



Chief Executive's Report

September 2018

1.Economic Development & Planning:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Investor Event, NDRC @ ArcLabs: NDRC at ArcLabs Investor Showcase took place on July 26th in Waterford with nine companies pitching to a panel of investors in sectors ranging from retail software to e-sports and property technology to events planning. The accelerator is funded via Enterprise Ireland along with the 5 local authorities in the southeast.

The judges on the day were Ben Hurley, CEO NDRC; Sarita Johnson, Enterprise Ireland; Cormac Coade, SEBAN; Finn Murphy, Frontline Ventures; and Niamh Sterling, HBAN.

Celtic Woman in Concert: Celtic Woman will host two shows in Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford in September 2018. This event is hosted by Celtic Woman, supported by Teagasc and Wexford County Council. The shows will be filmed as part of a TV special, which will be used to promote the *Celtic Woman 2019* concert series across the US and will regularly feature on the US TV channel, PBS. This is a wonderful opportunity to feature Wexford to an overseas audience and will help build Johnstown Castle and Wexford's reputation as a 'must see' location in Ireland.

South East Radio Hospitality Awards 2018: The South East Radio Hospitality Awards supported by Wexford County Council seek to recognise and reward excellence in service, quality, value, experience, creativity and innovation in the Hotel, Restaurant, Pub, Café, Night Club, Live Music Venue, Leisure Activity and Tourist Attraction sectors.

South East Radio listeners, through an extensive radio advertising campaign, were invited to vote for their favourite venue from a list of award categories.

Once voting concluded on July 20th at 12 noon, the top 3-5 venues in each category will receive a visit from one of our esteemed judging panel to select the overall category winner. The winners will be announced on 17th of September, at a Gala Ball in The Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey. See www.hospitalityawards.ie for further details.

New Ross & District Chamber Business Awards 2018: The launch of the 2018 New Ross & District, Business & Community Awards took place on July 27th at Creacon Wellness Retreat, attended by a large group of business people and community representatives. Now in their eleventh year, the awards are firmly established, attracting over 75 entries in 2017. They provide business and community groups in the town and district an opportunity to share their inspiring stories and showcase achievements.

This year, a total of 13 award categories were announced. These include some firm favourites such as "Best New Start Up Award", "Small Business of the Year Award",

“Community & Social Enterprise Award”, “Professional Services Award”, “Social Media Award” and “New Ross & District Person of the Year Award.”

Supported by Wexford County Council, the winners will be announced at a gala reception in the Brandon House Hotel on Saturday October 20th 2018.

Applications are being accepted until 14th September 2018 . See here for further details: <https://newrosschamber.ie/chamber-business-community-awards-2018-now-open-for-entries/>

Wexford Chamber Business Summit 2018: Wexford Chamber in association with Wexford County Council, sponsored by Zurich and in partnership with The Sunday Business Post, LEO Wexford, EPA and South East BIC will host the **Wexford Business Summit, on 3rd October 2018, 9am-2pm** in Wexford County Council building, Carricklawn, Wexford.

This year’s WexBizSummit is taking an interactive approach that focuses simultaneously on helping you directly expand your business opportunities and improve bottom line performance.

As well as a Meet the Buyer event, speakers on the day will include:

- 30 years of mischief, mistakes and things they don’t teach you in marketing school” -Paddy Power
- Understanding the secrets to engaging online advertising & analysing your data -Google Garage
- How being Green gives us a winning edge! – Flahavans

Visit www.wexfordchamber.ie for more details.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) TEAM



It’s back-to-school time for everyone!

Check out our new Autumn Training Programme: Our new suite of courses and clinics for small businesses has just gone live on our website. See the full list of courses <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Wexford/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Our courses, workshops and clinics cover a wide range of subjects including social media for businesses, book-keeping, how to start a business, PR clinics, ‘Train the Trainer’, selling skills, Brexit, tendering and much more.

We heavily subsidise our training programme too so as a participant on any of our courses, SMEs get access to the best business trainers and consultants in the county for a very reasonable price.



New RD&I and Agile Innovation Fund - Promotional Event 27th September Maldron Hotel:
New RD&I and Agile Innovation Fund are now open to Local Enterprise Office clients. The

Agile Innovation Fund in particular is targeted at smaller businesses with shorter product life cycles that need to develop products rapidly. The fund can be accessed for areas such as prototype development, consultancy services and staff salaries. It also presents an opportunity to help businesses innovate and respond to challenges for their businesses associated with Brexit. Enterprise Ireland will do an initial assessment based on a 2 page online proposal to look at eligibility before the promoter submits the full application. Funding for this initiative is outside the normal budgets for grant aid allocated to the individual LEOs.



A key benefit of this funding is that applications can be considered from businesses with more than 10 employees and Agile funding is up to €150K.

To help promote this new funding available to SMEs; an information event will take place in Wexford on the 27th September in the Maldron Hotel, Wexford.

Wexford Company gets 'ploughing-ready' thanks to Local Enterprise Office:
The National Ploughing Championships, Europe's largest outdoor event, returns to Offaly from September 18th – 20th, and D-Plant Horticulture is getting 'ploughing-ready' thanks to Local Enterprise Office Wexford.

At the 'Local Enterprise Village' at the Ploughing Championships this year, Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) are helping 30 small businesses launch products and services to the thousands of visitors expected at the three-day event. 291,500 people, a record-breaking number, attended the National Ploughing Championships last year and Wexford will be represented in September by D-Plant Horticulture from Enniscorthy.

Local Enterprise Offices: Making a Nationwide Impact: The 2017 Local Enterprise Office Impact Report has just been published over the summer and highlights the breadth of job creation, enterprise support and training that is being delivered by Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) across the country.

To download a copy of the 2017 LEO Impact Report, go to www.localenterprise.ie/

The Local Enterprise Offices are operated on a partnership basis by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authorities with funding for LEO initiatives and programmes coming from the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

The Impact Report details the key results and initiatives of the Local Enterprise Offices in 2017, which included the creation of 3,760 jobs (net) across 7,182 LEO-supported companies. These new jobs brought the total number of people employed by Local Enterprise Office-supported clients in 2017 to 37,485.

The report also shows that the Local Enterprise Offices approved €16.6 million in direct financial assistance for 1,131 business projects nationwide, while the 31 LEOs trained over 30,000 people to help them start or grow their businesses last year.

BUCANIER (Building Clusters and Networks in Innovation Enterprise and Research): July / August has seen the approval and sign up of 20 SME's between the Carlow and Wexford partners:

Gluten Free Kitchen Company	Food & Drink	Kerry
Mount Leinster Distillers	Food & Drink	Carlow
Malone Fruit Farm	Food & Drink	Carlow



Gaelic Fruit Farm	Food & Drink	Carlow
Celtic Cricket Farm	Food & Drink	Carlow
Irish Mussel Seed Co	Food & Drink	Wicklow
Macamore Buffalo	Food & Drink	Wexford
Trudies Kitchen	Food & Drink	Wexford
Drew Fox Brewing	Food & Drink	Wexford
Meadowfield Farm	Food & Drink	Wexford
Wexford Preserves	Food & Drink	Wexford
SystemE	Life Sciences	Carlow
Manger's Farm	Food & Drink	Tipperary
BT Wines	Food & Drink	Cork
PRR Healthcare	Life Sciences	Tipperary

NicAngles Candles	Direct Manufacturing	Carlow
Dudes Foods	Food & Drink	Kerry
The Joneses	Life Sciences	Tipperary
Wicklow Farmhouse Cheese	Food & Drink	Wicklow
Prodomo Ireland	Renewables	Kerry
Waterpower	Renewables	Cork

Key project milestones for June/July/August 2018:

- Kerry LEO in conjunction with Taste Kerry and WCC to hold a BUCANIER information session in Killarney on 15th June.
- A sign-up session to be held in the Hatch Lab in Gorey for Wexford SME's on 20th June
- Meeting held with Irish Senior Project Officers on the 20th July to approve project Participants and agree next steps.
- Mentors assigned for half day session to all 20 participants to complete a BUCANIER action plan.
- Project Officers attended Energy in Agriculture Event at Gurteen College to look at recruiting renewables SME's.
- A new Project Officer appointed for Carlow IT – Antoinette Jordan

Planned Project Milestones for September:

- 6 more SME's to be presented to Senior Officers for approval
- Full Project Offices meeting to be held via VC on the 30th of August
- Project Officer to attend Food & Drink expo on the 5th of September
- BUCANIER to join EU stand at the Ploughing Championships
- 1st networking event for BUCANIER participants to be held in Waterford on Monday 24th of September

PLANNING:

Planning Applications:

No. of valid applications received up to 22/08/2018 962

No. of pre planning requests up to 22/08/2018 504

Forward Planning:



Socio-Economic Profiles – AIRO 2018: On the 11th of June 2018, Councillor John Hegarty, launched a series of Socio-Economic Profiles, prepared by All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) 11th of June 2018. They are comprised of a series of reports based on six socio-economic themes:

- Employment, Industry and Occupation
- Commuting Flows
- Demographics – Population, Nationality and Pobal HP Deprivation Index
- Education and Field of Study
- Health and Disability
- Housing

The reports are primarily based on Census 2016 information and provide very useful information and statistics on a range of topics including who we are (demographics), where we live and the type of housing we live in (housing), our education levels and what we work at and where we work (employment & commuting). The reports provide comparisons to other counties in the South-East, the Southern region and the State. The information is also displayed on maps to show the geographic spread of trends. The reports allow us to compare how things have changed since the first Socio-economic Report on the county was prepared by AIRO in 2015.

Review of the Wexford County Development Plan 2013 - 2019 and the Preparation of New County Development Plan: Following the publication of the National Planning Framework (N.P.F.) each region is now required to develop and adopt a Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (R.S.E.S.) and all County Development Plans must be consistent with the R.S.E.S. when adopted.

In order to allow each county to align the timeframe for their statutory plans with the relevant R.S.E.S., the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2018 has been enacted and contains a provision that requires Planning Authorities to pause the statutory review process where it is in progress or to vary adopted plans immediately following adoption of the relevant R.S.E.S.

Taking the above into account, the statutory process for preparing the CDP (and consequently the Wexford Town, Enniscorthy Town and New Ross Town Local Area Plans) has paused pending the adoption of the R.S.E.S.

Notwithstanding the temporary suspension of the statutory process the Forward Planning team are continuing to work on the preparation of the plan and the associated strategies.

Work is well advanced on the Retail Strategy. As part of the Retail Strategy, Future Analytics have carried out retail floor space surveys, household surveys, shopper surveys, pedestrian counts, Health Checks and Stakeholder meetings in the four main towns. Work is also well advanced on the Housing Strategy for the County. Other items completed include updated flood mapping of the County and screening for the purposes of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Directives. Baseline reports are being prepared for both at present.

Building Control:

Commencement Notices: A total of 321 valid commencement notices have been submitted up to 25th August 2018 on the BCMS.

Wexford	104	Gorey	95
Enniscorthy	70	New Ross	52

Taking in Charge: We have a number of estates that are currently at different stages of the Taking in Charge process. Five estates are proceeding to the public consultation stage on the 28th August 2018. These estates are:-

- Harbour View, Duncannon
- Cromwellsfort Grove
- Cromwellsfort Drive
- Cromwellsfort Heights
- Fern Hill Close, Killinick

The latest date for the receipt of written objections/representations is 4.00 pm on 15th October 2018.

8 estates have been taken in charge to date in 2018. Sixteen estates have progressed through the public consultation stage and reports are being prepared to send to the relevant Municipal District meeting for the formal taking in charge in September. These estates are:

Gorey Municipal District

- The Paddocks, Gorey, Phase 1
- Oakwood, Ramstown Lower
- Beachside, Courtown (Phase 1 & 2)
- An Bruach, Kilanerin
- Annesley Court, Camolin
- Millfield, Ballycanew
- Abbey Court, Ferns

Wexford Municipal District

- Ard A Bhelach, Starvehall
- Beechfield Manor, Screen
- Ravenwood, Glynn
- Port na bPucai, Kilmore
- Sallyville Close, Rosslare
- Brooklyn Court Castletown

Enniscorthy Municipal District

- Gleann na gCaor, Monagear
- Willow Bank, Blackwater

New Ross Municipal District

- O'Rahilly View, Gusseranne

Works in Progress

Sandy Lane, Rosslare: A contractor has been appointed to carry out works in Sandy Lane, Rosslare to bring the estate up to a standard for taking in charge.

Annesley Court, Camolin: Remedial works are being carried out in Annesley Court, Camolin to bring the estate up to a standard for taking 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	29
Notices issued under Sanitary Services Act 1964	5
Notices issued under Section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015	3

Planning Enforcement: The number of planning enforcement cases as at 22/08/18 is as follows:

- Cases Opened 3
- Live Cases 354
- Cases Closed 29

District Court Cases: 8 planning enforcement cases were listed in the District Courts during July 2018.

Gorey: 1 listed for disposal, 3 for mention

Wexford: 3 listed for hearing, 1 for disposal

Gorey:

- Enforcement case 0005/2016 relating to unauthorised caravans and container was adjourned until 14th Nov 2018 for hearing.
- Enforcement case 0005/2017 relating to unauthorised advertising signs was struck out following payment of costs by the defendant.
- Enforcement case 0043/2016 relating to change of use of open space was adjourned to 11th Oct 2018 for disposal as a guilty plea was entered by the defendants.
- Enforcement case 0070/2013 relating to non compliance with conditions of planning permission was adjourned pending decision on a new planning application submitted to comply with enforcement notice.

Wexford:

- Enforcement case 0061/2015 relating to unauthorised workshop and container was adjourned for disposal on 24th Sept, 2018 to allow defendant to seek legal representation.
- Enforcement case 0147/2016 relating to the removal of a wall was adjourned to 22nd Oct 2018 to allow sufficient time to hear the court case.
- Enforcement case 0167/2016 relating to unauthorised storage of vehicles and non compliance with planning permission was adjourned to 24th Sept, 2018 to allow the defendant to remove vehicles from the property.
- Enforcement case 0050/2017 relating to unauthorised trailer parking area was adjourned to 24th Sept, 2018 following the removal of the trailers and the parking area.

Access Section: Disability Access Certificates (DACs): The number of DAC applications, validated for the period from 01/01/2018 up to and including 23/08/2018, totals 60.

Projects: Make Way Day - 26th September: (As adopted at the June Council Meeting)

It is hoped this event will take place in each of the Municipal Districts. The aim is to



have two hours on the morning of the 26th of September in each town dedicated to 'sticker' obstacles on footpaths.

The 'sticker' is carried out by members of local disability groups and advocates during which 'snip bits' of videos/photos of the groups in action will take place to support social media and press coverage. Items on which stickers will be placed are:

- Parked Vehicles
- Wheelie Bins
- Bikes chained to poles/railings
- Overgrown planting/flower pots
- A-Boards-Sandwich Boards
- Beer Kegs

Two key areas to finalise the strategy for the event remain outstanding:

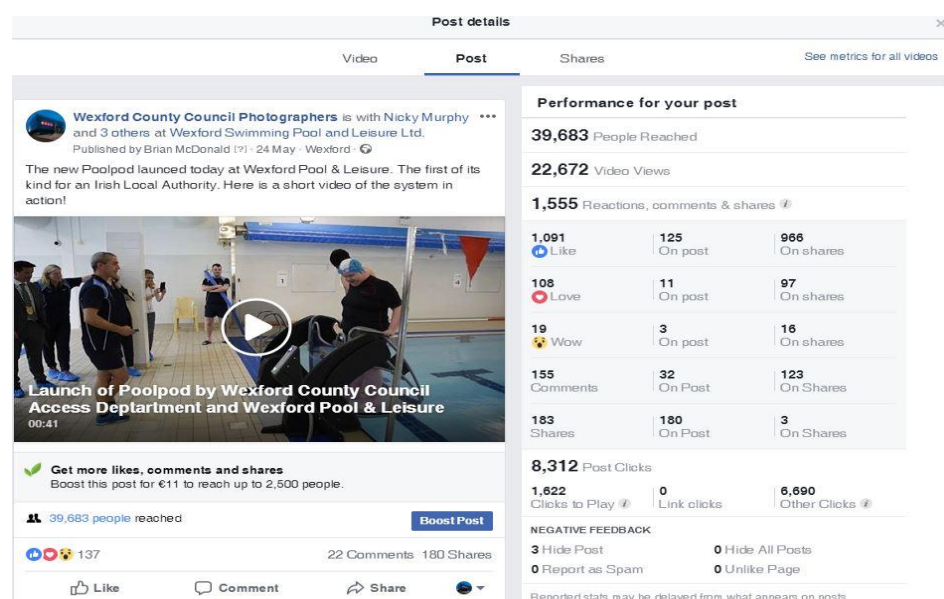
1. Disability group engagement for each Municipal District
2. A Wexford County Council Communication/Media strategy for the event

The DFI have provided clear instructions on how the event is to run in order for it to be included and reported on at a National Level.

Changing Places/Poolpod: A huge amount of positive feedback has been received following the launch of the Changing Places Facility at the Irish National Heritage Park and the Poolpod at Wexford Swimming Pool and Leisure.

A Brief Summary of Facebook results for the Poolpod which highlight the value of communicating events via social media platforms:

- 39,683 people reached (saw the post on Facebook Newsfeed)
- 22, 672 video views
- 1,555 reactions, comments and shares
- 8,312 post clicks



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. Detailed design and contract documents have been completed and the tender for construction was initially advertised on Dec 19th 2017. Following a detailed tender assessment process, the preferred tender was withdrawn and the contract was re-tendered. A preferred tenderer has been selected and contract award is imminent. Works are expected to commence on site in September 2018.

Wexford Quays – Economic and Spatial Strategy: Architects Scott Tallon Walker have now submitted their final stage 2B report on the Economic Development and Spatial Implementation Plan for the Wexford Quay front.

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 have been appointed to prepare a master plan, environmental studies, preliminary designs and the related planning and foreshore applications for the development. The draft master plan is due for completion by end of June 2018. Environmental Impact assessment processes have commenced and are planned for completion by September 2018. An application to An Bord Pleanála is due to be submitted in October 2018. The Council intends to make the proposed Master Plan available for viewing by the public through a non-statutory consultation process on September 5th 2018.

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 waterfront. Preparation of Part VIII approval documents is complete and will issue for public consultation on 28th August 2018. Works are expected to commence on site in January 2019.

Templeshannon Regeneration, Enniscorthy: The launch of the Regeneration strategy took place in Templeshannon in February. Identifying the requirements for land-take and planning for the pedestrian bridge and streetscape works commenced in April 2018. Drawings for public consultation for the streetscape works are being prepared and will go on display in September 2018. Consultants will be appointed to prepare preliminary designs, environmental studies and planning documents for the pedestrian bridge in November and a planning application for the bridge will be advertised in January / February 2018.

Enniscorthy Technology Park, Killagoley: Reddy Architecture + Urbanism have developed the master plan and a Part VIII planning application was lodged on 13th February 2018. A planning report was prepared and issued to the members at the May meeting and Part VIII consent granted by Council. Following a public tender process, the contract for Phase 1 development works was awarded to Niall Barry and Co. Ltd. Works commenced on site on 13th August 2018 and are expected to complete in February 2019.

New Ross Business Park: Following a pre-qualification process, final tender documents for a negotiated procurement procedure were issued to the two qualified candidates on 13th June 2018 with a closing date for final submissions of 26th July 2018. The project has now entered the negotiation process.

Gorey Market House: A Part VIII planning application for re-development of the Market House into a multi-purpose performance / exhibition / retail space was passed at the May Council Meeting 2018. The invitation to tender for development proposals from parties interested in partnering with the Council on the project closed on 18/05/2018 and tender submissions received are currently being evaluated and assessed.

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 has prepared 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. Appointment of design services consultants will be completed by August/September 2018 with construction planned to commence in Q2-2019. It is envisaged that works will be completed by Q1-2020.

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 procuring services to prepare a feasibility study to develop and implement a major plan to develop Enniscorthy as a long term, sustainable tourism destination. The procurement process is now complete and a contract is currently being awarded to the winning tenderer. An application for funding to Failte Ireland is planned for Q1 2019.

Greenways:

Rosslare to Waterford City Greenway.

Wexford County Council has procured services to examine the feasibility of developing a greenway from Rosslare Harbour to Waterford City. The study will review route options for the greenway, including the use of the rail corridor from Rosslare Strand to Waterford, prepare baseline environmental studies and prepare and submit planning applications over the next 12 months. The project is running to schedule with the familiarisation report now complete and the initial environmental studies and investigative works in progress. Draft route selection reports and environmental screening documents are now complete.

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 Part VIII planning application was advertised for public consultation on 22nd May 2018. Three submissions were received by the 17th July 2018

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. 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. The brief for services has been completed. Agreement to proceed to procurement prior to the publication of the national Strategy for Greenways is currently under review.

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

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

Construction Complete

- **2 Special Needs Houses in Oilgate** – Houses completed May 2018

Under Construction

- **8 houses in Cherry Orchard, Enniscorthy** – Under construction, almost complete.
- **2 houses in Cois Mara, Rosslare** – Cert of substantial completion Sept 2018
- **9 houses in Baile Eoghain, Gorey** – Under construction 7 to be completed by the end of September the remainder later, on programme to complete in 2018.
- **1 house at Ross Road Enniscorthy** – Contracts signed, commenced on site in August 2018.
- **10 Houses in Creagh, Gorey** – Under construction, due to complete in March 2019.
- **10 Houses in Danescastle** – Commenced construction in July 2018.
- **10 Houses at Slippery Green, Wexford** – Under construction (*see photo*), commenced on site April 2018 due to complete in April 2019.



Stage 4

- **1 TAP house in Castlemoyle** – Tender in September 2018.
- **7 Houses in Coolcotts** – Tenders received, going to construction in September, 2018.
- **1 House in Castlemoyle for Special Needs** – Stage 3 approved, gone to tender in August 2018.

Stage 3

- **1 house at Ballynaboola** - Stage 3 approved. Costs have been reduced and a new planning permission was lodged.
- **18 houses in Taghmon** – Stage 3 approved tender September 2018.
- **6 units at The Ballagh** – Stage 3 approved in August, 2018, tender September 2018.

Stage 2

- **45 Housing Units at Whiterock Hill, Wexford** – Stage 2 approved on 26th April 2018. Stage 3 progressing.

Stage 1

- **14 Houses in Carricklawn** – Stage 1 in June 2017, on hold. Problems with title to be rectified by land owner before purchase is finalised.
- **3 units in Ballyhine** – Not approved by members, a new scheme will be proposed for this site.
- **11 units in Ballywish** – Stage 1 approved, submit Stage 2 in September 2018.
- **34 units at Kileens, Wexford** – Stage 1 approved on 21st March, 2018, Stage 2 Q4 2018.
- **43 units at Rosetown, Rosslare** – Stage 1 approved on 21st March, 2018 enabling works consultant tenders received. Enabling site works 2018, houses to be tendered in 2019.
- **17 units at Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy** – Stage 1 approved on 23rd March 2018 awaiting CPO.
- **12 units for Women's Refuge** – Appointment of an integrated design team has been completed.
- **12 units at Creagh, Gorey** – Stage 1 approved on 13th June, 2018.

Pre-development Stage

We are working on another **109** units preparing feasibility studies prior to the Stage 1 application. These include the following larger projects:-

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| • Daphne View, Enniscorthy | 24 |
| • Castlemoyle, New Ross (<i>Land Aggregation Scheme</i>) | 40 (<i>phase 1</i>) |
| • Rosbercon, New Ross | 22 |
| • Marconi Park, Enniscorthy | 1 |
| • 5 Francis Street | 1 |
| • Wexford Street, Gorey | 21 |

Longer Term Projects

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| • Clonard, Wexford | 26 |
| • Adamstown (<i>no services capacity</i>) | 16 |

Refugee Resettlement Programme: To date 196 of the allocation of 210 persons have been resettled in Co. Wexford. The remaining 3 families will arrive in the coming weeks. One of the Wexford families was invited to attend the function in Dublin Castle on the occasion of the Pope's visit to Ireland



ENVIRONMENT

DAFM Piers and Harbours Improvement Programme: Wexford County Council will spend over €300,000 on Fishery Harbour and Marine Leisure minor improvements and repairs in the following Harbours/Piers - Courtown, Duncannon, Fethard-on-Sea and Kilmore Quay. The cost will be 75% funded through the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Fishery Harbour & Marine Leisure improvement Programme. The works will be completed by the end of November 2018.

Beaches: Having secured 7 Beach Blue Flags – Ballymoney North, Ballinesker, Carne, Courtown, Morriscastle, Rosslare Strand and Curracloe (white Gap) and 2 Blue flags for Marinas at Kilmore Quay and New Ross for 2018, Environment Section has been very busy with beaches given the best summer for many years. The Council employ over 30 Beach Lifeguards and around 20 Beach Litter Patrol staff together with support from the Municipal Districts' outdoor staff and the Council's Environmental Clean-up crew the Council work very hard to keep beaches in good order for visitors during the summer season. The Blue Flag is a demanding standard requiring excellent water quality, good facilities, good beach information and activities and good beach management such as litter control etc. The Council were also awarded 8 Green Coast Flags for smaller more rural beaches. Environment Wardens carried out beach patrols including weekends throughout the summer season.

Environment Education & Awareness Activities: The Curracloe Nature Trail was in operation for the months of July and August with tours several times a day from Wednesday through to Sunday each week.

The annual Environment Artwork Awards took place in late June as part of the Keep Wexford Beautiful Competition. 1,189 entries were received from 35 schools. The winning entries were exhibited in County Hall during July.

The Council in conjunction with South Eastern Counties launched a character naming competition for a young school girl that is the main character in a cartoon cinema advertisement to help prevent food waste. The character was named SAL (save all leftovers) and will feature in the future advertising of the Food Waste Prevention Campaign.

Judging is underway for the Keep Wexford Beautiful competition for Town/Villages/Estates and Community Groups. Winners will be announced at the Environment Awards to be held in November. The Gum Litter Campaign for 2018 was launched in Wexford Town on 6th July, 2018.

Waste Management: The Draft Wexford County Council (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2018 are currently on public display until Friday 5th October, 2018. Submissions can be made to the Environment Section of Wexford County Council or to environment@wexfordcoco.ie before Friday 12th October, 2018.

The draft Bye-Laws provide for measures in relation to the presentation of kerbside household and commercial waste, preventing contamination of recyclable waste and food waste. Provision is made for fines of €75 for anyone who cannot demonstrate that they are availing of a legitimate waste management collection service or alternative authorised arrangement.

As part of an anti-dumping initiative, Wexford County Council held special collections for old mattresses at Gorey and New Ross Household Recycling centres. 736 mattresses were collected during the 2 special days in July, proving this to be a popular initiative.

Environment Section is currently piloting a new customer complaint system in conjunction with IT and the new Customer Services Section.

COMMUNITY

Three Counties Blueway: A feasibility report has been completed by the appointed consultants. The report has identified possible coastal sites for inclusion in the proposed Blueway. It has concluded that there is much potential for a south-east coastal Blueway. It is intended to present this report and recommendations at the October Council meeting.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018: Wexford County Council received 27 expressions of Interest (EOIs) from town/village groups who had a suitable project for consideration under the scheme. All expressions of interest have now been assessed and the 12 successful EOIs listed below are now being developed into full applications which were lodged with the Department at the end of June.

District	Village Covered	Provisional Amount	Synopsis
Enniscorthy	Blackwater	€200,000	Community Hall refurbishment
	Galbally	€100,000	Works to Community Centre
	Courtnacuddy	€40,000	Village Health Check
Gorey	Courtown/Riverchapel	€200,000	Enhancement Works
	Ferns	€100,000	Themed Playground & Tourist Project
	Askamore	€77,000	Repairs to Community Hall
New Ross	Fethard On Sea	€100,000	Merchandising & enhancement Works
	Saltmills	€90,000	Marine & Village Enhancement Works
	Clongeen	€238,350	Redevelopment of Community Hall
Wexford	Murrintown	€150,000	Playground & Garden Area
	Kilmore Quay	€200,000	Extension to Stella Maris Centre
	Barntown	€130,000	Works to Community Centre

Pride of Place: Bunclody Town and Craanford Village were selected as candidates for the 2018 Pride of Place competition. Chairman of Pride of Place and former Meath County Manager, Tom Dowling, accompanied by Allison Dowling, spent the day in Wexford visiting both nominees.

Cultural Companions: Cultural Companions is a joint initiative between the Arts Department and the Community Section which set up a network for older people in Co. Wexford 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, combat loneliness, get out more and enjoy all that Co. Wexford's arts and culture sector has to offer.

INTERREG – Celtic Routes: The Interreg Co-Funded project has completed all mobilisation milestones for the Celtic Routes Project. The Mapping contract is well underway with twelve distinct Routes selected over six defined themes. The viability of these Routes is currently being tested via a Market Intelligence contract with the three target markets.

We will welcome all our Project Partners to Wexford County Council on the 18th and 19th September for a Project Partner and Irish Stakeholders meeting over a two day schedule. The main Contractors for both mapping and market intelligence contracts will present progress reports at this forum.

Outdoor Recreation Grants: The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme is part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development and provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure or the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland.

The Community Development section, on behalf of Wexford County Council, submitted 9 applications under measure 1 of this scheme to the Department of Rural and Community Development, during July. It is anticipated that a decision on these applications will be forthcoming from September, 2018. See below for details on the 9 submitted projects.

Number	Project Name	Funding Sought
1	Killanerin & Curragh Wood Walks Upgrade	€15,582.44
2	Burrow Trails Kilmore Quay	€15,200.00
3	Lady's Island Accessible Heritage Trail	€20,000.00
4	Ramsfort Wood Trails	€20,000.00
5	The Rocks Track and Trails	€20,000.00
6	Riverwalk to Oaklands Woods	€20,000.00
7	Slade Coastal Path	€20,000.00
8	Oulart Hill Walking Trails Improvement Works	€20,000.00
9	Bunclody Outdoor Adventure River Hub	€20,000.00
	Totals	€170,782.44

Local Economic and Community Plan High Level Goal 1: To foster the culture of educational attainment and lifelong learning in County Wexford and provide opportunities to develop educational and workforce skills, to improve work readiness and access to employment.

Science Week 2018 – Grant of Funding from Science Foundation Ireland: Wexford County Council, Community Development, Libraries and Arts and the Environment Sections have been awarded a research grant of €35,000 from Science Foundation Ireland to deliver the WexSci Science Festival in County Wexford for Science Week from 11th to 18th November, 2018.

This grant is to organise, manage and deliver a Science Week Festival, in conjunction with the national Science Week campaign managed by Science Foundation Ireland and with 12 partners. The partners are WWETB, Environmental Protection Agency, Institute of Technology, Carlow, including Wexford Campus, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Local Link Wexford, Taghmon and Raheen Family Resource Centres, Bunclody/Enniscorthy, Gorey, Bridgetown and South West Wexford School Completion Programmes and TEKCentral.

WexSci, Wexford Science Festival is a new science festival. The following festivals were approved for Science Foundation Ireland funding in 2018:

- Cavan Monaghan Science Festival
- Cork Science Festival
- EUREKA Science & Technology Festival
- The Festival of Farming and Food
- Galway Science & Technology Festival
- Limerick Science Festival
- Mayo Science and Technology Festival
- Midlands Science Festival
- Sligo Science Festival
- Southeast Science Festival
- Tipperary Science Festival
- WexSci, Wexford Science Festival

Wexford Public Participation Network (PPN): Awareness raising activity continued in July with Wexford PPN having a stand at the Bannow & Rathangan Agricultural Show on 12th July. Within Wexford County Council the PPN Support Officer made a presentation to the Fire Service Team, highlighting the opportunities the Network offers to Wexford County Council Departments.

A new networking activity of PPN Huddles commenced in July, with the first Huddle held in Our Lady's Island on 20th July. A Huddle is an informal meeting of community and voluntary groups in an area. The Huddle is an opportunity to get together, have a chat, and find out what other groups in the community are doing.

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Safeguarding Courses (Child Protection): Safeguarding 1: 17 Courses have been completed with a total attendance for 2018 of 272 participants.
Safeguarding 2: 3 Courses have been completed with a total attendance of 40 participants.

Slaneyside Super Stars Summer Camp: We were lucky to be part of the Slaneyside Super Stars summer camp for children with physical disabilities and their siblings/friends in Astro Active Enniscorthy on the 11th/ 12th of July. There were 12 participants with a physical disability, of which two were new to the group and 4 able-bodied participants. Activities were provided by Warrior Kids Yoga with Sarah Dunlea, Joanne Wall from the Irish Wheelchair Association, Kinetic Fitness and Sports Active Wexford. A great time was had by all the kids, and the parents/committee were delighted with the success of the camp. All involved in the club are eagerly awaiting the next camp on the 14th/15th of August which will be a Cúl Camp run by Wexford GAA. Total participants: 16 (2 children with physical disabilities and 4 able-bodied)

Communities Integration Fund 2018: We have been granted €5000 from this fund to support physical activities for the Integration programme.

Doras Community Picnic: On Monday 23rd Sports Active assisted at the Doras Community Picnic in JFK Park, New Ross. The event was organised by Doras and Wexford County Council for Syrian refugees based in County Wexford. Sports Active was delighted to be part of the event Sports Active provided an activity area for young children and their mother's and organised taster sessions with Leinster Rugby, FAI, And Wexford GAA. It was nice to see children and adults from the local community getting involved and mixing well with the refugees.

Total participants: 100 (80 refugee programme and 20 Irish people)

Pfizer Healthy Town: We attended the Pfizer healthy town meeting at the Borough Council on Tuesday 17th. We were updated on the plans for September onwards and given information regarding the town map and upcoming events.

The Wexford Town Healthy Town Facebook page is gathering information for the town map. The illustrated map will showcase a sample of the wealth of health and wellbeing-related services that are available in Wexford Town.

Belvedere Youth Services Visit: We welcomed a group from Belvedere Youth Services, Dublin to County Wexford. The group received funding from the task force in North Inner City Dublin to undertake a two night residential in Blackwater, County Wexford. The group have been taking part in the "Get Ireland Swimming" Initiative facilitated by Carol Finlay, Participation Officer with Swim Ireland, since last September and before this none of the group could swim.

Total participants: 22 (12 from Belvedere Youth Services and 10 from County Wexford).

Healthy Woodlands: We launched the Healthy Woodlands Project in association with Get Ireland Walking, which promotes positive mental health in County Wexford. Tintern Abbey was the venue for the launch .

We have received a grant of €4000 from Get Ireland Walking. The programme will run every Wednesday for 12 weeks, covering a distance of 3km, to be built up over the coming weeks on the Tintern Trails. Sports Active provides transport through Local Link for people from Wexford Mental Health Association and all the main towns in the county. There are 18 participants who are accompanied by two Occupational Therapists.

Fun in The Sun: We started our annual summer camps “Fun in the Sun” on Tuesday 7th of August and made our way to 8 different locations around the County including Riverchapel, Curracloe Beach, Enniscorthy Sports Hub, Duncannon Beach, Rosslare Recreation Centre, St.Mary’s GAA Maudlintown, Bunclody GAA grounds and Pearse Park New Ross. We worked in partnership with the Wexford GAA, FAI, Leinster Rugby, the Surf Shack Curracloe, Cricket Leinster, Golf Ireland, Shielbaggan Outdoor Adventure Centre and Wexford Parks Tennis. We had the help of the Local Training Initiative group from Courtown in Riverchapel.

LIBRARIES, ARTS & ARCHIVES

CREATIVE IRELAND: A national launch of Culture and Creativity Strategies for all counties in Ireland takes place in Dublin on 12th September. An open call for projects to be funded through Creative Ireland in the areas of cultural heritage and the Irish language took place in July with successful projects being announced in early September. The Creative Communities scheme, partly funded through Creative Ireland, is targeting new groups for creative collaboration and will include projects in Cruhin Traveller Women’s Group, Psychiatry of Late Life, Wexford General Hospital and The Irish National Heritage Park.

Public Libraries Ready to Code@ Wexford Library Service is one of four library authorities in Ireland to be selected for an international IT project in partnership with Google and Public Libraries 2020. This six month project will see Wexford Libraries implement and test programmes in areas of computer science, coding and digital literacy. A toolkit will be produced that can be used to enhance digital programmes in libraries throughout Europe. The interim results will be presented at a meeting of the European Parliament in Brussels in October.

Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards: Wexford Library Service has been shortlisted for an Excellence in Local Government award for Best Library Service for its Work Matters programme of support to businesses and job seekers. The Redmond 100 centenary programme has also been shortlisted in the Commemorations and Centenaries category.

Reader in Residence: Well known Wexford author, Caroline Busher has been awarded the Reader in Residence at Wexford County Council Public Library Service following a competitive process. Caroline will bring her love of reading, her deep knowledge of books, and her writing talent to the attention of young people and families across County Wexford.

The Reader in Residence programme forms part of the Right to Read Strategy. Highlights for this residency will include a full programme of events for children and families in all areas and the establishment of the Fighting Words initiative that will

bring quality creative writing programmes for young people to two libraries in the county.

Summer Reading Challenge: Over 1800 children took part in this year's Summer Reading Adventure in Wexford libraries. Almost a quarter of the participants in the adventure were new library members. This follows a major campaign in schools to promote this reading initiative over the summer that especially targeted non library users.

Heritage Week: A full programme of events was presented by Library and Archives for Heritage Week. Highlights included acclaimed author Anne Haverty's lecture on Constance Markievicz organised by Enniscorthy library in The Athenaeum. Ms Haverty was presented with a framed copy of articles written by her husband the poet and Enniscorthy man, Anthony Cronin during her visit.

Library Promotion at the Bannow/Rathangan Show: Wexford County Council Public Library Service had a presence at the Bannow Rathangan show for the first time this July. The new mobile library South vehicle was on show and over 60 children took part in storytime sessions during the day. Interest in the services was strong and many new members were signed up on the day.

ARTS

Invitation to Collaboration Arts Council award: Wexford County Council has been awarded €71,000 from the Arts Council for a new funding scheme that encourages collaborations between local authority arts offices. Led by Wexford Arts Office, this successful application focuses on the theme of Art & Biodiversity and involves a partnership with Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council Art offices and builds on the Phase 1 Research Fund awarded by the Arts Council in 2017. Phase 2 will involve 3 artists residences in Summer 2019 in each county, exploring art & biodiversity themes and involving the participation of local experts and local communities. All 3 will have public outcomes. An international residency opportunity will take place in 2020 in partnership with 'Invisible Dust' a UK Public art commissioning agency based in Scarborough UK.

Per Cent for Art, M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme: The total value of this Per Cent for art commission is €65,000. It will be divided across 3 separate commissions valued at €20,000 each. Commissions can be in any art form, e.g. music, film, visual arts, drama etc. and must involve an artist collaborating with local communities in Enniscorthy and Gorey Municipal Districts. This is a Two Stage Open Competition and take place from September 2018 to September 2019. Wexford Arts Office did a national call out for expressions of interest in July 2018. Proposals can be submitted on behalf of a single artist or an arts collective. The closing date for receipt of submissions is Thursday, 27th September 2018.

Enniscorthy Arts Trail (E.A.T): A new arts initiative, funded by the Arts office in partnership with Enniscorthy Municipal District, took place to coincide with the Enniscorthy 'Rockin Food Festival' from the 3rd to 5th August 2018. It Involved 10 artists taking over unused retail, office and other buildings around Enniscorthy town for pop up art exhibitions, performances and events throughout the weekend. An

EAT arts trail map was printed to guide the public around the town and it attracted good interest and responses from the public.

Bring your own chair: is a post Three Sisters Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny arts project involving artist Michelle Browne with support from Callan workhouse in Kilkenny. It will work with 12 rural towns and villages across the three counties, exploring what it means to be rural and to share this collective experience using different public spaces. Michelle is working with Bunclody, Taghmon, Courtown and Ballyhack. In July she visited the towns and held workshops with local community groups in each area. Arising out of this engagement and her research, she will work with a designer to create public events and gatherings in each town in Autumn 2018. This project is primarily funded through the Arts Councils 'Making Great Art work' award 2017-2018 and with additional support from Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny County Councils.

What is Life, County Hall Art exhibition: opened in County Hall 20 July and runs until 6 Sept 2018. This two venue exhibition, a partnership with Wexford Arts Centre, explores the relationship between art and science. It features the work of ten artists, local, national and international, who work across the areas of art and science. This exhibition links with the Trinity College Dublin major symposium in September 2018 to celebrate scientist Erwin Schrodinger's infamous 'What is Life' lecture series. Wexford science group responded to the art works in written texts and the Exhibition was opened by Trinity Professor and symposium organiser Cliona O Farrelly. Free guided tours of the exhibition took place in July and August, they were well attended with approximately 15 to 20 people on each tour. Two fine art graduates from Carlow IT are on an internship with the arts office and are invigilating the summer exhibition.

Cultural companions summer programme: This new initiative was launched by Wexford County Council Arts Department, Community Department and the Age Friendly Co Coordinator for older people. Five events took place this summer, two lunchtime classical concerts as part of Music for Wexford in July, an Artists Tour of the 'What is Life' Art Exhibition, a Tintern Abbey walking tour as part of Heritage week and a Buddy Holly night in the Presentation Centre, Enniscorthy. This scheme is generating more and more interest. Autumn programme currently being devised and will be circulated in coming weeks.

Music Generation: A partnership between Wexford County Council and WWEETB, and the national agency Music Generation, this music programme for young people begins in September 2018 under the director of Development officer Katherine Atkinson. The first phase of the Singing Programme, for 7 to 12 years, involves 14 primary schools in the 4 municipal districts who responded to a call out. In addition an early year's music programme for under 5's will start in the autumn. A youth music pilot programme with Orchard Recording Studios, Laura Hyland and young people begins in October/November. A team of 11 musicians from Wexford have been hired as tutors and they recently received Professional development training with their Waterford Music generation counterpart in New Ross, delivered through the Music Generation national office. Planning for an opt-in Instrumental Programme in 2019 is currently ongoing.

The Creative Hub at the Bullring Mall: will have its official opening on Thursday 6th September, 2018 at 6pm followed by music. This New creative space for arts and

craft makers opened in July at the old Cornmarket Mall. Wexford County Council has taken a 3 year lease for this space. All 8 units are full and Wexford Art Centre is contracted to manage the daily day to day running with on-going support from the Arts office. 24 local artists are resident in the 8 spaces which are leased at subsidised rents. They include Wexford Craft Trail, 8 craft makers; Wexford Arts Hub, 10 artists across art forms, writers, performers, visual, drama; and visual artists Bernadette Doolan, Helen Gaynor, Fergus Doyle, Fran Greene, Ciaran Bowen, Ceri Ryan, Declan Cody and Olivia O Dwyer. FDYS is leasing a space for their youth music programme for 15 to 20 young people. All units will be used for a mix of making, selling and exhibiting art work and hosting art events. Upcoming events include Culture night on Friday 21st September.

FIRE SERVICE

News: Wexford County Fire Service received training in the use of TETRA radio systems with implementation expected in the coming weeks.

Fire Operations: In June and July it was an extremely busy month period with 267 incidents as detailed below. By the end of the month there were 175 incidents in excess of the same time last year.

Incident Type	Calls July 2018	Calls to date 2018	Calls to this period 2017
Chimney fire	1	92	93
Domestic fire	5	56	34
Road Traffic Accident	10	67	58
Industrial fire	1	7	4
Commercial fire	1	3	1
Assembly fire	0	2	3
Agricultural fire	1	4	5
Motor Vehicles	9	35	31
Forest/bog/grass etc	80	148	96
Rubbish	9	41	30
Non-fire rescues	3	20	19
False alarms – good intent	34	164	118
Malicious false alarms	0	3	0
Miscellaneous	6	46	21
Total	160	688	513

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

Applications Received	Year to date	June & July
Fire Safety Certificates	71	22
Planning Referrals	413	97

Number of Inspections	Year to date	June and July
FSA Inspections	128	37

CIVIL DEFENCE

Civic Duties: We covered 9 community duties for July 2018

1. Love Redmond Park, Picnic, 1st July
2. Wexford Athletics, Sports Hub, Enniscorthy, 4th July
3. Pearse Park New Ross, Irish Pipe Bands, 7th July
4. Adamstown Show, 7th July
5. Bannow & Rathangan Show, 12th July
6. Relay for Life, Pairc Garman, 14th July
7. Streams Festival, Bunclody, 21st July
8. South East Music Festival, Killag, 22nd July
9. United Striders, Terrarath, 28th July

Training Courses:

FAR Course, Welfare Class started commenced their First Aid Responder course on Monday 2nd July.

PPN, Saturday 14th July, 5 members of the PPN network completed a CFR (Cardiac First Responder) and First Aid course in Wexford Civil Defence HQ Ardavan.

EMT Up skilling, 28th July. 16 EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) completed their 2017 CPG (Clinical Practice Guidelines) up skilling. The up skilling allows the EMT's to use new medications.

4. Transportation, Water Services:

COUNTY WEXFORD'S NATIONAL ROADS SCHEMES:

N25 New Ross Bypass

Progress Update August 2018

The design and construction phase of the PPP Contract is approximately three quarters complete, and the scheme remains on programme to open in 2019.

The construction of the main spans from Pier 4 (river pier) are now progressing well (see photo 2 below), with four segments cast on each side of the pier using "form travellers". These travellers move out incrementally from the pier in opposite directions and progressively cast the deck segment by segment. A similar traveller system has also commenced casting the deck from pier 3, and the corresponding traveller at pier 5 is now fully assembled. The construction of the pylon tower at pier 4 has also commenced and the installation of the cables will follow as the deck and pylon progress outwards and upwards respectively. Similar operations will also progress at piers 3 and 5. The bridge deck on all three approach spans on the

western (Kilkenny) side are substantially complete, while the central box for the first span (span 6) on the eastern (Wexford) side is continuing to progress. Temporary falsework is being erected on span 7 to support the construction of the bridge deck for this span.

The full roundabout continues to operate on the N25 at Glenmore and a further temporary traffic management layout became operational in August to facilitate finishing works. Final surfacing works on the roundabout approaches will then be completed in September. It is anticipated that the 60km/h road works speed limit will continue to operate until January 2019 to facilitate finishing works. The adjacent Ballyverneen Road Overbridge and Glenmore Road Underbridge are both nearing completion which will allow the respective local roads to re-open. The piers and abutments for the nearby railway overbridge are also progressing to completion.

Bulk earthworks are now complete, earthworks contouring and topsoil operations are ongoing and landscaping works will reconvene in September. Final fencing works to correct any defects and replace any remaining temporary fencing have also commenced. Pavement works have progressed significantly over the summer and are now over 40% complete. Lower pavement layers are now substantially complete on the Wexford side of the project and are nearing completion on the Kilkenny. Final surfacing works will proceed over the coming months.

A temporary localised diversion and traffic management plan is in operation on the L4026 Stokestown Road and will remain in place in September. This is to facilitate the construction of a new roundabout to connect with the R733 grade separated

junction. Road works and temporary traffic management on the R733 Campile Road will continue over the coming months to facilitate realignment and junction works. The current temporary diversion will continue to operate on the N25 Wexford Road at Ballymacar until October. At that stage the roundabout will be substantially complete and opened to the current traffic network (i.e. both Bypass arms will remain closed). It is anticipated that the 60km/h road works speed limit will continue to operate until January 2019 to facilitate finishing works. Accommodation works for landowners continue to be developed throughout the site.

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.

The ninth quarterly project newsletter was published in June, and the project website www.n25newross.ie continues to provide progress updates as well as information on traffic management and road works, and also provides contact details for the project. 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. N25 Glenmore Roundabout operational under temporary traffic management in background. Railway Overbridge (New Ross to Waterford line) under construction in foreground. Pavement operations also progressing.



2. Barrow Bridge – Construction of main span decks from either side of Pier 4 by ‘form travellers’ in foreground. Pier 5 and span 6 etc. in background on Wexford side of river.



3. **Barrow Bridge – Span 6 under construction in foreground on Wexford side, main spans from pier 4 under construction on centre form traveller fully assembled at Pier 3 at Pink Rock in background.**



4. **Earthworks and pavement foundations nearing completion at cut 3 Stokestown.**



5. Surfacing at R733 Junction and further west towards Stokestown and Barrow Bridge.



6. Surfacing at Arnestown and east to N25 Ballymacar Roundabout and towards Enniscorthy, Lacken Hill in background.



7. **Surfacing in progress at N25 Ballymacar Roundabout an ruther west towards Camlin**



8. **N30 section towards Enniscorthy looping around Lacken Hil, Blackstairs in background.**

2. M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme update

Program

As of August 2018, the program is on target 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 Dec 2016	Progress Reported in Dec 2017	Progress Reported in April 2018	Progress Reported in May 2018	Progress Reported in Aug 2018
Site Clearance	96%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Fencing	85%	86%	86%	86%	89%
Drainage & Service Ducts	7%	30%	39%	43%	65%
Earthworks	23%	75%	81%	81%	90%
Structures – Main Bridges		56%	76%	79%	91%
Structures – Culverts	29%	96%	98%	98%	98%
Structures – Access Structures	12%	84%	87%	88%	94%
Kerbs Footways & Paved Areas			4%	5%	49%
Safety Barrier			3%	3%	8%
Pavement			7%	10%	36%

Newsletter

The Newsletter for Q3 of 2018 will be issued shortly and uploaded on to the PPP Co. website. This website 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.

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 Scurlocksbush 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 from the PPP:

Road Closure Applications

The following road closures have been enacted:

Road	Closure Date	Duration (months)	Opening Date
M11-S5, L1027, Ballygullen Road	30/8/18	6 weeks	12/10/18
M11-S5, L5093, Ballymore Road	04/07/18	2	Opened
M11-S11, L5092, Corbally Road	05/02/18	7	07/09/18
M11-S13, L6055, Drumgold Road	31/10/17	7	Opened
N30-S7, L6122, Templescoby Road	Application to be submitted		
N30-S8, L2049, Dunsinane Road	05/02/18	8	05/10/18 *

*This road is scheduled to be opened ahead of schedule on the 1st week of September

National Roads

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 were completed by in June.

N30/ R700 Roundabout

Works commenced in July. This scheme is due to be completed in February 2019.

N11 Kyle Upper Pavement Scheme

This scheme was completed in June.

N11 Kileen to Newtown – Phase 1

This scheme will run from Ferrycarrig Bridge to just south of Kyle Crossroads. Works will commence on September 10th and will be completed by mid December.

2018 HD28 Pavement Works

This scheme involves pavement improvement works immediately north of Camolin Village on the N11. Works will commence on September 10th and will be completed by mid October.

N30 Enniscorthy Southern Approach

Works will commence by mid October and will be completed by December.

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.

N30 Mountelliot

Topographical survey works were carried out in July. This scheme should be tendered in November/December 2018. This scheme should be constructed in April/May 2019.

2017 HD28 Pavement Works – Contract 1

This contract involved pavement repairs at N11 Glentigue, N11 Edermine and N11 Baylands.

These works were completed in June.

2017 HD28 Pavement Works – Contract 2

This contract involved pavement repairs at N25 Ashfield Cross Roundabout, N25 Whitford Roundabout and N25 Carrickbyrne. These works were completed in June and July.

Public Lighting LED Upgrade

The 2018 programme involved the upgrade of 2,450 lights to Led in Wexford Town. Over 2,000 have been upgraded to date. This programme will be completed by September 14th.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Improvement Works

Work ongoing at Mountelliott Roundabout (New Ross District).

Strengthening

Roads completed in the last couple of months: Coolcul Big to Ardinagh Little; Rathgaroge to Ballywilliam; Ballindoney to Poulpeasty (all in New Ross District).

Macadam surfacing completed in the last month: Arnold's Cross to Main Street; Irish Street, Bunclody (both in Enniscorthy District).

Surface Dressing

Surface dressing commenced in New Ross District on July 16.

Roads completed in last couple of months: Rochestown; Clonmines; Haggard; Ballykeeroge; Coolaw (all in New Ross District). Castledockrell; Asquinton; Castlequarter; Coolree; Kiltrea; Courtnacuddy; Wilton; Craan; Ballymurtagh; Ballysimon; Killabeg (all in Enniscorthy District). Cahore; Wafers Cross; Monmore; Raheenduff to Clone West; Clone Strand; Clonroe (all in Gorey District)

Polymer roads completed in last month: Ballyfarnoge; Killeagh to Blackwater; Corragh; Tomnalossett (all in Enniscorthy District). Ballinahask; Clonamona; Ballyrahan; Ballybeg; Askabeg; Coolthawn (all in Gorey District)

General Maintenance

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

WATER SERVICES

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 for appointment of Consultant and first meeting held with Consultant .

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 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. Negotiations for wayleaves ongoing with landowners. The CPO is completed as objections were withdrawn before scheduled oral hearing. The review of the tender documents is complete and advertised for tender with return date end October 2018..

IW Asset Management: 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. A public information evening was held on Tuesday, May 22nd for Arthurstown, Duncannon and Ballyhack to update the community on the proposed schemes.

IW Asset Management: Wexford Town Watermain Rehab and Gas Network

Site Investigation works are complete for gas and water main installation around Wexford town. 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. Tender documentation is progressing and will be issued shortly.

New Ross Sewerage Scheme – Irishtown to Nunnery Lane Sewers

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 complete. Bridgetown is now complete. IW are funding this project for €2m for 9KM of pipeline rehabilitation.

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.

B. IRISH WATER MINOR SCHEMES & SPECIAL SCHEMES

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

- Works commenced on site 13th August, ground works on-going
- Pre stressed post tensioned tank due to commence on 27th Shay Murtagh
- Time scale for transfer of loading end October 2018

Trinity Street Waste Water Pumping Station

- Diesel oil tank emptied and cleaned.
- Monday 27th August contractor on site to paint fuel storage tank and fit fuel filter to feed pipe for generator.
- Storm pump inspection and planned repairs
- MV and LV switchgear inspected and serviced
- Replacement of generator control unit pending

Rosslare Strand

- New Final Effluent pumps installed and operational Rosslare Strand WWTP
- Upgraded IP radio on order Rosslare Strand WWTP
- Currently reviewing best option for replace of IP radios on Area Pumping Station and integration of stations not already covered.
- Rosetown Village- ESB new connection under way

New Ross Area Planned Works

- Bawnmore - New Pump
- Duncannon - Repair South Beech pumping station
- Clonroche WWTP - Replacement of gearbox
- Clonroche PS - New pump etc.

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

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

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

The automated coagulation system has been activated at both plants, they are now operating on streaming current. All other automation works are complete. PH correction works are outstanding in Kilmallock, it is recommended that this will be needed for the coagulation automation to be successful in poor raw water quality conditions. Clarifier repair works are complete at Taylorstown. Sign off of all works is underway.

IW Asset Management: Coagulation automation at Creagh, Vinegar Hill and Newtown WTW
Commissioning at Vinegar Hill and Creagh complete and gathering raw water data. Newtown WTW in automatic mode with manual override since May 17th.

IW Asset Management: Disinfection and pH Control Programme

Disinfection works at Chestnut Grove, Hollyfort commissioned.

Mechanical and electrical works complete at Ballinellard, Clonroche, Coolgreaney boreholes and nearly complete at Vinegar Hill. Mechanical works almost complete at Newtown and Kilagoley. Commissioning to commence on completed sites shortly.

Water Network Program

Coffey Water have been appointed as regional contractor for the Water Network Programme for the South East. They have work orders for public side lead replacement works in Enniscorthy and Backyard Service replacement in Wexford 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.

Capital Maintenance Budget

Combined budget for 2017/2018 is 1,879,966. Current approved spend is 1,719,654. Total commitments to date are €1,103,321.

C. RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Blackstairs Group Water Scheme – Contract No. 11 Pollpeasty

Road reinstatement complete.

The Bing Group Sewerage Scheme

As soon as an Engineer is appointed to Rural Water, an assessment will be carried out on the Bing Group Sewerage Scheme to ascertain whether funding will be made available.

Crosstown Group Sewerage Scheme / Orchard Lane Group Sewerage Scheme

Takeover Process ongoing.

5. Finance:

Finance Report Q2 2017

The quarterly Finance Report for the period to the end of June 2018 has been prepared and is included on the CPG Agenda for consideration and discussion by members. The report sets out the overall financial position of the Revenue and Capital Account, Debtors and Housing Loans Activity at the midway point of the financial year.

Annual Financial Statement 2017 – Audit of Accounts

The audit of the 2017 Accounts being undertaken by the Local Government Audit Service is ongoing.

Audit Committee

The next meeting of the Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 5th September 2018.

Borrowing Programme 2018

Ministerial Sanction has been received for the Public Lighting (€5m) and Housing Loan Programme (€5.5m). Sanction for the Economic and Community Development element 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 will expire on 31st December, 2018.

Risk Remediation Programme 2018 - 2022

The 2018 – 2022 Risk Remediation Programme being coordinated by the Insurance Risk Management Unit (IRM) has commenced the work programme to complete remedial works in high risk areas and also to identify and implement preventative measures/development.

The Risk Remediation Programme has been developed to address areas of highest risk to the public and specifically targets footpaths and walkways which have been identified as needing urgent high risk improvement works, primarily concentrating on priority insurance claim risk areas including Accident Black Spots, Repeat Claim locations, Areas of high levels of reported Incidents and is being informed by patterns of footfall in the risk area and the severity/risk rating of the surface condition.

The Insurance Risk Management Unit has completed risk assessments of areas in each district and has identified locations where such priority works are warranted and necessary. The work programme is being developed in consultation with the District Managers and District Engineers and in some areas there will be a joint approach between the IRM and the District Engineer to deliver further enhancements/improvement.

In addition to specific works the programme will deliver Footpath replacement programmes in Lots to ensure in as far as possible that the works are delivered as efficiently and as cost effectively as possible. The following summary report provides an update on works completed and an update on Lots 1 – 5 of the Footpath replacement element of the Risk Remediation programme.

1. Wexford Quay (works now completed)

- a. Replacement of 1600m² of timber decking with asphalt and a stone resin finish has now been completed.
- b. Replacement of 360m of flat steel plate surface water gullies with new non-slip ductile iron covers has now been completed.

Before



After



2. Wexford Main Street

Phase 1 - Completed bead blasting of 2.2km of limestone surface water channels to bring the channels in to a low risk slip category in both wet and dry conditions. Repeat Slip Resistance tests have been carried out on various sections of channel and all test have passed (most recent test date 15/08/2018).

Before



After



Phase 2: The replacement of 114no. stainless steel surface water gully covers with non-slip ductile iron covers. At present this work is 30% completed, with works anticipated to be completed before the start of the winter period.

Before



After



3. Footpath Replacement Works - Lot 1 - Borough District of Wexford

Lot – 1 Borough District of Wexford commenced with some streets already completed such as Rowe Street, Bride Street, Newtown Road and Redmond Road with works at Redmond Square and Slaney Street Week commenced 27th August. It is intended to replace over 1km of footpaths in the Borough District of Wexford.

Lot 1 - Rowe Street Footpath Reinstatement Works

Before Photos



After works Photos



Lot 1 - Bride Street Footpath Reinstatement Works
Before **After**



Lot 1 - Newtown Road Footpath Reinstatement Works
Before Photos



After Works Photos



Lot 1 - Redmond Road Footpath Reinstatement Works
Before Photo



After Works Photo



Other Locations of Footpath replacement under Lot 1 – Borough District of Wexford are as follows:

- Minor repairs on Henrietta St, Monk St, Charlotte St. & Skeffington Street
- Redmond Square
- Slaney Street & Westgate
- Anne Street
- King Street
- Johns Gate Street
- Quay Front inner footpath repairs
- Lower Georges Street
- High Street
- Cornmarket

These works will be completed over the remainder of 2018 and into 2019.

In addition to Lot 1 in the Wexford District an additional Lot 5 is to commence later in the programme and will include the areas of Ferrycarrig, Rosslare and Kilmore.

The Risk Remediation Programme is now being rolled out to the other district as follows:

4. Footpath Replacement Works – Lot 2 - Enniscorthy Municipal District

A contract has been awarded for the footpath replacement works in Enniscorthy Municipal District and these works are to commence on Monday 27th August 2018. The locations included in this contract are as follows:

Bunclody:

- Ryland Road
- Irish Street
- Church Street
- Market Square
- Carnew Road

Enniscorthy Town:

- Esmonde Road
- Bellefield Road
- Shannon Hill Upper and Lower
- Ross Road
- Redmond Street
- St Patricks Street
- Slaneyview Park
- Templeshannon
- Shannon Quay
- Other smaller repairs elsewhere

Joint funding for Footpath improvement works to the Milehouse Road and Cobble improvements to Enniscorthy Main Street.

Oilgate: Replacement of the Macadam footpath alongside the N11.

5. Footpath Replacement Works – Lot 3 - New Ross Municipal District

Tender documents for Lot 3 - New Ross Municipal District are in progress and envisaged to go to tender by mid to late September.

The locations of works included in this contract are as follows:

- Mary Street
- North Street & Main Street
- Steps from Immaculate Conception Church to North St.
- Marsh Lane, Neville Street & Michael Street
- Barrack Lane
- North Quay
- The Quay
- Irishtown
- Mount Ross
- Mount Carmel
- Williams Street
- Old Charlton Hill
- Rosbercon
- Craywell Road/R700
- Bosheen/Castlemoyle Road N30
- Clonroche
- Wellington Bridge

6. Footpath Replacement Works – Lot 4 - Gorey Municipal District

Preparation of tender documents for Lot 4 - Gorey Municipal District will begin in Mid-September and envisaged to go to tender by late October / early November.

The locations of works included in this contract are as follows:

- Main Street
- The Avenue
- Market Square
- Wexford Street
- Church Street
- St Michael's Place
- St Michael's Road
- Eire Street
- Link Pedestrian Lane at the Rear of Eire Street
- Pearse Street
- Rafter Street, John Street & Thomas Street
- North Parade
- McCurtain Street

- Esmonde Street
- Clonattin Road
- Courtown/Riverchapel
- Ferns
- Camolin

The Risk Remediation Programme is committed to reducing risk to the public by addressing high risk deterioration in footpath and walkway infrastructure, while also improving the quality of the infrastructure involved.

Further progress reports will be brought to the members as the programme progresses.

**Tom Enright,
Chief Executive.**