



Chief Executive's Report

February 2019

1.Economic Development & Planning:

Economic Development (Team)



TRADEBRIDGE
A WEXFORD SAVANNAH INITIATIVE

Over the past few years Wexford County Council has spearheaded the development of excellent civic relations between Wexford & Savannah. Following on from this, business leaders & key influencers from Savannah visited Wexford and vice versa. The Savannah leadership was impressed by the entrepreneurial spirit they encountered in Wexford.

Thereafter, Wexford County Council, Wexford Enterprise Centre, Enterprise Ireland along with The Chamber of Commerce came together to sponsor a pilot project called Tradebridge. The aim of the Tradebridge pilot was to prove that the established network of contacts could be leveraged to create new business opportunities in both regions. On the Savannah side the project was sponsored by SEDA (The Savannah Economic Development Authority) and The Savannah World Trade Centre.

Early in 2018 funding was secured from Wexford County Council and Enterprise Ireland to establish the Tradebridge pilot. In April 2018 both sides appointed a Project Manager for the duration of the initial pilot; 8 months. Alison Stone Thompson heading up the Wexford region and Trey Rossiter heading up the Savannah & South East Georgia region. Both were employed on fixed term contracts.

The specific aim of the project was to generate 8 new business opportunities between the regions.

There are currently 16 Tradebridge deals in active discussion, a further 5 projects are already within our sights over the coming months. Huge interest has been generated for Tradebridge locally. A spill-out of interest in Tradebridge is now emerging beyond Wexford. There are now 7 regional companies seriously interested in getting involved and potentially basing their USA business within the Savannah region in 2019.

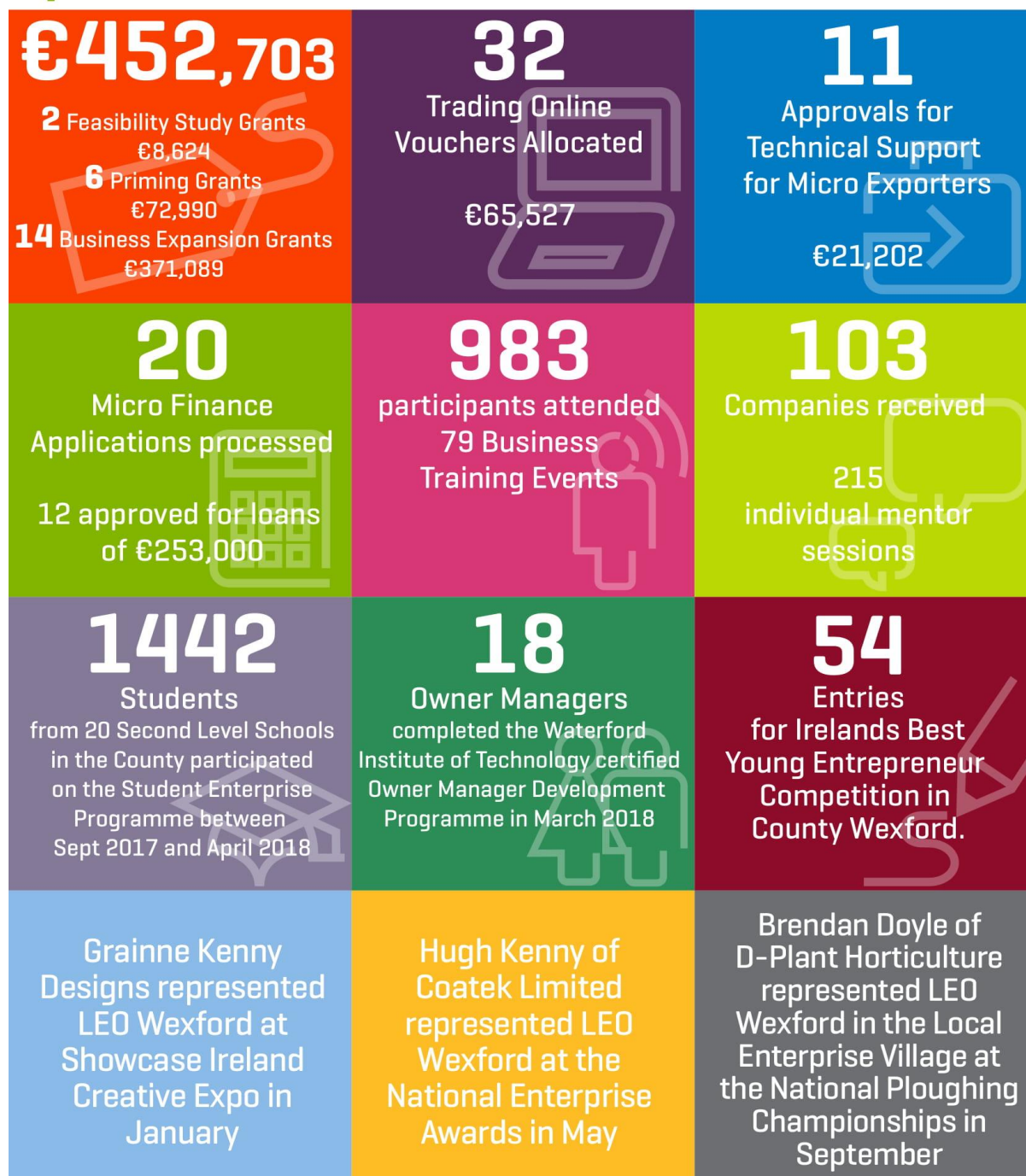
In summary, there are strong early success indicators for the Tradebridge pilot. In order to clearly evaluate the results, the initial 8-month pilot has been extended until April 15th 2019.

Local Enterprise Office (Team)



Key Performance Metrics 2018 END OF YEAR SCORECARD

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Local Enterprise Office



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Applications for IBYE opened on the 1st January with a closing date of the 15th March 2019. LEO Wexford has a target of 40 applications and national communication collateral will assist in getting the message to the target audience. The competition is open to 18-35 year olds across 3 categories;

1. Best Idea (has an idea for a business but has not started trading at time of application.
2. Best Start-Up Business (has started trading but in business 18 months or less)
3. Best Established Business (has been trading for more than 18 months).

Applicants will be invited to participate in an IBYE Enterprise Day and the shortlisted final 15 will participate in an intensive business boot camp with one to one mentoring prior to the final interview.

The competition itself is broken down into 3 stages; County level with an investment fund of €50,000; 3 winners, 3 Runner ups and one of the winners is nominated as "County Wexford's Best Young Entrepreneur). The 3 category winners then go on to a regional competition. The Regional competition has no investment fund but selects 3 winners from the Region (1 per category) to go forward to the National competition. The national competition has an investment fund of €100,000.

Local Enterprise Week 2019 4th to 8th March



The fourth nationally co-ordinated 'Local Enterprise Week' takes place around the country from March 4th to 8th 2019.

Aimed at anyone thinking of starting a business, new start-ups and growing SMEs, over 300 events are being planned across every county in Ireland including workshops, seminars, networking evenings and business advice clinics.

Local Enterprise Week will also showcase the wide range of supports available to Ireland's business community, from grants to mentoring, and from training to business advice.

Local Enterprise Office Wexford has a number of information seminars, networking events and training workshops taking place around County Wexford during Local Enterprise Week 2019. All local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in County Wexford are invited to take part.

Tourism (Team)

Ireland's Ancient East:

Wexford continues to lead the way in the implementation of Ireland's Ancient East proposition by Fáilte Ireland. Just three years since its launch Ireland's Ancient East is now a well-established brand and is making significant impact on tourism across the county. Support from Fáilte Ireland continues and some of the Visitor Experience plans for 2019 include the Viking Fire Festival which will take part in Wexford on 28th & 29th September 2019 at The Irish National Heritage Park and Wexford Town and will include the following:

- A Flotilla of Viking boats from the Irish National Heritage Park to Wexford Quay
- A Burning Boat Procession with torches, lamp lit boats, Viking long ship leads, music and drumming will leave the Heritage park and makes its way downstream to Wexford town
- Boat ignited by archers from Quayside
- Fire display

"The Normans Are Here":

To mark the 850th anniversary of Anglo-Norman forces arriving in Wexford a programme of events will be taking place in the Four Districts starting on the May Bank Holiday Weekend and will include the following:

- *re-enactment*
- *historic talk*
- *musical concert.*
- *craft demonstrations.*

Discover Norman Wexford:

2019 marks the 850th anniversary of Anglo-Norman forces arriving on the shores of County Wexford in 1169. This landing and the Norman conquest that followed marked a huge turning point in Irish history. To help the young people of County Wexford understand this important part of our local history, Wexford County Council, with support from Creative Ireland, have created a new resource for 5th and 6th class teachers and students called Discover Norman Wexford.

A pilot version of the Discover Norman Wexford resource was co-funded by Wexford County Council and Creative Ireland in 2018. As the pilot received such positive feedback Wexford County Council and Creative Ireland have agreed to co fund a county-wide roll-out version of the Discover Norman Wexford resource. All primary schools in the county were contacted to request this resource pack and over 40 schools have responded. This resource has been designed to align with the history curriculum for 5th and 6th class students; most notably the 'Local Studies' strand and the 'Life in Norman Ireland' strand unit, but the resource's activities may also compliment the Geography, Maths, Language and Art curricula.

BUCANIER (Building Clusters and Networks in Innovation Enterprise and Research)



Project Actions - January

- 9th January met with 5 Cork companies to discuss possible sign up to BUCANIER
- 2nd BUCANIER networking event to held for all Irish BUCANIER participants in Carlow on the 30th January.
- Attended The National Manufacturing and Supply Chain Conference & Expo on the 17th of January in Dublin
- Met with project partners in The Hatch Lab on the 18th Jan finalised plans for BUCANIER events and workshops to June 2019.
- 4 new companies signed up to the programme in January
- All new companies assigned a mentor to complete initial action plan

Planned Project Actions for February:

- Attend with 12 BUCANIER participant companies the Supplier to Buyer event in Pembrokeshire on the 6th of February.
- BUCANIER Stand at the Bio Energy Future Ireland Conference on the 13th of February
- Attend the Renewable Energy Summit – Dublin on 12th February
- BUCANIER participant Exporting Workshop on the 27th of February in Carlow.

PLANNING

Planning Applications:

No. of valid applications received up to 18/01/2019

46

No. of pre planning requests up to 18/01/2019

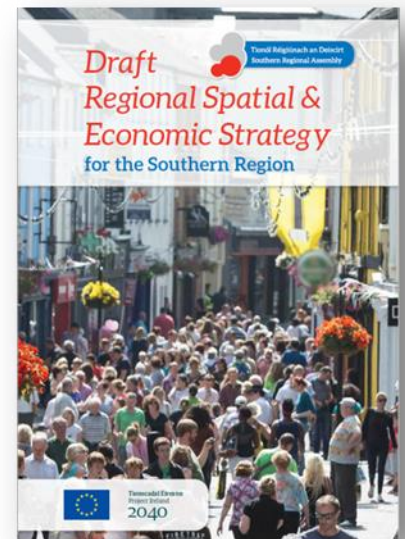
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Forward Planning:

Southern Region Spatial and Economic Strategy The Southern Regional Assembly are currently accepting submissions on the draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES). The draft RSES provides a long-term regional level strategic planning and economic framework, in support of the implementation of the National Planning Framework, for the future physical, economic and social development of the Southern Region.

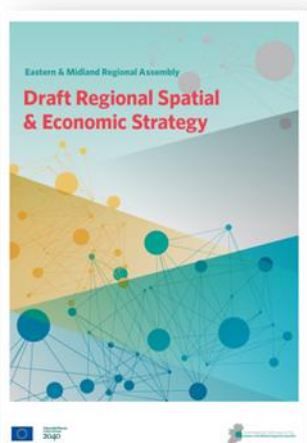
The Southern Regional Assembly will consider all submissions made in writing between Tuesday 18th December 2018 and on or **before 5.00pm Friday 08th March 2019** before adopting the RSES. Submissions or observations can be made via:

- Online: www.southernassembly.ie (see below)
- Email: rses@southernassembly.ie
- Mail: RSES Submissions, Southern Regional Assembly, Assembly House, O'Connell Street, Waterford X91F8PC



The RSES will set the framework for the Wexford County Development Plan, the Local Area Plans for our towns, the Wexford Local Economic and Community Plan, funding applications and other plans and programmes for the local authority.

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Stakeholder meetings are planned by the Regional Assembly and Councillors will receive invite in due course.

Eastern Midlands Regional Authority Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

The Eastern Midlands Regional Authority are also preparing their Regional Spatial and Economic and Spatial Strategy.

The Forward Planning section prepared a submission which seeks the inclusion of Eastern Economic Corridor (Belfast-Dublin-Rosslare Harbour) in that Strategy.

Wexford County Development Plan

Wexford County Council has been directed to suspend the statutory process for preparing its County Development Plan until the RSES is adopted. Notwithstanding background work on the plan and its strategies is continuing.

Building Control:

Commencement Notices

A total of 24 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 25th January 2019 on the BCMS.

Wexford	5	Gorey	7
Enniscorthy	11	New Ross	1

Taking in Charge

One Development was Taken in Charge in January 2019: Clonattin Village (Phase 2), Gorey on the 15th January 2019.

The total number of estates taken in charge in 2018 is 40.

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites

Activity on Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures is as follows:

Notices Issued under Derelict Sites Act 1990	1
Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964	0
Notices issued under Section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015	0

Planning Enforcement:

The number of planning enforcement cases as at 31/12/18 is as follows;

➤ Cases Opened	4
➤ Live Cases	296
➤ Cases Closed	15

District Court Cases

Gorey:

- Enforcement case 0006/2018 – hearing date sought for case relating to coast protection works at Kilbegnet, Kilgorman.

Wexford:

- Enforcement case 0012/2018 relating to unauthorised sand quarry at Ballinra, Screen, for mention in Court.
- Enforcement case 00143/2012 relating to unauthorised fence at Newcastle, Newbawn, for mention in Court.

- Enforcement case 0003/2018 relating to unauthorised slurry lagoon at Bannow for mention in Court.

Access Section

Disability Access Certificates (DACs): The number of DAC applications, validated for the period from 01/01/2018 up to and including **31/12/18**, totals 95 Applications returned due to technical /administration issues and subsequently re-submitted, therefore the amount of applications for processing amounted to more than the 95 Valid Applications received.

Applications returned in 2018	37
Applications resubmitted	34
Awaiting Resubmission	3
Valid Applications received	95
Actual Applications received	132

Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

The total number of Disability Access Certificate applications, validated to date totals **95** as follows:

Applications Districts	Total for Districts	Await Assess	Further Info.	Granted	Refused
Enniscorthy	19	0	1	16	2
Gorey	22	0	3	14	5
New Ross	15	0	1	14	0
Wexford	39	0	1	34	4
2018 Totals	95	0	6	78	11

Disability Proofing carried out as part of WCC Access activity

Referrals	Total
LAC /PLAC & General Planning Applications	178

Conservation and Built Heritage:

The Department of Arts Heritage Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs are currently running two grant schemes.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019

Applications are now being accepted for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31st January 2019.

Historic Structures Fund 2019

Applications are now being accepted for the Historic Structures Fund 2019. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31st January 2019.

2. Special Projects:

Min Ryan Park, Wexford: Works commenced on site in October 2018 but have been impacted by severe wet weather. Works have paused until March. The park is expected to open to the public in September 2019. WCC has secured €500,000 in grant aid for the project from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Trinity Wharf: The draft master plan was presented to the public for comment in September as part of an informal public information event and the master plan is now being completed. The environmental impact assessment was completed in December 2018 with an application to An Bord Pleanála due to be submitted in February 2019. Grant aid of €2.028m has been secured for the scheme under the URDF to date.

Crescent Quay: Works commenced on site on the 14th January, 2019 and are scheduled to be completed in July.

Ballast Office: Essential repair works are required for the Ballast Office to prevent it from falling into disrepair. Tenders for services are due in early February with works expected to commence in late 2019.

Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy: At the January 2019 Council meeting the members voted to reject the Part VIII application for the street works. The procurement of consultants for the preliminary designs, environmental studies and planning documents for the proposed pedestrian bridge is underway with tenders now being assessed. An application for funding for the scheme was submitted under the URDF scheme in September 2018.

Enniscorthy Technology Park, Killagoley: Roadwork and site services are significantly advanced. Works are expected to be substantially complete in Q1 2019. Wexford County Council has secured €200k in funding from the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme for walking trails connecting the town with Vinegar Hill using the technology park site.

Gorey Market House: Currently €2.0m of WCC resources is available to fund the project and the outstanding capital funding will have to be secured through WCC's RRDF application.

An application for funding for the scheme was submitted under the RRDF scheme in September 2018, however the application was not been awarded funding to date.

Wexford Arts Centre: Tenders for design, planning and construction management services are due have been received and are being assessed. The Part VIII process

is expected to commence in Q2 2019, with works planned to commence on site in Q4 2019.

John Street Building Regeneration Project: The Council has sought Urban Regeneration Development Funding to acquire and redevelop the old grain stores at John Street, New Ross. It is planned to convert these buildings into a high quality enterprise hub. Tenders for design, planning and construction management services are due in early February. The Part VIII process is due to commence in Q2 2019, with construction completion planned for Q4 2020.

Carrigfoyle Activity Centre: Construction of infrastructural works such as access road, car parking and activity trails is planned to commence in Q2 2019. It is envisaged that works will be completed by Q1 2020.

An application for funding for the scheme was submitted under the RRDF scheme in September 2018.

Enniscorthy Tourism Project: Wexford County Council has procured services to prepare a feasibility study to develop Enniscorthy as a long term, sustainable tourism destination. Alan Sherwood & Associates have been appointed to prepare the feasibility study and prepare an application to Failte Ireland for funding. The baseline research is substantially completed and was presented to the Enniscorthy Municipal District at its January 2019 meeting.

GREENWAYS:

Rosslare to Waterford City Greenway.

Draft route selection reports and environmental screening documents are now complete. A presentation to the Members on the feasibility study took place on 30th October on the route options examined for the Greenway and the findings of the feasibility study, including the preferred option identified.

The preparation of the EIAR & NATURA Impact reports for the proposed development are underway.

An application for funding was submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on 28/11/20218.

New Ross to Waterford Greenway:

A funding agreement has now been signed by Wexford County Council & Kilkenny County Council to enable Wexford County Council to act as the lead authority.

Tenders were received for detailed design, tendering and construction management services and a contract for consultancy services was signed in January 2019.

An application for funding for the project was submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on the 28/11/2018.

Curraclloe to Wexford Greenway:

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

The Council has reviewed in detail the decision of An Bord Pleanála and is currently examining other route options for delivering this important element of greenway Infrastructure.

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

Housing Supply **Capital Projects**

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Current Position	Comment
Oilgate	2	Enniscorthy	Construction complete	Special Needs Housing
Cherry Orchard	8	Enniscorthy	Construction complete	Includes 4 special needs houses
Cois Mara, Rosslare	2	Wexford	Construction complete	Complete and occupied
Baile Eoghain	9	Gorey	Construction complete	All houses completed in December 2018
Ross Road	1	Enniscorthy	Under construction	Due to complete October 2019
Creagh	10	Gorey	Under construction	Due to complete in March 2019
Danescastle	10	New Ross	Under construction	Due to complete in July 2019
Coolcotts	7	Wexford	Under construction	Due to complete in Sept 2019
Slippery Green	10	Wexford	Under construction	Due to complete in April 2019 (delay due to Irish Water nearing resolution)
Castlemoyle	1	New Ross	Under construction	Special needs housing
Castlemoyle	1	New Ross	Stage 4	TAP house (awaiting DHPLG)
Ballynaboola	1	New Ross	Stage 3	Boundary issues with owners not yet resolved
Taghmon	18	New Ross	Stage 3	Tenders due February 2019
The Ballagh	6	Enniscorthy	Stage 3	Out to tender in December 2018
Whiterock Hill	44	Wexford	Preparing Stage 3	Part VIII approved December 2018
Rosbercon	28	New Ross	Stage 1 approved	With Office of Government Procurement for 'design team'
Ballyhine, Barntown	6	Wexford	Stage 1 and surveys underway	Single stage application
Ballywish, Castlebridge	11	Wexford	Stage 2 Q1 2019	Consultants appointed, in discussions with neighbour
Kileens	40	Wexford	Stage 1 Q1 2019	Consultants appointment
Rosetown, Rosslare	39	Wexford	Stage 1	Stage 2 Q1 2019
Carley's Bridge	17	Enniscorthy	Stage 1 (stage 2 Feb 2019)	Consultants appointment
The Faythe	12	Wexford	Design team appointed	Women's refuge, initial design submitted to stakeholders for review
Creagh	12	Gorey	Stage 1 approved	Consultants appointed, ESB cables
TOTAL	295			

Pre-development Stage

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Castlemoyle	40	New Ross	Land Aggregation Scheme Phase 1
Marconi Park	1	Enniscorthy	Stage 1 December 2018 – review drainage
5 Francis Street	1	Wexford	
Wexford Street	20	Gorey	Stage 1 December 2018, awaiting DHPLG
Bullawn	2	New Ross	Special Needs Housing, single stage application
Marley	1	Enniscorthy	Stage 1 December 2018, survey complete
Castlebridge	1	Wexford	TAP house, site ownership to WCC
TOTAL	66		

Longer Term Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Park	10	Wexford	
Clonard	26	Wexford	Tender to clear site received – contract signed
Adamstown	16	New Ross	No services capacity presently, discussion with Irish Water
Tagoat	12	Wexford	Site cleared, addressing boundaries
Rosemary Heights, Ferns	8	Gorey	Feasibility study
Daphne View	24	Enniscorthy	Access issues
Thomastown Road, Rosbercon	10	New Ross	
Bride Street	2	Wexford	Survey and recommendations Q1 2019
TOTAL	108		

Other Projects

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Ballycullane	1	New Ross	Fire damaged house – rebuild
Newtown, Ferns	1	Gorey	Housing for demolition and rebuild
TOTAL	2		

Part V Acquisitions

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Gleann an Ghairdin	11	Gorey	11 units to be delivered 2019
Estuary View, Crosstown	2	Wexford	Due to be delivered 2019
Ard Uisce	14	Wexford	14 units to be delivered 2019
Knockmullen	18	Gorey	Due to be delivered 2019
Mulgannon	6	Wexford	Delivery date awaited
TOTAL	51		

Turnkeys

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Gleann an Ghairdin	22	Gorey	12 units occupied, 10 to be occupied 2019
Ard Uisce	35	Wexford	12 units occupied, 23 to be occupied 2019
Rath an Duinn, Castlebridge	3	Wexford	3 units occupied
Glen Aoibhinn	10	Gorey	10 units under construction, to be occupied in 2019
TOTAL	70		

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

Approved Housing Bodies

Project Address	No of Units	Municipal District Area	Comment
Cooperative Housing Ireland			
Hunters Hill	36	Gorey	To be occupied 2019
Arthurstown	9	New Ross	To be occupied 2019
Ballyboggan, Castlebridge	10	Wexford	Occupied
Meadowfields	28	Enniscorthy	14 units completed, 14 to be occupied 2019
Fort Road, Gorey	11	Gorey	To be occupied 2019
27 Hunters Green	1	Gorey	Occupied
Clonard, Wexford	10	Wexford	Approval awaited from Department
Oaklee			
Fearach an Cnoic	46	Enniscorthy	To be occupied 2019
Station Court	2	Gorey	Occupied
Respond			
Rivergate (2 Bed Units)	20	New Ross	Occupied
Cluid			
The Grange, Ferns	10	Gorey	To be occupied 2019

Tuath			
Glean an Ghairdin	18	Gorey	To be occupied 2019
Ard Uisce	7	Wexford	Occupied
Ramstown	50	Gorey	In planning permission process
Rocksborough, Drinagh	71	Wexford	10 units to be occupied 2019, 40 units to be occupied 2020, 21 units to be occupied 2021
TOTAL	329		

Refugee Resettlement Programme

With the arrival of the final refugee family to Gorey during January 2019 Wexford County Council has now completed in full the phase 1 and phase 2 allocations for Co. Wexford. The final breakdown of resettled families in the four town clusters is as follows:

Municipal District	No of Units	No of Persons
Wexford	13	60
New Ross	12	65
Enniscorthy	12	57
Gorey	9	31
Total	46	213

The Refugee Resettlement Support workers continue to work with the families on a daily basis and are contracted until the end of May 2019.

ENVIRONMENT

1	<p>National Waste Priorities 2019</p> <p>The national waste priorities for 2019 are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Illegal Dumping/unaccounted for waste, which includes scrap cars sites, unauthorised “Man in Van” collectors, etc. 2. Construction and Demolition Waste and activities and capacity challenge, which includes tracking construction activity, 3. Reducing food waste in residual bin by further roll out of the household brown bins. 4. Dealing with sites containing illegally deposited waste. <p>The Environmental waste team will be concentrating their activities in these main priority areas in 2019</p>
2	<p>Duncannon Blue Flag Farming & Communities Scheme v</p> <p>On Tuesday 29 January 2019 Minister of State for Food, Forestry & Horticulture, Andrew Doyle TD, launched the Duncannon Blue Flag Farming & Communities Scheme which is an EIP funded project aimed at improving water quality in two streams in the Duncannon Catchment. This improvement in water quality will be achieved by working with farmers to improve nutrient management planning and introducing mitigation measures to reduce agricultural pressures on the streams which in turn will improve the water quality at Duncannon Beach in an effort to reclaim Blue flag status for the area.</p>
3	<p>Coastal Erosion Countywide</p> <p>Following on from other previous coastal studies in particular areas including the Rosslare and Courtown area Environmental coastal staff have commenced a detailed examination of the coastline to examine recent impacts on the entire coastline highlighting public infrastructure and dwelling houses throughout the county that may be at risk from severe storms.</p>
4	<p>Courtown Coastal Erosion and Marina Project</p> <p>The final draft of the above report has been received by the Environment Department.</p> <p>The final report will be presented to the members of the Gorey MD in February. Subject to a favourable response in terms of funding then the various statutory processes including Planning Permission and Foreshore License etc. can be commenced.</p>

COMMUNITY

INTERREG – Celtic Routes

A joint meeting of all six of the Project Partners is being organised for mid-February in Wales.

A matrix to assist with the selection of businesses to partake in the Learning Journeys has been created. This Operational Milestone of the Project allows for and actively encourages, 18 businesses in Ireland to travel to Wales to visit similar businesses and sites within the Route configuration. The matrix will be agreed by the Project Partners at the February Joint Meeting.

Community Enhancement Programme 2018 (Smart Villages & Community Hubs/Centres)

Wexford County Council Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development allocated funding of €279K to 72 community groups under the Community Enhancement Programme 2018, during January, 2019. The aim of the Programme is to enhance communities, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at a local level by providing access to capital grants.

A total amount of €180K was approved to support the development of Smart Villages through enhanced use of the local community centre/facilities.

An additional amount of approximately €99K was also approved to support small-scale capital projects within identifiable Community Hubs/Centres.

Healthy County Wexford.

Healthy County Wexford, Community Resilience Framework.

Wexford County Council in Collaboration with the following agencies are developing a Community Resilience Framework for County Wexford.

Civil Defence	National Ambulance Service	HSE	IFA
Order of Malta	Irish Coast Guard	Gardai	Muintre Na Tire
Irish Red Cross	RNLI	GAA	PPN
PPN	Age Friendly Wexford	St Vincent de Paul	

The coordination and delivery of responses will be supported by all of the organisations participating in the framework. It is proposed to commence testing the Community Resilience framework in February.

Wexford County Council will deliver to 52,000 household in the County the “Preparing for the unexpected brochure”. It is also proposed to visit communities within the County to encourage the public to sign up to the Mapalarter communications tool.

The key to this project has been the “buy in” and willingness of agencies and organisations to work collaboratively for the good of the County. It is proposed to build out on the Framework to deliver Healthy County Objectives with a community connected focus.

LEADER Programme.

National overview of programme delivery shows Wexford in 6th position. This level of delivery is a positive reflection on the Programme in the County.

Local Action Group			LDS Project Allocation		% of Allocation			% of Allocation including	
-	-	No	Value	Approved	No	Value	No	Value	Provisional Approval
Carlow	€4,797,602	21	1,197,148	25.0	4	694,730.07	25	1,891,877.62	39.4
Cavan	€6,391,715	35	2,232,920	34.9	1	200,000.00	36	2,432,919.91	38.1
Clare	€6,645,000	103	2,063,274	31.1	0	-	103	2,063,273.68	31.1
Cork North	€3,810,543	44	1,762,237	46.2	3	121,611.37	47	1,883,848.16	49.4
Cork South	€2,803,477	15	463,940	16.5	1	79,040.00	16	542,979.93	19.4
Cork West	€3,691,755	23	983,948	26.7	5	555,676.54	28	1,539,624.58	41.7
Donegal	€9,631,407	99	4,353,035	45.2	0	-	99	4,353,035.47	45.2
Dublin Rural	€4,777,829	43	1,349,327	28.2	0	-	43	1,349,327.07	28.2
Galway East	€5,741,888	33	1,449,603	25.2	0	-	33	1,449,602.95	25.2
Galway West	€3,425,425	23	384,509	11.2	1	140,209.50	24	524,718.01	15.3
Kerry	€7,650,904	167	3,215,841	42.0	9	726,559.87	176	3,942,401.27	51.5
Kildare	€3,946,200	18	673,526	17.1	3	230,011.65	21	903,537.74	22.9
Kilkenny	€5,798,949	50	1,472,579	25.4	3	245,000.00	53	1,717,579.28	29.6
Laois	€5,325,000	40	935,707	17.6	3	576,230.00	43	1,511,937.34	28.4
Leitrim	€4,490,000	49	1,808,775	40.3	0	-	49	1,808,775.00	40.3
Limerick	€6,946,151	68	3,100,685	44.6	3	550,796.46	71	3,651,481.66	52.6
Longford	€5,698,500	39	979,702	17.2	0	-	39	979,701.63	17.2
Louth	€4,576,397	52	1,178,160	25.7	2	257,459.08	54	1,435,618.63	31.4
Mayo	€8,260,822	93	3,875,030	46.9	8	1,353,339.23	101	5,228,369.19	63.3
Meath	€5,137,345	24	966,042	18.8	0	-	24	966,042.04	18.8
Monaghan	€5,694,500	36	2,140,353	37.6	1	199,500.00	37	2,339,852.94	41.1
Offaly	€6,000,000	92	2,328,201	38.8	0	-	92	2,328,200.83	38.8
Roscommon	€6,581,283	34	2,162,306	32.9	8	749,038.84	42	2,911,344.34	44.2
Sligo	€5,720,737	65	2,300,707	40.2	0	-	65	2,300,707.22	40.2
Tipperary	€7,562,584	98	3,064,576	40.5	7	612,621.15	105	3,677,197.23	48.6
Waterford	€5,525,346	45	3,060,662	55.4	0	-	45	3,060,662.11	55.4
Westmeath	€5,563,495	43	791,041	14.2	0	-	43	791,040.70	14.2
Wexford	€7,580,104	92	3,418,623	45.1	1	35,042.00	93	3,453,664.68	45.6
Wicklow	€4,728,231	32	951,045	20.1	4	825,106.00	36	1,776,150.73	37.6
Grand Total	€164,503,18	1,576	54,663,500.	33.2	67	8,151,971.7	1,643	62,815,471.	38.2

LEADER Funding

Local Group	Action	LDS Project Allocation	Projects Approved		% of Allocation Approved	Provisional Approvals		Total including provisionals	
			No	Value		No	Value	No	Value
Carlow		€4,797,602	21	1,197,148	25.0	4	694,730.07	25	1,891,877.62
Cavan		€6,391,715	35	2,232,920	34.9	1	200,000.00	36	2,432,919.91
Clare		€6,645,000	103	2,063,274	31.1	0	-	103	2,063,273.68
Cork North		€3,810,543	44	1,762,237	46.2	3	121,611.37	47	1,883,848.16
Cork South		€2,803,477	15	463,940	16.5	1	79,040.00	16	542,979.93
Cork West		€3,691,755	23	983,948	26.7	5	555,676.54	28	1,539,624.58
Donegal		€9,631,407	99	4,353,035	45.2	0	-	99	4,353,035.47
Dublin Rural		€4,777,829	43	1,349,327	28.2	0	-	43	1,349,327.07
Galway East		€5,741,888	33	1,449,603	25.2	0	-	33	1,449,602.95
Galway West		€3,425,425	23	384,509	11.2	1	140,209.50	24	524,718.01
Kerry		€7,650,904	167	3,215,841	42.0	9	726,559.87	176	3,942,401.27
Kildare		€3,946,200	18	673,526	17.1	3	230,011.65	21	903,537.74
Kilkenny		€5,798,949	50	1,472,579	25.4	3	245,000.00	53	1,717,579.28
Laois		€5,325,000	40	935,707	17.6	3	576,230.00	43	1,511,937.34
Leitrim		€4,490,000	49	1,808,775	40.3	0	-	49	1,808,775.00
Limerick		€6,946,151	68	3,100,685	44.6	3	550,796.46	71	3,651,481.66
Longford		€5,698,500	39	979,702	17.2	0	-	39	979,701.63
Louth		€4,576,397	52	1,178,160	25.7	2	257,459.08	54	1,435,618.63
Mayo		€8,260,822	93	3,875,030	46.9	8	1,353,339.23	101	5,228,369.19
Meath		€5,137,345	24	966,042	18.8	0	-	24	966,042.04
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SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Sport Ireland Annual Grant allocation

SPORTS ACTIVE WEXFORD FUNDING ALLOCATION 2019

Breakdown of Allocation

Total Allocation 2019	€210,953
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<i>SECTION 3.1 EXPENDITURE - STAFF SALARY ALLOCATION</i>	
Position	Allocation
Coordinator	€62,610
Administrator	€39,793
SIDO	€35,000
CSDO	€35,000
Total Allocation	€172,403

<i>SECTION 3.2 EXPENDITURE – NON STAFF ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION</i>	
Total Allocation	€10,350

<i>SECTION 4 SPORT IRELAND NATIONAL PROGRAMMES, EDUCATION AND TRAINING ALLOCATION</i>	
Safeguarding 1: Basic Awareness	€5,000
Safeguarding 2: Children's Officer Training	€540
Safeguarding 3: Designated Liaison Person	€260
Club Development Grants	€6,250
Operation Transformation Programme	€750
Total Allocation	€12,800

<i>SECTION 5 SPORT IRELAND PROGRAMMES</i>	
Total Allocation	€7,000

<i>SECTION 6 WOMEN IN SPORT</i>	
Total Allocation	€8,400

Safeguarding Courses (Child Protection) (Objective 3.2)

Safeguarding 1: 1 Course has been completed with a total attendance for **2019** of 7 participants.

Safeguarding 2: 1 Course has been completed with a total attendance of 6 participants.

Staff Exercise Classes (Objective 1.3)

Staff exercise classes for 2019 began on Monday 7th January. Circuits take place every Monday at 5pm, Cardio Boxfit every Wednesday lunchtime and Yoga every Friday lunchtime.

Circuits: 8

Cardio Boxfit : 30

Yoga: 22

Operation Transformation (Objective 1.1)

The Nationwide walks for Operation Transformation took place on Saturday 12th January. There were five walks in Co. Wexford with a total of 423 participants. Sports Active Wexford Staff and the students from LTI (Local Training Initiative) Courtown organised a 4km walk in Courtown Woods. There were over 100 participants on the day. Refreshments were provide

Sports Leadership Tutor Training/ Staff Development (Objective 1.2)

On Friday 25th three staff members attended a retraining Youth Leadership/Sports Leadership Tutor Training and on Saturday 26th January with have 3 new tutors trained in Dublin.

Leinster Rugby Trophy Tour (Objective 1.3)

The Leinster Rugby Trophy Tour took place on Friday 25th January. Leinster Development Officers for County Wexford were present on the day with the trophies. Staff from Wexford County Council and members of the public had the opportunity to get a photo with the trophies on the day.

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

An Chéad Dáil : Centenary of the First Dáil - a seminar. Wexford Library Service continued its programme of commemoration to mark the centenary of the First Dáil with a half day seminar on Saturday 26th January 2019. There were three lectures exploring the events of one hundred years ago. Speakers: Dr Maurice Manning on 'The First Dáil in Retrospect'; Dr Elaine Callinan on 'Following through on the Plan of

Abstention - a revolutionary parliament called Dáil Éireann; Jim Ryan on 'The Ryan Family and James Ryan's early years in Dáil Éireann. The Archivist curated a display of documents, pamphlets and photographs from Wexford County Archive to coincide with a seminar. Ninety people attended the seminar and extracts from the papers will be available to view on www.wexfordcoco.ie .

Wexford County Council Public Library Service has achieved the most recent **Right to Read Award** from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Current literacy projects include the establishment of the **Fighting Words** creative writing programme in Wexford Library and the introduction of the **Supported Reading Group (Dyslexia)** in New Ross Library. The **Write Book** programme will be delivered in Enniscorthy Library in partnership with Enniscorthy Vocational College and in Bunclody Library through Our Lady of Lourdes School. A project that builds in **school literacy** is being delivered with Creagh College and Riverchapel National School in the Gorey district.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION HEAR and DARE information session

The HEAR and DARE schemes are college admissions schemes for students with a disability (DARE) and students from low income families (HEAR). Seventy five people attended and information event about the schemes in Wexford Library. This event provided an opportunity for students, their families, teachers and community organisations to find out more about the application process and the supports available.

ENVIRONMENT Home Energy Saving Kits are now available to borrow from libraries throughout the county. These kits contains six simple tools to help people save energy and reduce bills and are available FREE to library members to borrow, to take home to identify energy problem areas in their home. The Kits were funded by the Environment Awareness Section of Wexford County Council.

As part of the **Gorey 400** commemorations, the Archivist organised a select display of material relating to local government in Gorey and items from private collections in the county archive relating to the town and environs which was displayed in the Ashdown Park Hotel on 31 January.

ARTS

Creative Hub Wexford Town – New Dance Hub was officially opened on 2nd floor of creative Hub on 18 Jan 2019. This new addition to the Creative Hub is managed by local dancer & choreographer Vivian Brody Hayes and offers space for all types of dance and movement practice. It is currently offering classes in contemporary dance, yoga, and tango, open to people of mixed ages and abilities during day and evening times. The Creative Hub currently supports over 50 arts and craft makers and young musicians in the form of combined making, retail and exhibition space for the creative sector, at subsidised rates.

Per Cent for Art, M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme – 3 public art commission awarded

Total value of this Per Cent for art commission is €64,000 across three separate commissions valued at €20,000 each to be completed in 2019. The focus of the commissions is on socially engaged art projects where professional artists would

produce work in collaboration with local communities in Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts. Commissions can be in any arts form, visual arts, film, literature music etc. and can be permanent or temporary art outcomes.

A national open call took place in 2018 and 58 applications were received. Public art sub group shortlisted to 10 artists who developed detailed proposals.

A selection panel was convened on 11 January in Enniscorthy to assess the ten applications. It was noted by the panel that the standard was very high and three visual artists were selected.

1 Maria Mc Kinney – whom will work with local farmers Teagasc exploring farming past and present .Outcomes will include a photographic exhibition, book and public parade /event that links with a local festival.

2. Christine Mackey – will work with Bee Keeping Associations in Gorey and Enniscorthy, & WCC Biodiversity & Environment Offices and ecologists raising awareness around bees their relation to food, place and people. Outcomes will include a permanent pollinating pasture, a film, and a series of posters and seed pack to be distributed countywide.

3. Artists Collective Ciara Roche, Astrid Newman and Becks Butler- will create a pop up Post Office over 2 weeks in Enniscorthy Town, linking with many local community groups to create a social space for the public to interact with.

Artlinks – Awards for artists Artlinks offers professional development support for emerging and professional artists in the South East Region with Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford art offices. Closing date for applications was 21 Jan 2019. Wexford received 40 applications in total in all art forms. This is the highest response to date and the highest number of applications of the four counties. This reflects the high volume of artists working in County Wexford and their growing needs. Total fund for Wexford is €25,000 - making Artlinks an extremely competitive award in Wexford with average grants of €1,000 - €3,000 max. Awards will be announced before the end of February 2019.

Small festival/ experimental Events call out -

New festival fund in its 2nd year aims to promote new and high quality arts festival and experimental art events. Deadline for applications is Monday 25th February 2019. The total fund is €20,000 and festival/ event are awarded between of €1,000 - €3,000 max. The festival must take place between March – Dec 2019.

Art & Bio diversity residencies Wexford, Fingal and Dublin city council.

Wexford Arts Office was awarded €71,000 as part of Arts Council's 'Invitation to Collaboration Scheme' in 2018. This Award will fund a programme titled ' An Urgent Enquiry' which consists of 3 artists residencies exploring art & biodiversity/ Climate change – to take place in Wexford, Fingal and Dublin City Council. Each artist residency will receive €20,000 with additional live/ work accommodation. In addition project support will be provided by each local authority Arts & Biodiversity officers as well as introductions to local communities / expertise. A national call out for applications took place in January 2019 – closing date for application is 21 February 2019. Residencies will run for May- July with final public outcomes taking place in Oct / November 2019 in each local authority. One residency will be selected by UK

Public art agency 'Invisible Dust' who are partnering on this programme – to develop work in 2020 in the UK.

Training workshops for artists – spring 2019 the Arts Office partnered with the Visual Arts Ireland (VAI) and with funding through Creative Ireland to deliver professional development/ business support workshops for Wexford artists in spring 2019. These workshop are advertised nationally via VAI 's newssheet and database in January 2019 as well as locally via the Arts Office .Workshop include 'How to apply for funding', 'managing your accounts' finance clinics, , Digital marketing and a Visual artists networking café. Workshop will be delivered between County Hall Wexford and Gorey School of Arts.

FIRE SERVICE

News

The New Ross fire station project entered Stage 2 Planning.

Fire Operations

There were 86 incidents in December as detailed below. By the end of the month there were 189 incidents in excess of the same time last year.

Incident Type	Calls December 2018	Calls to date 2018	Calls to this period 2017
Chimney fire	17	139	153
Domestic fire	10	87	68
Road Traffic Accident	15	112	120
Industrial fire	2	11	8
Commercial fire	2	7	5
Assembly fire	0	4	8
Agricultural fire	0	5	8
Motor Vehicles	6	63	46
Forest/bog/grass etc	0	216	124
Rubbish	2	91	96
Non-fire rescues	4	28	31
False alarms – good intent	22	281	220
Malicious false alarms	0	3	2
Miscellaneous	6	74	43
Total	86	1121	932

Fire Safety

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

Applications Received	Year to date	December
Fire Safety Certificates	127	18
Planning Referrals	888	62

Number of Inspections	Year to date	December
FSA Inspections	323	21

CIVIL DEFENCE

Operations / Training Report JAN 2019

Civic Duties

We covered 2 community duties for January 2019

Wexford athletics, Kilmore 20th January 2019

Tintern Run, 27th January 2019

Training

Training has Resumed in Wexford, Gorey and New Ross centres after the Christmas Break.

Enniscorthy Unit

We are holding a recruitment information night in Enniscorthy Library on Monday 28th January. We have two Instructors to run the class which will start on 28th February 2019.

4. Transportation, Water Services:

COUNTY WEXFORD'S NATIONAL ROADS SCHEMES:

1. N25 New Ross Bypass:

Progress Update February 2019

The overall design and construction phase of the PPP Contract is currently scheduled to be complete in quarter 4 of 2019. The construction of the pylon towers

and cables on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge at all three main piers (Piers 3, 4 & 5) continues to progress in unison with the progression of the cantilevered deck segments from all three piers.

On the Wexford side, the construction of the deck on span 6 is fully complete, while the construction of the deck central boxes on spans 7, 8 and 9 are also complete.

All three roundabout junctions (N25 Glenmore, N25 Ballymacar & N30 Corcoran's Cross) opened to traffic on the existing national road network before the end of 2018. These roundabouts and associated works will continue in their current operation as part of the existing road network until the bypass opens to traffic. The Stokestown Port Roundabout also opened before Christmas. All these junctions remain within the Site and are open under operational temporary traffic management.

Road works on the bypass mainline continue to make good progress with the sections from the R733 Junction to the N25 Ballymacar Roundabout, and from N25 Ballymacar Roundabout to N30 Corcoran's Cross Roundabout particularly well advanced. Works for pavement, barrier, signage, road markings, landscaping and accommodation works are progressing throughout the site. Final pavement and junction works on the R733 will be completed in February and temporary traffic management operations will continue on the road during this period.

On the Co. Kilkenny side, final surfacing works on the approaches to the N25 Glenmore Roundabout will be completed in February and further traffic management will be in operation for these works. The L7512 Pink Rock Road will also re-open in early February. A short term closure of the L4026 Stokestown Road may be required to complete tie-in works along the new road realignment and consultations are ongoing in this regard.

Monitoring, maintenance and emergency regimes continue to be operated as necessary on public roads at interfaces with the site to ensure that all operations continue to operate safely and with minimum disruption to local communities and residents. Winter maintenance protocols for public roads within the site have been re-activated for the coming season.

The eleventh quarterly project newsletter was published before Christmas. The project continues to attract very significant public interest and the project website www.n25newross.ie continues to provide progress updates as well as information on traffic management and road works. Wexford County Council released a further project video update in January to keep the public updated on progress. The 24 telephone hotline continues to operate to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815672, and this number has been posted on both the newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.



1. Ballyverneen Rail Bridge (B02) in foreground, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge in background.



2. Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge – Pier 3 (Pink Rock) in background, Pier 4 in foreground



3. Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge – Pier 3 in foreground, Pier 4 in background.



4. Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge – approach spans on Wexford side.



5. R733 Grade Separated Junction.



6. Arnestown Road Overbridge & mainline



7. N25 Ballymacar Roundabout.



8. N30 Corcoran's Cross Roundabout.

2. M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme update

Program

The contractor has stated during the last progress meeting that their program is on target and the M11, and N80 will be open to traffic in July 2019 with minor works taking place up to the contract end date of November 2019.

Construction to Date

The following table indicates site work progression to date.

	Progress Reported in Dec 2016	Progress Reported in Dec 2017	Progress Reported in Nov 2018	Progress Reported in Dec 2018
Fencing	85%	86%	92%	93%
Drainage & Service Ducts	7%	30%	89%	92%
Earthworks	23%	75%	98%	
Structures – Main Bridges		56%	95%	95%
Structures – Culverts	29%	96%	99%	99%
Structures – Access Structures	12%	84%	96%	96%
Kerbs Footways & Paved Areas			64%	74%
Safety Barrier			27%	36%
Pavement			58%	70%

*Works estimated for December allowing for demobilisation for Christmas period

Newsletter

The newsletter Q4, 2018 has been circulated to local information centres and made available to members of the public as well as being uploaded on to the M11 website. The M11 website WWW.m11goe.ie is updated on a monthly basis providing information on blasting and road closures and traffic management. A drone survey of the site is due to commence in February and once completed will be uploaded to WCC website.

Advance Notification of Major Road Works

Major road works are due to commence on the tie in locations on the M11 Frankfurt Interchange, N30 Templescoby, N11 Scurlocksby and N11/ N80 Clavass. Any traffic delays associated with these works will be kept to a minimum and the public will be notified in advance of the works so that they can plan their journeys accordingly.

Applications submitted to WCC by the PPP Co.:

Road Closure Applications

The following road closures are to be submitted for statutory procedure:

Road	Closure Date	Duration (Weeks)	Opening Date
L2008, Old Dublin Road, Clavass	18/02/19	5 weeks	29/03/19
N80, Clavass Roundabout	4/03/19	2 weeks	23/3/19

2019 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:

The 2019 TII road improvement allocation has been received from TII.

The following schemes will be carried out in 2019;

- N30 Clonroche from Ballymackessy to Tomfarney.
- N11 Maldron roundabout to Ferrycarrig bridge (Killeen to Newtown Phase 2)
- N11 Kyle Upper to Ballynaslaney.
- N30 Mountelliot to Ballyanne

2018 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:

The following schemes were ongoing in January.

N25 New Ross By-Pass Residual Network

N30/ R700 Roundabout

Works commenced in July. This scheme is due to be completed in February.

N11 Killeen to Newtown – Phase 1

This scheme runs from Ferrycarrig Bridge to just south of Kyle Crossroads. Works commenced on September 12th. Drainage works were completed in December. Pavement works will be completed by mid. March.

N11 Killeen to Newtown – Phase 2

Site investigation works are ongoing on this scheme at present.

The timeline for construction works are dependent on the outcome of the site investigation works. This scheme should be tendered in the first quarter of 2019.

Public Lighting LED Upgrade

The 2018 programme involved the upgrade of 2,450 lights to Led in Wexford Town. This was completed in September. This scheme will result in over 60% energy and maintenance savings annually. Works have commenced in the 2019 upgrade which will involve the replacement of up to 3,400 lanterns.

Installation of the lanterns should commence in February and should be completed by September.

Winter Maintenance

The 2018/2019 winter maintenance programme commenced on Monday 15th. October. There have been 13 no. call outs up to January 27th.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Improvement Works

Work ongoing at Mountelliott Roundabout (New Ross District).

Strengthening

Local Improvement Schemes completed in Carrig-on-Bannow, Ballymittie and Ballintober (all in New Ross District); Rathaspick, Kilmore, Ballycogley and Murrintown (all in Wexford District)

General Maintenance

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

WATER SERVICES

A. Irish Water – Asset Delivery

Irish Water Capital Schemes

IW Asset Delivery: Enniscorthy Sewerage Scheme

The WWTP is to be extended to cater for a PE of 26,000, up 10,000 PE from the existing 16,000 PE, which is an increase of 30% in the available capacity. The DBO contract was signed on the 10th April, 2017. Ward & Burke are the contractors and have commenced on site. J.B. Barry are the Consulting Engineers. Works are progressing ahead of programme as the inlet works and treatment process are currently taking flows.

Enniscorthy Network Upgrade

Surveying works have commenced in the Enniscorthy area to enable a hydraulic model of the sewer network to be completed. Once the model is complete, design works on areas requiring rehabilitation / upgrade will commence.

IW Asset Management: Enniscorthy and Sow Regional Water S.S.

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

New intake and pumping station at Clonhasten.

Site Investigation Works were completed in November, 2018. Currently in negotiations with one land owner for permanent acquisitions and wayleaves required to complete the project. Planning permission is scheduled to be submitted by Irish Water Consultant, Nicholas O'Dwyer in April, 2019.

Wexford Drainage Area Plan

This project will produce a complete drainage model of the Wexford Town foul drainage system.

A full detailed hydraulic model will be produced identifying all pipelines and infrastructure and deficiencies in the network. Nicholas O'Dwyers have been appointed as Consultants by IW. A survey contractor has been appointed with surveys of infrastructure expected to start in Wexford Town in mid February, 2019.

IW Asset Delivery: Fethard-on-Sea Sewerage Scheme

Site Investigations have been completed along the proposed outfall route. Foreshore application was lodged. The land acquisition by CPO has also commenced for the selected WWTP site and Pumping Station site.

IW Asset Delivery: Gorey Regional Water Supply – South Wellfield

The Gorey RWSS will be upgraded and a new 8 Ml/day WTP and 7,500m³ reservoir provided at Ballyminaun. Planning permission was granted by WCC to upgrade the borehole sites and build a new water treatment plant at Ballyminaun. The hydrogeological investigations show that remedial works will be required to most of the boreholes and the contract documents are being revised accordingly. The CPO is completed as objections were withdrawn before scheduled oral hearing. Tenders were received from two contractors in December, 2018 and are currently being reviewed.

IW Asset Delivery: Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)

Aecom has been appointed to design a waste water treatment scheme for the villages of Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon. These designs are currently underway. A Scheme for Kilmore Quay is also currently being designed. These have progressed from the Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS) to identify areas of the highest priority requiring treatment. Detailed design works are underway. Land owner engagement has started and site investigation works are now complete. The treatment standard for the schemes has been increased to both primary and secondary treatment.

The CPO for Duncannon, Arthurstown and Ballyhack has been advertised. This project is now out to tender Arthurstown, Ballyhack & Duncannon with tender due to be returned by the end of January, 2019.

IW Asset Delivery: Wexford Town Watermain Rehab and Gas Network

Design works are currently underway for the remaining water main and gas mains, as well as design to eliminate back yard services around Wexford. A new hydraulic model for Wexford town is being updated to allow for the design works to progress. Landowner engagement has started. The Project is currently out to tender and due to return for assessment at the end of January, 2019.

Direct Labour Pipe Laying Crew

The crew are currently rehabilitating the water main on Redshire Road, Murrintown between November & December & January and will then carry out similar rehab works in Kilmallock in February & March, 2019.

Ferns Upgrade – Capital Investment Plan

IW Asset Strategy has approved the following for a feasibility study on this Scheme. Atkins have been appointed to carry out preliminary design works for an upgrade to Ferns waste water treatment system.

The feasibility study report on options to upgrade the plant has been completed and is currently under review.

There have been a number of smaller studies commenced lately on Gorey waste water, Enniscorthy waste water and Wexford waste water capacities.

B. IRISH WATER MINOR SCHEMES & SPECIAL SCHEMES

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

- Pump Station mechanical & electrical works completed
- Connection to rising main Tuesday 29th January 2019

Trinity Street Waste Water Pumping Station

- 1st of 2 number Storm Pumps removed for repairs installed Friday 21st December 2018
- Delivery and installation of the final repaired Storm Pump shall be February 2019
- Replace existing rubber fuel hoses, with galvanised steel pipework, between External Tank and Standby generator February 2018

Carcur Pumping Station

- Proposals:
 2. Passive stone trap
 3. Stand by pump on site – 3 in sump
 4. New control system
 5. Pumps Variable speed driven
 6. 340 litres per second (3 pumps running – duty, duty assist, duty assist assist)

Distillery Road Waste Water Pumping Station

- Installation of new pump Tuesday 29th January 2019 - delayed due to extra mechanical works required before installation of new pump

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Rosslare Strand WWTP

- Upgrade RTU to IP digital – 95% complete

Rosslare Harbour PS

- Upgrade existing 6 Number RTU to IP Digital – PO issued to EMR from IW

Rosslare Strand PS

- Upgrade existing 8 No RTU to IP Digital – on capital maintenance tracker waiting approval from IW

Urgent Works for Q1 & Q2 2019

- Survey and price installation of SCADA at New Ross PS
 1. Rosbercon PS
 2. Bawnmore PS
 3. Castlemoyle PS

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

Works complete at Edenvale and Newtown with the exception of minor snagging.

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

Project is at substantial completion and now in the defects period. Staff training has been completed and works are at snagging.

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

Commissioning at Creagh complete and operating in automatic mode since mid January. Newtown WTW in automatic mode with manual override since May 17th. Vinegar Hill in automatic mode since early November.

IW Asset Management: Disinfection and pH Control Programme

Disinfection works at Chestnut Grove, Hollyfort, Ballinellard, Clonroche, Bree, Kilmuckridge and Coolgreaney commissioned.

Works nearly complete at Vinegar Hill. Mechanical works almost complete at Newtown and Kilagoley.

Works partially complete at Camolin, Edermine, Carrigbyrne and Ballindaggin boreholes. Bolabeg, Raheen and Tellarought boreholes added to IW Disinfection Programme.

Water Network Program

Coffey Water (CNL) have been appointed as regional contractor for the Water Network Programme for the South East. CNL have work orders for public side lead replacement works in Enniscorthy and Backyard Service replacement in Wexford, Gorey and Taghmon. This work will be ongoing throughout the year and new work orders issued for other identified works. First fix leak repairs are ongoing on a daily basis around the county. 1400 non-domestic meters are due to be replaced in bulk with drive-by meters. Scheduled PRV and flowmeter works are currently on hold due to IR issues with outdoor crews. This is being escalated within IW via their Union liaison representative in order to get resolution.

Capital Maintenance Budget

Combined budget for 2017/2018 is 1,879,966. Current approved spend from IW is 2,335,887.35. Total commitments to end of October were €1,646,338, reports for Nov/Dec not yet available from Irish Water. Items not progressed in 2018 can carry over in to 2019. Budget for 2019 has yet to be announced.

C. RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021

Assessment ongoing in regard to requests for funding for group water and sewerage projects under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021.

The Bing Group Sewerage Scheme

Application for connection for the Bing Group Sewerage Scheme forwarded to Irish Water on the 21st December, 2018. Awaiting response.

Crosstown Group Sewerage Scheme / Orchard Lane Group Sewerage Scheme

Takeover Process ongoing.

5. Finance:

Audit Committee Annual Reports

The next meeting of the Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 6th March 2018. The Audit Committee have prepared their statutory report for the council and the report has been circulated to members and is listed as a separate item on the meeting agenda. The report contains the committee's report on

- Audit Committee commentary on the contents of the 2017 Accounts and audit findings in accordance with Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014
- Overview of Audit Committee work programme completed during 2018 in accordance with section 15 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014
- Details of the Audit Committee's proposed work programme for 2019

Annual Financial Statement 2018

Work has commenced on the preparation of the 2018 Accounts. This work will take a number of months but it is expected that the Council will meet the submission deadline of the end of March.

Capital Programme 2019 – 2021

Work is progressing on the preparation of the next 3 Year Capital Programme and it is planned to have this ready for consideration of members in the first quarter of 2019.

Borrowing Programme 2018

During 2018 Ministerial Sanction was been received for the Public Lighting (€5m) and Housing Loan Programme (€5.5m). Partial Sanction, €15m, was also received for the Economic and Community Development element (€40m), the remainder is the subject of additional correspondence with the DHPLG and formal ministerial approval is still awaited.

Cash Flow/Overdraft

The Council continues to operate in overdraft, Ministerial Sanction is in place for borrowing by way of overdraft in the amount of €13m for the period to the 31st December, 2019.

**Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.**