheme resulted in the redecoration of 18 commercial premises under the Town Council's very successful Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme. It is proposed to continue with this scheme in 2014.

The Council's strong support of the town's tourism infrastructure continued throughout 2013, culminating in the opening of the newly refurbished National 1798 Rebellion Centre in April 2013.

The enhanced visitor experience has won a number of national awards and, together with Enniscorthy Castle and The Presentation Centre, has led to a welcome increase in tourism numbers to Enniscorthy Town.

Environmental Protection

Enniscorthy Town Council gives support to the Tidy Towns Committee to continue increasing the town's success in the competition, and strives for Enniscorthy to be maintained as the County's tidiest large town.

The large mechanised road sweeper and footpath sweeper continue to make an impact in clearing litter and improving efforts as regards the presentation of the town.

The Council purchased nine Compactor Big Belly Bins in 2013. These solar-powered state-of-the-art bins can provide for segregation of municipal waste while compacting waste in the bin itself and thereby reducing the frequency of emptying.

In addition, the bins are one hundred per cent resistant to access by rodents, birds, etc. and contribute to a much cleaner and tidier environment.

Recreation and Amenity

Enniscorthy Town Council has always recognised the importance of festivals and social events as a means of promoting Enniscorthy and attracting visitors to the town. The Council supported the following festivals in the town in 2013:

- **Strawberry Festival**
- **Enniscorthy Street Rhythms Dance Fest**
- **Blackstairs Blues**
- **Riverside Jump**
- **Art in the Open**
- **Christmas Festival**
- **St Patrick's Day Parade**
- **Easter Monday Parade**
- **Arts Alive Fest**
- **Dragon Sportive Cycling Event**
- **National Youth Cycling Championships**

The presentation of the town is of utmost importance to Enniscorthy Town Council as represented by the Council's annual Parks Improvement Programme which continued in 2013.

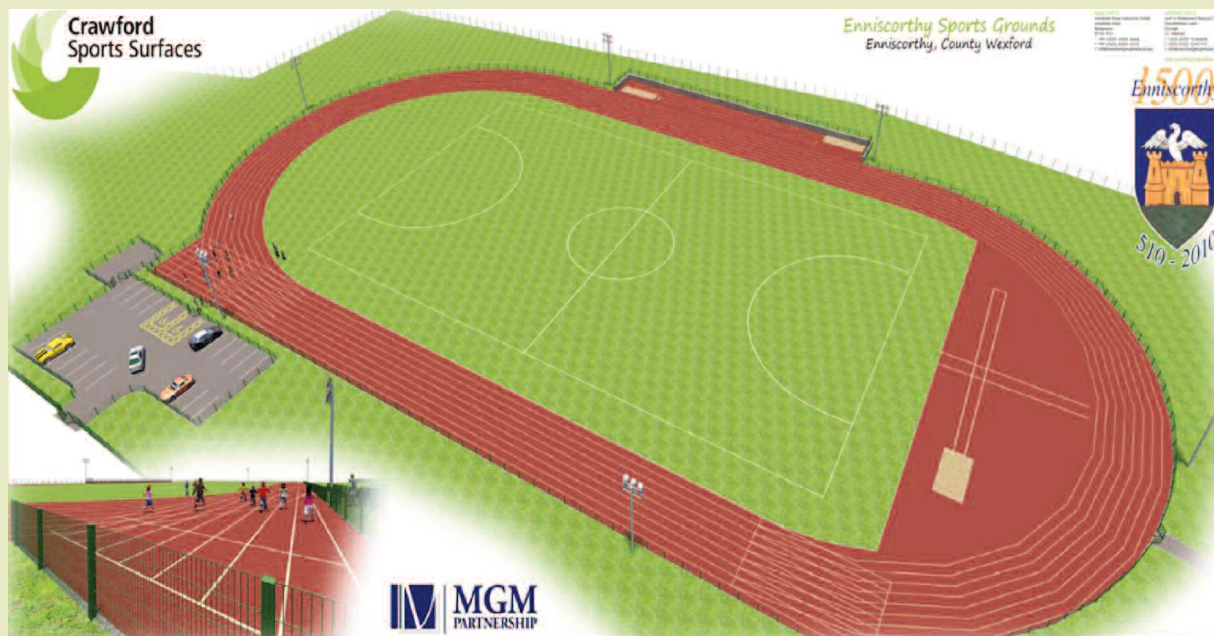
In addition to maintenance of green areas throughout the town the Council also planted flowers and shrubbery on the roundabouts at the entrances to the town and maintained impressive street-side floral displays in many areas.

The planning permission process was completed in respect of the Orchard Park Project on Irish Street, allowing the project to progress to detailed design stage in 2014, which will result in the development of a major urban park in the centre of Enniscorthy.

In September 2013 works commenced on Phase 1 of the Cherryorchard running track and in-field pitch, consisting of an artificially surfaced eight-lane running track built to international standards, together with floodlighting, public toilets and offices. Facilities for field events such as long jump, hammer throw, etc. are also included.

The facility will be known as Enniscorthy Sports Hub and, in terms of sports tourism, it will attract visitors to Enniscorthy from far and wide when it comes into use in early summer 2014.

Enniscorthy Sports Hub



Civic Events

An Cathaoirleach Cllr Keith Doyle officiated at the Easter Monday Parade to mark the 96th anniversary of the Easter Rising in Enniscorthy; at the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th; and at the Haverfordwest mayor-making ceremony in April 2013.

A civic reception, held in March 2013, was accorded to a large number of All-Ireland/World Champions from Enniscorthy Town who have achieved success in their chosen field of sporting endeavour, including golf, pool, boxing, Irish dancing, design, pitch and putt, GAA, greyhound racing, etc.

Cathaoirleach Johnny Mythen represented the Council at the 2013 Annual Dinner Dance of the London-Wexford Association which for the first time was held in Enniscorthy, supported by the Gathering. Councillor Mythen also attended the London-Wexford Association annual Supper Dance in London in October 2013 where he presented a financial contribution to the Association on behalf of the Council.

Cllr. Pat Cody RIP

In July 2013, Pat Cody, Cathaoirleach of Enniscorthy Town Council and Leas-Chathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, passed away. The members of Wexford County Council formally passed a vote of sympathy and granted Mr. Cody a civic funeral.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



F: FIRE SERVICE**F1: Fire Service Mobilisation**

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	6.53
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	Wexford have no part-time stations
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	6.65
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	Wexford have no part-time stations

F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	35.71
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	46.06
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	18.23
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	18.56
E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	53.61
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	27.84

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of incidents in respect of fire	812
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	290
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	374
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	148
Total number of incidents in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire)	97
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	18

Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	52
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Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	27
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F.3 Fire Prevention

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	100
B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	100
C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	1

CP: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	75.68
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of local schools and youth groups	37
Number of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	28

CP.2 Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	652
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C: CORPORATE ISSUES

C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	4.04
B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.39

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	6923.5
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Number of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	661.5
Total number of staff (Whole Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2012 (as per DECLG staffing return for the end of 2012)	754.65

C.2 Staff Training and Development

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs:	3.05
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E: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WATER

E.1 Unaccounted For Water

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	40.03
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total volume of water supplied (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	35800
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Volume of unaccounted for water (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	14330
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E.2 Drinking Water Analysis

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes

B. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to private schemes (where appropriate)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

E.3 Waste Segregation

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables

B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of households provided with a waste collection service

Collected from NWCPO

Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for recyclables

Collected from NWCPO

Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics

Collected from NWCPO

E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling

B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling

C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)

4256.93

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside

Collected from NWCPO

Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling

Collected from NWCPO

Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is landfilled

Collected from NWCPO

Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)

4256.93

E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill

B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total tonnage of household waste collected

Collected from NWCPO

Tonnage of household waste which is sent to landfill

Collected from NWCPO

E6: Recycling Facilities

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area

114

The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area

5

Glass**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	109
B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5
C. The total number of facilities for recycling	114
D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	3.92

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of Bring Sites for recycling	109
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5

Cans**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	109
F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5
G. The total number of facilities for recycling	114
H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	3.92

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of Bring Sites for recycling	109
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5

Textiles**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5
K. The total number of facilities for recycling	5
L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.17

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5

Batteries**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	4
O. The total number of facilities for recycling	4
P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.14

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
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The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	4
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Oils**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
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R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	4
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S. The total number of facilities for recycling	4
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T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.14
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
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The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	4
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Other materials**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
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V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5
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W. The total number of facilities for recycling	5
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X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.17
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
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The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	5
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Litter**E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement****The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Number of full-time litter wardens	1
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B. Number of part-time litter wardens	12
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C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	0.45
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D. Number of on-the-spot fines issued	203
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E. Number of on-the-spot fines paid	61
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F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	47
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G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of nonpayment of on-the-spot fines	15
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H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	0
I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	47
J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	15
K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	
L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	
M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	
N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	
O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of full-time litter wardens	1
Number of part-time litter wardens	12
Number of on-the-spot fines issued	203
Number of on-the-spot fines paid	61
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	47
Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of nonpayment of on-the-spot fines	15
Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	0
Number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	47
Number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	15

E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	2701
B. Number of complaints investigated	2313

C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	1998
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D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	188
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E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	87.50
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B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	86.36
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of primary schools	104
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Number of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	91
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Total number of secondary schools	22
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Number of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	19
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H: HOUSING

H1: Housing Vacancies

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	4194
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B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	4179
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C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	2.05
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D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	59.07
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E. The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	43.26
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The average number of dwellings in local authority stock	4194
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The average number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	4179
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The average number of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	85.8
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The average number of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	50.68
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The average number of empty dwellings available for letting	37.12
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H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	11.965
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The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	5.75
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H3: Housing Repairs

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	93.21
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of repairs completed	6563
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The number of valid repair requests received	7041
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H4: Traveller Accommodation

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	46.43
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of Traveller families accommodated	15 no. Traveller Families refused offers of accommodation which were suitable to their needs.
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Target number of Traveller families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the local Traveller accommodation programme	28
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H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Total number of registered tenancies	6371
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B. Number of dwelling units inspected	1363
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C. Number of inspections carried out	1364
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D. Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	21.39
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of registered tenancies	6371
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Number of dwelling units inspected	1363
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Number of inspections carried out	1364
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H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	2.37
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B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	3.25
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H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Total number of new local authority tenants	177
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B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	100
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of new local authority tenants	177
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Number of new local authority tenants who have been offered pretenancy familiarisation courses	177
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L: LIBRARY SERVICES**L.1 Library Public Opening Hours**

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	42.8
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B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	16.28
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C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	100
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D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	100
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E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	100
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	42.8
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Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	16.28
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Number of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	5
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Number of full time libraries that have evening openings	5
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Number of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	5
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L.2 Library Visits**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	4420.93
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of visits to full-time libraries	642450
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L.3 Library Stock**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	1.72
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B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	4.50
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C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	0.29
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Annual expenditure on stock	250000
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Total number of books issued	653711
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Total number of other items issued	41955
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L.4 Internet Access through Libraries**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	708.46
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of Internet sessions provided	102953
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M: MOTOR TAXATION**M.1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions****The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	74458
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B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	35241
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C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	87213
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D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	37.81
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E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	17.90
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F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	44.29
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M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	18422
B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	10892
C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	1785
D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	4142
E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	52.27
F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	30.91
G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	5.07
H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	11.75

M.3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	12356
B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	2462
C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the Fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	414
D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	1123
E. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	75.55
F. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	15.05
G. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	2.53
H. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	6.87

M.4 Public opening hours

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Average number of opening hours per week	35
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P: PLANNING**P.1 Planning Applications - Decision Making****Individual Houses**

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Number of applications decided	112
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	91
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	21
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	78
F. Percentage of applications granted	89.29
G. Percentage of applications refused	10.71
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	40.0
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	60.0

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of applications decided	112
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	91
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	21
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	78
Number of applications granted	100
Number of applications refused	12

Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	2
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Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	3
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New Housing Development

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Number of applications decided	19
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B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	13
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C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	6
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D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1
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E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	77
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F. Percentage of applications granted	94.74
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G. Percentage of applications refused	5.26
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H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	0
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I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	100
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of applications decided	19
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Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	13
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Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	6
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Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1
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Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	77
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Number of applications granted	18
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Number of applications refused	1
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Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	0
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Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	2
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Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Number of applications decided	774
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	672
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	100
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	4
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	255
F. Percentage of applications granted	91.99
G. Percentage of applications refused	7.75
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	88.24
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	11.76

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of applications decided	774
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	672
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	100
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	4
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	255
Number of applications granted	712
Number of applications refused	60
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	15
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	2

Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Number of applications decided	1
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	1

C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	0
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	0
F. Percentage of applications granted	0
G. Percentage of applications refused	100
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of applications decided	1
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	1
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	0
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	0
Number of applications granted	0
Number of applications refused	1
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	0
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

P.2 Planning Enforcement

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	239
B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	55
C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	327

D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	213
E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	98
F. Number of prosecutions	14

P.3 Planning Public opening hours

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Average number of opening hours per week	34.59
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P.4 Pre-Planning Consultation

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	404
B. Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	11

P.5 New Buildings inspected

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	23.96
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	338
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected	81

P.6 Taking Estates in Charge

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	157
B. Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	66
C. Number of dwellings in respect of column B	2060
D. Percentage of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	79.62
E. Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	39
F. Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	42

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	157
Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	66
Total number of dwellings in these estates	2060
Number of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	125
Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	39
Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	42

Rec: RECREATIONAL SERVICES**Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds****The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.22
B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0.01

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

A. Number of children's playgrounds directly provided by the local authority	32
B. Number of children's playgrounds facilitated by the local authority	1

Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	1015.05
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities	147507
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Rev: REVENUE COLLECTION**Rev.1 House Rent****The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent **90.89**

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

B. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are up to 4 weeks old **27.165**

C. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old **8.3575**

D. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old **17.0925**

E. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old **47.3825**

Amount due at year end from House Rent **14539874.21**

Amount collected at year end from House Rent **13214834.00**

Amount of arrears at year end from House Rent **1491676.95**

Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are up to 4 weeks old **426879.81**

Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 4-6 weeks old **129513.64**

Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 6-12 weeks old **58148.78**

Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are more than 12 weeks old **677134.63**

Rev.2 Housing Loans**The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:**

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans **77.71**

In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old **7**

C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old **5.25**

D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old **4.5**

E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old **83.25**

Amount due at year end from Housing Loans **4690629.00**

Amount collected at year end from Housing Loans **3644900.00**

Amount of arrears at year end from Housing Loans **1045730.00**

Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	105959.00
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 month old	83622.00
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	72985.00
Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	783103

Rev.3 Commercial Rates

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	66
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Rev.4 Refuse Charges

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end	0 Not applicable
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Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	37
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R: ROADS

R1: Road Restoration Programme

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	175
Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	5.35

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