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2014 events from left to right:

1. Filming of "Brooklyn" in Enniscorthy Town - May 2014
2. Room to Record concert held in Enniscorthy Presentation Centre - November 2014
3. Laureate na nOg with Eoin Colfer held in Hook Lighthouse - November 2014
4. Official launch of the Local Enterprise Office with Minister Richard Bruton - May 2014
5. Anne Doyle giving a speech at a presentation of certificates for The Gathering Events in Wexford - May 2014

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MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to lead the economic, social, cultural and environmental development of the county and to provide high quality services at local level. The Council will use all of its available resources and work in partnership with others in order to overcome infrastructural deficits that inhibit the economic development of the county.

The Council is committed to building strong sustainable communities with enhanced education and better employment opportunities for all our people.

We will promote County Wexford nationally and internationally as a place to visit and invest in."



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CATHAOIRLEACH'S INTRODUCTION



Cllr. Malcolm Byrne
Cathaoirleach

A Chara,

I was very happy to be elected the Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council following the Local Elections in 2014. I would like to extend my thanks to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and members of the outgoing Council for their work in developing the county in many fields.

I enjoyed the challenge of being the first Cathaoirleach with the new Council whose structure has changed to include a two tier level of decision making. The Municipal Districts will certainly work towards bringing local government closer to the communities they serve and matching services and meeting local needs more practically. As Cathaoirleach of the County Council I will lead the other members in its strategic role for the whole county into the future.

Some areas of focus in 2014 was the Local Community Development Committee establishment, this will certainly allow local groups to have more access to the services of the council. Also our increased role in the promotion of economic development of the county was evident in the workshops, business mentoring and business training events organised by the Local Enterprise Office throughout the year.

The Council also continued to provide all its day to day services in a very professional manner and the customer service focus is being highlighted more.

I am happy to be serving the people of Wexford in my role and I am confident that the new Council, in particular, with the many reforms that took place during the year will be able to better serve each local community in the county moving into the future.

Councillor Malcolm Byrne
Cathaoirleach

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT



Mr. Tom Enright
Chief Executive

It was a very exciting first full year for myself as Chief Executive of Wexford County Council. This year not only was marked by Local Elections but also some of the most sweeping reforms in the history of Local Government in Ireland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Council for their support during my first year in Wexford. I would also like to welcome the newly elected members and I look forward to working with them during their term with Wexford County Council.

Under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 changes to the fundamental structure of local government in Ireland were implemented with the dissolution of the Town Councils and the introduction of Municipal Districts. Each of the Local Electoral areas are now represented at local level by members of the relevant Municipal District and these members make up the overall County Council which is more strategic in its function.

This structure will allow for much more decision making being devolved to the local people and the local communities that the members directly represent. The development of a Public Participation Network further strengthened the link between Wexford County Council and local community groups. There are 300 community groups currently registered with Wexford's PPN.

One other change introduced in the 2014 Act was the establishment of the Local Community Development Committees in July. This committee is made up of 17 members from both public and private sector. The LCDC will have primary responsibility for coordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funding.

Also the extension of the council's role in economic development has been introduced with these reforms and the important function of economic support has been facilitated with the integration of the Local Enterprise Offices into the County Council. This will allow all elements of the council's services to be used to assist / attract enterprise to the County and allow greater collaboration between local delivery agents also.

All these reforms have the ultimate aim to increase the level of democracy that we have at local level and this will hopefully benefit communities throughout the county. I look ahead to the future where Wexford County Council builds closer links with the population it serves.



Mr. Tom Enright
Chief Executive

MEMBERS OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL



Cllr. Malcolm Byrne
Cathaoirleach



Cllr. Oliver Walsh
Leas-Chathaoirleach

BOROUGH DISTRICT OF WEXFORD



Cllr. Fergie Kehoe
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Deirdre Wadding
People Before Profit
Alliance



Cllr. Frank Staples
Fine Gael



Cllr. Anthony Kelly
Sinn Féin



Cllr. Ger Carthy
Non Party



Cllr. George Lawlor
Labour



Cllr. Jim Moore
Fine Gael



Cllr. Davy Hynes
Non Party



Cllr. Tony Dempsey
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Mick Roche
Sinn Féin

ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



Cllr. James Browne
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. John O' Rourke
Non Party



Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Fine Gael



Cllr. Oliver Walsh
Fine Gael



Cllr. Keith Doyle
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh
Fine Gael



Cllr. Johnny Mythen
Sinn Féin



Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Fianna Fáil

MEMBERS OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

GOREY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



Cllr. Mary Farrell
Non Party



Cllr. Anthony Donohoe
Fine Gael



Cllr. John Hegarty
Fine Gael



Cllr. Malcolm Byrne
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Robert Ireton
Labour



Cllr. Joe Sullivan
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin
Sinn Féin



Cllr. Pip Breen
Fianna Fáil

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Fine Gael



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Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Oisín O' Connell
Sinn Féin



Cllr. Martin Murphy
Non Party



Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Fianna Fáil



Cllr. Willie Fitzharris
Fine Gael



Cllr. Anthony Connick
Non Party



Cllr. John Fleming
Fianna Fáil

DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE ACT 1999

Section 13 of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 requires that a written statement of all election expenses incurred in relation to a local election must be furnished by a candidate or a designated person of a political party to their local authority within 90 days after polling day at that election.

An unsuccessful candidate must provide details in respect of each donation received in excess of €600. Section 13 of the 1999 Act also requires that the national agent of a political party submit a statement of election expenses to Dublin City Council as the specified local authority for this purpose.

Under Section 19 (4) of the 1999 Act certain information must be included in the annual report of a local authority in connection with the statements submitted in 2014 under Section 13 and is as follows:

(4) An annual report of a local authority prepared in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, in respect of the year in which a local election is held, shall include details of:

(a) the aggregate election expenditure in respect of each candidate, designated person, third party and national agent, and

(b) donations received in respect of each candidate, designated person, third party and national agent,

As contained in the statements and declarations furnished to it pursuant to Section 13.

CANDIDATES DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS & EXPENDITURE

Name	Total Expenses	Donations
Allen Jim	€5,490.00	
Breen Pip	€4,643.72	€700.00
Browne James	€7,885.38	€2,526.68
Byrne Malcolm	€3,317.00	
Carthy Ger	€5,200.00	
Codd - Nolan Kathleen	€2,774.23	
Connick Anthony	€2,365.00	
Crowdle Paul	€1,500.00	
Dempsey Tony	€4,290.50	
Donohoe Anthony	€2,063.82	
Doyle Keith	€6,369.13	
Dunbar Owen	€200.90	€200.00
Dunphy Bobby	€390.00	
Dwyer John	€2,460.00	
Fallon Donal	€588.00	
Farrell Mary	€2,014.17	€2,526.68
Fenlon Mark	€1,050.00	
FitzGibbon Niamh	€2,876.55	
Fitzharris Willie	€3,437.15	
Fleming John	€2,934.86	€1,100.00
Forde Danny	€2,166.92	
Furness Victor	€1,650.00	
Gaughan Dominick	€2,756.25	
Hegarty John	€1,750.00	
Hynes David	€2,627.85	€1,220.00
Ireton Robert	€7,848.57	
Johnstone Jane	€1,375.50	€1,375.50
Kavanagh Paddy	€4,080.00	
Kavanagh Willie	€4,093.38	
Keegan Darren	€1,995.00	
Kehoe Fergie	€5,779.02	
Kelly Anthony	€1,772.00	
Kelly Ivan	€1,210.00	
Kelly Leonard	€620.00	
Kennedy Denis	€2,687.95	
Kinsella Michael	€2,464.16	
Lacey Sandra	€1,805.65	
Lacy O'Meara Áine	€2,873.27	
Lawlor Do Do	€650.00	€200.00
Lawlor George	€1,800.00	
Lloyd David	€550.00	
McManus Cormac	€1,550.00	
Molloy Alan	€2,350.61	
Moore Jim	€3,031.36	
Moran Annette	€1,375.60	
Mullen Bernie	€1,480.00	€100.00
Murphy Barbara - Anne	€3,926.83	
Murphy Martin	€8,905.07	
Mythen Johnny	€3,682.95	
Nugent Gavin	€143.24	
O'Suilleabháin Fionntán	€3,750.45	€1,000.00
O'Brien Larry	€2,245.00	
O'Brien Seamus	€672.95	
O'Connell Oisín	€2,873.75	
O'Hanlon Paul	€395.00	
O'Rourke John	€1,266.45	
Owens Jackser	€2,500.00	
Redmond Jack	€6,234.34	
Roche Mick	€1,465.00	
Ryan Joe	€1,660.00	
Sheehan Michael	€9,765.00	
Somers Oliver	€5,066.25	
Staples Frank	€4,262.50	
Storey Martin	€4,074.86	
Sullivan Joe	€3,244.36	
Wadding Deirdre	€1,302.69	
Wallace Brian	€4,601.00	
Walsh Oliver	€3,289.96	
Whelan Michael	€4,028.12	
Whitty Pat	€2,580.80	

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne

LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. Oliver Walsh

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Cllr. Fergie Kehoe

Cllr. Larry O'Brien

Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Cllr. Jim Moore

MEMBERS OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES:

Housing, Community and Environment SPC

Chair - Cllr. Fergie Kehoe

Cllr. John Fleming

Cllr. David Hynes

Cllr. Mary Farrell

Cllr. Anthony Kelly

Cllr. John O'Rourke

Cllr. Ger Carthy

Cllr. Fionntán Osúilleabháin

Cllr. Joe Sullivan

Cllr. Oliver Walsh

Farming Pillar - James Brennan

Trade Union - Ciaran Scallan

Transportation and Water Services SPC

Chair - Cllr. Larry O'Brien

Cllr. Michael Whelan

Cllr. Mick Roche

Cllr. James Browne

Cllr. Anthony Connick

Cllr. Pip Breen

Cllr. Deirdre Wadding

Business/Commercial - Brendan Crowley

Construction Industry - Michael Bennett,

Trade Union - Declan Roche

Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

Chair - Cllr. Michael Sheehan

Cllr. Kathleen Codd Nolan

Cllr. George Lawlor

Cllr. John Hegarty

Cllr. Johnny Mythen

Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy

Cllr. Keith Doyle

Cllr. Frank Staples

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh

Cllr. Martin Murphy

Farming Pillar - Sam Rose

Construction Industry - John Doyle

Business/Commercial Sector

Ernest Levingstone, Karl Fitzpatrick

Trade Union - Caroline Beale

Planning and Building Control SPC

Chair - Cllr. Jim Moore

Cllr. Oisín O'Connell

Cllr. Willie Fitzharris

Cllr. Robert Ireton

Cllr. Anthony Donohoe

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne

Cllr. Tony Dempsey

Farming Pillar - Edward Lyng

Construction Industry - Anthony Neville

Local Traveller (Accommodation) Consultative Committee

Cllr. Joe Sullivan

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh

Cllr. Larry O'Brien

Cllr. Robert Ireton

Cllr. Deirdre Wadding

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne (Ex- Officio)

Margaret Kelly

Mary Connors

Mary Helen Wall

Rural Water Monitoring Committee

Cllr. Martin Murphy

Cllr. Robert Ireton

Cllr. Fergie Kehoe

Cllr. Frank Staples

Cllr. Oliver Walsh

Cllr. Malcolm Byrne (Ex-Officio)

John Redmond

Mike Reddy
Matt Murphy
Barry Deane
Geraldine McCarthy
Donal Doyle
John Donohoe

Audit Committee

Bernard Doyle (Chairperson)
Anne O'Brien
Mary Browne
Cllr. Anthony Connick (MCC)
Cllr. Joe Sullivan (MCC)

The Council wishes to pay tribute to the outgoing audit committee Ronan Furlong R.I.P., Seamus O'Beirne, James Byrne, Cllr. Martin Murphy and Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan who were the inaugural committee for Wexford County Council following the introduction of Audit Committees to Local Government, serving in their positions for 6 years.

It was with great sadness the staff and management of Wexford Co Council learned of the untimely death of Ronan Furlong, outgoing chair of the Audit Committee. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES 2014 -ELECTED MEMBERS

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Cllr. Pip Breen
Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Cllr. Oliver Walsh

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES

Cllr. James Browne

EDUCATION TRAINING BOARD

Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cllr. Mary Farrell
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Jim Moore
Cllr. Malcolm Byrne
Cllr. Ger Carthy
Cllr. Fionntán Ó' Súilleabháin

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Cllr. Jim Moore
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe
Cllr. Mary Farrell
Cllr. Johnny Mythen (Chairperson ex-officio)

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Cllr. Michael Whelan

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Cllr. John Fleming
Cllr. Larry O'Brien

FETHARD CASTLE

Cllr. Michael Whelan
Cllr. Martin Murphy

LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr. Tony Dempsey
Cllr. Michael Sheehan
Cllr. Anthony Donohoe
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Pip Breen
Cllr. Oliver Walsh

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Cllr. Joe Sullivan
Cllr. John Fleming
Cllr. Fergie Kehoe
Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cllr. Willie Fitzharris
Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Cllr. Jim Moore
Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan
Cllr. Oliver Walsh
Cllr. Ger Carthy
Cllr. Anthony Connick
Cllr. Anthony Kelly
Cllr. Davy Hynes
Cllr. George Lawlor
Cllr. Mick Roche
Cllr. Michael Whelan
Cllr. Davy Hynes

AILG (PERMANENT DELEGATE)

Cllr. Jim Moore

AILG (VOTING DELEGATES)

Cllr. Larry O'Brien
Cllr. James Browne

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM (SOUTH)

Cllr. Joe Sullivan
Cllr. James Browne
Cllr. Frank Staples
Cllr. George Lawlor

BOROUGH DISTRICT OF WEXFORD**Protocol Committee**

Cllr. Tony Dempsey
Cllr. Jim Moore
Cllr. Anthony Kelly
(Mayor ex-officio)

Twinning Committee

Cllr. Frank Staples
Cllr. George Lawlor
Cllr. Fergie Kehoe
(Mayor ex-officio)

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Cllr. Anthony Kelly
Cllr. Fergie Kehoe
Cllr. Ger Carthy
(Mayor ex-officio)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED IN 2014

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Date in 2014	Conference	Attendee(s)
10/11 January	Developing & Supporting Enterprises Locally, Galway	1
24/25 January	How Councillors Can Access Grant Aid for Communities – Clare	2
25 January	LAMA Awards – Santry Dublin	1
31 Jan/1 Feb	LAMA Spring Seminar, Monaghan	1
14/16 February	Training Seminar – Planning Permission for Process and the Elected Member - Portlaoise	1
14/16 February	Waste Management Legislation Carlingford, Co. Louth	1
21/23 February	Colmcille Winter School, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	1
21/23 February	Genealogy – Tracing your Family Tree – Limerick	1
28 Feb/1 March	Budgets & Financing of Local Authorities – Wexford	1
6/7 March	ACCC – Annual Conference 2014 – Cavan	4
7/9 March	Pylons & Wind Farms – Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	3
11/12 March	Media Skills for Councillors – Co. Donegal	1
4/5 April	Retirement Planning for Councillors – Dundalk, Co. Louth	1
10 April	OPW – Flood Risk Management Conference – Dublin Castle, Dublin	1
11/12 April	The Local Government Arts Service – Galway	1
18/20 April	5 Week Countdown to Local Elections 2014 – Letterkenny	1
26 June	Induction Course for Councillors – Silversprings Hotel, Cork	14
18 July	Douglas Hyde Conference, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon	1
9/13 September	New York Dinner Gala to benefit Wexford Festival Opera	1
16 September	Training Programme for Councillor – Finance – Carlow	15
26 September	Maximising Ireland's Cohesion Policy Opportunity and Creating the Regions of Tomorrow – NUI Maynooth, Co. Kildare	1
16 October	Training Programme for Councillor – Housing – Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	7
14/15 October	AOIFE Conference Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	2
11/12 October	Tipperary Remembrance Trust – Tipperary	1
17/18 October	LAMA Autumn Training Seminar – Buncrana, Co. Donegal	3
21 October	AILG Training Programme Housing – Cavan	1
29/30 October	AILG – Inaugural Annual Conference 2014	6
6 November	Training Programme for Councillors – Planning – Wexford	9
5/6 December	Training Seminar for Councillors – Housing & Local Government – Co. Carlow	2
12/13 December	Protected Disclosures Act – Galway City	1

MEMBERS EXPENSES AND GRATUITIES

MEMBERS EXPENSES	€
Annual Allowances	
Cathaoirleach	32,196.04
Leas-Chathaoirleach	8,552.32
SPC Chairpersons	27,000.00
Representational Payments	471,514.26
Councillors Expenses	179,253.18
Conferences/Seminars	
At Home	23,169.86
Abroad	5,144.24
Entertainment Expenses	8,174.67
Total	730,004.47*

* This includes the combined figure for the new and old council members for the year January – December 2014

ELECTED MEMBERS GRATUITIES 2014	
Name	Gratuity
Padge Reck	€57,480.22
Pat Codd	€50,811.46
Lorcan Allen	€49,793.15
Anna Fenlon	€47,711.92
Denis Kennedy	€47,709.92
Sean Doyle	€39,540.61
Ted howlin	€36,398.79
Declan McPartlin	€33,292.13
Michael D'Arcy	€26,213.80
John Dwyer	€16,669.15
Sean Connick	€9,814.31
Bernard Crosbie	€1,430.91
Patricia Quinn	€942.23
Total	€417,808.60

PLANNING

Development Management

The annual number of planning applications received by Wexford County Council increased for the first time since 2006. Since 2006 there has been a year-on-year decrease in the number of planning applications received. The total number of applications received in 2014 was 1,059 (6% increase over 2013). This represents a welcome reversal of the prevailing trend.

The Planning Department also saw increases in other customer services figures including:

- 11,694 phone queries answered.
- 3,628 members of the public called to the counter.
- 671 applications were made for preplanning advice, with an average waiting time of 15 days.
- 921 decisions were made, with 89% of applications granted planning permission.

Forward Planning

Enniscorthy Plan was advanced to public consultation and the Chief Executive's report was prepared and presented to the members for consideration at the beginning of 2014. The members, conscious of the proposed abolition of the town councils, decided not to adopt the plan and enacted provisions under the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013 to extend the life of the 2008–14 Enniscorthy Plan to 2019.

The Wexford Town and Environs Plan review had also commenced to the first phase of consultation. Following consideration, the members agreed to extend the existing plan to 2019.



Cllr. Jim Moore
Chairman -
Planning & Building
Control SPC



Mr. Tony Larkin
Director of Services -
Planning & Economic
Development

Other accomplishments:

- Draft Courtown and Riverchapel Local Area Plan was prepared and placed on public consultation.
- Wexford County Development Plan was translated into Irish and a final printed copy was designed and published.
- New Ross Town and Environs Plan objectives progress report was presented to the Council.
- A review of Local Area Plans was carried out to ensure compliance with the County Development Plan, including Bunclody, Clonroche, Ferns, Gorey, Taghmon and Rosslare Harbour.
- Clonroche and Taghmon Local Area Plans were approved for extension by the members in May 2014.

Conservation and Built Heritage

Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht provided €161,000 under the Built Heritage Job Leverage Scheme. Grants were awarded to 22 heritage projects, which generated €387,000 of private investment and 1,681 days of employment. In addition to this, the County Council promoted the Conservation Small Grant Scheme and awarded 18 grants totalling €38,398. This scheme resulted in €235,373 of private investment.

The Planning Department was successful in obtaining funding of €72,000 from the Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to repair the Crimean War Memorial (round tower) at the Heritage Park. Emergency funding of over €19,000 was also awarded by the Minister to carry out protection works to Ballysampson House.

Biodiversity

A number of biodiversity projects are ongoing. The baseline ecological study for the Council's innovative pilot project entitled 'Life Lives on the Edge' has been completed.

Planning Enforcement

Cumulative Enforcement Statistics 2014

Cases resolved	201
Complaints received (S.I.)	161
Warning Letters issued	133
Enforcement Notices issued (S.I.)	66
Cases referred to legal proceedings	9

Contributions

The amount collected in planning contributions for 2014 amounts to €1,977,258.19.

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. Regular engagement with bondholders is ongoing, ensuring that security bonds are maintained and made available for any potential future claims.

A total of 19 security bonds were successfully claimed and settled, with funds totalling €1,837,087 receipted in 2014. Cash bonds totalling €227,575 were formally transferred and released to fund remedial works. Preliminary scoping works have commenced on numerous developments where cash bond funds are available and it is anticipated these cash bonds, to the value of approximately €433,000, will be formally transferred and released to fund remedial works in 2015.

Dangerous Structures and Derelict Sites

These functions were transferred to the Planning Department at the start of 2014, supplemented by the Town and Borough Council cases in June 2014. In 2014, 37 dangerous structures and 7 derelict sites were resolved.

Building Control

Building control functions were moved to the Planning Department as part of the reorganisation of the Council at the start of 2014. This also included the transfer of the management of Unfinished Estates; taking in charge of housing estates; dangerous structures; and derelict sites to Planning.

The new Building Control Management System (BCMS), introduced in March, received 125 commencement notices. The overall total of commencement notices received was 325.



Unfinished Estates

There was significant activity in Unfinished Estates by Building Control in 2014 and a total of €1,528,647 was spent on resolving issues in housing estates in 2014. A wide range of works was undertaken on 86 estates throughout the county, such as public lighting, provision of amenity space, roads and footpaths, clearance of undeveloped lands, provision of wastewater treatment and improvement to drinking water.

In May 2014 Wexford County Council obtained funding of €483,135 for nine housing estates under the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government's Special Resolution Fund. Despite the short time frame for such an ambitious programme, works were carried out to all but one of the estates. Legislative problems arose with this estate but the funding was reallocated to cover shortfalls in funding on other estates.

Accessibility

Publications included:

- Enabling Access across Generations.
- Wexford County Council Accessibility Guidelines.

Improvement works included:

- New Ross Town fully accessible pedestrian crossing from the Marina to the Town Park and its services, along with upgrade works to the crossing points at and around the Three Bullet Gate historical site.
- Wexford to provide equal access to facilities at Ferrybank Caravan Park.
- At Kilmore Quay the Access Section working with the local community and Environment Section delivered accessible open space and promenade.



Keep Wexford Beautiful

In 2014 the category Best Environmental Improvement on Accessibility by a Community was divided into two categories: accessible gardens and parks; and accessible infrastructure. There were nine overall entries with Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Environment Group receiving first prize for works carried out to Kirwans' Garden and Village Park Rosslare Harbour, and Kilmore Quay Community Development Association receiving first prize for the Memorial Garden and Trail, Kilmore Quay.



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. In 2014, 67 DAC applications were received, generating €44,000 in income.

Accessibility Improvements

Throughout the year accessibility improvements around the county are incorporated as part of upgrade or maintenance works. In many instances, the access element is mainstreamed into the work schedule and is not necessarily highlighted as a separate work element for access. These works in the first half of the year were endorsed by the four Town Access Focus Groups. June 2014 saw a structural change, under the Local Government Reform Act, from town council structures to borough and municipal districts.

In support of this change, and to ensure access remained on the agenda, the Access Section piloted the initiative of Public Consultation on Access Related Issues for each district. To date, successful public consultation has been carried out for the Borough District of Wexford and Enniscorthy Municipal District, the findings of which will further inform the Disability Strategy Implementation Plan.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

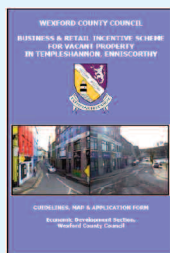


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The Economic Development Section of Wexford County Council was set up with a view to creating an effective and coordinated approach to economic development in the county. The section has a dedicated staff of four, including County Development Officer, Tourism Officer and a Research Officer. Under the collaborative brand 'Wexford Means Business' and 'Visit Wexford' a range of specific actions have been progressed to help support enterprise, local development and economic growth in Co. Wexford and to promote Co. Wexford as a premier location for businesses and visitors alike.



Vacant Property Scheme



Wexford County Council launched a new initiative in a bid to reduce the number of vacant shop units and business premises in the towns of Enniscorthy, Wexford and New Ross. Grant relief based on the capital costs of renovating and fitting out a vacant premises is available over three years as follows:

- **Year 1** – Grant relief is based on certified fit-out costs/improvement cost subject to a

maximum of 75% of the annual rates liability for the first year.

- **Year 2** – Grant relief is based on original certified fit-out costs/improvement costs (as submitted at year 1) subject to a maximum of 50% of the annual rates liability for the second year.
- **Year 3** – Grant relief is based on original certified fit-out costs/improvement costs (as submitted at year 1) subject to a maximum of 25% of the annual rates liability for the third year.

Butlersland Development



The Council consolidated its industrial lands at Butlersland Industrial Park in New Ross with the CPO of 1.502 hectares of land. Works commenced on the enhancement and upgrade of the Council-owned industrial lands at this park and new LED public lighting was installed.

The Economic Development Section, working with New Ross Chamber, has lodged two planning applications for two advance technology buildings on this site.

Wexford Winterland

Wexford was transformed into a Christmas Winterland for December 2014 with an ice rink on the Quayfront, and an outdoor cinema and entertainment events under a temporary roof at Selskar Square. The initiative was part of a plan by Wexford County Council to establish Wexford as a regional retail destination for Christmas.

The project included the installation of piped music along Main Street; a Christmas Parade and

official opening that attracted 15,000 visitors; a Christmas Tree Garden on the Quayfront; temporary lighting of Selskar Abbey; outdoor concerts; and Christmas Markets. Free parking was offered to visitors on Tuesdays in the lead up to Christmas and from Saturday 20 December until Christmas Eve.

The initiative was a collaboration between Wexford County Council, Wexford Chamber and Lantern Events. Feedback from retailers in relation to the event was very positive, with retailers recording a significant increase in sales.



Exporters

The Economic Development section of Wexford County Council conducted research to identify the level of exporting from Co Wexford, the proportion of products and services exported and the territories exported to. Information was also gathered on further territories being investigated by existing exporting companies from the county. The aim of the research was to identify common areas of export by companies, both geographic and sectoral, and to develop a county-based support mechanism for exporting companies and those considering exporting.

Following on from this research, an event was held on Thursday 8 May in Wexford County Council which brought together exporting companies and potential exporters to look at mechanisms for supporting exporting companies in the county. Declan Coyle author of *The Green Platform*, an innovative new book on management and leadership, delivered the keynote address on the evening with inputs from Michael Gately, Head of Sales and Marketing, Medentech and Noel Moran, Managing Director, The Emerald Group Ltd.

A series of breakfast meetings were held in 2014 for companies to discuss exporting to specific.

Further workshops will be held in early 2015 to look at other markets.

Research

Agri-Food Report

The Economic Development Section carried out research on the agri-foods industry in Co. Wexford. It was noted that the agri-foods industry is of key importance to the economy of Co Wexford and the South East Region, contributing over 18% of the National GVA (Gross Value Added) to the country, well above the average GVA for the sector. The industry is a key growth area for the county.

The research recommends:

- Nurturing and promoting our agri-food sector and produce, adding value to existing products.
- Identifying and testing the feasibility of areas of new product development for the Co. Wexford food industry in partnership with An Bord Bia.
- Using our knowledge of exporting our food and drinks produce in the global marketplace to support fledgling exporters.

Expanding the Dairy Industry in Wexford

The abolition of milk quotas in 2015 means that there is considerable potential for growth in the dairy industry with Food Harvest 2020, the blueprint for the agri-food industry, believing that a 50% increase in production in the dairy industry is realistic and achievable. Agriculture remains a key industry in Co Wexford with dairying a viable option for many new entrants and expansion a possibility for existing dairy farmers.

The Economic Development Section, in association with the IFA and ICMSA, hosted an information session on Tuesday 29 April 2014, in County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford for farmers interested in entering the dairy industry, along with existing dairy farmers wishing to expand their dairy holding. The aim of this information session was to guide farmers in the financial, environmental and planning implications of the expansion of the dairy industry in Co Wexford.

Procurement

A series of workshops were held in 2014 covering the area of eTenders and Procurement. Mr Tom O'Brien, eTenders Manager in the Office of Government Procurement was the keynote speaker at a seminar in June 2014, at which he gave an overview of the eTenders website.

Following on from this seminar three workshops were held on How to Submit that Winning Tender (on Tuesday 21 October, Tuesday 25 November and Tuesday 9 December). These workshops were delivered by Brand-Edge and were directed at owner managers and key staff responsible for getting new business through the tender process and they focused primarily on the public sector. As a result of their success in 2014, these workshops will be included in the Local Enterprise Office courses for autumn 2015.

Economic Profile

An Economic Profile of the county was compiled in 2014 which was used to inform the new Council on the position of Co Wexford in comparison to the South East Region and to the State. This profile will be updated on a regular basis to ensure Council members and the public are continually informed on the national, regional and local economic situation.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The Economic Development Section is working with the Community Development Section and Planning Department to develop a Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). The purpose of the LECP is to set out the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of Co Wexford, both by itself directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

The economic elements of the LECP will be developed by the SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise with the Wexford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) developing the community elements of the LECP. The plan as a whole, into which both the economic and community elements will be integrated, will be adopted by Wexford County Council. The plan will be in place for a six-year period.

Tourism Development

Trails Launch



Minister Paul Kehoe, TD, officially launched the new Wexford Trails brand at a tourism networking event in Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford on 29 April 2014. The brand is an exciting step in the development and marketing of tourism trails in Co. Wexford.

The trails initiative led by Wexford Local Development, and supported by Wexford County Council and Fáilte Ireland, aims to support the many tourism attractions and the wider tourism sector including heritage attractions, gardens, crafts and community walking trails among others. The principle objective of the initiative is to make it easy for visitors to experience what Wexford has to offer by promoting a wide range of locations and services around the county. By doing so, the initiative supports rural services and amenities, ultimately increasing the number of visitors to the county. It can also be used as a promotional tool by accommodation providers when selling the Wexford experience.

This new brand gives a common identity to each of the Wexford trails and will represent what makes Wexford great.

Community Diaspora Fund



The Community Diaspora Fund is a three way partnership between Fáilte Ireland, IPB Insurance and Wexford County Council, established as a follow on from the success of The Gathering in mobilising local communities to harness diaspora links for the benefit of local tourism. The fund will be in place for three years from 2014 to 2016.

The initiative will provide support in the form of small-scale funding incentives for community-based tourism events that have the capacity to carry through the legacy of The Gathering and beyond. The funding allocation will be a minimum of €500 and maximum €3,000 and

related to the number of overseas visitors the event will attract. The deadline for receipt of applications was Friday 9 May 2014 and the successful applicants were as follows:

Name of Group/Organisation	Amount Granted
Whitty Clan Gathering 2014	€3,000
Wexford Sinfonia	€1,500
Duncannon Fort Trust	€2,500
Wexford Federation ICA	€1,000
Tomhaggard Pastoral Group	€500
South East Rock 'n' Roll Club	€3000
St Michaels' Boxing Club New Ross	€1,000
Coastwatch Ireland	€1,000
Wexford Arts Centre	€3,000
Wexford Walking Trail Group	€2,000
Wexford Maritime Heritage	€3,000
Danescastle Music Group	€2,000
South East Plein Air	€3,000
Kilrane/Rosslare Harbour Tops Community Group	€1,000
Wexford Celtic FC	€2,000

European Capital of Culture

Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny and Carlow have launched a joint partnership to bid for the European Capital of Culture for 2020. The European Capital of Culture is designated by the European Union for a period of one calendar year during which the host city or region organises a series of cultural events with a strong European dimension. Preparing a European Capital of Culture can be an opportunity for the region to help foster urban and rural regeneration, change the region's image and raise its visibility and profile on an international scale.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) – WEXFORD

The Local Enterprise Office in Co Wexford was opened on Tuesday 15 April and officially launched by Minister Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, on Wednesday 14 May in Block A, Wexford County Council, Wexford.



Photo Caption, left to right: Tom Banville Head of Enterprise, Minister Richard Bruton, Tom Enright Chief Executive Wexford County Council

The Local Enterprise Office is the new name for the County Enterprise Board and continues the great work done by the Wexford County Enterprise Board over the last 20 years. The Local Enterprise Office delivered a significant programme of activity during 2014 which included:

€375,221 in grant aid to 25 business projects.

Including business development grants to:

- Relax Ireland Holidays Limited.
- Pillar Healthcare Limited.
- VoiceGrid Limited.
- Matrix Med Tech Limited.
- Roadway Signs and Supplies Limited.

83 business training events attended by 1,100 participants.

Including training events such as:

- Start Your Own Business courses held in Wexford, Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross during 2014.
- Social Media Workshops for Business such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.
- The Owner Manager Programme attended by 16 owner managers.
- Business clinics in the areas of sales, marketing, public relations and social media.

122 businesses assisted with business mentoring.

Including mentoring assistance to the following businesses:

- Innovate Business Technology Limited.
- Killowen Yogurts.
- Advance Cleaners Limited.
- Good Food Ireland.
- Aspect Business Intelligence Limited.

991 students from 17 schools participated in the Student Enterprise Programme.**27 businesses availed of a Trade Show Grant amounting to €21,409.**

Including Trade Show Grants to the following businesses:

- Sweeney Handcrafted Furniture.
- Ceadogán Rugs.
- Fresh Today Catering Limited.
- Kiltra Timber Company.
- Building Envelope Technology Limited.

13 businesses availed of an Export Marketing Grant amounting to €20,813.

Including Export Marketing Grants to the following businesses:

- Lantern Events
- Sunrise Innovations Limited
- Wexford Food Producers Network Limited
- Green Tree Mobile Showers
- Web Content Partners

12 businesses availed of the Online Trading Voucher amounting to €23,885.

Including Online Trading Vouchers to the following businesses:

- Barkers (Wexford) Limited.
- Fun4All.ie.
- BCN Safety Wholesale and Retail.
- Delaney Concrete.
- Softouch Technologies.

The Local Enterprise Office consists of:

- Tom Banville – Head of Enterprise.
- Breege Cosgrave – Business Advisor.
- Caroline McCrea – Administrator.
- Angie Malone – Clerical Officer.
- Bernie Flood – Clerical Officer.



Photo caption left to right: Angie Malone, Caroline McCrea, Tom Banville, Minister Richard Bruton, Breege Cosgrave, and Bernie Flood.

The Local Enterprise Office is housed in Block A, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford and can be found online at:

www.localenterprise.ie/wexford

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Budget 2014

The budget for improvement and maintenance of all roads in 2014 amounted to €27,718,438 with €6,510,930 being allocated from Wexford County Council's own resources.

The breakdown was as follows:

- **National Roads – Majors (NRA)**
- €1,994,339
- **National Roads – Improvements (NRA)**
- €6,577,943
- **National Roads – Maintenance (NRA)**
- €822,797
- **Regional and Local Roads – Improvements (DoT) - €7,162,996**
- **Regional and Local Roads – Surface Dressing (DoT) - €1,801,000**
- **Regional and Local Roads – Maintenance - €2,128,400**
- **Severe Weather - Remedial Works - €720,033**

National Roads – Majors

N25 New Ross Bypass

The project was allocated €750,000 for continued land acquisition as well as outstanding advance archaeology, survey and facilitation works. Tenders for the PPP contract have been submitted and subject to tender close out it is anticipated that the contract may be awarded by the National Roads Authority (NRA) in the first half of 2015. Following contract award it is expected that there will be some lead time before full mobilisation of construction operations. However, it is anticipated that construction will commence in 2015.



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Water Services &
Health & Safety

M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme

The NRA grant allocation for 2014 was €1,260,000 to facilitate the acquisition of lands and for the completion of some advanced contracts such as archaeological investigations. Notices to Enter were issued to all landowners in December as required under legislation governing the approved Motorway Order.

This gives Wexford County Council legal access to all lands required for the construction phase of the scheme. Tenders were received by the NRA in December 2014 and it is anticipated that a concessionaire will be appointed following an assessment of tenders in April/May 2015. It is expected that mobilisation will occur in mid to late 2015.

National Roads – Improvements

Residual Network Pavement Improvements

Seven improvement schemes were carried out on the N11, N30, N25 and N80 as part of the Gorey to Enniscorthy and New Ross Bypass Residual Network Pavement Improvement Schemes. The seven schemes were as follows:

Gorey to Enniscorthy Residual Network

N11 Ballinclare	0.8 km
N11 Ballybanogue	1.0 km
N11 Enniscorthy Town	1.8 km
N11 Enniscorthy South	1.8 km
N80 Scarawalsh	1.0 km
N30 Enniscorthy Town	1.5 km

New Ross Bypass Residual Network

Kents Cross to Begerin	2.5 km
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An additional 6.8 km of local road improvements were also carried out under the Enniscorthy to Gorey Residual Network Scheme; these works were carried out in the following areas:

L2030	Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy	1.2 km
L6165	The Still, Enniscorthy	0.9 km
L1023	Ferns to The Harrow	4.3 km
L8045	Arnestown, New Ross	0.4 km

National Road Pavement Overlays

A pavement overlay scheme was completed on the N25 at Scullabogue (0.8 km).

Non-National Roads

Pavement Improvements and Surface Dressing

During the course of the year, 60.91 km of Co Wexford's non-national roads were improved under the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport funded Road Restoration Programme.

A further 83.1 km were surfaced dressed, representing a surface dressing return cycle of 38.9 years.

Community Involvement Schemes

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport allocated €770,000 for Community Involvement Schemes in Co Wexford. Twelve schemes were completed at a total cost of €1.22 million. The balance of the cost was made up by local community contributions – both monetary and labour.

Specific Improvement Schemes

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport allocated €200,000 under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme for the rehabilitation of fivebridges in the county.

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes were carried out at eight locations around the county:

R733	Barrack Street, Wexford Town – junction improvements.
L2040	Gap Cross, Enniscorthy – improving sightlines.
L3041	Murrintown village – pedestrian crossing.
L2040	Mye Cross, Enniscorthy – improving sightlines.
R725	Carnew Road – additional signage and line marking.

R730 Killurin – improving sightlines.

R745 Ferns village – line marking and road studs.

L757 Waterloo Road, Wexford Town – change to junction priority.

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 Co. Wexford. In addition, all fatal road collisions are investigated.

Active Travel Towns:

Wexford County Council received an allocation of €648,100 under the Active Travel Town Scheme to widen the Industrial Rosslare Road from Maudlintown to Drinagh. The project plans to incorporate a dedicated and marked cycle lane with associated bus stops, shelters, parking facilities, seats and lay-bys.

The main aim of this project is to reduce car usage in the selected area and increase walking, cycling and other forms of transport within the selected area. The allocation was made on the basis of the project being planned, constructed and modal shift studies being completed between 2014 and 2016.

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.

The year 2014 saw a move to a new venue at Wexford Omniplex, Drinagh where approximately 1,500 students from 20 secondary schools within the county participated in the event over six dates.

The programme was further enhanced in 2014 with the introduction of a presentation by Wexford County Council's Cycling Officer, highlighting the responsibilities and vulnerabilities of cyclists as road users.



Strategic Policy Committee – Roads and Transportation

This committee met a number of times during 2014 and the following items were discussed:

- Roadside Verge Pilot Project
- National and non-national funding allocations
- Building control
- Local area hackney licences
- Active Travel Towns

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 scheme have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement.

WATER SERVICES

Waste Water

Contracted to Irish 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.

The direct labour crew laid 1,840 m of new sewer in 2014.

Drinking Water

Contracted to Irish Water, Wexford County Council continues to operate 218 facilities and 1,890 km of public water mains serving approximately 105,000 people.

Wexford County Council also supervises the operation of the Group Water Schemes (128 schemes serving approx. 2,200 people) and the Individual Well Grant Scheme (approx. 249 new applications in 2014). Approximately 75% of the population is served by public water, 5% by group water schemes and 20% by private wells.

Drinking Water Quality

Compliance with microbiological, chemical and indicator standards laid down by S.I. 122 (2014) were 99.38%, 99.90% and 98.06% respectively.

The percentage unaccounted for water (UFW) continues to decrease from 51% at the start of the Water Conservation Project to 36% at present. (The target figure for UFW for a rural county like Wexford is 20–25%.)

Capital Projects

Bunclody WWTW slope stabilisation works completed.

Taghmon-Keellogues-Wexford sewer completed with Keellogue-Wexford in operation.

Water conservation projects were completed in **Ferns, Gorey** and **Wexford Town**.



Slope Stabilisation works Bunclody WWTW - Before



Slope Stabilisation works Bunclody WWTW - After



Pipe bursting trenchless technology - Summer Hill, Wexford

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In 2014, the Health and Safety team operated to and delivered a corporate improvement programme to ensure the continued health, safety and wellbeing of Wexford Local Authorities' employees, contractors and members of the public. The team delivered an extensive health and safety training programme and worked on key initiatives to introduce best practice and embed new technologies into its operations.

Using New Technologies in Health and Safety

The use of new technologies continued in 2014 with the introduction and use of the following measures:

- Online reporting and statistical analysis of accidents and incidents.
- Electronic recording of inspections of equipment for fire registers, using smart phones or tablets.
- Electronic production of permit-to-work systems for contractors required to undertake high-risk activities.
- A revised health and safety information system for employees, with an updated health and safety Intranet.

Taking Care of Business

The Health and Safety team, along with representatives of the Economic department's 'Wexford Means Business' unit, worked with the Health and Safety Authority to host two events for small contractors and businesses in the Wexford area. The events demonstrated new, free and simple online tools for small businesses to use in order to achieve health and safety compliance.



The events were very well attended and feedback was extremely positive. It is intended to run more of these events in 2015, assisting smaller contractors to meet the requirements for tendering and working with Wexford County Council.

Events Management

During 2014, the Health and Safety Section undertook a review of the management of events hosted in Wexford County Council premises and a new process was agreed by the management team in December. This process will ensure that Wexford County Council continues to facilitate and encourage the hosting of events on the Local Authorities' premises or outdoor spaces, while at the same time ensuring there is a managed control of risks.

Guidance for the public and for stakeholders will be developed in 2015 and training against the new application process and requirements will be provided.



H&S - Events Management Guide

Violence, Aggression and Threats of Self-Harm

In early 2014 a new procedure was introduced to deal with the increasing incidents of violence, aggression and threats of self-harm from members of the public interacting with the Local Authorities' services. This ensures that all incidents are logged through a reporting procedure and that prompt and firm actions are taken to protect Local Authority employees from unacceptable behaviour towards them.

It also ensures that there is a defined mechanism for responding appropriately to members of the

public who threaten to harm themselves, and that such individuals are quickly referred for relevant intervention, as required.

A new training course for employees in relation to personal safety was also introduced.

National Irish Safety Awards

Wexford County Council won the South East Regional Award in the National Irish Safety Organisation Annual All-Ireland Safety Awards 2014. This is a prestigious safety award which requires a demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement in the area of Health and Safety management.



WCC - NISO Safety Awards Submission 2014

HOUSING

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 small scale grants scheme fostering community pride.

The abolition of the former Borough and Town Councils of Wexford, New Ross and Enniscorthy from the 1st June 2014 resulted in the transfer of the towns housing functions to Wexford County Council. This has resulted in change management practices for the Housing services and provided a new and challenging opportunity to reorganise at County level to provide a single housing service for the citizens of Wexford.

The transfer of housing services has resulted in a significant increase of the housing stock for Wexford County Council from 2,459 to 4,204 social housing units at the end of 2014. A total of 130 houses were allocated during the year to provide accommodation which consisted of 12 New Lets, 85 Casual Vacancies and 33 Transfers.

Housing Maintenance

Wexford County Council operates an extensive maintenance programme for its housing stock involving repairs by the Council housing staff and external contractors which generates local employment. During 2014 the Housing maintenance Call centre received 7,028 maintenance calls up from 4,768 at the end of 2013 with the increase in housing stock from the towns. In 2014 110 pre let repairs were carried out within an average of 4.5 weeks.



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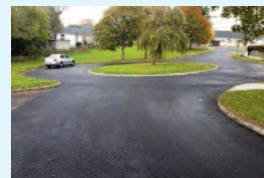


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During the year a planned maintenance programme targeted four estates across the County for essential upgrading and improvement works, involving internal and external works. Similarly an initiative commenced to target septic tanks of local authority housing stock to ensure compliance with the 2012 Act on wastewater systems targeting 30 tanks each year.



Before



After

Extensions and adaptations to meet the needs of vulnerable target groups such as the elderly and people with disabilities continue to form a key remit of the Housing department however there are budgetary restrictions on capital programmes following the reduced income from the sale of housing stock through the tenant purchase scheme which is now finished.

However it is expected that a new Incremental Purchase Scheme will be announced for interested tenants pursuing home ownership.

Warmer Homes and Regeneration of Vacant Units

Funding of €1,026,271 was allocated to Wexford County Council by the DECLG under its most successful year in relation to the 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 for 1,264 housing units.

Further funding of under half a million was received for the voids programme to return vacant stock to use with a particular focus in New Ross.

Charlton Hill New Ross Area Scheme



Before



After

Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The Housing SPC is responsible for implementation and monitoring of housing policy within the local authority.

In 2014, a wide range of items were discussed including:

- 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

Wexford County Council had 3,310 social housing applicants on the housing list at 31 December 2014. The area of highest need is Wexford with 1,160 applicants followed by Gorey 788, Enniscorthy 692 and New Ross 670.

Social Housing Investment Programme

The end of November 2014 saw the announcement of a major investment programme for social housing nationally with €3.8 billion over the next 6 years supplying 35,000 additional housing units, creating 29,000 jobs in construction.

Currently Wexford County Council has two construction schemes:

Housing Supply Programme – Wexford County Council Construction Gorey

Housing Scheme	Units	Status
Baile na Tra, Riverchapel	10	Construction €1.5 million
Shanna Court	8	Tendered €1.2 million

Riverchapel

The scheme of 10 houses approved funding by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government for €1.5 million was officially launched by Cllr Malcolm Byrne, Chairman, Wexford County Council and Cllr John Hegarty, Chairman, Gorey Municipal District last year.

It was agreed to officially name the development Baile an Trá. Construction has now commenced and completion is expected in September 2015.

Launch of Riverchapel 10 unit scheme.



Housing Supply Programme in partnership with Voluntary Housing Bodies

Wexford County Council is working in partnership with Voluntary Housing Bodies:

- Kilanerin, Gorey 6 units for the elderly €687,875 almost completed.
- Camphill, Ballymoney . Gorey 2 units for people with disabilities.
- Westlands Wexford Respond 7 units for elderly.
- An Bhreacadh Nua, Ard Aoibhinn Wexford 14 units for people with disabilities.

An Bhreacadh Nua Wexford



Wexford County Council will also support housing units delivered through its work with a National Voluntary Housing Body for units with NAMA funded through (Capital Assistance Leasing Fund) CALF and are in discussions with other Approved Housing Bodies.

The allocation of just over €1.million was received from the DEHLG to Wexford County Council under its housing acquisition programme, with 10 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.

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.

There were 826 inspections carried out in 2014. A 35% compliance rate was achieved regarding properties inspected for the first time in 2014.

Table 2: Analysis of Standards for Private Rented Accommodation				
Total no. of Inspections carried out in 2014	Non compliance letters issued in 2014	No. of 2014 cases now in compliance	No. of 2013 cases pursued in 2014	No. of 2013 cases now in compliance
830	699	242	585	305

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 2014 102 households were transferred into RAS.

Leasing Initiative

Wexford County Council had 89 leased units at 31 December 2014. Properties are leased from the private sector and used to accommodate households from the local authority waiting list. Leased properties are allocated to tenants, in accordance with the local authorities allocations scheme.

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 assist older people living in poor housing conditions with due regard given to best value for money when assessing applications. In 2014 a budget of €1,635,238 was allocated to the grant schemes to assist 321 households.

Summary of allocation of 2014 Budget			
HGD's	MAG's	HOP's	Total
€331,352	€217,567	€1,086,319	€1,635,238

Housing Local Authority Loans

	Apps Received	Apps Approved	Apps Paid to Date	Total Exp
Totals:	17	4	2	€165,000

There were 17 loan applications of which 4 were approved.

Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP)

The Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP) was introduced to local authorities at the end of 2012. MARP 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.

In July 2014 a revised procedure for dealing with Mortgage Arrears was introduced for Local Authorities which is closely aligned to the Central Bank Code of Conduct on Mortgage Arrears. At the end of 2014 there are a total of 204 MARP cases which engaged with the Mortgage Arrears Team. Of these there are 100 MARP decisions, 79 of which have entered into agreement plans.

Social Inclusion

The Housing department plays a key role in developing social inclusion supports to the communities of County Wexford. Working in a partnership approach with other agencies the Housing team respond to issues such as Homelessness, Traveller Accommodation, Estate Management, supporting families at risk.

COMMUNITY

Establishment of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Section 49A of the Local Government Act 2001 provides for the establishment of LCDCs in all local authority administrative areas 'for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development'. In this regard, each LCDC will bring together local authority members and officials, state agencies and people actively working with local development, community development, and economic, cultural and environmental organisations to implement a joined-up, cross-sectoral approach to local and community development programming.

LCDCs will, therefore, draw on the expertise and experience of public and private actors within the relevant local authority area to provide effective and efficient services to citizens and communities, and particularly those most in need of those services.

Wexford County Council established the LCDC in July 2014 with a membership of 17, made up of both public and private representatives. The LCDC will have primary responsibility for coordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funding, whether spent by local authorities or on behalf of the State by other local development bodies.

Public Participation Networks (PPN)

Section 46 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for the development of Public Participation Networks. The aim of these new structures and processes is to facilitate and enable the public and organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system. The system will complement existing consultation processes and will be the main link through which the local authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. There are currently 300 community groups registered with the PPN. The PPN Secretariat has been put in place with the election of 10 members to that

body. The secretariat will facilitate PPN nominations to Council committees and other relevant bodies.

Preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides a stronger and clearer role for local government in economic development and community development which is a key element in achieving the vision set out in the Action Programme for Effective Local Government: 'that local government will be the main vehicle of governance and public service at local level, leading economic, social and community development'.

The purpose of the LECP, as provided for in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, is to set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant local authority area, both by itself directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

Wexford County Council has commissioned the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA), based at NUI Maynooth, to undertake an analysis of baseline socio-economic data for Co. Wexford. This baseline data is fundamental to the creation of evidence based high-level socio-economic goals, objectives and actions.

Riverchapel Community Sports Complex

The development of the Community Sports Complex at Riverchapel will fulfil a long-standing commitment from Wexford County Council to provide amenity facilities in the village.

The design of the Community Sports Complex in Riverchapel has been reworked to achieve a more sustainable outcome for the community. The development comprises of finished GAA and soccer pitches, a walking track and a BMX track. Work commenced on the project in July 2014,

with an expected finish date in the first quarter of 2015.

The development of the project attracted both LEADER and Sports Capital Programme funding, and the community involvement in the development represents best practice in community development.

SPORTS ACTIVE WEXFORD (LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP)



This is a joint project between Sports Active Wexford, Wexford Youths Women and the FAI. Its goal is to increase female underage participation in soccer in target areas and age groups by providing quality coaching from local role models within the girls own local community.

The project was focused on girls from different social backgrounds in a bid to get more girls from the ages of 13 to 18 years involved in sport. It was supported by the Women's National League team in Wexford, with a number of players volunteering time to coach the different groups. Groups were then invited to a National League game in a bid to inspire the girls to aim for a higher level of participation. Over 35 girls per week took part in the programme.

Before the programme a number of girls were unregistered with local clubs and over a third of the girls had failed to take part in weekly physical activity. The project has encouraged them to change this and to take part. In terms of the youth group, the programme created a good community link and participants are keen to take part in the programme again.

Go for Life Games

This event, supported by Wexford Local Development and Astroactive Enniscorthy, saw more than 40 older adults and people with a disability take part in the training days. The

process of selecting the team of 15 to represent Wexford. In the national finals, the team from Wexford won the Skiddels event and Kevin Molloy was recognised with a special award for his work with Active Retirement groups.



Participants in the Go For Life Games 2014

Bike Week 16–22 June 2014

This national initiative has been run in partnership with Wexford County Council, and newly appointed Cycling Officer, Frank Burke. The National Schools Cycle Skills courses saw 18 schools take part, with over 600 students participating in cycle safety checks and learning cycle skills.

Disability Day was attended by 59 participants who enjoyed the experience of cycling using adapted bikes and two-wheeled bikes in a safe and secure venue at Loftus Hall. The participants response to the activity was tremendous; some elder participants had never been on a bicycle before. A great day! This was followed by a Children's Disability Day with 20 young people taking part.

Enniscorthy Family Cycle had 50 participants and the event was organised by Frank Burke.

The Community Department also ran a cycling awareness campaign, asking motorists to share the road and show due care when overtaking cyclists (allowing a minimum 1.5 m overtaking separation distance). Sixteen signs were strategically placed around Co. Wexford as part of the campaign.

This has been praised as a great initiative, and the newly appointed Cycling Officer has initialised the campaign to be published on the back of Wexford County Council vehicles. A promotional video is also being produced.



Bike Week 2014

Street Paddler Programme

The programme's overall aim was to run a canoe-coaching programme for young people. Other objectives and elements of the programme include:

- To draw young people off the streets and into a new sport over an 8-week period.
- Participants to obtain a minimum Canoe Ireland coaching award during this period.
- To encourage participants to give back to the community by using their new coaching skills to assist in coaching other young people at a canoe club, or with scouts/youth clubs, etc. in canoeing for 3–8 weeks (participants will have a qualification for basic canoe coaching, with recorded hours).
- Participants qualify automatically for volunteers award.

Of the original 12 participants who started in 2010, three have now completed their Level 2 Trainer Instructor award. The programme is supported by Youth New Ross and Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre (OEC).

This is a significant achievement for these young people who now hope to go onto further education development and employment through this programme.

Fun in the Sun 4–9 August

The Annual Fun in the Sun Camp was held around the coastline of Co Wexford in partnership with FAI, Leinster Rugby, Wexford GAA, Wexford Wanderers Cricket Club and Shielbaggan OEC.

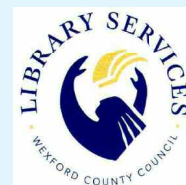
A total of 691 children aged 7–14 took part in the camps. The feedback was excellent. From 2009 to date, a total of 3,301 children have taken part in this event.

Sports Active Wexford continues to promote a physical and healthy lifestyle in the communities of Co. Wexford.



Fun in the Sun 2014

LIBRARIES AND ARTS



Two library projects achieved Chambers Ireland's Excellence in Local Government Awards. The Wexford Parish History Project won the 2014 Supporting Active Communities Award. Mind Yourself, Wexford's information and self-help programme was highly commended in the Health and Wellbeing category.

Renovations to New Ross Library were completed by June. The modernised service offers better spaces, self-service and improved e-learning facilities.



Family and kids area-New Ross Library

A Wexford Business Information Service was launched in the County Library in November. A joint project with the Council's Economic Development Department, it offers research support to people developing their careers and starting or growing business opportunities. Highlights within the Council's Decade of Commemoration Plan, 'The Twisted Root of History' were:

- A Community Archiving Day with submissions uploaded onto the international Europeana website.
- The introduction of a pilot community learning project (Trinity College Dublin's MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on Irish Lives in War and Revolution: Exploring Ireland's History 1912–1923).
- A recommended e-resources list on Wexford and WWI, and a brochure on John Redmond and his Wexford Connections, to mark the centenary of the Third Irish Home Rule Bill.



Wexford Business Information leaflet

Online access was provided to the following items:

- A copy of the Valentine Gill map of Co. Wexford (1811).
- The minutes of Wexford Borough Council (formerly Wexford Corporation) for the period 1776–2000.
- The Council's Visual Arts Collection.

Planning began on Wexford County Council's next Arts Strategy. In 2015 a policy framework will outline routes for engagement with the arts and for ongoing development.

A policy for management of the Council's Visual Arts Collection was developed.

The Arts Department created an exhibition of early works by Russian artist Ivan Slavinsky in the main foyer of County Hall in the Autumn. A lecture education programme accompanied the exhibition.



Slavinsky Exhibition on display in County Hall.

The pilot year of the Living Art Project was successful. Embedded in five schools, local children and educators worked with local artists and engaged with contemporary visual art.

ENVIRONMENT

COASTAL MATTERS

Coastal

- Blue Flag beach awards were awarded to four beaches: Courtown, Morriscastle, Curraclloe and Rosslare. Blue flag marinas were awarded to Kilmore Quay and New Ross.



- Throughout the year, the Environment section continued to monitor the effects of coastal erosion along the extensive coastline.
- Green Coast awards for beaches with excellent water quality, environmental information and local community involvement were awarded to 4 beaches, Ballinesker, Culleton's Gap, Cahore and Old Bawn.



Piers & Harbours

- During 2014, over €1,112,000 was spent on improvement works and storm damage repairs at piers and harbours, funded by Wexford County Council, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.
- Significant improvement works were carried out at Wexford Harbour & Kilmore Quay. These included the completion of the new slipway and link footpath at Ferrybank, Wexford and extensive storm damage repairs including repairs to the marina, and additional improvements to the new promenade in Kilmore Quay.
- The construction of the civic space at Kilmore Quay was also completed.

- The new Ballast Office opened in Wexford in 2014.
- An Assistant Marine Officer was recruited in March.
- In July, New Ross Marina was transferred from New Ross Town Council to Wexford County Council.

WATER, AIR & NOISE

- Throughout 2014, the Water, Air and Noise section monitored, sampled, analysed and reported on the quality of water, wastewater, air, noise and various other aspects of the environment in accordance with EU and national legislation.
- 2014 was the first full 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. This indicated a 50% pass rate. The number of sites inspected is set to increase by 100% in 2015.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- The waste management team monitored and enforced waste facility permits and certificates of registration activities at over 50 sites throughout the county.
- Over 350 waste management complaints were investigated in 2014. Warning letters, enforcement notices under Waste Management Acts and court prosecutions were used where necessary to resolve issues.
- The five waste enforcement priorities investigated under Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) were:
 - implementation of household food waste regulations,
 - control under waste oil regulations,
 - treatment of end-of-life vehicles,
 - investigation of historic landfill sites and
 - audit of household waste streams at waste licence / waste permit sites.



- The waste operations section maintained two closed landfill sites, four civic amenity sites and over 100 bring bank sites throughout the county.
- New services introduced at civic amenity sites included food waste, garden waste and waste paints.
- Capping works were completed at the Killurin Landfill Site.

LITTER MANAGEMENT

- In 2014 there were 17 successful court convictions for litter offences.
- The Council received 1,732 reports in relation to littering or illegal dumping incidents in 2014.
- Around 1,900 clean-ups were carried out by the crew during 2014.
- Over 500 clean ups carried out by the Rapid Response Crew during 2013.
- Wexford County Council uses a combination of Community Wardens, Anti-Litter Freephone – 1800 DUMPED (1800 386733), environment enforcement staff and mobile CCTV cameras to catch illegal dumpers, both on the street, in the countryside and at known litter black spots.
- Wexford County Council uses the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System to measure the extent and make up of litter pollution within the county. Table D1 compares 2013 (most recent year available) with years going back to 2007

Table D1

Year	Litter free	Slightly littered	Moderately littered	Seriously littered	Grossly littered
2013	51.92%	39.42%	7.69%	0.97%	0%
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%

Number of Litter Fines Issued by Wexford County Council 2008–2014

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
154	140	182	209	270	345	528

GENERAL

Control of Dogs & Horses

- There were 17 dogs in the pound at the start of 2014 and 12 were in the pound at the close of the year.
- The cost of the service was €223,574 with a combined income from licences, fines and charges of €165,578.
- Seven dog-breeding establishments were on the register under the Dog Breeding Establishment Act 2010.

Control of Dogs

Control of Dogs	2014	2013
No. of dogs collected	1,289	1,254
No. of dogs reclaimed	162	130
No. of dogs re-homed	679	666
No. of dogs put to sleep	406	441
No. of dogs in the pound Dec.2014	12	17

Control of Horses

Control of Horses	2014	2013
No. of horses impounded by ACS Ltd.	187	162
No. of horses reclaimed by owners	5	12
No. of horses re-homed	10	16
No. of horses put to sleep	172	132

Environment Education and Awareness

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

- 6 schools achieved their first Green Flag (total in county: 93).



- 52 schools participated in workshops.
- 4 schools visited Holmestown Waste Management Facility.
- The Environment Art Competition, which promoted Wexford's Wetlands, received 1,073 entries.
- The Christmas Recycling Competition received the largest number of entries, with a number going forward to the county final.



Emilius Bielis, CBS Primary, Overall Primary Winner
-Wexford's Wetlands Art Competition

- 6 schools participated in Coastcare workshops.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITIONS

- The Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition was highlighted by a number of splendid projects throughout the county.
- Environment Awards held in November were attended by more than 300 people.
- The Snap Into Action Competition and the National Tree Week Competition received a high standard of entries.



Environment Awards, Overall Winners-Blackwater

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS

- The Gum Litter Awareness Campaign was launched. Its aim is to reduce gum litter.
- Green Dog Walker Initiative was launched and promoted.
- Some 9,560 kg of hazardous waste was collected at the Free Hazardous Waste Collection Day held on 2nd February in Enniscorthy Household Recycling Centre.
- Household hazardous waste prevention was highlighted at community talks and events throughout the year.



Green Dog Walker Initiative Launch

- Wexford County Council participated in a prevention project 'Using Less at the Seaside' in partnership with Kerry and Clare County Councils.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Tidy Towns Groups were assisted in preparation for the national Tidy Towns Competition.
- Trees for Wexford Scheme distributed 6,784 trees and hedging to 160 community groups.
- A total of 1,984 Christmas trees were shredded at six locations throughout the county.
- Stop Food Waste Challenge was completed with Wexford Tidy Towns.
- Food Waste Prevention promoted at Killag Agricultural Show, Wexford Maritime Festival, Wexford Food Festival and Wexford Expo.



Food Waste Prevention Display

- A Coastcare Seminar took place in March. The section promoted Clean Coast Week and 2-minute Beach Clean-Up and worked closely with Coastcare groups.
- Poulfur National School was awarded National Coastcare School of the Year and Wexford Sub Aqua Club was awarded Coastcare Group by An Taisce.
- National Spring Clean was held during the month of April, with 260 community clean-ups carried out. The largest community clean-up in the country took place in Kilmore Quay.



Christmas Tree Shredding, Redmond Park, Wexford.

ENERGY USAGE

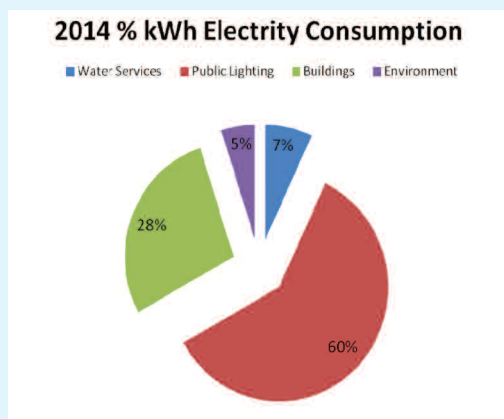
Overview of Energy Usage in 2014

In 2014, Wexford County Council consumed 16,210 MWh of energy, consisting of:

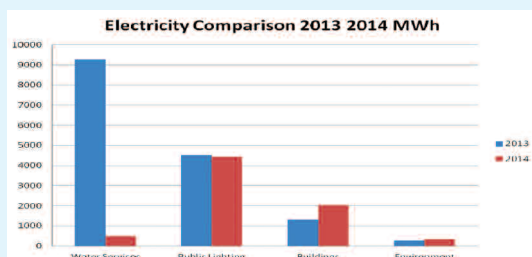
- 7,825 MWh of electricity.
- 8,375 MWh* of thermal and transport fuels.
*estimated
- 1,052 MWh of renewable energy.

The total energy consumed for 2014 was 24,140 MWh; the 33% drop is largely accounted for by the transfer of water services sites to Irish Water.

Electricity is no longer the largest energy source consumed by Wexford County Council however its production is responsible for the highest greenhouse gas emissions. In terms of Electricity consumption Water Services consumed 7% of the total electricity consumption, with Public Lighting up from 28% in 2014 to 60%, while public buildings now account for 28% of the total electricity consumption.



The chart below shows the impact of Irish Water on the Council's energy consumption in 2014. The additional new civic amenity site shows a slight increase of energy usage by the Environment section, while public buildings have gone up in part due to the opening of the new library building in Wexford.



Fossil Fuels

Fossil fuels include fuels for transport along with fuels used for heating, such as kerosene, LPG and heating oil. The accuracy of data capture for fuels needs to be improved in order to target fuel efficiency improvements.

Renewable Energy

Ireland has an overall renewable energy target of 16% of total final consumption to come from renewable energy in 2020. Wexford County Council is currently at 6.5% total final consumption, and 12.5% of total fuel is from renewable energy.

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

Actions Undertaken in 2014

In 2014 Wexford County Council improved its energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

- Upgrading lighting in New Ross Library.
- Building upgrades at Harbour Master Office, Crescent Quay.
- Installing energy efficient public lighting.

Actions Planned for 2015

In 2015 Wexford County Council will continue to improve the energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

- Energy audits at Municipal District Offices in New Ross and Enniscorthy.
- Energy Awareness Campaign.
- Improvement in public lighting efficiency.

The transfer of water services sites to Irish Water has significantly reduced the Council's energy consumption in 2014. Public lighting now accounts for the majority of the Council's energy usage and has to be a priority for energy conservation.

WEXFORD COUNTY FIRE SERVICE



Framework for Major Emergency Management

Wexford County Council's Major Emergency preparedness was appraised in October 2014 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.

The dedicated local coordination centre was maintained and tested throughout the year to cater for a major emergency response. Wexford County Council staff participated in an inter-agency Seveso Exercise in July 2014, and they were also involved in a regional major emergency exercise ('Call-In') in December 2014.

A Community Resilience Programme is also being developed for the South East Region to enhance community-led preparedness, response and recovery for emergencies.

Fire Safety

The Fire Authority is notified annually of all applications to the District and Circuit Courts for licences. During the year, 139 notifications were received. In each case, the Court and applicant were notified 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, 201 inspections were carried out on a broad range of premises types. As a result of the inspection programme 15 premises were served with letters of improvement due to significant fire safety concerns.

Community Fire Safety

A Fire Safety Week took place in October 2014, the theme of which was 'Protecting Those Most at Risk from Fire'. For Fire Safety Week and the Christmas period, key fire safety messages were

advertised in local papers, on Council websites and on Twitter.

As part of the National Primary Schools Fire Safety Programme, approximately 2,000 third class students received the fire safety message. This involved firefighters visiting primary schools and presenting a fire safety lesson in the classroom. Throughout the year, where possible, the fire safety message was delivered to the public.



School visit to Our Lady of Lourdes National School
Bunclody, Co. Wexford

Building Control – Part B Fire Safety

The following fire safety certificate applications were received in 2014:

Application Type	No.
Fire safety certificate	87
Revised fire safety certificate	3
7-Day notice fire safety certificate	6
Regularisation certificate	10
Total	106

During 2014, 17 notices were issued for developments that would require a Fire Safety Certificate Application. In the majority of these cases, a subsequent application was made for a Fire Safety Certificate.

In addition, 37 inspections were carried out by fire officers under Section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990. During the year 71 planning referrals were issued with advice. For various large developments underway around the county, pre-application meetings were held in several cases.

Pre-incident Planning

The Fire Service's pre-incident planning programme continued in 2014. 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 various locations as follows:

- **Wexford area** – Atlantic Industries, Danone Nutricia, Medentech and Roche Freight.
- **Gorey area** – Creagh Secondary School and Tesco.
- **Enniscorthy area** – Clonroche Mills.
- **New Ross area** – Culcita, Endesa Ireland power plant and Green Bio Fuels.
- **Bunclody area** – Millrace Hotel, Slaney Foods.

In addition to the familiarisation visits, in some cases exercises were also carried out by brigades to enhance training for dealing with incidents at such sites.

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, various initial and refresher training courses were carried out. Wexford County Fire Service also organised and ran a one-week course of junior officer training for 10 personnel.

Some of the core training courses undertaken by Wexford County Fire Service throughout the year were as follows:

- Breathing apparatus and compartment fire behaviour training.
- Station Officers and Sub Officers' courses.
- Road traffic collision.
- Recruit training.
- Advance driving.
- Pump operation.



Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Exercise at Clonard Church.



Fire Service attending Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (CFBT) at Hacketstown, Co. Carlow

Incidents

The fire service attended 832 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	63	27	33	27	7	157
Domestic Fire	29	12	16	7	2	66
Road Traffic Accident	15	17	15	19	1	67
Industrial Fire	3	0	0	0	1	4
Commercial fire	4	1	2	1	0	8
Assembly Fire	4	0	1	0	0	5
Agricultural Fire	1	2	5	3	0	11
Motor Vehicles	14	18	21	11	5	69
Forest/Bog/Grass Etc.	26	23	17	14	11	91
Rubbish Fire	31	11	25	6	6	79
Non-Fire Rescues	7	2	1	3	1	14
False Alarms - Good Intent	66	50	44	27	7	194
False Alarms - Malicious	3	0	0	3	0	6
Miscellaneous	21	14	13	12	1	61
Totals	287	177	193	133	42	832



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.

Training

Many courses were attended and successfully completed by members to enhance the already very high standards, skills and training in Civil Defence.



Civil Defence participating in training on the River Slaney

Courses

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

- Rope Rescue Supervisor – 2 qualified
- Search Field Skills Instructor – 1 qualified

- Search Management – 2 qualified
- Field Skills operators course - 7 qualified
- Swiftwater & Flood Technicians – 4 qualified
- Swiftwater & Flood Responder Instructor – 1 qualified
- Manual Handling Instructors – 3 qualified
- Group Crisis Intervention and Individual Crisis Intervention -2 qualified
- CFR Instructor – 2 qualified
- CFR Advanced Instructor – 1 qualified
- CFR Advanced operators course – 18 qualified
- CFR operator courses – 12 qualified
- OFA Instructor – 2 qualified
- EMT course – 10 qualified

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) 18 qualified
- Occupational First Aid (OFA) 37 Volunteers, 49 Wexford Local Authority Staff
- Swiftwater & Flood responders – 2 qualified
- Food safe and you course – 7 qualified
- Radio Comms UHF net operator – 12 qualified
- CFR operator courses – 12 qualified
- EFR courses – 24 qualified
- D1 Driving courses – 5 qualified

Other

- Avian Flu Vaccination Programme
- Hepatitis B and Tetanus Programme
- Garda Vetting
- Child Protection and Training
- Driving Assessments

Civic Duties 2014

Civic Duties are local events such as sports events, hunter trials, charity fundraisers, concerts, agricultural shows, parades, festivals, as well as the Lions Charity Coastal Walk, Wexford Festival Opera and Wexford Marine Festival. Civil Defence volunteers provided ambulance and first aid cover in the event of an accident or emergency, as well as safety boat cover. A man's life was saved in Enniscorthy at one of these events in 2014. Civil Defence, supported by Wexford County Council, covered 68 such public events, in the interest of public safety.

Missing Persons Search

Civil Defence responded to two missing person searches.

County Training Day

An All Services Training day was held on Sunday, 16th November, 2014, at the Civil Defence Training Headquarters, Ardavan and surrounding sites. A presentation dinner was held in the Riverbank Hotel that evening attended by Chairman of Wexford Co. Council Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, the Director of Services Mr. John Carley, and the Assistant Principal Officer Civil Defence College Mr. Seamus Murray.

Prizes to the best assessed team were presented also 10 and 20 year long service medals were presented and certificates to instructors and volunteers for all the various courses they qualified in during the year.

Dublin Castle Medal Ceremony

A medal ceremony was held in Dublin Castle on Friday 21st November for Civil Defence volunteers from around the county to acknowledge for the first time members who had completed 30, 40 and 50 years service to Civil Defence.

Minister Paul Kehoe presented the medals and 11 members from Co. Wexford received 30 year medals and one member received a 40-year medal.



Presentation of medals for long service at Dublin Castle.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources

During 2014 the structure of local government in Ireland was subject to the most radical transformation in decades. Following the 2014 local elections the borough and town councils in the county were dissolved and from June 2014 a single local government body for the county was established, i.e. the County Council. In addition, four Municipal Districts, one in each of the four electoral areas, were created.

During the latter part of 2013 the Human Resources (HR) Department had been heavily involved in discussions with staff representatives in relation to this major change and its impact on our employees, both indoor and outdoor. This active engagement continued through the first half of 2014, resulting in the successful relocation of a substantial number of staff members, particularly office-based staff, from their town council positions to the Council's headquarters in Wexford.

In April 2014 the Wexford County Enterprise Board (CEB) was also dissolved and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) was established and the entire operation, including its staff, was also relocated to Council headquarters. While an implementation framework for this transition had been agreed at national level, locally the HR Department played a key role in assisting the ex-CEB staff to integrate into the local authority.

In 2014 a total of 17 recruitment competitions were run by the HR Department. Approximately 550 individuals applied for the various positions on offer, of which approximately 300 were called for interview. A total of 31 appointments, to both permanent and temporary positions, were made during the year.

The HR Department was also very active in government-supported employment initiatives, with 13 individuals recruited under the National Internship Scheme (JobBridge). In addition, a total of 34 long-term unemployed persons were employed under a new Local Authority Labour Activation Scheme called 'Gateway'. This scheme, primarily focused on outdoor work activities, offers participants a 22-month placement of 19.5 hours per week/39 hours per fortnight, with a

top-up payment made to their social welfare entitlement.

In March 2014 the Public Service Management (Sick Leave) Regulations 2014 came into effect. These regulations contain fundamental changes to the sick leave entitlements of public servants. These changes were flagged as part of the Public Service Agreement 2010–2014 (The Croke Park Agreement) and the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013–2016 (The Haddington Road Agreement), and form part of the Government's initiatives focused on attendance management across the public service.

In 2012 a Workforce Planning Group, comprising representatives from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, local authorities and the Local Government Management Agency, was established. The group's report, published in September 2012, set out the parameters by which local authorities were to assess their staffing requirements into the future.

During 2014 the HR Department was involved in preparing a Workforce Plan for the Council's indoor workforce. The plan was subsequently submitted to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and will form the basis on which future applications for administrative, professional and technical posts will be assessed. In the final quarter of 2014, the HR Department commenced preparation of the Workforce Plan for the Council's outdoor workforce with a view to finalising it in the first quarter of 2015.

Staff Training

The Training Unit, within the HR Department, is responsible for the provision of training for all employees and provides opportunities for them to further develop knowledge and skills. In 2014, the Council continued to deliver and evaluate focused staff training and development programmes to meet identified needs. A wide range of courses was provided which included statutory health and safety training and in-house training.

A total of 608 members of staff attended various courses throughout the year. These courses included:

- Child Safeguarding Awareness Training
- Customer Service Training
- CSCS Signing, Lighting and Guarding Training
- Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC)
- FÁS Safe Pass
- Manual Handling
- Occupational First Aid

Where possible, training was delivered locally by bringing external trainers to a local venue. The Roscrea Regional Training Centre continued to provide a valuable training service to help meet the increasing demand for the delivery of certified training programmes to Roads, Environment and Water Services staff under the respective Training Grant Schemes.

The Council also supported staff who wished to pursue further education programmes with financial assistance for course fees and paid leave for study/exam purposes.

In total, there were 1,755 man-days dedicated to staff training during 2015.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Food Safety

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

The statistics and returns from the abattoirs and meat manufacturing premises for 2014 are contained in the annex.

Zoonoses

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

Animal Health Surveillance Scheme

The Veterinary Department operates an animal health surveillance scheme on farms contiguous to 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 works in close collaboration with the Veterinary Department of Cork County Council which operates a similar, but more extensive, surveillance scheme on dairy herds in the vicinity of a large industrial complex in the Cork Harbour region.

Annex – 2014 STATISTICS

Meat Hygiene Service 2014

No. of hygiene inspections	59
No. of samples analysed	91
No. of meat inspection visits	416

Annual Abattoir Returns 2014

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Goats
Number of animals inspected	579	2682	946	78
Rejections on ante-mortem examination	1	1	0	0
Carcasses wholly condemned	0	7	0	0
Carcasses partly condemned	3	0	0	0
Organs only condemned	89	291	61	0

MISCELLANEOUS

Dog Licences

The total number of Dog Licences issued in 2014 was 7,834.

The breakdown of each type of licence was as follows:

Single Dog Licences €20 each **7810**

General Licences €400 each **24**

Register of Electors

No. of Voters in the Constituency of Wexford	109,987
No. of Special and Postal Voters	724
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	5,107
No. of additions, deletions and corrections to 2013/2014 Register to make up the 2014/2015 Register	12,088
No. of Voters on Draft Register printed on 1 November 2014	109,725
No. of Voters on Draft Edited Register printed on 1 November 2014	1,175

The Local Elections were held in 2014 and in preparation for this a number of information sessions on the Register of Electors were held.

The purpose of this was to ensure that the public could easily access the Register of Electors to check if they were registered correctly before the election. This brought our service closer to the community and helped the section in its efforts to have the most accurate register possible.

The Drop in Sessions were held in the libraries in Wexford, New Ross, Gorey and Enniscorthy in March and April 2014. The sessions provided people with a chance to come and check if they were on the Electoral Register, to ensure they could vote at the Local Elections held on the 23 May 2014.

Student Grants 2014–2015

As all new applications 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 109 renewals in 2014.

The Student Grant Scheme 2014 was published by the Department of Education and Skills on 7 May 2014. There were no changes to the income limits or the maintenance grants. However some further payments / incomes were included as 'income disregards' and extra payments were included as Eligible Payments.

As already flagged the Student Contribution increased to €2,750.

Protected Disclosures

No protected disclosures were received in 2014.

THE STREET

On entering Wexford County Council's new headquarters at Carricklawn, one is instantly impressed by the scale and size of the foyer that runs the length of the building. By having the different Council Departments straddled along its perimeter, the design architects planned the building such, that this space would take on the guise and function of a street – providing a link between these various departments.

This space, now dubbed the 'Street', is also a perfect venue for hosting exhibitions and events.

A number of very successful events took place in 2014 including:

Love Fashion, Love Wexford

A Fashion Show Love Fashion, Love Wexford was held by Wexford Chamber in the Street on the 20th September 2014. This event was a great success, hosted by Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh and was in support of counselling service Its Good to Talk.

The show has been held in another beautiful Wexford landmark Johnstown Castle in the past. The transition from holding the show in one of the oldest buildings in Wexford to one of the newest buildings for the event was poignant also in showcasing Wexford's landmarks.



Model on the catwalks at Love Fashion, Love Wexford Event

Wexford Sinfonia

Wexford Sinfonia is an amateur, Wexford based orchestra that regularly performs in Wexford and both nationally and abroad.

In February 2014 the full orchestra with a male voice choir performed two works – 'Peer Gynt' by Edvard Grieg and a specially commissioned piece by Wexford composer and conductor Liam Bates entitled 'Heroes of the Helen Blake'. This piece

was based on events surrounding the heroic rescue of sailors from the 'Mexico' by Wexford lifeboat men in 1914.

The concert was sold out and was a huge success. Proceeds from the performance went to the RNLI.

Art Exhibitions

Because of its large scale, the Street is a perfect venue for holding exhibitions of large scale contemporary art works.

This gives the public an opportunity to view outstanding works from both public and private collections not normally on view due to their scale.

Exhibitions have included works from the Council's collection, Arts Ability programme run by the Arts Department, Ivan Slavinsky, Stephen Brandes and currently a group show from the IMMA collection.

We have also hosted a number of other events including; book launches, community awards ceremonies, information evenings and a recycled materials Christmas decoration show run by Environment in conjunction with Primary and Secondary schools.

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 Directorate for 2014.

Rates Department

Rates Incentive Scheme

2014 was the second year of the Rates Incentive Scheme introduced by Wexford County Council. It provided an opportunity for ratepayers to avail of a discount of 6% from their annual rates bill up to a max of €300. A total of 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 the scheme in 2015.

Following the amalgamation of local authorities in the county from June 2014 the rates records of the four former local authorities were consolidated into a single database and statistics for rates collection for the entire county for 2014 are presented in the following table:

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



Ms. Annette O'Neill
Head of Finance & ICT

Commencement of Rates Provisions of Local Government Reform Act 2014

During 2014, Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 was commenced and placed a new obligation on property owners in Co Wexford to notify their local authority in writing of a change of occupier within two weeks of the date of transfer of the property. This includes a change in ownership, change in tenancy or where a tenant vacates the property. Failure to do so may incur a financial penalty.

All ratepayers are reminded that they are legally required to discharge all commercial rates due from them prior to their departure, sale or transfer of the property. For copies of the notification forms please contact the Rates Section on (053) 9196381/9196368 or, for an online application, at:

www.tinyurl.com/ratesform

This online application tool was developed in-house by Wexford County Council's Rates Section to assist property owners in meeting their legal obligations under the 2014 Act and the tool is now being considered nationally as a model for rollout to all other local authorities.

Local Charges Unit – NPPR Enforcement Team

The Non Principal Private Residence charge (NPPR) did not apply in 2014 and has been replaced by the Local Property Tax. However, the Local Charges Unit continued their effort of actively pursuing unregistered properties liable for any or all of the charge years from 2009 to 2013.

During 2014 a total of 1,207 additional NPPR properties were identified and charges and penalties totalling approx. €2.5m in income were secured under this heading.

Since the establishment of the NPPR Enforcement Team in 2013 for the purpose of increasing efforts to identify non-compliant properties for this charge, the number of registrations of NPPR properties has increased from 12,883 to 14,699. 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
2014	€2,507,930
Total	€17,478,130

Water Charges Section

Irish Water became responsible for the provision of water services in Ireland from 1 January 2014 following the passing of the Water Services (No 2) Act 2013.

The Water Charges Section, acting as an agent of Irish Water, remains 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.

Motor Taxation

A high standard of service was maintained by Wexford Motor Tax Office(MTO) for customers throughout 2014, with 99 per cent of applications being processed within three days.

Staff levels were reduced to reflect the transfer of the driving licence function and issuing of certificates of roadworthiness, although there was increased activity in the registration of Statutory Off-Road Declarations (SORDs), which was introduced in 2013.

The national online taxing service saw an increase of usage from 50% in 2013 to 58% in overall Wexford business in 2014. This compares to 62% nationally in 2014.

Customer Service

Wexford Motor Tax Office continued to provide a wide range of customer services, including counter and post service, fleet owners and customer express post, dedicated telephone operator, email and website.

Motor Tax Website

In 2014 Wexford MTO updated its website and its Motor Tax Guide, providing answers to many of the questions vehicle owners have in respect of taxing, arrears, declarations, etc. extent in 2014. Application forms can also be downloaded from the website.

Circulars Guide

All MTO circulars were catalogued and updated so as to provide an easy reference guide to staff in dealing with queries. The circulars can now be accessed on the Council's Intranet.

Archives/Vehicle Heritage

Following the digitisation in 2013 of old MTO vehicle registration number registers, the preservation of the important motor taxation vehicle heritage continued in 2014 with the examination of more than 500 boxes of old motor tax files. The older files contain not only the original registration forms but also the original invoices for the vehicles. The files are being checked against the national records to ensure accuracy and will reduce by 80% the storage space and storage costs needed to archive them into the future.

e-Day

This government initiative to reduce the usage of cheques in the economy came into effect in September 2014. MTO promoted the initiative but also accepted cheques from businesses following a national derogation to MTOs due to daily financial and stock balancing difficulties which would arise if automated payments were introduced.

Motor Taxation Statistics

Item	2014	2013	2012
Tax discs	76,321	86,608	89,171
Driving Licences	0	16,357	20,942
SORD	13,075	8,501	0
Certs of Roadworthiness	475	12,205	13,972
Total stock issues	98,403	137,644	138,508
Counter versus postal activity	70% / 30%	62% / 38%	54% / 46%
Postal taxes 3-day turnaround	99%	96%	97%
Receipts for year	€19,169,080	€20,403,998	€20,625,927

* For online transactions see below

Motor Tax Rates

There was no increase in motor tax rates in 2014.

Online Taxing

In 2014, 93% of the Wexford fleet could avail of online taxing. Some 62% of these owners availed of the option.

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

Year	MTO	Online	Total
2012	89,683	80,254	169,937
2013	87,145	87,213	174,358
2014	76,744	105,492	182,236

Wexford MTO continues to promote the convenience of the online facility, www.motortax.ie, and customers can use the public online services in the county's library branches.

Statutory Off-Road Declarations (SORDs)

Following the introduction of SORDs in September 2013, arrears income increased from €1,109,160 in 2013 to €2,105,619 in 2014 as motor tax and any arrears are due from the expiry

of the last tax or SORD period.

Service Indicators

The national service indicators issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government show a high level of efficiency in processing tax and licence applications in Wexford: 96% of motor taxes received in 2014 were processed within three days.

New County Vehicle Registration Designation

Following the amalgamation of Waterford and Limerick Cities and Counties as well as North and South Tipperary new county designations for these were introduced: W, L and T respectively.

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014**

		Gross Expenditure 2014	Income 2014	Net Expenditure 2014	Net Expenditure 2013
Expenditure by Division	Note	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building		18,758,430	23,272,917	(4,514,487)	(2,532,041)
Road Transport and Safety		27,396,414	17,421,318	9,975,096	10,425,031
Water Services		10,689,392	10,692,910	(3,518)	12,552,794
Development Management		7,482,275	1,759,879	5,722,396	5,607,421
Environmental Services		11,494,153	1,962,428	9,531,725	9,988,515
Recreation and Amenity		6,731,426	578,063	6,153,363	6,487,794
Agri, Educ, Health and Welfare		3,259,714	1,956,400	1,303,314	1,408,416
Miscellaneous Services		12,302,474	5,369,329	6,933,145	4,347,682
County Charge		-	-	-	8,145,091
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	98,114,278	63,013,244		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from County Rates and Local Government fund				35,101,034	56,430,703
Local Government fund				11,888,576	19,217,103
Pension Related Deduction				1,658,940	1,784,259
Commercial Rates				30,574,072	30,534,838
County Charge				-	8,145,092
Surplus (Deficit) for Year before Transfers				9,020,554	3,250,589
Transfers from/(to) Revenue	15			(8,626,691)	(4,954,629)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				393,863	(1,704,039)
General Revenue Reserve at 1st January				(10,267,402)	(8,563,363)
General Reserve at 31st December				(9,873,539)	(10,267,403)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		789,882,029	799,063,681
Infrastructural		1,813,712,652	1,988,057,407
Community		11,714,089	10,549,716
Non-Operational		115,313,615	15,564,929
		2,630,622,385	2,813,235,733
Work-in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	85,130,055	92,566,879
Long Term Debtors	3	75,253,054	77,012,901
Current Assets			
Stock	4	438,173	367,482
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	44,582,937	29,291,541
Bank Investments		4,849,942	17,902,896
Cash in Bank		2,159,446	-
Cash in Transit		3,135	2,985
Urban Account	7	-	1,039,198
		52,033,633	44,875,694
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	1,689,859
Creditors and Accruals	6	43,282,498	31,969,171
Finance Leases		343,634	343,634
		43,626,132	34,002,664
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		8,407,501	10,873,030
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	137,619,276	155,584,970
Finance Leases		142,166	446,802
Refundable Deposits	9	4,806,388	5,029,389
Other		6,065,208	6,433,889
		148,633,038	167,495,050
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		2,650,779,957	2,826,193,493
Represented By			
Capitalisation Account	10	2,630,622,385	2,813,235,733
Income WIP	2	86,018,342	94,246,986
Specific Revenue Reserve		3,056,073	3,056,073
General Revenue Reserve		(9,873,539)	(10,267,402)
Other Balances	11	(59,043,305)	(74,077,898)
Total Reserves		2,650,779,956	2,826,193,492

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

The ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Department reports to the Head of Finance and is responsible for managing all of the ICT infrastructure and computer systems in the organisation. The Council's ICT infrastructure includes local and wide area networks, wired and wireless communication links and the networking equipment required to enable voice and data communication.

In addition to this, the ICT Department manages and provides technical support for the Council's computer servers, desktop PCs, laptops, tablets, printers, scanners, etc., as well as a wide variety of software systems and data storage systems. The technical support provided by the ICT Department staff includes an IT helpdesk facility; systems analysis and design; the upgrading of existing software systems; the development of new software; and the implementation and integration of software systems sourced externally.

The amalgamation of the town and county councils in the first half of 2014 generated a significant amount of work for the ICT Department in terms of integrating and consolidating separate software system and data sets. Staff relocations and office consolidations required the reconfiguration of ICT infrastructure and access control systems.

The election of a new County Council in 2014 provided the opportunity to introduce new technology for the management and provision of the documentation associated with Council and other meetings.

Technical Services and Operations

The significant projects that were undertaken by the ICT Department's Technical Services and Operations Unit during 2014 include:

Windows XP EOL

The end of support by Microsoft for the Windows XP operating system and the Microsoft Office 2003 software suite required the upgrade, replacement or decommissioning of all desktop PC or laptops in the organisation containing that software.

Offsite Data Backup Solution

To facilitate offsite data backups, a large capacity online storage system was installed in the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government building adjoining the County Hall. An underground fibre optic cable was installed between the buildings some years ago in anticipation of this.

Exchange Server Upgrade

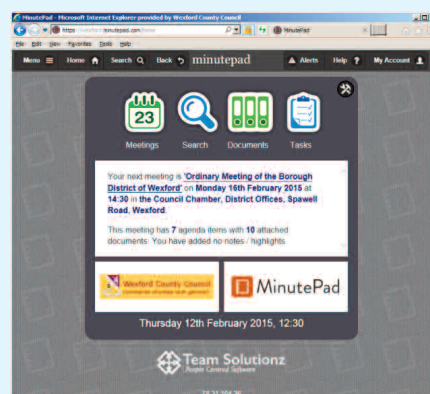
The Council's in-house email system required a significant software upgrade in 2014. The software on the email server (Microsoft Exchange) was also upgraded to provide additional functionality and security features.

Comms Link Upgrade

The communications link between County Hall, Wexford and the Enniscorthy Area Office, Old Dublin Road, Enniscorthy was upgraded to improve data throughput and reliability.

Technology for Elected Members

A documentation management system called MinutePad was adopted for use by the newly elected council members to allow them to access meeting documentation in electronic form before, during and after meetings by way of convenient mobile tablet devices. This new technology eliminated the work and costs associated with printing and distributing a large collection of paper documents ahead of official meetings.



GIS, Web and Application Development and Support

Amalgamation of Town and County Councils

The ICT Department coordinated integration of information and financial systems resulting from the amalgamation of the town and county councils. Websites, email, software systems and staff access rights to these facilities had to be incorporated into the central County Council's ICT systems.

Information Systems Upgrades

A range of internal information management systems were upgraded and enhanced during the year to provide additional features and capacity. This included the Council's Intranet which provides a centralised information display facility for staff across the organisation.

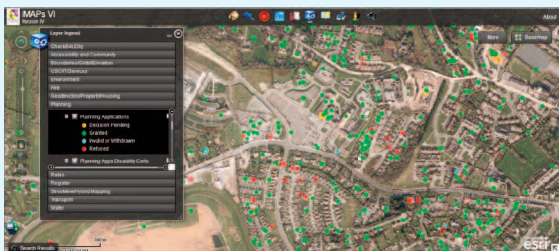
Mobile Device Applications

Additional data capture and processing forms were developed using the GeoPal mobile device application framework. These forms facilitate the issuing of various permits and in capturing and storing information obtained during inspections of equipment and facilities.

New Internet/Intranet GIS Facility

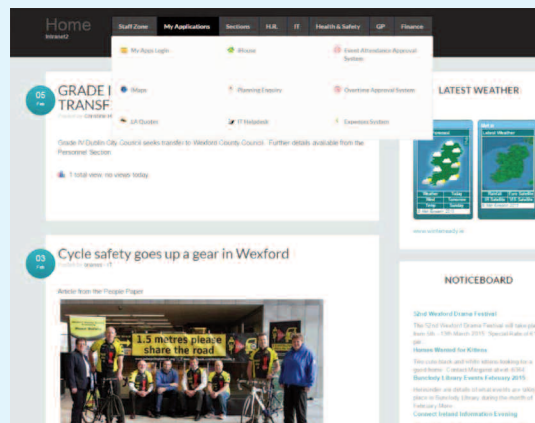
A new Intranet and Internet GIS was launched in 2014. The new system uses the ESRI ArcServer platform to provide the staff and public with a system that incorporates an intuitive user interface with up-to-date map data from all departments in the Council. The new system supports the centralised management of all GIS data in one database while utilising web services to consume data from other organisations, such as the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Central Statistics Office and more.

The system has been rolled out to all staff in the Council, with training provided to over 250 staff. Following this, the system was launched as the Council's public facing GIS in June 2014.

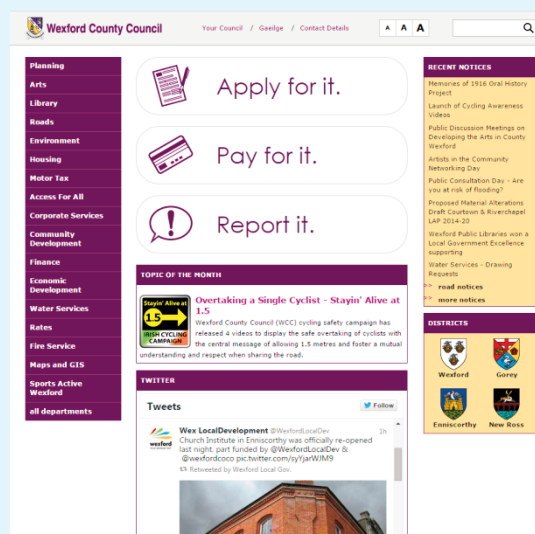


Council's Intranet and Public Website

The Council's internal Intranet was redeveloped to expand its use as an information-sharing tool and document repository for staff throughout the organisation. It utilises an Open Source CMS (Content Management System) from WordPress and includes a feature known as 'mega menus' to allow for rapid navigation and maximum visibility of corporate information.



The Council's website also received a significant facelift to allow for easier navigation and improved contact information.



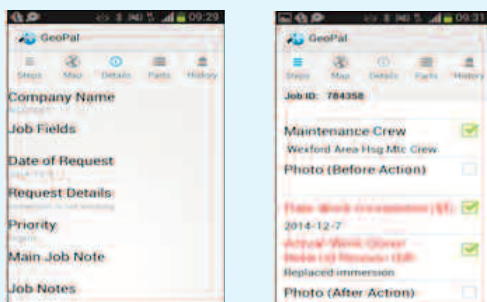
Housing Response Repairs



The GeoPal Mobile Workforce Management tool was selected to aid the Housing Department's maintenance staff and contractors manage repair requests assigned to them.

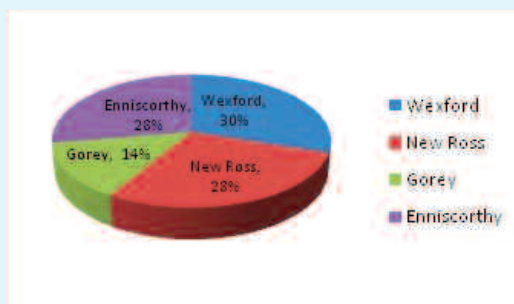
When a tenant or their representative contacts Wexford County Council with a repair request, it is logged on the housing system, iHouse. An automatic process was put in place to create these repair requests on GeoPal.

Contractors and housing maintenance staff have the GeoPal application on their phones so this enables them to see the repair request details in a timely manner. They also receive a text message notification.



A pilot programme was started in February 2014 and was rolled out to 31 staff and contractors by August 2014. During 2014, a total of 5,071 response repair requests were managed through GeoPal.

BREAKDOWN OF RESPONSE REPAIRS PER AREA FOR 2014



Breakdown of Response Repairs Per Area for 2014

Details of the work done are saved and the request is closed off on GeoPal. An automatic process then updates the housing system with these details and closes off the repair request on iHouse.

The benefits realised from this project are that repair requests are available to maintenance staff/contractors on GeoPal, when logged on the housing system, without the need for any further manual intervention. This enables staff to respond quicker and also to plan work more efficiently.

When the repair is complete, the data is automatically fed back into the housing system removing the need for manual data input, freeing up time in the office, plus ensuring that up-to-date information is on the housing system should queries arise.

BOROUGH DISTRICT OF WEXFORD



Cllr. George Lawlor
Mayor of Wexford



Mr. Tony Larkin
Director of Services/
Wexford Town Manager

Local Elections

Following the first local elections under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 held on 23 May 2014, the following councillors were elected to the Wexford Borough District of Wexford County Council:

Cllr. Ger Carthy
Cllr. Anthony Kelly
Cllr. George Lawlor
Cllr. Tony Dempsey
Cllr. Jim Moore
Cllr. Fergie Kehoe
Cllr. Frank Staples
Cllr. Mick Roche
Cllr. David Hynes
Cllr. Deirdre Wadding

Festivals

Wexford Borough Council assisted the following festivals which took place in Wexford Town during 2014:

- St. Patrick's Day Festival
- Wexford Maritime Festival
- Art in the Open Festival
- Wexford Food Festival
- Culture Night
- Wexford Festival Opera
- Wexford Spiegeltent Festival
- Wexford Winterland Festival
- Walled Towns Day



Walled Towns Day 2014



Valda Choir-Culture Night 2014

Civic Events

World War I Remembrance Ceremony at Redmond Square

On Remembrance Sunday 9 November 2014, following the annual Remembrance Day Service in St Iberius Church, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor George Lawlor, laid a wreath at the War Memorial Monument in Redmond Square on behalf of the people of Wexford. First introduced by the Council in 2013, this is now an annual ceremony to remember the Wexford war dead who sacrificed their lives in the defence of freedom in the First World War, 1914–1918.

Commemoration of the 100 Anniversary of the 1914 Home Rule Bill

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the 1914 Home Rule Bill, the Mayor and Borough Council held a commemorative ceremony at the John Redmond Mausoleum in St. John's Graveyard, Wexford in September 2014. With the assistance of grant aid from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, restoration works on the mausoleum were undertaken in July 2014.

Born in Co Wexford in 1856, John Edward Redmond was an Irish nationalist politician, barrister, MP in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party from 1900 to 1918. John Redmond was instrumental in the negotiations leading to the introduction of the Home Rule Bill in 1914.



John Redmond Mausoleum in St. John's Graveyard

Re-naming of Seamus Kelly Roundabout

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor George Lawlor, proposed that the new Carcur Road roundabout on the outskirts of the town be renamed as Seamus Kelly Roundabout in honour of the late Seamus Kelly who was the first Wexfordman to represent Ireland on an international rugby team. The naming ceremony took place in May 2014 in the presence of the Mayor and Members of Wexford Borough Council, family and friends of the late sportsman and representatives of the Wexford Wanderers Rugby Club.

Civic Honours/Receptions

Wexford Borough Council hosted a number of civic and mayoral receptions during 2014. The following groups and individuals were honoured:

- Wexford Light Opera Society
- Sinn Féin (Ard Fheis)
- Declan Sinnott, musician
- Wexford Order of Malta
- All-Ireland Lions Club Convention
- Music for Wexford
- Loch Garman Silver Band
- St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band
- Holy Family Confraternity Band
- All-Ireland Ladies Junior Football Team
- Wexford Festival Opera voluntary workers
- Wexford Academy of Martial Arts
- Oyster Lane Musical Society
- Coueron Swimming Club
- Irish International Taekwon Do Federation (IITF – martial arts)

Town Twinning

In November 2014, the Mayor and Members of Wexford Borough Council welcomed a delegation from its twin town of Coueron which is situated in the Loire Valley, France. Wexford has been twinned with Coueron since 1983. Also in July 2014, members of Wexford Swimming Club hosted members from Coueron Swimming Club as part of the annual cultural exchange programme between the two clubs.

In October, 2014 the Mayor and Members received a delegation from our twin town of Lugo, Italy led by the newly elected Mayor of

Lugo, Mr. Davide Ranalli.

Gateway Scheme

The Gateway Scheme is a new initiative introduced by the Government under the Pathways to Work programme. It is a County and City Council job placement scheme designed to provide short-term working opportunities for the long-term unemployed with the objective of bridging the gap between unemployment and re-entering the workforce. Under this initiative, the Government's aim is to reduce the number of long-term unemployed people on the live register by 3,000.

Wexford County Council has stepped up and played its part in making this scheme a success. In Wexford Town, 33 participants are now employed on a week on/week off basis (average of 19.5 hrs per week) with the placement lasting 22 months, on the following programmes:

Street Cleaning

Participants are engaged on the street cleaning service replacing the local authority street cleaning crew who have been redeployed into other areas of work. The service is now operated on a 7-day-week basis in the town centre and has been a tremendous success. The overall presentation of the town has improved dramatically with very positive feedback from the business community and the general public.

The scheme has contributed significantly to the work of the Wexford Tidy Towns Committee and has allowed the committee to focus on other areas in their weekly activities. Without doubt, Gateway played its part in the town regaining the Bronze Medal in the 2014 Tidy Towns competition and securing joint-fifth place in the country in the national Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) league tables for 2014.

Parks and Open Spaces/Town Presentation

Participants on the scheme have also been assigned to the area of town presentation and the public realm, with much work being done on each of the five approach roads into Wexford Town in terms of the presentation of green spaces, grass verges, trees and hedgerows, litter picking, etc. The visual impact is very obvious and is the subject of very positive feedback from the community.

It is hoped to expand the scheme out into the other towns in the county early in 2015, with a target number of 80 participants for Co. Wexford.

Death of former Mayor of Wexford, Thomas F. Carr, RIP

Former Mayor of Wexford, Tommy Carr, passed away in October 2014 and was afforded a civic funeral by the Mayor and Members of the Borough Council. A life-long member of the Labour Party and a former official with the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, Tommy passed away after a short illness at the age of 86.

Tommy Carr served two terms as Mayor of Wexford, in 2001 and 2005.

Death of former Borough Engineer, Thomas Fahey, RIP

The death of retired Borough Engineer, Thomas Fahey, took place in December 2014. A former native of Tipperary Town, Mr Fahey served as an Engineer with Wexford County Council before taking up the post of Borough Engineer in Wexford Town, a position he held up to his retirement.

Mr. Christopher (Christy) Lynch, RIP

A former employee of the Borough Council, Mr Christopher Lynch, or Christy as he was fondly known by family and friends, passed away suddenly in December 2014. Mr Lynch had been employed as a General Operative with the Council's outdoor staff for a long number of years. He was also an active member of the Wexford Order of Malta.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.

Retirements

The members and staff of Wexford Borough Council would like to extend best wishes to Laurence Flood, Michael Lambert and Martin Whelan who retired from their positions as outdoor staff of the Council during 2014.

The members and staff also wish former Councillors Ted Howlin, Anna Fenlon, Padge Reck, Philomena Roche and Paddy Nolan well, following their decision to retire from public service and not to contest the 2014 local elections, as well as former Councillors Jim Allen, Joe Ryan and Danny Forde who were unsuccessful in seeking re-election.

ENNISCORTHY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Throughout 2014 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

Enniscorthy Town Council purchased six houses in 2014, bringing the total housing stock of the Town Council to 461. These purchases included houses of specific design to accommodate persons with particular housing needs.

Road Transportation and Safety

Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government funding of €161,300 towards the 2014 Roads Programme allowed further improvements to footpaths and other roads throughout the town and district.

Following the Member's approval to the annual capital programme, the Council commenced the design of a Street Enhancement Programme at Templeshannon, which is expected to be advanced in 2015.

Following torrential rain early in November, the town of Enniscorthy experienced significant flooding. The Council responded by putting local emergency measures in place to protect the public. These included manned traffic diversions (in cooperation with An Garda Síochána) and also deployed 2,500 sandbags at strategic locations throughout the town. The Council then followed these measures with assistance to property owners whose homes and business premises had been affected during the flood.

A five-year lease for the provision of car parking (60 spaces) was completed in 2014, providing much needed additional long-term car parking in the town centre.

Development Incentives and Control

Further progress was made in 2014 in combating dereliction in the town and a number of properties were developed and removed from the Derelict Sites Register.



Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy
Cathaoirleach



Mr. John Carley
Director of Services/
Enniscorthy Town
Manager

The Templeshannon Rates Incentive Scheme was introduced in the latter part of 2014. This pilot scheme allows for a reduction in rates liability over each of three years in respect of a premises which has been vacant for a specified period and is being brought back into retail use. It is hoped that this pilot programme, together with the Street Enhancement Programme described above, will lead to an increase in commercial activity in the Templeshannon area in the coming months and years.

The Council's well-established Shop front Improvement Scheme continued in 2014 whereby some 30 retailers benefited from grant aid to improve their shop fronts at a total cost of just over €15,000.

The Council's strong support of the town's tourism infrastructure continued throughout 2014. Both Wexford County Council and Enniscorthy Town Council provided financial assistance to the National 1798 Rebellion Centre and to Enniscorthy Castle to help these attractions bring increased visitor numbers to the county. In addition, a significant programme of repair and renewal was completed at Vinegar Hill to make this important and protected visitor attraction more accessible and appealing to the public.

The Council also provided funds in the sum of €50,000 to allow the commencement of a three-year programme of research at Vinegar Hill. The programme will use the most modern non-invasive technologies to investigate the area of Vinegar Hill and surrounding lands and the results will inform the future development of the tourism potential of this important amenity.

Environmental Protection

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 2014. In addition to maintenance of green areas throughout the town the Council also planted

roundabouts on the entrances to the town and maintained impressive streetside floral displays in many areas.

Council street cleaning and town presentation crews continued to present the town in an excellent light and the fruits of their labours were enjoyed throughout the year by shoppers, visitors and residents alike. Enniscorthy Tidy Towns Committee, supported by the Town Council, made further progress in search of national honours and it is hoped that their commendable efforts will receive the recognition they deserve in the near future.

Recreation and Amenity

The role of community groups in the provision of recreation and amenity facilities in Enniscorthy has long been recognised by Enniscorthy Town Council. In 2014 the Council further supported these worthy organisations by distributing funding in excess of €26,000 to some 40 local groups under the Promotion of Interest in the Local Community Grant Scheme.

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 2014:

- 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

Phase 1 of the Orchard Park was completed in 2014, consisting of the erection of appropriate boundary treatment to the park area. Detailed designs and draft tender documentation were also completed and it is expected that, in consultation with the elected members, Phase 2 of this project will commence construction in 2015.

The Cherryorchard Running Track and Pitch opened in August 2014 and these state of the art facilities, constructed at a cost of €1m, are now being enjoyed by athletes from all over Co. Wexford.

Enniscorthy Presentation Centre is a Council-owned community and arts facility in Enniscorthy and has been operational for two years. The centre experienced further growth in user numbers in 2014, with many local organisations and individuals availing of these first-class local facilities, which are offered at a very reasonable rent to the entire community.

Dissolution of Town Council

As provided for in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, all town councils were dissolved on 1 June 2014 and their statutory functions, assets and liabilities transferred to the relevant county council. Wexford County Council is now the sole local authority in Co Wexford and has assumed responsibility for all services previously offered by Enniscorthy Town Council.

The commencement of the Act coincided with the 2014 local elections which were held on Friday 23 May 2014. A total of twelve candidates went forward for election to the eight available seats in the newly formed Enniscorthy Municipal District.

The eight successful candidates, together with their colleagues from the Borough District of Wexford (ten) and the Municipal Districts of New Ross (eight) and Gorey (eight) combine to form the total membership of Wexford County Council.

Final Meeting of Enniscorthy Town Council (1854–2014)

The evening of 26 May 2014 was a very historic event, being the occasion of the final meeting of Enniscorthy Town Council. Former elected members and staff also attended, as did representatives from the town's business groups and the media.

To mark the occasion and to recognise service to Enniscorthy Town, presentations of framed citations were made to staff, former staff, former members of the Executive, Wexford County Council, An Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy Business Association, Enniscorthy and District Chamber of Commerce and to the media.

Finally, to mark the occasion and to recognise service as elected members, a specially commissioned medallion was presented to each Elected Member and former Elected Member of Enniscorthy Town Council and its predecessor authorities.



The last Town Council of Enniscorthy:

Back row (left to right): Tom Enright, Chief Executive; Cllrs Eamonn Doyle (NON-P), Keith Doyle (FF), James Browne (FF) and Paddy Kavanagh (FG)

Front row (left to right): Cllrs Frank O'Rourke (LAB), Jackser Owens (NON-P), Johnny Mythen (SF), John O'Rourke (NON-P) and Tom Moorehouse (FG)

GOREY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Gorey Town Council held its final meeting on Tuesday 13 May in the historic Market House. Former members and staff were invited. The meeting will feature in a short documentary produced by Wexford film-maker Michael Fortune. This documentary will be shown in May 2015. The Municipal District held its first meeting on 8 July and began the next chapter in local government, with the amalgamation of the town and district.

Masonic Centre CarPark

Wexford County Council worked with the trustees of Gorey Masonic Centre to develop a new 24-bay barrier-controlled car park at the Civic Square. The car park is operated by Wexford County Council under licence from the trustees. The car park opened in December and was available free of charge during the Christmas period. It provides easy pedestrian access to the Avenue and is a welcome addition to the town centre parking provision.

Golden Shears International Sheep Shearing Competition

This renowned international event took place in Gorey in May 2014. It involved competitors and visitors from 32 countries, including China who participated for the first time. The competition attracted a significant number of visitors who enjoyed the many fringe events, including the Good Food Ireland Food Village. Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council, Cllr Ted Howlin, and Chief Executive Tom Enright welcomed the competitors to Gorey at a reception at Gorey Civic Centre on 22 May. Gorey Town Council sponsored an art and poetry competition in the local schools and winners were presented with prizes at the reception.

Gorey Town CCTV Scheme

Gorey Town Council supported the installation of the Gorey Town CCTV Scheme. Installation works on this eight-camera scheme were completed in 2014. The cameras are located at strategic junctions throughout the town and will be a useful tool in maintaining the high levels of public security in the town.



Cllr. John Hegarty
Cathaoirleach



Ms. Annette O'Neill
Gorey Town Manager

Tidy Towns and Community Groups Networking Forum

The Municipal District established an information exchange and support platform for Tidy Towns and Development Groups in October. This project has brought together ten groups from throughout the district, assisted them in their work, shared many useful ideas and identified initiatives for delivery in 2015, including the North Wexford 2k Clean Up.

Gorey Market House Festival

The 2014 festival attracted record numbers and was delivered under budget.

A survey was conducted through the Gorey Market House Festival webpage and findings showed broad support for the festival with more than 99% stating the festival promoted a positive image of Gorey.

Civic Receptions and Special Events

Receptions held throughout the year included:

- Cuisle Cheoil opening night reception
- Voluntary Groups Contribution Awards
- Gorey Town Council Civic Honours Awards
- International Golden Shears welcome reception
- Opening night of Co. Wexford Fleadh hosted by Tuaisceart Loch Gorman CCE in Craanford
- Wexford Day Heritage Trail
- ByrnePerry Summer School
- Gorey Market House Festival opening night and ceili
- Presentation to Halloween Costume and Window Competition winners
- Finale of Cock and Bull Storytelling Competition

Voluntary Groups Contribution Scheme

The following groups were each awarded €220 from the annual Voluntary Groups Funding Programme:

St. Patrick's Snooker Club	The Gallops Residents' Association	Irish Great War Society	Willow Park/Ashwood Grove Residents' Association
Christ Church Parish	Wexford Retriever Gundog Club	Gorey Red Cross	CCE Tuaisceart Loch Garman
Ard Lios Residents' Association	Gorey Musical Society	Gorey St Patrick's Day Parade	Gorey Centre for Independent Living
Irish UN Veterans Gorey	St. Michael's Pipe Band	Gorey Tidy Towns	Yellow Moon Theatre
Clonattin Village (Phase 2) Residents	Gorey Choral Group	Gorey Week of the Elderly	Byrne Perry Summer School
Park Avenue Residents' Association	St. Columba's Old Folks' Club	NWSPCA	Gorey Community Social Services
Gorey Meals on Wheels	Gorey Gymnastics Club	Gorey Community Games	Gorey Tourism
Gorey Celtic FC	Advocates For Autism	Rasper Players	Gorey 1st Boys Parade
St. Aidan's Services	Special Olympics Gorey	3 Gorey Wexford Scouts	Gorey Rangers FC
Gorey Girls' Brigade	Ace Powerlifting	Gorey and District Lions Club	Gorey Hill Residents' Association
Gorey Active Retirement	Hazelwood Residents' Association	Gorey Girl Guides	Gorey Arch Club
Doire Fea Residents' Association			

NEW ROSS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

The year 2014 saw massive changes in local government, with the abolition of all town councils in the country. New Ross Town Council, along with all the other local authorities, was disbanded in June 2014.

Following elections in May, a new municipal district structure was established with New Ross Town at the centre of the New Municipal District for the New Ross Area. This district area was expanded and now serves a population of 32,122, and is designated as a Category 1 Municipal District.



New Ross Municipal District Elected Members & Officials

Housing

After providing social housing for generations, New Ross Town Council transferred responsibility for housing to Wexford County Council in June 2014. A total of 461 social houses were handed over as part of the amalgamations and all of New Ross Town Council's former tenants became tenants of Wexford County Council with minimal disruption.

Awards

New Ross Town Council received two more very prestigious awards in 2014 in recognition of the works carried out to the Quayfront. This was in addition to an IPB Pride of Place Award received in 2013, and this multi-award winning Quayfront and Eternal Flame continues to attract visitors from across the world.

Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Awards 2014

New Ross Town Council won the LAMA Award in the Best Civil Engineering category for the Council's new Quayfront and Boardwalk Development, achieving first place in a very competitive category.



Cllr. Larry O' Brien
Cathaoirleach



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



Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Awards 2014

Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards

In November 2014, New Ross Municipal District continued the success of New Ross Town Council and was awarded the highly prestigious Local Authority Engineering Initiative of the Year Award.



Local Authority Engineering Initiative of the Year Award

Civic Receptions/Welcomes

New Ross Town Council held a Civic Awards night on 27 March 2014 in recognition of the contribution of the following to the town and their achievements:

- Sean Crowley - Service to the Community
- Tadgh Furlong - Service to Sport
- Martin Bradley - Service to Culture
- Wexford Sports and Classic Car Club - Service to the Community
- St. Mary's Secondary School - Service to Sport
- Sean Reidy - Service to Tourism
- New Ross River Search and Rescue - Service to the Community
- Barrow Wheelers - Service to Sport

- New Ross Pantomime Society - Service to the Community
- Tom Doyle - Service to the Community
- Geraldine O'Hanrahans - Service to Sport
- New Ross Workman's Club - Service to the Community
- New Ross Credit Union - Service to the Community
- Conor Doyle - Service to Sport
- New Ross Community Hospital - Service to the Community

C: CORPORATE**C1/C2: Total Number of WTEs / Working Days lost to Sickness**

The following indicator is presented in the performance indicators report:

C1-A. The whole time equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2014 (consistent with figures provided to DECLG by way of staffing returns for December 2014)	746
C2-A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	3.01
C2-B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	0.35

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

Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	5099.46
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	585.25
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days	284
Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days	0

C3: No. of page visits to LA website

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

A. The cumulative total page views for the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service	1818084
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Comment: This figure is for all of the Council's websites combined, e.g. www.wexford.ie and related sites such as planning.wexford, online library service, maps, wexford.ie etc)

C4: Overall Cost of ICT provision per WTE

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

A. All revenue expenditure on hardware and software plus depreciation divide by WTE under 'C1' above	3148
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E: WASTE / ENVIRONMENT**E1: Number of Waste Facilities authorised by the LA**

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

A. The number of waste facility permits and certificates of registration granted by the LA and not yet expired as at 31/12/2014 **52**

E2: No./% of Households with access to a 3 bin service

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

A. The number of households, based on the 2011 Census, who are in receipt of a 3 bin service at 31/12/2014 **6104** Supplied by NWCPO

B. The percentage of households within the LA area (also as per the 2011 Census) that the number at 'A' above represents **11.66 %**

E3: No. of Waste complaints lodged with the EPA Office of Environmental Enforcement

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

A. The number of distinct complaints relating to waste within the LA area that were referred to the OEE in the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 because the problem persisted after investigation of the complaint by the LA **1**

E4: Percentage of other environmental pollution complaints closed

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

Percentage of Litter pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014 **85.71 %**

Percentage of Air pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014 **48.28 %**

Percentage of Noise pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014 **56.67 %**

Percentage of Water pollution cases closed by 31/12/2014 **69.74 %**

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

The total number of Litter pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself **1701**

Number of Litter pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year **1458**

The total number of Air pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself **116**

Number of Air pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year **56**

The total number of Noise pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself **30**

Number of Noise pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year **17**

The total number of Water pollution cases in respect of which a complaint/s was/were made through any medium during 2014 whether instigated by the public or by the LA itself **76**

Number of Water pollution cases received in 2014 on which either a decision was taken that no investigation was warranted or an investigation was finalised (whether through prosecution or otherwise) during the year **53**

E5: Percentage of LA area within the 5 levels of litter pollution

This data will be obtained directly from Tobin Consulting Engineers

The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was unpolluted or litter free **Supplied by Tobin Consulting**

The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was slightly polluted **Supplied by Tobin Consulting**

The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was moderately polluted **Supplied by Tobin Consulting**

The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was significantly polluted **Supplied by Tobin Consulting**

The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed was grossly polluted **Supplied by Tobin Consulting**

F: FIRE SERVICE**F1: Cost per Capita of the Fire Service**

The following indicator will be presented in the performance indicators report:

A. Cost per capita	29.28
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E 2014 data consisting of E11 - Operation of fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention and the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme E	4254595
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F2: Service Mobilisation

The following indicator is presented in the performance 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	No full-time stations
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	6.87
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	No full-time stations
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	7.72

F3: Percentage of attendances at scenes

The following indicator will be presented in the performance indicators report:

A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	36.16
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	40.75
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	23.09
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	16.00
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	50.0
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	34.00

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

Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	589
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	213
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	240
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	136
Total number of call-outs in respect of incidents of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	100
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	16
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	50
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	34

H: HOUSING

H1 / H2 Social Housing Stock / Housing Voids

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

H1-A. The overall total number of dwellings provided by the local authority in the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014, comprising:	119
H1-B. The number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the LA in 2014	12
H1-Ba. Number constructed (from B. above)	2
H1-Bb. Number Purchased (from B. above)	10
H1-C. The number of units provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme in 2014	102
H1-D. The number of units provided under the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme in 2014 if operated (or else indicate if scheme not yet being operated in the LA) - Comment:	Not yet being operated in the LA
H1-E. The number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (including unsold Affordable Scheme units and NAMA sourced properties and Mortgage to Rent Scheme) in 2014	5
H1-F. The overall total number of social housing dwellings in the LA at 31/12/2014, comprising:	5047

H1-G. The total number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the LA **4207**

H1-H. The number of units provided under the Rental Accommodation Scheme **759**

H1-I. The number of units provided under the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme if operated (or else indicate if scheme not yet being operated in the LA)

Comment: **Not yet being operated in the LA**

H1-J. The number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (including unsold Affordable Scheme units and NAMA sourced properties and Mortgage to Rent Scheme) **81**

H2-A. The percentage of the total number of dwellings at H1-G above that were vacant on 31/12/2014 **1.02**

The number of dwelling units within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2014 **43**

H3: Housing Repairs

The following indicator is presented in the performance indicators report:

A. The time taken from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date in 2014 when a new tenancy had commenced in the dwelling, averaged across all units re-let in 2014 **0.38**

B. The cost expended on getting the re-tenanted units in 2014 ready for re-letting, averaged across all units re-let in 2014 **2950**

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

The number of units that were re-tenanted on any date in 2014 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme) **130**

The number of weeks from when the previous tenant vacated the dwelling up to the date of the new tenant's first rent debit, with any partial week decimalised to two decimal places, totalled for all units included above **49.41**

Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the units included above **383500**

H4: Housing Maintenance Cost

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

A. Expenditure during 2014 on the repair and maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA compiled on a continuous basis from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014, divided by the no. of directly provided units in the LA stock at 31/12/2014 (H1G above) **955.45**

H5: Private rented sector inspections

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

A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area (obtained directly from PRTB)	7894
B. Number inspections carried out	826

H6: Long-term Homeless Adults

The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:

A. Number of adult individuals that are long-term homeless as a percentage of the total number of homeless adult individuals	22.86
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The number of adult individuals classified as homeless in the Pathway Accommodation and support System (PASS) as at 31/12/2014	35
The number of homeless adult individuals who, on 31/12/2014, have been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively over the previous 12 months	8

J: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

J1: No of jobs created

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

A. the no. of jobs created with assistance from Local Enterprise Office during the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	185
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L: LIBRARY / RECREATION SERVICES

L1: Library Visits

The following indicator is presented in the performance indicators report:

Number of visits to libraries per 1,000 population	4833.82
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of visits to libraries	702450
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Comment: This figure includes visits to 5 branch libraries & 2 mobile libraries. As counting was not underway on mobile libraries in Oct. 2014, (mobile libraries were not previously included in visitor figures), figures from a 5 day census week in March 2015 are included instead.

L2: Library Stock

The following indicator is presented in the performance indicators report:

A. Cost of operating a Library Service per 1,000 Population	26453.27
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F 2014 data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service and the relevant proportion of the central management charge for programme F

3844189**M: FINANCE****M1: 5 Year summary of Revenue Account balance**

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

A. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2010 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

-7668596

B. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2011 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

-7552979

C. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2012 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

-8563365

D. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2013 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

-10267402

E. The debit/credit balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) - (even if unaudited)

-9873539**M2: 5 Year summary of % collection levels for major revenue sources****2010**

Rates	72.46
Rent and Annuities	93.12
Housing Loans	89.99

2011

Rates	65.70
Rent and Annuities	91.58
Housing Loans	87.94

2012

Rates	66.73
Rent and Annuities	90.03
Housing Loans	82.32

2013

Rates	67.81
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Rent and Annuities	89.86
Housing Loans	77.71

2014 (even if unaudited)

Rates	70.55
Rent and Annuities	90.42
Housing Loans	75.28

P: PLANNING**P.1 New Buildings Inspected- Decision Making**

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	16.92
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total number of new building notified to the local authority	325
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Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2014 that were the subject of at least one inspection undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	55
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P2: No./% of Planning decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in the last year	24
B. Percentage of the determinations at 'A' above which were to confirm either with or without variation the decision made by the LA	62.50

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

Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision with or without variation	15
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P3: Percentage of Planning Enforcement cases closed as resolved

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

A. Total number of planning cases (as opposed to complaints) referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 that were investigated	161
B. Total number of cases that were closed during 2014	201
C. % of the cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	0.50
D. % of the cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	64.68

E. % of the cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings **34.83**

F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2014 **692**

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

Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000 **1**

Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations **130**

Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings **70**

P4: Cost per Capita of the Planning Service

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

A. Cost per Capita **26.97**

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

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement and the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme D **3918642**

R: ROADS

R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index

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

Regional Road Surface

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 1 **0**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 2 **0**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 3 **2**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 4 **14**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 5 **6**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 6 **9**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 7 **21**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 8 **15**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 9 **21**

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 10 **12**

Overall Percentage (based on length) of condition recorded on MapRoad **51.8**

Local Primary Road Surface

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 1	0
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 2	0
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 3	4
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 4	20
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 5	11
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 6	13
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 7	16
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 8	12
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 9	15
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 10	8
Overall Percentage (based on length) of condition recorded on MapRoad [ALL LOCAL ROADS]	40.6

Local Secondary Road Surface

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 1	0
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 2	1
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 3	8
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 4	24
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 5	12
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 6	11
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 7	15
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 8	10
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 9	14
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 10	4

Local Tertiary Road Surface

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 1	7
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 2	11
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 3	13
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 4	25
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 5	5
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 6	7

At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 7	12
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 8	8
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 9	10
At 31/12/2014, the percentage at PSCI rating category 10	2

R2: Percentage of motor tax transactions conducted online

This data will be obtained directly from the Vehicle Registration Unit

A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued)	53.39
Total number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	63976
Total number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	28131
Total number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with online	105492

W: WATER

W1: Unaccounted for Water as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under LA Schemes

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied in 2014 under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for under a Service Level Agreement	39.23
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In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:

Total volume of water (m3) supplied from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for under an SLA, divided by 365 days	39759.67
Volume of unaccounted for water (m3) lost from 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014 under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for under an SLA, divided by 365 days	15598.02

W2: Percentage of drinking water in compliance with statutory requirements

This data will be obtained directly from the EPA

Public schemes	98.7
Private schemes	95.4

Y: YOUTH / COMMUNITY**Y1: Participation in Comhairle na n-Óg scheme**

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Óg scheme **72.97**

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

Total number of second level schools and youth groups in the LA area at 31/12/2014 **37**

Number of second level schools and youth groups in the LA from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na n-Óg AGM held in 2014 **27**

Y2: No. of Gateway participants employed as % of target

The following indicator is presented in the Performance indicators report:

A. Number of Gateway participants who commenced a work placement during 2014 expressed as a percentage of the placements allocated to the LA

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

No. of employed Gateway participants who commenced a work placement at any time during 2014 (inclusive of those who dropped out before the year-end) **0**

No. of Gateway placements allocated to the LA as agreed between the Department of Social Protection and the CCMA **0**

Y3: % of nominees to LCDC membership via the PPN structures from the most marginalised SICAP groups

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

The overall number of private sector members of the LCDC at 31/12/2014 nominated via the PPN structures who are of any of; Travellers, Roma, Unemployed, People with Disabilities, Lone Parents or Families in Disadvantages Areas and Disadvantaged or Ne **0**

Y4: Number progressing to FT, PT or self-employment within 6 months of receipt of a Goal 3 employment support

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 no. of people in the 'Individuals supported into employment or self-employment' category, who commenced that employment within 6 months of receiving a Goal 3 support, included in the 2014 Local Community Dev. Programme Annual Report **318**



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