



Chief Executive's Report

March 2018

1.Economic Development & Planning:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Wexford Chamber Business Lunch, in association with Wexford County Council: Wexford Chamber Business Lunch held on 16th February 2018, in Talbot Hotel Wexford with in excess of 165 guests attending.

Mayor of Wexford Jim Moore welcomed the guests with new President Niall Reck addressing the audience on his ambitions for the Chamber for the coming years. Tom Enright provided an overview of the Councils management structure, key stats and economic investment projects to be delivered up to 2020. Guest speaker Sean Gallagher also spoke on the day, focussing on the importance of SME's and entrepreneurship to rural Ireland and how balanced regional growth is important if communities and families are to continue to prosper.

Crystal Valley Tech Launch:

Crystal Valley Tech hosted an official launch on February 26th in Waterford City. With more than 80 member companies across the southeast region, the industry led group has formed to promote the wealth of tech and innovation across the 5 counties.

In attendance was President of WIT Mr Willie Donnelly who acted as MC for the event, Ministers D'Arcy and Halligan, IDA CEO Martin Shanahan and Enterprise Ireland Head of International Services & Software, Strategy & Leadership *Niall O'Donnellan*.



Larry Breen (Routematch) and Elaine Fennelly (Bluefin Payments) spoke on behalf of the Crystal Valley Board and outlined their ambition to further grow the SE as *the* region of choice for inward investment and start-ups in the technology sector.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) TEAM

Local Enterprise Week - 4th to 9th March: LEO Wexford, along with the 31 LEOs throughout the county, will run a series of business and enterprise events on the week of the 4th to 9th of March entitled Local Enterprise Week. The week is all about highlighting the services of the network of Local Enterprise offices which support thousands of people to start and grow their businesses.

LEO Wexford has 11 events planned for Local Enterprise Week including a Tax & VAT workshop for Start Ups, an Introduction to LEAN for Business workshop, Judging of the Student Enterprise Awards and a seminar to mark International Women's Day run with Enniscorthy Chamber and the Soroptomists. Details for all the events are on localenterprise.ie/Wexford

International Women's Day: To celebrate International Women's Day, the LEO is holding two events. The first in conjunction with Enniscorthy Chamber will be held on 7th March, 2018 in the Presentation Centre Wexford.

The theme of this event will be "My Success Story" beyond Wealth and Power. The facilitator for the event is Zara King, TV3 and speakers include; Linda Doran, Director of Hughes Blake Baker Tilly, Joanne Powell, QED, Eileen Herlihy Joint Founder of Wexford School of Music and Soroptomist member and Una Sinnott, Wexford Camogie Player. This is a free event which will run for 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

The second event in conjunction with BNY Mellon will take place in Wexford County Council on the 14th March from 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm. The theme for this event is "Advancing Potential" and Majella Byrne a high profile coach, speaker and trainer will give a talk at the event. We are currently finalising the panel of speakers.

Student Enterprise Programme: All the school finals have now taken place and judging will take place the next week. This year's County Awards will take place in the National Opera House on Thursday 22nd March. Student stands will be on display from 5.00 pm and the awards ceremony takes place at 7.00 pm. We have engaged a student for Wexford Campus studying Visual Communications to design the invitations, certs and brochures for the event. The trophies are currently in design with Bianca Divito, stained glass designer based in Gorey. Sponsors for this year's event include Wexford Enterprise Centre, BNY Mellon, PwC and the Environmental Protection Agency. Over 1,200 students have participated in this programme and the winners of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Category will go on to represent Wexford at the National Final which will take place in Croke Park on the 2nd May.

Social Enterprise Development Fund €1.6 million: The new Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €1.6 million fund created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development. With cash grants of €50,000 and places on SIFI's Accelerator Programme up for grabs this is magnificent opportunity for social enterprises across Ireland. The deadline for applications is 28th March.

Several roadshow events are being held to help potential applicants with the application process. Find out more about the Social Enterprise Development <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/social-enterprise-development/>

BUCANIER: (*Building Clusters and Networks in Innovation Enterprise and Research*): January has seen the official launch of the BUCANIER project at the UKSPA conference in Swansea on the 25th of January and the official Irish launch will be held in Wexford on Friday the 23rd of March,

BUCANIER will work with Life Sciences, Food and Drink and Renewable Energy Sectors.

Key project milestones for March 2018

- Mentors confirmed by IT Carlow and due to meet with project partners early March
- BUCANIER workbook/toolkit finalised and in print
- Invites for BUCANIER launch in Wexford sent out.
- Wexford County Council organisation of launch event going well, timetable agreed with project partners – IT Carlow and BIM
- BUCANIER presentation to full council meeting on the 12th of February and to the SPC on the 21st of February.
- Attended Wexford Food Summit on the 21st of February – looking to enrol a few of the Wexford Food Family SME's on the project
- Full Project Partner meeting scheduled for the afternoon of the 22nd of March in WCC offices
- Meetings scheduled in March to meet with all catchment area councils/LEO's – Cork, Kerry, Waterford, Wicklow, Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny and Tipperary.

Wexford County Council (Project Administrator) has direct responsibility within the project for the BUCANIER Website, social media (Facebook & Twitter), promotional material design and the Irish Launch in March (to be held in Wexford County Council Offices).



PLANNING

Planning Applications:

<i>No. of valid applications received up to 23/02/2018</i>	186
<i>No. of pre planning requests up to 23/02/2018</i>	125

Forward Planning:

The National Planning Framework (NPF): The National Planning Framework (NPF) was published on Friday 16th February 2018, in tandem with the new ten-year National Development Plan, jointly named Project Ireland 2040: Building Ireland's

Future. The National Planning Framework has replaced the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) and now represents the overarching national planning policy document, of direct relevance to the planning functions of regional and planning authorities.

The National Planning Framework sets a new course for planning and development in Ireland focused on ten National Strategic Outcomes. The Framework seeks to secure an effective balance between and within the future development of the regions as well as securing more compact growth on infill/brownfield development sites within all urban areas.

In this regard, rather than a focus on town 'designation' or county 'allocation', the framework places a greater emphasis on enabling appropriate local authority led regional and local strategies, backed up by national level capital investment to enable urban and rural and regional areas to develop in both a coherent and a strategically aimed manner.

The NPF will be implemented at regional level by the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) and the preparation of the RSES for the Southern Region has commenced. Wexford County Council, and all local authorities in the region, have a key role to play in driving the development of the RSES.

Subject to legislative enactment under the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016, the Office of the Planning Regulator will be established later this year, which will provide for independent oversight of the planning system, including Wexford County Council Development Plans, taking account of the NPF and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSESs).

Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013 - 2019 and the Preparation of New County Development Plan: Having completed the consultation process, the Forward Planning team are now working on the preparation of the pre-draft Wexford County Development Plan 2019-2025. It is anticipated that the pre-draft plan will be presented to the Members at the beginning of Q2 2018.

The following Consultants have been appointed to prepare the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment; Brady Shipman Martin, JBA Consulting and Scott Cawley Ltd. Future Analytics have now been appointed to prepare both the Retail Strategy and Housing Strategy. Non-statutory Stakeholder Meetings were held in early December in all of the main four towns as part of the Retail Strategy. The feedback received will be used to inform the Retail Strategy in the County Development Plan 2019-2025.

Review of the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 (as extended): Work has commenced on the review of the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 and the preparation of a new plan for the area.

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

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018: The closing date has passed and the applications have been assessed by the Council.

Structures At Risk Fund 2018: Four applications for the Structures at Risk Grant Scheme were short-listed and have been forwarded to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for consideration.

Building Control:

Commencement Notices: A total of 44 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 21st February, 2018 on the BCMS.

Wexford	17	Gorey	12
Enniscorthy	10	New Ross	5

Taking in Charge: Six estates are progressing to the public consultation stage of the taking in charge process and will be advertised on Tuesday 27th February 2018.

These estates are:-

1. Woodside, Courtown	2. Whitecross, Hilltown
3. Hollyfield, Lake, Bridgetown	4. Cul Caislean, Taghmon
5. The Paddocks, Rosbercon	6. The Laurels & Laurel Court, Clonard

The last day for the inspection of the above maps is on Thursday, 29th March, 2018. The latest date for the receipt of written objections/representations is on Monday, 16th April, 2018.

Works Commenced:

Ballycullane: Works have commenced in Ballycullane on a gravity sewer to enable connection to village system waste water treatment plant for Somersway.

Anvil Court, Ballymurn: Pricing documents have been issued for works at Anvil Court, Ballymurn to bring the estate up to Taking in Charge standard.

Works Completed:

Old Forest, Bunclody: Road surfacing has been completed. The estate is now ready to proceed to be Taken in Charge.

Derelict Sites, Dangerous Structures and Vacant Sites:

Activity on Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures is as follows:

Notices Issued under Derelict Sites Act 1990	4
Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964	2
Notices issued under Section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015	0

Planning Enforcement:

The number of planning enforcement cases as at 23/02/2017 is as follows;

- Cases Opened 8
- Live Cases 428
- Cases Closed 17

District Court Cases: There were 5 Planning enforcement cases listed in the District Courts in the month of February, 2018

Gorey: 1 listed for mention (0159/2010)
Wexford: 4 listed for mention (0018/2009, 0147/2016, 0167/2016, 0123/2015)



The Wexford District Court cases were adjourned for hearing at later dates.
The Gorey District Court case was adjourned for a month to seek the final instalment due for Planning levies.

Access Section:

Disability Access Certificates (DACs): The number of DAC applications, validated for the period from 01/01/2018, up to and including 23/02/2018, totals 14. This is an increase of 12 applications received for the same period of 2017.

Projects: A Poolpod lift to be installed at Ferrybank Swimming Pool

Following a period of research, consultation and site surveys by the Access Section, a Poolpod lift is to be installed at Ferrybank Swimming Pool on the 1st of March.

The Poolpod is a multi-award winning swimming pool lift which was developed for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games. Wexford County Council will be the first local authority in the Republic of Ireland to install this system into a Local Authority swimming pool.

The Poolpod will transform pool access, not only for people with disabilities, but also anyone who cannot use the common place ladder access to the pool, thus appealing to swimmers with a wider range of mobility difficulties.

The Poolpod will replace the current pool hoist arrangement and allow for a greater level of independent access for customers with the potential of attracting new customers.

Changing Places Pilot at the Irish National Heritage Park: This pilot, initiated by the Access Section in conjunction with the Environment Department, provides for WC facilities to support people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal injuries, people living with stroke as well as older people.

A Changing Places WC, provides more space and the right equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench and a hoist to enable users their family and carers assist in the use of the toilet safely, with dignity and comfort.

A Changing Places WC opens up a world of possibilities for users and their family to engage, and to participate in, community life.

Outside of the Dublin region, Wexford County Council is the first local authority to develop a Changing Places WC.

The Irish National Heritage Park was chosen as the venue for this pilot given the wide range of events, activities and facilities available throughout the year at the site. Its location, just off the N11, a national primary route, acts as a key point to provide the first Changing Places facility for not only the county, but the Southeast. The tender process has been completed, expected commencement in March with completion expected by the end of May, 2018.



2. Special Projects:

Min Ryan Park, Wexford: The Park obtained Part VIII Planning in April, 2016 based on a preliminary design by Wexford County Council. Consultant firm Brady Shipman Martin have completed detailed design and tender documents. The tender for construction was advertised on Dec 19th 2017 and tenders are currently being assessed. The appointment of a contractor is planned for March, 2018.

Wexford Quays: Architect firm Scott Tallon Walker has completed the implementation plan - Stage 2B report on the Economic Development and Spatial Implementation Plan for the Wexford Quay front. The report is currently being reviewed by Wexford Co. Council.

Trinity Wharf: The Trinity Wharf site was acquired by Wexford Co. Council to attract investment and stimulate economic development in Wexford. Architects, Scott Tallon Walker will prepare a master plan for the development of the lands. The master plan will be available in Qtr. 2, 2018 and will facilitate an application for the planning and development of the lands.

Crescent Quay/Ballast Office: A package of Improvement Works in the Crescent Quay Area is currently being formulated as the first Phase of the overall plan for the Quay Front Area.

These works will enhance and upgrade the public realm around the Crescent / Waterfront areas and improve the pedestrian links from Main Street to the Quays and the water front. An application for Part VIII approval will commence in February 2018.

Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy: The strategy plan was presented to the members of the Enniscorthy District Committee at its January meeting and adopted. **The strategy was launched in Templeshannon on 19/02/2018 and is available in the Enniscorthy District Offices and on the WCC website.**

Enniscorthy Technology Park, Killagoley: Reddy Architecture & Urbanism have been appointed to develop the master plan, prepare planning, detailed design and tender documents for the Enniscorthy Business Park at Killagoley. An application for Part VIII approval was advertised on 13/02/2018.

New Ross Business Park: Pre-qualification of applicants is complete and qualified applicants will be invited to tender in February 2018 for the finance and build of an advanced technology unit in Butlersland, New Ross.

Gorey Market House: A Part VIII planning application for re-development of the Market House into a multi-purpose performance / exhibition / retail space was advertised on 13/02/2018. The procurement documents for development proposals from parties interested in partnering with the Council on the project will issue in the coming months.

Wexford Arts Centre: Funding of €1m has been approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional and Rural Affairs and the Gaeltacht for an extension and renovation of the Wexford Arts Centre. Wexford County Council have committed to providing matching funding. Funding must be expended by March 2020.

Carrigfoyle Activity Centre: Wexford County Council is preparing a brief for services for the design and tender of infrastructural work at Carrigfoyle as the initial stage of a project to develop an activity centre on the lands. Construction of the infrastructural works is planned to commence in August 2018.

Enniscorthy Tourism Project: A project has commenced to create a vision and opportunity plan to develop Enniscorthy town as a tourism destination. Wexford County Council is conducting an in-depth analysis of the current tourism situation and a feasibility study to develop and implement a major plan to develop Enniscorthy as a long term, sustainable tourism destination. The scope of the project has been agreed and procurement documents are currently being prepared for the appointment of consultants. This appointment is expected to be concluded by May 2018 and an application for funding to Failte Ireland is planned for December 2018.

Greenways:

Rosslare to Waterford City Greenway.

The contract to review route options, prepare baseline environmental studies and prepare and submit planning applications was awarded to Roughan O'Donovan on Friday 19th January 2018 and the study has now commenced. The first stage deliverables – Feasibility, Route Selection and Economic Report are due in early May 2018. A framework has also been established from the top 5 applicants for use on future greenway and tourism projects for similar services thereby reducing time and complexity of procuring future services for similar projects.

New Ross Red Bridge Greenway and Walking Trail.

The development of a greenway around New Ross, linking with Kilkenny County Council's planned greenway from Rosbercon to Waterford City, is currently at the planning stage. A separate Part VIII application will be submitted in Qtr. 1 2018 for the section of Red bridge route located in Kilkenny and for a link from the Rosbercon Road to the County Boundary.

Greenway Regional Strategy

Wexford County Council, in its function as the lead authority for the regional greenway office is preparing a regional strategy for the development of an integrated network of greenways across the South East. A brief for services for the design and tender of the proposed regional greenway route is being prepared and it is expected to go to tender shortly.

It is planned that this network of Greenways would be developed as a major tourism resource that links with national greenways and opens up the South East region to the activity, leisure and recreational tourism market nationally.

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

HOUSING

Vacant Homes: As part of the governments programme Rebuilding Ireland and Action Plan for Housing and Homeless under Pillar 5 Utilise Existing Housing, Wexford County Council has now developed a Vacant Homes Strategy and Action Plan 2018 to 2021 which was presented to the Executive Team, Housing SPC and the full Council in February.

Wexford County Council has set itself an ambitious target to bring 200 units back into use for social housing over the life of the plan.

Housing Supply: A number of housing capital projects have been approved by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) and are progressing to construction stage:-

Construction Complete 2017

- **Francis Street, Wexford.**
- **No 41 St Martin's Park, Ballycullane.**
- **No 5 Mountain View in Rathnure.**

Under Construction

- **2 Special Needs Houses in Oilgate** – Kitchens, external pipework and paths commenced. Project on programme for completion in May 2018
- **8 houses in Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy** – Under construction. Blockwork completed on programme to complete in September, 2018.
- **2 houses in Cois Mara, Rosslare** – under construction, block work complete. Houses wired and plastered. On programme to complete in April, 2018.
- **9 houses in Baile Eoghain, Gorey** – Foundations complete, blockwork to DPC complete, on programme to complete in 2018.

Stage 4

- **1 house at Ross Road Enniscorthy** – Stage 4 approved, construction to commence on 5th March, to be completed in 2018.
- **10 Houses in Creagh, Gorey** – Stage 4 to DHPCLG in February 2018. Construction to start in April 2018.
- **10 Houses at Slippery Green, Wexford** – Stage 4 approved 13th February, 2018. Construction to commence in Q1 2018.

Stage 3

- **10 Houses in Danescastle** – Stage 3 approved by DHP, Tenders due on 9th March, 2018.

- **1 house in Castlemoyle** - Stage 3 February, 2018.
- **7 Houses in Coolcots** – preparing Stage 3 for submission in January 2018.

Stage 2

- **1 House in Castlemoyle for Special Needs** –Stage 3 February, 2018.
- **1 house at Ballynaboola** - Stage 2 approved. Costs have been reduced and a new planning permission was lodge. Stage 3 February 2018.
- **18 houses in Taghmon** – Consultants appointed. Stage 2 submitted to DHPLG on 19th February, 2018.

Stage 1

- **40 Housing Units at Whiterock Hill, Wexford** – Delay due to investigations of Attenuation system on site. Stage 2 submission to be lodged in Q1 2018
- **3 Units at King Street, Wexford** – Part VIII submitted to Planning in November 2017, awaiting planning decision due in March, 2018. Stage 2 April, 2018.
- **14 Houses in Carricklawn** – Stage 1 in June 2017, on hold. Problems with title to be rectified by land owner before we finalise purchase. This will be a 2018 project to commence in 2019.
- **7 Units at Belvedere Road, Wexford** – Currently organising appointment of a design team and the first task will be to see how savings can be made. Stage 2 February 2018. Part VIII for apartments and car park February, 2018. Pre-planning lodged on 20th February, 2018.
- **3 units in Ballyhine** – prepare Stage 2 in Q2 2018. Awaiting approval by members.
- **6 units at The Ballagh** – prepare Stage 2 in Q1 2018.
- **11 units in Ballywish** – Stage 1 approval. On hold until additional land is purchased to achieve 220m sightlines as requested by Roads.

The number of units with Capital Approval is 164 as detailed above. The following **119** projects to be submitted to DHPCLG in Q1 2018:-

• Taghmon	1	• Killeens	34 (16 th Feb 2018)
• Enniscorthy	17 (22 nd Feb 2018)	• Womens Refuge	12 (4 th Feb 2018)
• Creagh	12 (March 2018)	• Rosetown	43 (31 st Jan 2018)

Pre-development Stage: We are working on another **103** units preparing feasibility studies prior to the Stage 1 application. These include the following larger projects:-

Park	10
Clonard	26
Francis Street	1
Daphney, Enniscorthy	24
Castlemoyle (<i>Land Aggregation Scheme</i>)	20 (<i>phase 1</i>)
Rosbercon, New Ross	22

Refugee Resettlement Programme: The last family for Enniscorthy arrived on 1st March 2018. The next four families for New Ross will arrive on 6th March 2018 and another two families will arrive before the end of March. The programme commences in Gorey on 20th March 2018 with the arrival of the first six families. The WWETB will start the Language and Orientation Programme in Gorey in week commencing 9th April 2018. It will be delivered in Gorey Further Education and Training Centre, The Avenue, Gorey.

The Volunteer Programme which includes Befrienders, English tutors and Family Advocates, has been rolled out in the three current resettlement locations and will be expanded to Gorey in the near future. To get involved locally please contact Ms Hannah Culkin, Resettlement Support Worker at h.culkin@dorasluimni.org the following are the areas that need assistance:-

- **Welcome Volunteer.** Welcome a family who have recently arrived in Wexford. Help them to feel welcome by sharing your local knowledge and assist them to become familiar with their new area.
- **Kids Summer English and Activity Group Volunteers.** Assist recently arrived children and young people whose first language is not English to get a head start before schools reopen in September.
- **Drop-In Sessions Volunteer.** Help out at our busy drop-in clinics for recently arrived Syrians in the area.
- **Family Advocates** The overall objective of the family advocacy programme is to give additional support to refugee families who have recently arrived.
- **Intercultural Women's/ Men's Group Volunteers and Coordinators.** The Intercultural Women's /Men's Group will meet weekly. The coordinators will be responsible for ongoing support.
- **Health Appointment Helper.** A number of the people we will be working with require ongoing medical treatment. We are seeking volunteers to accompany people to hospital appointments and assist them with getting to their locations.
- **Befriender.** We are seeking volunteers who can commit to visiting a recently arrived family once or twice per week for approximately an hour each time for a minimum of 6 months
- **ESOL Volunteer Tutor for Adults.** Can you spare an hour per week to teach English? One to one or small group tutoring.
- **Job Skills Instructor.** Help job ready English-speaking Syrians advance essential skills, such as interview technique and CV preparation. All materials will be provided.
- **Homework/afterschool club.** We are seeking volunteers to assist in an afterschool club to assist children with their homework and to advance their English proficiency.
- **Youth Club/Activities.** Are you interested mentoring/supporting young people aged 13+ years old. This could involve youth club activities, outings, games etc.
- **Drama, Crafts, Cooking, Dancing, Music, Sport etc.** Do you have a particular skill set, experience or specialism that you would like to involve or share with others?
- **Your idea here!** If you feel you have any other skills which you feel could be useful or have an idea for a creative project which will involve welcoming recently arrived refugees to the area, we would love to hear from you!

ENVIRONMENT

Department of Marine funded projects 2018: A list of schemes for works at harbours and marina's has been submitted to the Department of Marine. Sanction is anticipated for schemes on the list in April and approved schemes will have to be completed before the end of the year.

Illegal Dumping: Additional resources have been approved to tackle illegal dumping with the County. The expanded Rapid Response Crew will be centrally managed but there will be a 2 person crew based in each of the 4 Municipal Districts from April 2018 onwards.

The expanded crew set up will have responsibility for illegal dumping within the 4 Municipal Districts including the towns and also on other County Council lands. Department sanction has been received for the recruitment of staff and this process is underway. The details of the proposal will be presented and discussed with each of the 4 Municipal District

Courtown Harbour Dredging & Repointing Contract: The dredging and repointing contract is due for completion in March. The harbour will then be re-opened for all users including leisure and fishing craft.

COMMUNITY

SICAP: Local Government Audit Services carried out an audit on SICAP for years 2015 and 2016. The official report is expected in early March 2018.

Traveller Interagency Group (TIG): A tender request has issued for Wexford Traveller Interagency Traveller Needs Analysis. It is expected that this project will be completed during the spring of 2018.

Playgrounds: Annual playground inspections took place in January, with required works being carried out in a number of playgrounds across the county.

Healthy Ireland Fund - €100,000 Grant: A meeting of the LCDC Healthy Ireland Sub Group took place in County Hall on Monday 19th February 2018. Progress on all 13 actions was reported on. All 13 actions are being progressed and will be completed within the timelines as dictated by the scheme.

INTERREG – Celtic Routes: A €2m project to encourage visitors to explore lesser known areas of Ireland and Wales has commenced. The Celtic Routes project, backed by €1.6m of EU funds, aims to encourage visitors to explore new areas of Wales and Ireland en route to their final tourist destination. Led by Carmarthenshire County Council, the project will operate across Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion in Wales and Waterford, Wicklow and Wexford in Ireland, with Wexford County Council the lead Council on the Irish side. The project aims to transform less well known areas from transit zones to new touring sites, increasing the time tourists spend in these regions and capitalising on the opportunities to boost local economies.

Wicklow, Wexford & Waterford Blueway Co-Operation Project - – Feasibility Study: Following a recent procurement process, a consultant has been appointed to undertake a feasibility study on behalf of the three counties into a Blueway Co-Operation Project. ILC (Irish Leisure Consultants) have been appointed and are currently undertaking a study into the development requirements and economic potential of a South East Coastal Blueway.

Cultural Companions: Cultural Companions is a cultural network that essentially brings together older people who want to go to arts and cultural events but don't have anyone to go with. It provides the opportunity for older people to meet new people, get out more and enjoy all that Irish arts and culture has to offer. The Arts Office and the Age Friendly Co-Ordinator in the Community Development Section are working on a joint initiative to set this up in Co. Wexford and recently attended an information meeting in Dublin where they got to meet some of the volunteers taking part in this initiative in Dublin. It is hoped to get this set up in Co. Wexford in 2018.

PPN: Wexford PPN is busy planning its County Membership (Plenary) Meeting which takes place on Monday 12th March 6-9pm at Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy. The event will include an Expo, Drop-in Information Sessions and the membership meeting.

Keynote speaker is Tom Enright, Chief Executive. Once again we have linked with Wexford County Council Arts Department, having the Artists for the Creative Communities funding stream Expo at the event and Liz Burns, Arts Officer running a Drop-in Information Session about this scheme.

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Safeguarding Courses (Child Protection): Safeguarding 1: 2 Courses have been completed: total attendance for 2018: 37 participants. Safeguarding 2: 1 Course has been completed: total attendance for 2018 19 participants

Sport Ireland Annual Core Grant: The Sports Partnership has been granted the following grant for 2018 by Sport Ireland.

SPORTS ACTIVE WEXFORD FUNDING ALLOCATION 2018

Breakdown of Allocation

Total Allocation 2018	€159,027
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SECTION 3.1 EXPENDITURE - STAFF SALARY ALLOCATION	
Position	Allocation
Coordinator	€64,388
Administrator	€39,239
CSDO	€25,000
Total Allocation	€128,627

SECTION 3.2 EXPENDITURE – NON STAFF ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION	
Total Allocation	€10,350

SECTION 4 SPORT IRELAND NATIONAL PROGRAMMES, EDUCATION AND TRAINING ALLOCATION	
Safeguarding 1: Basic Awareness	€5,000
Safeguarding 2: Children's Officer Training	€540
Safeguarding 3: Designated Liaison Person	€260
Club Development Grants	€2,000
Operation Transformation Programme	€750
Non SIDO LSP Funding	€2,000
Total Allocation	€10,550

SECTION 5 SPORT IRELAND PROGRAMMES	
Total Allocation	€7,000

SECTION 6 WOMEN IN SPORT	
Total Allocation	€2,500

Parkrun 2018: Sports Active have been publicising the three parkrun's in Wexford especially for Saturday 24th of February as this is the final day of Operation Transformation.

“Get Ireland Swimming”: The Healthy Ireland funding and Swim Ireland Dormant Accounts funding has supported national schools in Wexford with a total of €26,365. Sports Active Wexford supports schools in Wexford to a total of €6,000. This has allowed 1,339 children from primary schools participate in 3 Swimming pools across Wexford in 2018 from January to March. The staffs in the Centres have been provided with training for the programme and training on Teaching Swimming to children with a disability.

Scooch for Mens Sheds: Under the Healthy Ireland funding Sports Active organised a coming together of two local community groups on Wednesday the 21st February when Bridgetown and Taghmon Men's Shed met up in the local GAA hall in Taghmon.

In the hall the men played a game of skooch, similar to bowls, The game itself was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In fact the men themselves asked if it would be possible that maybe once or twice a month all the men's sheds might come together and play each other in a different venue across Wexford.

Sports Chairs: Sports Active has been able to secure funding for 7 Sports Chairs which will be stored in Enniscorthy and used by the Slaneyside Superstars. These chairs will also be available for use by other programmes for people with a disability, schools, or for disability awareness. This has been enabled by both the Funding from the LCDC and CYPSC healthy Ireland funds.

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

Funding of €96,000 has been confirmed for Creative Ireland in Wexford in 2018. The **Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022** for County Wexford is at draft stage and will provide the blueprint for Creative Ireland initiatives in the County in the next 5 years.

ARTS: Bullring Mall, space for new Artists, Creatives and Craft, Wexford County Council has agreed a 3 years lease for 13 units in the Bullring Mall in Wexford Town from 1st March. This will provide subsidised work, display and retail space for artists, craft workers and other creatives. Wexford Arts Centre is contracted to manage this space, overseen by the Arts Office. This will be promoted in March and the plan is to lease these units from 1st April.

Public Art, the New Ross bypass, Per Cent for Art Commission. The Public Art Working Group, art subcommittee of Remco de Fouw, (Artist) Aileen Lambert (Artist) Ruairi O Cuív (Dublin City Public Art officer) and Liz Burns Wexford Arts officer identified 2 potential sites for a permanent public art work. 11 artists were invited by the subcommittee to submit expressions of interest by 2nd February 2018. The panel shortlisted 6 artists to develop a detailed proposal for the site. All six artists are of significant national repute with excellent experience of delivering high quality public art commissions.

County Wexford Arts Plan, 'Advancing the Arts' (2018-2022) will be launched by the Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht Ms Josepha Madigan, T.D. on Monday the 12th March at 11am in County Hall.

Music Generation, the New Music Generation coordinator for Wexford, Katherine Atkinson has been appointed and begins work on 12th March 2018.

Small Arts Festival/Experimental Event Grants, A new arts festival fund was released on January 29th 2018 with a total fund of €20,000. Grants from €1,000 to €3,000 will be awarded. Closing date was 26th February 2018.

Art links, offers Professional development support for emerging and professional artists in the South East Region with Wexford, Carlow and Waterford Arts Offices. 28 applications were received in all art forms. 12 artists were awarded. Total fund available is €20,000.

Bealtaine, South East commission, Wexford artist Alanna O Kelly has been awarded a €20,000 artists award commission by Bealtaine, the national festival for creativity as we age, in partnership with Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny Arts Offices. The artist will make new work exploring the theme of Hospitality and work with local communities in the three counties, in 2018-2019 and curate a final event.

The **Terra Nostra exhibition**, in County Hall opens on Friday 2nd March, 2018. This exhibition explores landscape and the relationship we have to the land. Curated by Karla Sanchez, it will highlight work from the Wexford County Art Collection and from six renowned artists whose practice is heavily influenced by landscape. A public talks & tours programme is included.

Creative Community programme, Artists Panel, 20 artists were selected for this panel across visual arts, literature, music, dance and puppetry/circus skills. Applications from community groups within PPN network to avail of these art forms will be available from 1st March 2018.

LIBRARIES: Gorey Library hosted the launch event for the new Laureate for Irish Fiction, 2018-21. Sebastian Barry was announced as the Laureate for Irish Fiction by President Michael D. Higgins. An audience of approximately 180 people attended, an **Interview with Sebastian Barry, Laureate for Irish Fiction by Playwright Billy Roche**. The event officiated by Leas-Cathaoirleach Barbara Ann Murphy.

Healthy Ireland, a Government-led initiative, is the national strategy to improve health and wellbeing, placing a focus on prevention, individual awareness and keeping people healthy for longer. Public libraries are currently delivering the nationwide Healthy Ireland at your library programme that will showcase libraries as a valuable source within the community for health information. During the month of February eight Healthy Ireland events were held in the five branch libraries.

Wexford Library Service **STEM** programme continued with more than 15 events that celebrated **Engineers Week** in February. Events were focused on creating awareness of the importance of engineering in everyday life and to encourage young people to consider STEM careers.

Enniscorthy and New Ross Libraries provided the locations for two important information meetings in February. The '**Enniscorthy Bypass**', An Illustrated talk was given by Director of Service Eamonn Hore **on Thursday, February 15th in Enniscorthy library. 80 attended. A similar presentation about the new bridge currently being constructed over the river Barrow** was scheduled for New Ross Library on 27th February.

FIRE SERVICE

News: Interviews were held for fire-fighter positions in Wexford, Bunclody and Enniscorthy. The successful candidates will fill the vacancies made by expected retirements over the coming months.

Fire Operations: In January there were 73 incidents including 18 chimney fires, 21 false alarms, 9 domestic fires, and 13 road traffic accidents.

Incident type	Year to date	January
Fires	16	16
Special Services	18	18
Chimney Fires	18	18
False Alarms	21	21

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

Applications Received	Year to date	January
Fire Safety Certificates	5	5
Planning Referrals	26	26

Number of Inspections	Year to date	January
FSA Inspections	12	12

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civic Duties: We covered 3 community duties for February 2018

1. Colour Run, Gorey Town Park, Saturday 10th February.
2. Barrow Head of the River Race, Saturday 17th February.
3. Gorey Community School, Showjumping, Sunday 25th February.

Training Courses

Swift-water Responder Course: The course was held on 3rd and 4th February with 10 volunteers taken part. The classroom element was held in Ardavan HQ while the river element was held at Scarawalsh Bridge.

EFR Training Course: We have 30 volunteers currently completing their EFR – Emergency First Responder Course or re-certifying, they sat their MCQ Exam on the 17th February 2018. The practical skills for the 14 volunteer sitting the EFR for the first time will take place in Roscrea on Saturday 10th March.

FAR – Wexford County Council Staff: Two instructors from Wexford Civil Defence are currently running a FAR (First Aid Responder) course for Wexford County Council Staff. This course replaces the old OFA (Occupational First Aid) course and is run over three days.

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

Swift Water Instructor Recertification

Wexford Civil Defence will send to Instructors to Limerick to complete their Swift Water Instructors re certification with Rescue 3. The course will take place on the Shannon in Limerick on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February.

Any Other Business: Civil Defence Officer attended the launch of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wexford Credit Union on Tuesday 20th February 2018. We will provide first aid cover for the following parades Wexford, Gorey and New Ross.

4. Transportation, Water Services:

COUNTY WEXFORD'S NATIONAL ROADS SCHEMES:

N25 New Ross By-Pass

Progress Update February 2018

The PPP Contract has entered its 3rd year and remains on programme to open in 2019.

Construction of the Barrow Bridge continues to progress. On the Kilkenny side the central deck of spans 1 & 2 are complete and the cantilevered deck edge sections are progressing. The central deck for Span 3.1 is complete and steel fixing is continuing for span 3.2. On the Wexford side the head of pier 4 (central river pier on main spans) is complete and the form traveller is being assembled (see photo 3 below).

The form travellers allow the bridge deck to be launched incrementally from the each side of the piers with a traveller moving along in each direction in tandem to construct the deck on both sides of the pier while maintaining equilibrium. Temporary piers provide additional support and balance during this operation. Support falsework is also being assembled and erected for the construction of the approach spans on the Wexford side.

Earthworks operations are approx. 90% complete across the site. Pavement foundation works are progressing on the mainline and pavement (blacktop) layers have commenced at Camlin and the R733 Junction. Drainage works are also progressing across the site and are estimated to be approx. 60% complete. Works are also progressing on Glenmore & Ballymacar roundabouts on the N25 with temporary diversions and traffic management in place.

A road closure and diversion route for the L-8142 Arnestown Road is in place until early April to facilitate the completion of the Arnestown Road Overbridge and realignment. It is intended that the works will be completed and road re-opened earlier than scheduled in order to minimise disruption to road users and residents. A road closure on the L-8144 Lacken South remains in place to facilitate the completion of the associated overbridge and realignment. Realignment works on the R733 Campile Road will require temporary traffic management for a period over the coming months and the completion of Corcoran's Cross Roundabout later this year will require temporary traffic management on the N30 and L-4003 Knockroe Road.

The current temporary diversion and statutory 60km/h speed limit will continue to operate on the N25 Wexford Road at Ballymacar until October. At that stage the roundabout will be fully complete and opened to the current traffic network (i.e. both Bypass arms will remain closed).

The next phase of traffic management at N25 Glenmore became operational in the first weekend of February. Traffic was switched to the opposite side of the roundabout to facilitate completion of the other side of the roundabout. It is anticipated that the roundabout will be complete by May. The N25 climbing lane is closed and a new ghost island junction to the new Ballyverneen Link Road is operational. The L-7513 Ballyverneen Road is also closed for realignment works and a diversion route is in operation.

Monitoring, maintenance and emergency regimes continue to be operated as necessary on public roads at interfaces with the site to ensure that road surfaces, temporary management systems etc. continue to operate as required.

The eight quarterly project newsletter will be published before Easter, and the project website www.n25newcross.ie continues to provide progress updates as well as information on traffic management and road works, and also provides contact details for the project. Further project videos were released by Wexford County Council before Christmas and in early February. Further videos will be released periodically in 2018. A 24 telephone hotline is also operational to deal with any queries or complaints from the public. The number is 1800 815672, and this number has been posted on both the newsletter and website. The Project Liaison Office will continue to liaise and consult with all landowners and other interested parties for the duration of the project.



1. Pavement and kerbing works for next phase of traffic management at Glenmore Roundabout (now open to traffic).



2. Barrow Bridge at Pink Rock – central deck complete for spans 1 & 2 in foreground with wing traveller in place for construction of deck edge sections. Support falsework still in place for span 3.



3. Barrow Bridge – Pier head for Pier 4 complete with form traveller under assembly. Temporary pier in front of pier 4.



4. Barrow Bridge – view from span 3 across river, support falsework either side of pier awaiting deck.



5. R733 Junction – Pavement foundations and kerbing on slip roads and blacktop on mainline (R733 running under mainline).



6. L-8142 Arnestown Road Realignment & Overbridge – road now closed and diversion route to left/bottom open.

1. M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme update

Program

The contractor has 87% of their certified design issued for construction and is on target in their overall program for construction. As of January 2018 the program is on schedule and the M11, N30 and N80 will be opened 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 December 2016	Progress Reported in December 2017	Progress Reported in January 2018	Progress Reported in February 2018
Site Clearance	96%	98%	98%	98%
Fencing	85%	86%	86%	86%
Drainage & Service Ducts	7%	30%	32%	35%
Earthworks	23%	75%	75%	76%
Structures – main Bridges		56%	58%	60%
Structures – Culverts	29%	96%	97%	98%
Structures – Access Structures	12%	84%	85%	86%
Accommodation Works	6%	8%	8%	8%
Kerbs Footways & Paved Areas			4%	4%
Safety Barrier				2%

Earthworks:-

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

Bulk Cut to Fill as reported to the end of December 2017 was 1,700,000m³

Bulk Cut to Fill for January 2018 was 16,592m³.

Blasting

All blasting has been completed on site and any remaining rock will be removed by excavation.

Ongoing repairs and monitoring of local roads

Wexford County Council are undertaking joint inspections with the contractor on local and regional roads that are being used to bring materials to site. Any defects arising from this inspection is being addressed by the contractor.

Newsletter

The Newsletter for Q1 of 2018 is currently being printed and will be distributed to local shops and community centres to keep members of the public informed of the project. The N11 website WWW.m11gtoe.ie is updated on a monthly basis providing information on blasting and road closures and traffic management.

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

Drone Survey

The drone survey for 2018 has commenced and once complete will be uploaded on to Wexford County Councils web site.

Applications submitted to WCC from the PPP:

Road Closure Applications

Road	Closure Date	Duration (months)	Opening Date
M11-S11, L5092, Corbally Road	05/02/18	7	07/09/18
M11-S13, L6055, Drumgold Road	31/10/17	7	11/5/18
M11-S15, L6048, Glenteige Road	31/10/17	5	06/03/18
N30-S1, L2015, Coolnahorna	2/8/17	6	23/2/18
N30-S2, L2014, Ballyorrlil	2/1/18	2	9/3/18
N30-S5, L2030, Bessmount Road	16/1/18	3.5	27/4/18
N30-S8, L2049, Dunsinane Road	05/02/18	8	05/10/18

- Road closures will not be granted by Wexford County Council for the R702 and the R744 for the construction of the mainline. Minor closure for connecting in of the new road to the existing road may be granted.

2018 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Allocation:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland has provided funding for the following schemes.

N25 New Ross By-Pass Residual Network

N25 Oaklands Roundabout

Works commenced on 3rd. January and are due to be completed by early June.

N30/ R700 Roundabout

Tramore House Regional Design Office is working on the contract documents. This scheme should be tendered in April/May.

N11 Kyle Upper Pavement Scheme

The tender return date was 15th. February. The tender assessment was carried out in February. This scheme should commence mid to late March and should be completed by mid May.

N11 Killeen to Newtown

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.

N30 Mountelliot

Fwd testing was carried out last week. Topographical survey works to be carried out in March.

This scheme should be tendered in May/June.

N30 Enniscorthy Southern Approach

Fwd testing was carried out last week. Topographical survey works to be carried out in April. This scheme should be tendered in June.

2018 HD28 Pavement Works

TII will be forwarding the list of locations in March. It is hoped to tender these works in July and complete the works by October.

2017/2018 Barrier Repair Contract

The contractor has completed has completed repairs on the N25 at Drinagh, N11 at Ballinastraw and Ballynalough. Further works will be goin a head at the following locations;

N25 Ring Road, Clonard, Wexford

N80 Bunclody

N80 Clohamon

N25 Begerin.

2017 HD28 Pavement Works – Contract 1

This contract is substantially completed. The remainder of the contract will be completed in March subject to suitable weather conditions.

N11 Glentigue

N11 Edermine

N11 Baylands

2017 HD28 Pavement Works – Contract 2

Works will commence in March subject to suitable weather conditions.

N11 Clogh Roundabout

N25 Ashfield Cross Roundabout

N25 Whitford Roundabout

Winter Maintenance

The 2017/2018 winter maintenance programme commenced on Monday 16th. October. There have been 54 no. call outs up to 26th. February 2018.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Improvement Works

Works on New Ross Flood Relief Scheme almost complete.

Construction work on Oaklands Roundabout (New Ross District) ongoing.

Strengthening

Strengthening programme commenced in the Gorey District on February 19.

Roads completed in the last month: Seaview (Gorey District).

Local Improvement Schemes

Completion of 2017 Local Improvement Schemes in the New Ross District

General Maintenance

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

A. Irish Water – Asset Management

Irish Water Capital Schemes

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

The WWTP is to be extended to cater for a PE of 26,000, an increase of 10,000 PE from the existing 16,000 PE. The DBO contract was signed on the 10th April, 2017. Ward & Burke are the contractors and have commenced on site. J.B. Barry are the Consulting Engineers. Works are progressing on target with programme.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Gorey RWSS will be upgraded and a new 8 MI/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. Negotiations for wayleaves ongoing with landowners and CPO will be served in January, 2018. Draft tender documents are ready and currently under review.

IW Asset Management: Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS)

Aecom has been appointed to design a waste water treatment plant for the villages of Arthurstown, Ballyhack and Duncannon. These designs are currently underway. A Scheme for Kilmore Quay is also currently being designed. These have progressed from the Untreated Agglomeration Study (UTAS) to identify areas of the highest priority requiring treatment. Detailed design works are underway. Land owner engagement has started and site investigation works are due to commence in March, 2018.

IW Asset Management: Wexford Town Watermain Rehab and Gas Network

Site Investigation works are complete for gas and water main installation around Wexford town. There are two areas of common gas / water mains to be laid. 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.

New Ross Sewerage Scheme – Irishtown to Nunnery Lane Sewers

The majority of the works are now complete, with the new sewers tested and live. Reinstatement works are still to be completed.

IW Asset Management: Water Conservation Stage 3– Watermain Rehabilitation Phase 2 (Direct Labour Crew)

Works to the Gorey section are 60% complete. Bridgetown will commence in early Summer 2018. IW are funding this project for €2m for 9KM of pipeline rehabilitation.

Ferns Upgrade – Capital Investment Plan

Atkins have been appointed to carry out preliminary design works for an upgrade to Ferns waste water treatment system.

5. Finance:

Audit Committee

The next meeting of the Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7th March 2018.

Annual Financial Statement 2017

Work has commenced on the preparation of the 2017 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.

Borrowing Programme 2018

The borrowing programme for 2018 as approved by members at the February meeting has now been submitted to the DHPLG for ministerial sanction and a response is awaited

Capital Programme 2018 – 2020

A draft of the 2018 – 2020 Capital Programme included on the agenda for consideration and approval of members. The programme contains a list of proposed major capital projects to be progressed over the next three years and the estimated spend on the projects during that time. The programme assumes funding will be in place through the sources available to the council which are borrowing, planning levies, and internal reserve funding.

Where funding does not materialise projects cannot be progressed and alternatively where additional funding becomes available during the term of the programme these projects. A introductory note to the programme sets out the basis for the programme as presented.

Finance Report – Qtr 4 2017

The Q4 financial report has been circulated and provides a provisional position in relation to the 2017 financial performance. Preliminary figures indicate a surplus of €420k on the Revenue Account for the year which would make 2017 the fourth consecutive year to report a surplus. As there is still work to be completed on the end of year transactions this is subject to change and a more detailed report on the 2017 financial performance will be presented to members once the final accounts for 2016 are complete.

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 will expire on 31st December, 2018.

**Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.**