

Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

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4ú Márta 2020

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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí **in Gteic Páirc Ghnó Ghaoth Dobhair**, ar an 4ú Márta 2020, ag 11.00 r.n.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí. Ta Clár an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Éamonn de Brún
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Glenties

Office of Meetings
Administrator
P.S.C
Dungloe
4th March 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March, 2020 **at 11.00 am in Gteic Gaoth Dobhair Business Park.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely

Eamonn Brown
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 11th February 2020.
2. Report from Workshop held on 11th February 2020
3. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020
4. Planning Service.
5. Community Development.
6. Environment.
7. Economic Development.
8. Roads & Transportation.
9. Housing & Corporate Services.

4th March 2020

Sceidéal Cruinnithe

DÓ: GACH BALL DE CHOISTE CEANNTAIR TOGHCHANNACH NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Comhairleoir,

Please note the times for meetings that are scheduled on March 10th are as follows:

11.00 am Municipal District Meeting

02.30 pm Udarás Presentation

Mise le meas,

Éamonn de Brún
Area Manager
Housing & Corporate Manager

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2020 IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Noreen McGarvey (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Anthony Molloy

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey, A/Director Water & Environment
Eamonn Brown - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Brendan McFadden - S.E.E. Area Manager, Roads &
Transportation
Fergus Towey, SEE Engineer, NRDO
Charles Sweeney - Administrative Officer, Community
Development
David Friel - Coastal Officer
Rosita Mahoney - Senior Economic Development Officer
Killian Smith - Planning Enforcement
Michael Rowsome - SSO, Corporate & Housing Service

APOLOGIES: Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh

GMD 09/20

Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting held on the 14th of January 2020 were confirmed.

10.1

Donegal National Roads

The NRDO Senior Executive Engineer updated Members in relation to the status of the following:

- N56 Kilkenny Letterilly
- N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie
- N56 Letterilly to Glenties (Kilraine)
- N56 Dungloe to Glenties
- Donegal Ten T Priority Route
- Crollly Loughanure Pavement Scheme
- Dungloe Town Traffic Management Plan
- Cycle Track Boyoughter
- Arts funding - Lettermacaward Green area
- Construction of low volume national secondary route proposals.

In response to a query from Cllr. McGarvey, the NRDO Engineer clarified that the provision of public lighting is not permitted at junctions built to standard in rural locations.

In response to a query from Cllr. McClafferty, regarding the provision of public lighting to assist a person with a disability, the Roads Manager informed the Committee that protocols for Members Public Lighting Scheme will be circulated in the near future.

10.2

Proposal to Dispose of lands at Ards, Creeslough

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Cllr. McClafferty, the Committee agreed to dispose of 2.11 acres of land at Ards, to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

10.3

Restoration Improvement Programme

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. Molloy, the Committee agreed the Restoration Improvement Programme circulated with the agenda.

10.4

Roads Workshop

The Committee agreed to convene a Workshop on the 25th of February at 10 a.m. to discuss:

- Surface dressing 2020
- Community Involvement Scheme 2020
- Bridge strengthening 2020

The Roads Manager informed Cllr. Molloy and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig that issues that they both highlighted in relation to bridge strengthening works at various locations will be addressed at the Workshop.

10.5

Road Maintenance

Cllr. Gallagher commended the works carried out by the Roads Service to address recent flooding issues throughout the County. Cllr. McClafferty and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted drainage concerns at Rutherfords, Falcarragh and Meenaleck respectively.

Cllr. McGarvey requested the Council to address overgrown hedges on the Pole Road and Upper Crickamore.

PLANNING SERVICE

11.1

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the agenda in relation to:

- Status of enforcement cases
- Planning clinics to be held on 12th February, 26th February and 11th March.
- Central Planning Unit work programme.
- Preparation of variations in relation to Wind Energy and Ten-T priority roads project.
- Town and village renewal projects.

11.2

Planning Applications - N56

The Committee raised concerns regarding the refusal of planning applications for development of single houses along the N56 and the consequent negative impact on the viability of rural communities.

The Planner advised Members that in accordance with Planning and Development regulations that it is mandatory for the Council to refer planning applications fronting onto National Roads to the TII and to notify the TII of decisions in respect of such applications.

Members were also informed that a workshop will be convened on foot of a motion of the January Plenary Council Meeting to review the County Development Plan to address the challenges people are facing with planning.

Cllr. Gallagher recommended that a meeting be held with newly elected TD's to amend the policy in this regard.

11.3

National Marine Planning Framework

Cllr. Gallagher outlined the necessity to make a submission in respect of the above matter prior to the closing date of the 28th of February 2020 and also requested the Planning Service to immediately convene a Workshop in this regard.

GMD 12/20

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12.1

CD Reports

Members noted the reports circulated with the agenda in relation to the following programmes:

- Public Participation Network
- Rural Development Programme/Leader
- Age Friendly - Older Persons Council
- YOURS Project

Cllr. Gallagher requested an update on the status of the greenways project and provision of a development officer in the Dungloe office.

12.2

DFI Workshop

The Committee agreed to convene a Workshop at 10 a.m. on the 3rd of March in Dungloe.

ENVIRONMENT

13.1

Reports

Members noted the reports from the Waste Awareness and Waste Regulation Officers in relation to the following activities:

- Tidy Town Workshops
- Green Schools
- Litter Fines

13.2

Clean Coasts Roadshow

The Committee welcomed the report from the Coastal Officer in relation to the planned roadshow in Annagry Community Hall on 15th February 2020 to discuss the impact of climate change on the coastline.

13.3

Beach Maintenance

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Coastal Officer informed the Committee that:

- A contractor has been employed to fix the broken fence at Braade beach and
- Life buoys are to be redeployed following recent storms.

In response to a query from Cllr. McClafferty, the Coastal Officer informed Members that quotations obtained for the provision of water supply and a shower at Falcarragh beach were prohibitively expensive but that the Council are exploring alternative options.

GMD 14/20

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development SSO updated Members in respect of work programmes that the Economic Development Information System and Emergency Services directorate will be focusing on which are as follows:

- Economic development
- Tourism
- Research and Policy
- Local enterprise
- Information Systems
- Emergency Services

GMD 15/20

HOUSING & BUILDING

15.1

Grants

Members welcomed the report circulated with the agenda and presented by the Housing Manager in relation to the status of the following grants as at the 5th of February 2020:

- Housing Aid for Older People
- Housing Adaptation
- Mobility Aids

15.2

Casual Vacancies

The Committee noted the report circulated previously in relation to the deadline of the 17th of February for receipt of tenders in respect of 12 no. voids out of a total of 16 no. casual vacancies.

15.3

Housing Capital

Members noted the report circulated with the agenda regarding an update in respect of:

- Construction of 4 units at Dunfanaghy
- House Acquisition Programme
- Buy and Renew
- Turnkey Acquisition

Cllr. Gallagher reiterated her previous requests for the decentralisation of Housing Construction staff to Dungloe on a short-term basis to advance development of sustainable communities in the Municipal District.

15.4

Clúid - AHB

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. Gallagher, the Housing Manager undertook to liaise with the HSE to advance progress.

15.5

RESPOND - Fairhill Lodge

The Housing Manager informed the Committee that the tender in respect of the conversion of existing group home into 8 no. 2 bed apartments has been advertised on 'E-tenders' on 11th February 2020. Cllr. Gallagher requested the Council to communicate with the public regarding time frame for completion of this Scheme.

15.6

Housing Maintenance

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration at the delay in repairing potholes at Clós Naomh Duigh, Annagry and requested the Housing and Roads Services to expedite completion of necessary works.

The Housing Manager advised the Committee that repairs are categorised as 'Emergency', 'Urgent' and 'Routine' and that the response time will be determined in accordance with this categorisation.

In response to queries from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Housing Manager undertook to liaise with Community Development in respect of works required at the playground in Clós Naomh Mhuire and to open up a repair request for painting and kerbing in respect of Ardpatrick, Glenties.

15.7

Workshop

The Committee agreed to schedule a Workshop on housing construction on the 25th February or the 3rd March and that a definitive date will be communicated to Members in due course.

GMD 16/20

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16.1

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, the Committee agreed to communicate with the HSE to retain Podiatry Services in Dungloe Community Hospital.

16.2

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig commended Cllr. Gallagher on the success of her role as Director of Elections for Sinn Féin in the Dáil elections and also congratulated all newly elected TD's.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also recommended that correspondence issue to Deputy Pat the Cope Gallagher expressing appreciation for the important role that he played for over 40 years in public life in Donegal.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

**REPORT FROM WORKSHOP OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2020 IN DUNGLOE PSC**

- Members present:** Cllr. Noreen McGarvey (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. Anthony Molloy
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
- Officials present:** Michael McGarvey -A/Director Water & Environment Service
Eamonn Brown - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Brendan McFadden - SEE, Roads Manager
Shane McMonagle - SEE, CFRAMS
Lorraine Arbuckle - EE, CFRAMS
Michael Rowsome - SSO, Corporate & Housing

1. County Donegal Flood Relief Scheme

Shane McMonagle, SEE, made a presentation to the Committee in respect of the Donegal Flood Relief Scheme and regarding the following matters:

- Background to Project
- Steering group
- Project structure
- Communications
- Glenties Flood Relief Scheme
- Next steps

The Committee commended the presentation and the SEE responded to Members queries.

This concluded the Business of the Workshop

24th February 2020

To: Each Elected Member

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2020.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2020. This is for information purposes only, as the Development Funds do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works has been included on the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Area Manager

Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 amends Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, inserting a new section (Section 103A), (extract attached) regarding the preparation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works in respect of maintenance and repair for each Municipal District.
- 1.2 Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014 dated 31st December 2014, (copy attached) provides further detail in relation to the operational application of this relatively new principle within the Municipal District.

2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration

- 2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works sets out a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts, in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.
- 2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Work is mandatory. It is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.
- 2.3 Whilst it is intended in future years that the Schedule of Municipal District Works is to be prepared and completed broadly in parallel or very soon after the adoption of the Annual Revenue Budget, a deadline date of the 31st March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2020, as was the case in previous years (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014). It is anticipated that further direction will be provided in future years in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- 2.4 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted, and the expenditure associated with that, must be within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).
- 2.5 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Work reverts to the full council for the elected members' consideration and adoption with or without amendment, but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A.

3.0 Rationale

- 3.1 The principle of the SMDW is in line with stated objectives incorporated in various government policy documents associated with Local Government Reform.
- 3.2 It is expected that, as the concept matures, that the prospect of additional and wider ranges of activities may be considered for incorporation into the overall schedule.

4.0 Practical Applications - 2020


- 4.1 This is the sixth year of the application of this concept. An approach has been taken to apply a limited number of works areas and to include areas of strategic importance at Municipal District level in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. In this context various aspects of housing maintenance and repair; road maintenance and repair; beach management and maintenance; and litter management have been incorporated.
- 4.2 The schedule as presented to the Municipal District members does not report on, or represent, all aspects of local expenditure and as such it is expected that as the principle of the SMDW matures over subsequent years that further areas can be incorporated as required. It is proposed that this matter be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council and their advice and direction be sought in relation to same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that in certain instances budgets are held locally e.g. roads maintenance areas whilst others are held centrally e.g. beach management. The rationale and logic for same is specific to individual expenditure headings, but considerations relating to value for money, efficiency, synergies and contingency capacity are all areas that are reflected in instances where budgets may be held centrally for the provision of services locally.

5.0 Further Information

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to members through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2020 allocation process) and, furthermore, a schedule of available monies per electoral area in respect of the members development funds, a sum in the amount of €6,350 which is available for allocation by each individual elected member.
- 5.2 The 'Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund' was adopted by the elected members as part of the 2020 Revenue Budget process. A sum of €203,500, equivalent to €5,500 per elected member, is included for information purposes in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2020. This provision will facilitate the development of a scheme that will allow members to allocate funding to public lights and minor public infrastructure improvements, primarily on public roads and in housing estates.

6.0 Required

- 6.1 In line with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) that the members consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented.
- 6.2 That the members resolve to adopt, with or without amendment (but within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget), the schedule as presented and in line with the text of the draft resolution provided.


Richard Gibson FCCA,
A/Head of Finance

Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

- (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.
- (3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).
- (4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government



LG 27/2014
FIN 21/2014

31 December 2014

Dear Chief Executive,

**Schedule of Municipal District Works
(SMDW)**

Legislative provisions

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district¹ members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.
2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
 - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
 - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
 - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
 - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

¹ The term municipal district should be taken to include metropolitan districts and borough districts.

Policy Context

3. By virtue of being adopted at district level, the SMDW represents an important enhancement of subsidiarity in local government. The provision is fundamentally important to the new system of governance at sub-county level, giving effect to measures set out in the *Government's Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First*, which indicated, in particular, that: -
 - matters to be decided at municipal district level would include decisions in relation to local facilities and amenities and determination of priorities and programmes of works or services in the area, within global funding allocations decided by the overall county council /city and county council or the use of locally generated revenue (paragraph 6.5.2);
 - provision would be made for the adoption by members at municipal district level of programmes/plans setting out priorities for works, services or activities within their functional remit that are contained within, or specific to, the district and expenditure in respect of matters that are appropriate for decision locally, within the overall budgetary and policy framework (paragraph 6.5.9); and
 - wide discretion would be given to members at municipal district level insofar as priorities in matters decided at that level are concerned (paragraph 6.7.1).

The scope for widening the extent of reserved functions of elected members would be pursued fully and a number of new measures set out in the programme would add important new functions to the range of powers of elected members (paragraph 11.5.2); to this end, the adoption of the SMDW is among the most important new reserved functions introduced by the Reform Act 2014.

Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW

4. The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW. Further consideration will be given to the possible need for regulations under section 103A of the 2001 Act. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines are being provided on the preparation, amendment and adoption of the SMDW for the year 2015, as follows: -
 - (a) While the legislation provides that the SMDW be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, it is considered reasonable, in the first year of its operation, to allow adoption of the SMDW by 31 March 2015, in order to allow for appropriate arrangements to be made and to afford members adequate time to familiarise themselves with this important new function. This will also enable account to be taken of more definitive details of Government maintenance grants for roads, housing, etc.
 - (b) The SMDW in respect of each municipal district should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget of the local authority in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads,

amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants. Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term “maintenance” can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

- (c) Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years. It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW *per se* cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.
- (d) It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the local authority and the constituent municipal districts each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.
- (e) Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district. Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.
- (f) Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.
- (g) The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget.

- (h) It is suggested that the resolution for adoption of the SMDW be worded so as to be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or reallocation of funding from scheduled works that cannot, for some reason, proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework and could be notified to the members as part of the Monthly Management Report. Account should be taken of any such changes in the preparation of the following year's SMDW.
- (i) Section 134A of the 2001 Act provides that, in preparing the Service Delivery Plan, account shall be taken of any local authority plan, statement, strategy or any other document. Accordingly, the SMDW should, ideally, be prepared and adopted in advance of the annual Service Delivery Plan. If this is not feasible in the context of the time frame allowed for 2015, the preparation of the annual Service Delivery Plan should, at least, be informed by proposals for the SMDW.
5. The following conditions and requirements shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW, as prepared under the direction of the chief executive, being considered by the municipal district members under section 103A (2) and (3) of the 2001 Act: -
- (a) Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of
- the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes;
 - actual requirements and priorities for relevant works within the district and prioritisation of the use of funding available to the district for particular purposes having regard to such requirements and priorities;
 - the most effective use of available resources;
 - requirements and priorities for funding in respect of works to which the SMDW relates during the entire term of office of the council so as to prevent dilution and ineffective use of funding by spreading it too thinly across the local authority/district each year;
 - other factors/criteria set out in these guidelines;
 - compliance with the regulations and guidelines regarding the performance of functions by municipal district members as provided in S.I. 231 of 2014 and circular LG10/2014, including the need for consistency with overall local authority policy and avoidance of duplication;
 - any views in relation to proposed amendments provided by the chief executive.
- (b) If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not

been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of section 103A.

- (c) Pending a decision on the adoption of the SMDW by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, works or services may be undertaken in accordance with the schedule as prepared by the chief executive. Failure to adopt, or delay in adoption of, the SMDW in respect of a particular district by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, will not affect the validity of the SMDW adopted by the municipal district or the local authority, as the case may be, in respect of another district in the local authority area. Accordingly, where the SMDW has been adopted by the members for a particular municipal district, it cannot be revisited by the plenary Council even in the event that the SMDW for another district is referred back to it because of failure of the members for that district to adopt.
 - (d) In the event of a decision by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, not to adopt the SMDW or to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, only such works or services to which the SMDW relates as are considered by the chief executive to be essential shall be undertaken pending the adoption of the SMDW within the level of expenditure envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive.
6. Specific procedures (beyond the requirements in the legislation) or a definitive format for the SMDW, are not being prescribed at this time. The procedures and structures already applied by most authorities for non-statutory agreement of annual road works programmes at area committee level should provide a relevant analogy and a template that can be adapted for the statutory SMDW process. It is understood that some authorities intend to have non-statutory consultations with the municipal district members on the SMDW early in 2015, which could be helpful in advance of formal adoption. It should also be noted that it is a matter for the executive to determine the most appropriate and effective operational and organisational arrangements to implement the measures decided by the municipal district members in the adoption of the SMDW.
7. A copy of this circular, which is available on the SharePoint system, should be given to each elected member. In view of its importance to their role at municipal district level, all necessary support should be provided to the members in the performance of their functions in relation to the schedule of municipal district works.

Any queries on this matter relating to finance aspects can be made to Emma.Reeves@environ.ie, or relating to municipal district functions generally to Brendan Buggy or Michael Murphy at 01-8882826 or 01-8882162, respectively or, by e-mail at Brendan.buggy@environ.ie or Michael.murphy@environ.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Quinn

Denis Conlan

Local Government Finance Section

Local Government Policy Section

To each local authority Chief Executive

**Extract from Part 12, Chapter 1 (Financial Procedures)
of the Local Government Act 2001**

Schedule of municipal district works

103A.— (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

(3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).

(4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

Appendix 1 – Housing Maintenance and Housing Estate Management 2020

	Overall Adopted €	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads €	Discretionary €
Housing Maintenance – Inishowen MD	707,583	136,983	570,600
Housing Maintenance – Donegal MD	497,781	63,752	434,029
Housing Maintenance – Glenties MD	539,207	80,353	458,854
Housing Maintenance – Letterkenny-Milford MD	995,561	312,719	682,842
Housing Maintenance – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	617,382	63,650	553,732
Subtotal for Area Maintenance:	3,357,514	657,457	2,700,057
HQ Maintenance	1,050,000		
Total Maintenance	4,407,514		
Insurance	382,303		
Loan Charges	159,675		
Local Property Tax Payments	498,353		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	66,000		
Subtotal Other	1,106,331		
Overall Total	5,513,845	As per Budget Book (A0101)	

Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.

Housing Estate Management – Inishowen MD	12,000		
Housing Estate Management – Donegal MD	10,000		
Housing Estate Management – Glenties MD	10,750		
Housing Estate Management – Letterkenny-Milford MD	11,000		
Housing Estate Management – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	9,000		
Total Estate Management	52,750	As per Budget Book (A0401)	

Appendix 2 – Environmental Services 2020

Description	Adopted Budget 2020	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2020	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny-Milford	Lifford-Stranorlar	County/Centre	Total
Water & Environment															
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	149,100		149,100				0	149,100	34,150	20,550	27,900	47,850	18,650	0	149,100
Tidy Towns Fund	105,000		105,000				0	105,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,000	105,000
Maintenance of Beaches	213,700		213,700				0	213,700	36,700	80,000	44,400	24,500	0	28,100	213,700
Totals	467,800		467,800				0	467,800	90,850	120,550	92,300	92,350	38,650	33,100	467,800

Background

It is proposed that Clean-Ups and Beach Maintenance will be centrally managed to give maximum flexibility to respond to priorities in a countywide context. Examples where this is relevant include instances of large-scale dumping potentially being more prevalent in one area than another, and similarly with unexpected maintenance/repair work at individual beaches. As a consequence, it is difficult to suggest that an MD has discretion for the expenditure. However, indicative expenditure is clearly provided on an area-by-area basis as set out in the schedule circulated. The basis of allocation will be kept under review.

A specific and discretionary allocation of €20,000 per Municipal District has been included in the adopted budget 2020 to assist tidy towns groups (as shown above). In addition to this, an amount of €5,000 has been set aside centrally for the purpose of running a countywide tidy-towns competition.

Roads Areas Division Budget Distribution 2020

	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)(Note 1)								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€103,239		€20,237	€59,538	€110,278
NP Winter Maintenance	€264,600		€264,600					
NP Capital Maintenance (Note 3)	€0		€0					
NP HD 28 (Note 3)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
National Primary Total =	€1,557,892	€0	€1,264,600	€103,239	€0	€20,237	€59,538	€110,278
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€38,360	€135,270		€28,265	
NS Winter Maintenance	€164,600		€164,600					
NS Capital Maintenance (Note 3)	€0		€0					
NS HD 28 (Note 3)	€0		€0					
National Secondary Total =	€366,495	€0	€164,600	€38,360	€135,270	€0	€28,265	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2020	€66,600		€66,600					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2020	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€76,600	€10,000	€66,600	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€2,000,987	€10,000	€1,495,800	€141,599	€135,270	€20,237	€87,804	€110,278
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTAS)(Note 4)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 5)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,926,000			€810,533	€742,408	€972,544	€847,464	€553,051
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€5,176,000	€250,000	€1,000,000	€810,533	€742,408	€972,544	€847,464	€553,051
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,278,480	€0		€208,811	€315,664	€293,967	€325,941	€134,096
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,287,520			€699,425	€593,914	€822,920	€690,873	€480,387
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€4,566,000	€0	€0	€908,236	€909,578	€1,116,888	€1,016,815	€614,483
Materials Testing	€40,000		€40,000					
Restoration Improvement	€15,842,500			€3,270,725	€2,995,824	€3,924,486	€3,419,751	€2,231,714
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€15,882,500	€0	€40,000	€3,270,725	€2,995,824	€3,924,486	€3,419,751	€2,231,714
Community Involvement Schemes	€1,440,000			€297,292	€272,305	€356,715	€310,837	€202,851
Specific Improvement Grants	€1,880,000			€600,000		€780,000	€500,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€920,000			€420,000			€500,000	
Leck Road Improvement Works	€400,000						€400,000	
PSCI: Survey Report	€50,000		€50,000					
Drainage Works (Note 8)	€1,320,010			€272,519	€249,615	€326,991	€284,936	€185,948
Severe Weather (Note 9)	€422,911					€422,911		
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€6,432,921	€0	€50,000	€1,589,811	€521,919	€1,886,618	€1,995,774	€388,799
Bridge Rehabilitation	€325,000	€325,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€396,000	€396,000						
Traffic Calming Pilot (Note 10)	€63,757	€63,757						
Training Grant	€114,500	€114,500						
DTTAS Non-Roads Areas Total =	€899,257	€899,257	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total DTTAS Roads Areas Funding =	€32,956,678	€1,149,257	€1,090,000	€6,579,305	€5,169,730	€7,900,535	€7,279,803	€3,788,047
Training	€30,000	€30,000						
Scrim test & Materials Tests	€50,000		€50,000					
Lining & Road Studs	€200,000		€200,000					
Depots & Health & Safety	€75,000		€75,000					
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€270,000	€220,000		€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Bridges (Advance Design)(Note 11)	€50,000		€50,000					
Safety Fencing	€80,000		€80,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000	€50,000						
Invasive Species Management	€30,000		€30,000					
Staffing Budget (Note 12)	€400,000		€400,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 13)	€800,000			€238,400		€241,600	€320,000	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 14)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€1,600,000			€344,794	€309,927	€356,416	€348,668	€240,194
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,049,172			€171,359	€259,046	€241,241	€267,481	€110,045
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€460,650			€75,237	€113,737	€105,920	€117,440	€48,316
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,786,427			€380,065	€322,731	€447,172	€375,418	€261,041
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€784,350			€166,872	€141,698	€196,336	€164,831	€114,613
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€8,580,602	€300,000	€1,385,000	€1,451,730	€1,157,140	€1,674,685	€1,827,839	€784,208
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 15)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 16)	€90,000					€90,000		
Car Parking	€1,130,000		€150,000	€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
School Wardens	€71,000	€71,000						
Burial Grounds	€40,000		€2,800	€7,200	€4,800	€9,600	€10,800	€4,800
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,271,781	€71,000	€152,800	€505,848	€10,199	€318,748	€1,051,148	€162,038
Total DCC Funding =	€10,852,383	€371,000	€1,537,800	€1,957,578	€1,167,339	€1,993,433	€2,878,986	€946,246
TOTAL 2020 FUNDING =	€45,810,048	€1,530,257	€4,123,600	€8,678,482	€6,472,339	€9,914,206	€10,246,593	€4,844,571

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2020 - Municipal Districts Summary

	Totals			Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny MD	Stranorlar MD
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Total National Roads Funding =	€495,187			€141,599	€135,270	€20,237	€87,804	€110,278
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MD Works Overheads	€1,600,000			€344,794	€309,927	€356,416	€348,668	€240,194
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 12)	€800,000			€238,400		€241,600	€320,000	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 13)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€10,821,602			€2,262,263	€1,899,549	€2,647,229	€2,675,302	€1,337,259
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,278,480			€208,811	€315,664	€293,967	€325,941	€134,096
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,287,520			€699,425	€593,914	€822,920	€690,873	€480,387
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Specific Grants Total =	€6,382,921			€1,589,811	€521,919	€1,886,618	€1,995,774	€388,799
Total Non-National Roads Funding =	€37,613,023			€8,031,035	€6,326,870	€9,575,220	€9,107,642	€4,572,255
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 15)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 16)	€90,000					€90,000		
Car Parking	€980,000			€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
Burial Grounds	€37,200			€7,200	€4,800	€9,600	€10,800	€4,800
Roads Related Items Total =	€2,047,981			€505,848	€10,199	€318,748	€1,051,148	€162,038
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€2,047,981			€505,848	€10,199	€318,748	€1,051,148	€162,038
TOTAL 2020 FUNDING =	€40,156,191			€8,678,482	€6,472,339	€9,914,206	€10,246,593	€4,844,571

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Budget Distribution 2020

Notes:

- 1 TII allocations must be spent in accordance with the NRA Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 TII allocations announced to date do not contain any allocation for High Collision Locations or Crash Barrier repairs. It is expected that funding under these headings will be announced by TII aimed at specific locations on the national road network in the coming months.
- 3 The TII Capital Maintenance and HD28 allocations are aimed at specific locations to be identified by TII on the national road network. These locations have yet to be confirmed by TII and any funding has been held centrally pending receipt of this clarification.
- 4 DTTAS allocations must be spent in compliance with DTTAS Circular RW1/2020 and the Memorandum on Grants For Regional and Local Roads.
- 5 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve. The budget has been set at €1,000,000 for 2020 to reflect the likely expenditure.
- 6 In previous years LAs were permitted by DTTaS to use up to 15% of their initial Discretionary Grant for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). As LIS is now provided through the Department for Rural and Community Development this facility is no longer available from DTTaS.
- 7 In 2018 DTTaS provided a two year funding programme for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS). Funding has again been provided for 2020 with a commitment from DTTaS to provide an equivalent grant in 2021.
- 8 DTTas have continued their Drainage Grant for 2020 with funding of €1,320,010 and is to be used to address locations with drainage problems on the road network.
- 9 €422,911 has been provided by DTTaS for the repair of damage to public roads infrastructure arising from the August 2017 floods. Works in Donegal, Stranorlar and Letterkenny MDs were completed in previous years. Remaining works are in Inishowen MD.
- 10 Following the introduction of the 30 kph speed limit and the 'Slow Zone' signage in housing estates speeding remains problematic in a small number of cases. DTTaS have provided €50,000 in 2020 to allow for new traffic calming measures to be piloted in these housing estates.
- 11 It was noted in the Budget Book that there was a need to advance the design work on certain bridges and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 12 The increase in outdoor staff numbers has resulted in increased staffing costs for outdoor work gangs. Similar to previous years monies have been retained centrally for targeting at RSS areas where staffing costs cannot be met from existing maintenance funding. €400,000 has been retained for this purpose.
- 13 €800,000 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously.
- 14 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2020 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with their individual preferences.
- 15 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2020 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on 2013 expenditure under this heading.
- 16 Movable Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments and a separate allocation has again been made in the 2020 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.
- 17 It is expected that Roads Own Resources funds will continue to be spent as normal as per the following breakdown from Budget Book 2020:

Drainage Works on Roads	40% - 50%
Road Surface Repairs	35% - 45%
Verge Maintenance	0% - 10%
Sign Maintenance	0% - 5%
Bridge Inspections	0% - 5%
Emergency RTC and Flooding Response	0% - 5%
Street Cleaning	0% - 15%

- 18 Where specific allocations are made to MDs on the basis of their having former Town Councils it is expected that these allocations will be spent in the former Town Council areas and will not be used to supplement budgets outside of these areas.
- 19 The 2020 road mileage percentages differ from previous years to take account of the transfer of the Manorcunningham DED from the Inishowen MD to the Letterkenny MD and the additional road mileage arising from estate takeover. The following is a comparison of the 2019 and 2020 percentages;

Municipal District	National Primary	National Secondary	Regional	Local	Non National Total
2020					
Donegal	35.2%	19.0%	16.3%	21.3%	20.6%
Glenties		67.0%	24.7%	18.1%	18.9%
Inishowen	6.9%		23.0%	25.0%	24.8%
Letterkenny	20.3%	14.0%	25.5%	21.0%	21.6%
Stranorlar	37.6%		10.5%	14.6%	14.1%
2019					
Donegal	35.2%	19.0%	16.3%	21.3%	20.7%
Glenties		67.0%	24.7%	18.1%	18.9%
Inishowen	14.7%		23.0%	25.5%	25.2%
Letterkenny	12.5%	14.0%	25.5%	20.5%	21.1%
Stranorlar	37.6%		10.5%	14.6%	14.1%

Development Fund Allocations 2020

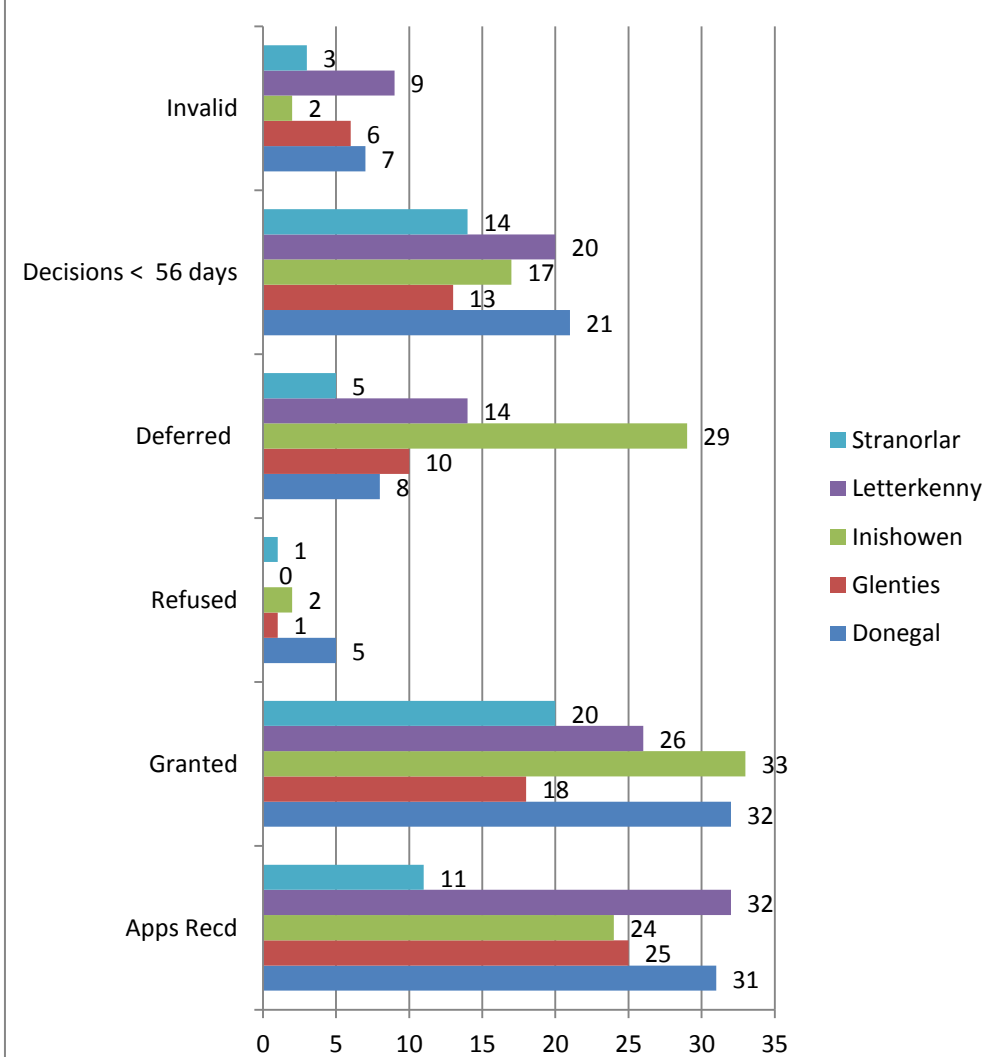
Municipal District	Development Fund Initiative €	Members Development Fund * ¹ €	Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund* ³ €	Totals €
Letterkenny-Milford	200,000	63,500	55,000	318,500
Inishowen	180,000	57,150	49,500	286,650
Donegal	120,000	38,100	33,000	191,100
Glenties	120,000	38,100	33,000	191,100
Lifford-Stranorlar	120,000	38,100	33,000	191,100
Totals	740,000	234,950 * ²	203,500	1,178,450

*¹ €6,350 per member

*² Standard rounding rules apply / Revenue Budget allocation €236,000

*³ €5,500 per member

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10th March 2020

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4	Central Planning Unit									
	(1) <i>Letterkenny</i>	<p>Continuing the ongoing programme of engagement between Planning Section staff and Members, the next MD Workshop has been arranged for Thursday 2nd April, 2020 (10.00am).</p> <p>In the meantime, ongoing Plan development work is continuing and includes, inter alia, the following areas of work:</p> <p>~ drafting of Working Draft documents text;</p> <p>~ finalisation by consultants, in consultation with the Council's Planning and Engineering sections, of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the town, which will be used to inform land-use zoning recommendations (a Draft Report has been received and is being reviewed by Planning staff in consultation with relevant engineers; the import of this report is likely to be an important item for the next workshop).</p> <p>~ finalisation by consultants, in consultation with the Council's Planning and Engineering section, of a review and update of the traffic modelling that was undertaken as part of the Letterkenny Integrated Land Use and Transportation Study (ILUTS) in 2009, with a view to informing an updated Local Transport Plan for Letterkenny (; Planning and Engineering staff met with the consultants in late February. It is expected that the report will be submitted by mid-April at the latest.</p> <p>~ finalisation by Irish Water, in consultation with the Council's Planning and Water Services sections, of a Wastewater Network Development Plan for the town, which Plan will set</p>								

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	<p>out how the town's foul sewer network should be expanded to accommodate the growth ambitions for the town (Plan not received as of late February).</p> <p>Other areas of work are also continuing including, inter alia, continued engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~the Economic Development section with regard to the economic development strategy for Letterkenny and how this should inform the Letterkenny Plan; and ~ the Regeneration and Development Team to ensure that both areas of work dovetail appropriately .
<p>(2) <i>Buncrana Local Area Plan</i></p>	<p>ICLRD (The International Centre for Local and Regional Development), is continuing its 10 week project period to prepare a comprehensive strategic study on the future direction and economic positioning of the town of Buncrana. ICLR and Planning staff already had a very productive meeting with the Inishowen MD Members on 23rd January, 2020. A schedule of further detailed cross-sector stakeholder consultation events will be held during February (Members have already been advised separately regarding these detailed arrangements). The entire project is anticipated to complete towards the end of March 2020.</p> <p>The findings of the Study will be presented to the Inishowen Members during early Q2 2020.</p> <p>This Study will assist in informing both the Local Area Plan for the town and decisions around the future strategic positioning and direction(s) of Buncrana, in addition to potential future strategic regeneration funding applications.</p> <p>Queens University of Belfast students conducted study visits to <u>Buncrana and Merville</u> as part of their studies in Masters course in Urban Planning on Thursday 30th January 2020. This is to complete their module in 'Design in the Built Environment' and their course director has selected the towns of Buncrana and Merville to use as their case studies.</p> <p>The Central Planning Unit assisted the students during their study visits by way of facilitating and identifying site specific areas that might be of particular interest in terms of their work programme and course module. It is anticipated that the students will share their end work/results with DCC and the MD Members. More information in this regard will be forthcoming in due course. Please note that this Queens University project is a standalone and separate piece of work to that being carried out by ICRLD and whilst we hope to benefit from the end results and recommendations our role is to provide some local knowledge and assistance during the</p>

	study visits only.
(3) <i>Bundoran</i>	Preliminary work has begun in relation to the targeted intervention measures previously discussed and agreed in principle with Members. Further details will be provided in due course.
(4) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (CDP 2018-2024)</i>	<p><u>Wind Energy; and TEN-T Priority Roads Project</u></p> <p>The 2020 Work Programme for the Central Planning Unit already includes the preparation of Variations in relation to the following key policy areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wind Energy; and 2. TEN-T Priority Roads Project <p>The requirement for the Wind Energy Variation has been accelerated following the publication of the Draft Revised Wind Energy Guidelines, December 2019. A link to this document was forwarded to Members on 13th December, 2019 and Members were advised that a detailed report on the Draft Guidelines was presented to the January 2020 Plenary Council Meeting. Following a request made at the Plenary meeting, Members were invited to forward comments to the Planning Section by Monday 10th February, 2020 so that they could be incorporated into the Council's submission to the Draft Guidelines.</p> <p>The requirement for the TEN-T Variation is also being advanced on foot of the publication of the TEN-T Preferred Route Corridors report in January, 2020.</p> <p><u>Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy; and Two-Year Review</u></p> <p>The Work Programme also includes the preparation of either a single Chief Executive's Report, or separate Reports in relation to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A '2-year' report on 'the progress achieved in securing the objectives' of the County Development Plan, as required under Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended); and b. Following the making of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) on 24th January, 2020, consideration of the consistency of the Donegal County Development Plan, 2018-2024 as required under Sections 11 and 27 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended). <p><u>Plenary Workshop on Foot Of Councillor C. Brogan Motion</u></p>

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		<p>At the Plenary Council meeting of January, 2020 Councillor Brogan submitted the following motion:</p> <p><i>"I propose that we as a Council review the County Development Plan as a matter of urgency so as to address the challenges people are facing with planning at the moment".</i></p> <p>The response to the Motion recommended that arrangements are made to discuss these matters with members at an agreed date to enable a full understanding of the issues raised by the motion and to allow for distribution of information relating to the issues and trends arising from the range of planning applications received by the Council.</p> <p>The response also noted that this motion was timely in light of the statutory 2-Year Report obligation on the Planning Authority as referenced above.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Plenary Workshop will be convened in April in the first instance. Members will be notified of detailed arrangements in due course.</p>
	(5) <i>Town & Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects</i>	<p>Work to prepare the Ramelton Action Plan for Renewal and Regeneration including identification of proposals for enhancement of civic and public space continued with the publication of a Draft Plan and very well-attended public consultation event during February. The period for public submissions is open until 13th March, 2020. The submissions will be considered and inform the finalised plan to be published thereafter.</p>
5	Regeneration & Development Team	See Appendix A
6	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file Retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf

APPENDIX A

Update on Open Call for Category 2 applications under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund

Members will be aware from previous workshops and Municipal District Meetings that a call for Category 2 projects under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund opened in December 2019 with a closing date of 12noon Friday 28th February. Category 2 calls provide for the development of projects to 'shovel ready status' and where acquisition, planning, detailed design and contract assistance can be included. Having regard to the particular constraints of the call it was determined that the towns of Ballybofey & Stranorlar, Ballyshannon and Ramelton were best placed for project development under this second call (2019) for Category 2 applications.

The Regeneration & Development Team is pleased to report that applications for funding under the RRDF were submitted for the development of regeneration projects in respect of each of the selected settlements. The details of the funding applications and the regeneration projects which will potentially be developed by successful funding decisions are as follows:

The SEED Project

A sustainable, green regeneration project to Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar

The SEED Project is a sustainable, green, regeneration project that will engage in place-making and people to re-establish and revitalise the town centre of Ballybofey-Stranorlar as regional exemplar of competitive, sustainable, liveable and vibrant places. It will deliver a 'green heart' via a new town square bringing plants, trees and the riverine environment into the centre of the town and connecting with the surrounding natural environment for which the towns are known as a centre of excellence for sports and recreation.

This project is a unique opportunity to capitalise on and plan for the opportunities that may arise as a consequence of the Donegal TEN-T project which will remove significant volumes of traffic from the town centre and will provide the space to invest in place-making as a catalyst of physical, environmental, social and economic regeneration. The SEED project is the first step in a sustainable Ballybofey-Stranorlar by 2040, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to the delivery of the objectives of the Paris Agreement. This is a Project for Public Life that will dramatically change the fabric of the town centre working towards an attractive and healthier town centre in which people will choose to spend more time in, to live in, to visit, to work in and to invest in.

The specific request of the Category 2 Application is to secure funding for:

- Acquisition to provide for the restoration and repurposing of a building as the focal point within the town core; and
- Acquisition of a brownfield site in the town centre to accommodate relocated car parking.

Specifically this category 2 application will enable the advancement of the final project which will consist of:

1. Restoration and remodelling of an acquired building to providing a publicly accessible building and a focal point and multi-use space for welcoming visitors to the town.
2. The development of a public realm civic space, gathering and focal point in the town centre of Ballybofey, to enhance and upgrade the town centre physical environment, support improved pedestrian activity and improve the external urban fabric of the town.
3. The development of replacement and additional car parking in an existing vacant brownfield site to service the anticipated increased footfall resulting from the re-purposing of the building acquisition, and enhanced public and civic space.

In tandem, the Council are progressing with design proposals to bring the capital elements of the final project through to Part VIII led by the architectural and urban design resources of the Regeneration and Development Team. The value of the overall final capital project is estimated at **€5.4million**. The overall value of this Category 2 project (acquisition and additional land) and current application for funding is **€483,750**.

It is considered that this proposal presents as a unique, sustainable, innovative and transformational regeneration project which will deliver multiple benefits. It will provide a focal point within the town centre to increase footfall together with a complementary public realm intervention that will enhance liveability. The project is in itself the very essence of sustainability, manifest in the restoration and reuse of the existing built fabric. Sustainability is at the core of the project and will be integrated throughout the design concept so that the SEED Project leads to further innovation in regeneration and restorative actions in Ballybofey- Stranorlar.

Back to Ballyshannon – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon’s historic town centre.

‘Back to Ballyshannon’ is a regeneration project that will deliver transformative change right in the heart of the Historic and Heritage town centre of Ballyshannon through targeted reuse of the built heritage of the town centre together with a complementary and interrelated public realm scheme at the

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Market Yard. The project is powerful in its collective potential providing for radical physical change in the town centre that will act as a catalyst for increased activity, footfall, social capital, tourism potential and resultant sustainability for new business and enterprise.

Ballyshannon is a historic town where the need for such transformative change is most acute and is evidenced by the decline of the town centre, increasing vacancy rates, deepening dereliction, a stagnant and ageing population, a declining youth population, a declining working age population, high unemployment, lack of public space and a tired historic streetscape. This project provides a critical mechanism to reverse the trend of decline and energise a new town centre through enhancement of the physical environment, breathing life into it, bringing a neglected place back into productive use and reactivating the town centre as a place for people, innovation, ideas, creativity and community.

The project is informed by the emerging collaborative Regeneration Strategy for Ballyshannon where the need to address vacancy and dereliction, particularly where it relates to key historic buildings, together with the need for dedicated gathering space have been identified as necessary priority interventions through stakeholder engagement, both one-to-one meetings and stakeholder workshop event.

The final project that this Category 2 application will enable will provide for:

1. The restoration and remodelling of a heritage building in the centre of the town, to bring an iconic, socially and visually significant derelict and disused heritage and historic property back into use and;
2. The repurposing of the existing bus layover and car park at Market Yard fronting onto the River Erne to create a public gathering space and viewing point overlooking the River, servicing the local community and drawing visitors into Ballyshannon.
3. The design of additional and alternative vehicular parking provision on existing adjacent local authority owned lands to accommodate alternative and anticipated increased footfall into the town.

Specifically under this Category 2 application, the Council seeks RRDF support to acquire a heritage building in order to enable the advancement of the final project. In tandem, the Council is progressing with design proposals to bring the capital elements of the final project through to Part VIII led by the architectural and urban design resources of the Regeneration and Development Team. The value of the final capital project is estimated at **€3.13million**. The overall value of this Category 2 project and application for funding is **€247,500**.

This project presents as an exciting, innovative and transformational regeneration proposition that directly responds to the clear and pressing need to revitalise the town centre of Ballyshannon and deliver the first critical building block of the wider Regeneration Strategy. This project will ignite the

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potential of Ballyshannon across urban design, reuse of existing assets, built heritage, public space, accessibility, liveability, vitality, social capital and the economy and it will serve to lead and activate the community and private sector to invest and return 'Back to Ballyshannon'.

Ramelton Historic Town Centre – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

Ramelton Historic Town Centre is a restorative and transformational regeneration project within the Historic commercial core of the Heritage Town of Ramelton. The project provides for a large scale public realm scheme which seeks to restore and transform the historic commercial centre of Ramelton, through a suite of integrated and heritage led public realm interventions. The specific interventions will be designed to not only transform the physical environment but also to restore social purpose and commercial function to under-utilised and redundant public spaces of both prominence and scale.

The project is informed by the (Draft) Ramelton Action Plan – '*A Study of Heritage Led Actions for the renewal and regeneration of Ramelton*' and proposes to deliver on a number of the identified priority actions of the Plan. This Draft Action Plan is presently at an advanced stage of development and is progressing through public consultation with significant endorsement and is a strong evidence base for the project.

The Project will provide for five key public realm interventions within the historic town core:

1. The re-creation of a pedestrian priority civic space inclusive of a commercial market space in Gamble's Square; (2177 sq m)
2. The re-instatement of the Market Cross as a meeting place including the installation of a new sculpture to replace the old Market Cross; (1160 sq m)
3. The formation of a Market Green Events & Garden Centre at the Former Pig Market as a pivotal central gathering space within the core of the town which provides a functioning multi-user space to include a public garden, a Children's Play Park and an open sided structure for open air exhibitions, Festivals and events; (2279 sq m)
4. The creation of a useable public space at Market Square; and (335 sq m)
5. Traffic Management, pedestrian infrastructure and Marine/Maritime recreational, leisure and tourism facilities in 'the Quays'. (3840 sq m)

The project will also include the delivery of new and enabling infrastructural change in the areas of traffic management, parking and pedestrian facilities, e-car charging points and communal green waste management facilities to support the public realm interventions and to meet the goals of Ireland's Climate Action Plan and the Councils commitments as set out in the Climate Action Charter for Local Authorities.

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A particular attribute of the project is its deliberate complimentarity with a strong concurrent application by the Council to the Historic Towns Initiative, which seeks funding for the conservation and preservation of the built fabric of particular heritage buildings within the Historic commercial core.

The Council now proposes to seek the full range of complimentary Architect led design team services to act as Project Supervisor Design Process (PSDP) and to develop the public realm project from its current stage through statutory consents, detailed design, tender and construction documentation, and in the fullness of time to construction and handover. The value of the final capital project is estimated at **€3,820,442 (Inc Vat)** and the value of the Category 2 application for stage 1 & 2 services and to develop the project to shovel ready status is **€249,159 (Inc Vat)**.

It is considered that this project presents a unique opportunity for Ramelton and that the project will enhance and sustain the distinctive built heritage and attendant public realm and in so doing create both environmental and business conditions which will support, incentivise and sustain the active community & voluntary sectors and private sector investment in the sustainable renewal of the historic town centre.

Paul Kelly
Senior Executive Planner
Regeneration & Development Team
Planning Services
February 2020.



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall

Donegal County Council

Planning Services Update

March 2020.

The process for the recruitment of new staff is almost complete and this has necessitated a restructuring of the Division to provide a strengthened service within the County. While there are a number of positions where the recruitment process is not completed the new assignments, as set out in the table below, have commenced from the 2nd March.

	Development Applications Unit	Central Planning Unit	Enforcement Unit	Regeneration Unit
SEP:	[Frank Sweeney]	[Paul Christy]	[Carol Margey]	[Paul Kelly]
	<i>Inishowen</i>	EP: Graham Diamond EP: Roisin Kelly	EP: Simon Harron EP: Corina Higgins	EP: Sinead McCauley EP: Ruth Diver
	EP: Killian Smith AP: Leona Finley	EP: Alana Greene	AP: <i>to be confirmed</i>	Arch: Claire McCallan
	<i>Letterkenny</i>	EP: Ian Bailey AP: <i>to be confirmed</i>	AP: Glenn Doherty	
	EP: Elaine McEntee AP: Geraldine Havlin			
	<i>Glenties-</i>			
	EP: Sinead McClafferty AP: <i>to be confirmed</i>			
	<i>Donegal</i>	Ten-T project: EP: John McFeely	Quarries EP: Martin McDermott	
	EP Aideen Quinn AP: Donna Callaghan			
	<i>Stranorlar</i>	AP: Casual Trading <i>to be confirmed</i>		
	EP: Ciara Condon			
	<i>Research/Investigation</i>			
	EP: Sharon McMorran	Conservation A/EP: Collette Beattie		

With respect to the Development Applications Unit the Executive Planner has the principle role as the first point of contact for Councillors in each Municipal District. The Executive Planner will also be the service representative at future meetings of the Municipal District with support from Assistant Planners as is required. Members are encouraged to liaise directly with the Executive Planner in the area in

relation to any representations they may have and are requested to continue to promote the use of the advice Clinics that are facilitated in the Municipal Districts.

The planning advice Clinics, that have proven to be beneficial and well utilised, will continue to be operated on every second Wednesday with forthcoming dates posted on the Planning services page of the Council's website. During November and December 2019 there were 45 clinic appointments held. During the first two months of 2020 there have been a total of 121 engagements with potential and current applicants. The clinics operate on a 'drop-in' basis in the mornings with pre-arranged appointments in the afternoon in the Public Service Centres.

The additional arrangements for contacting staff by 'phone will continue with staff available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings between 9am and 10.30am. January and February 2020 saw this service provided to 449 people while the last two months of 2019 recorded 229 calls responded to by staff in the Development Applications Unit.

With the conclusion of the current recruitment process over the coming weeks it is anticipated that the remaining vacancies will be filled promptly. In the interim the particular vacancy within the Glenties Municipal District will be covered by other staff members to ensure a continuity of service. In addition it should be noted that support to the Executive Planner in the Stranorlar Municipal District will be drawn from across the Assistant Planner staff, particularly during those weeks with scheduled Municipal District meetings.

An up-dated list of contact numbers and email addresses will be circulated for the Members information in the near future.

Eunan Quinn
Senior Planner
02/03/2020



Municipal District of Glenties

10 March 2020

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Adoption of minutes of Workshop 3rh March 2020
2. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 2.1 Glenties MD Development Programme
 - 2.2 Building Intercultural Communities Peace IV Project
 - 2.3 Cross Border Shared Heritage Programme
 - 2.4 Diversionary A9 Peace IV Foróige Project (DAP)
 - 2.5 Arts4Youth
 - 2.6 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
 - 2.7 Donegal Reading Rooms
 - 2.8 YOURS Project

Activity / Project Title	Building Intercultural Communities PEACE IV Project
Project Description/Activity	The aim of this project is to provide a focus for community work with black and other minority ethnic communities including Travellers and Roma to support community activation, social inclusion, social justice and equality through engaging in various programmes and activities. Activities include: various education/training courses (Intercultural Studies QQI Level 5, Community Work in a Changing Ireland, Train the Trainer), a Cross Border Women's Conference, Event supporting the recruitment of BME community members to the Gardai, provision of support to access services, and to host events that create the opportunities for social interaction through the arts, culture, food and other events.
Budget (if applicable)	€209,979
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In this quarter, the following progress occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning & execution of a Cross Border BME/Migrant Women's Seminar (15/10/19 – 13/11/19); • Completion of the Train the Trainer Course (08/10/19); • Training Team final Facilitated Workshop on Shared Understanding (29/11/19); • Facilitated Intercultural Arts Project (16/10/19 – 27/11/19); • Completion of Intercultural Studies Course – Stranorlar (14/11/19); • Presentation to PEACE Partnership on BIC Project (22/10/19); • Love not Hate Campaign – Anti-hate – prep meetings, radio interview & petition signing day (25/10/19 – 10/12/19); • Presentation to DLDC Staff re: BIC Project (11/12/19) • Culture Night and launch of the Intercultural Arts Research Project (10/9/19) • Representing BIC Project during Social Inclusion Week (8/10/19) • Irish Heart Foundation community health and fun day (23/10/19) • Maynooth Community Work In A Changing Ireland Course recruitment, interviews and trip to Maynooth University 5/11/19, 4/12/19) • Defining concepts and definitions for Intercultural Studies training (12/12/19)

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intercultural Studies Course starting – Letterkenny -- 14/01/20;• Intercultural Studies Course starting -- Donegal Town -- 27/02/20;• Intercultural Training;• Continued Failte Isteach facilitated Sessions;• Immigrant Information Session – Donegal Town;• Community Work in a Changing Ireland Course;• Final Conference. <p>The Project Completes at end June 2020</p>
Contact Person (telephone number & e-mail address)	Francine Blaché-Breen francine.bicproject@gmail.com 086 822 6702

Activity / Project Title	Cross Border Shared Heritage Programme
Project Description/Activity	<p>This project will explore Donegal and its border areas shared heritage with many pasts and aim to work towards one shared future which will create strong peace and reconciliation impacts for those participating in the project.</p> <p>The Project is designed to provide an opportunity to learn lessons from the past and apply them to the present day to create a safer, better future. It seeks to ensure that various aspects of Donegal and the Island of Ireland's history are covered during the project activities. This innovative programme will explore how we remember key events in our history, developing an understanding of how these events were experienced by different communities within the County and how these historical legacies have contributed to relationships today.</p> <p>This involves challenging attitudes, sharing perspectives and developing greater levels of trust and tolerance by exploring and debating these legacies through workshops, conferences, theatre and exhibitions and will target all the key target groups of the PEACE IV Programme.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€150,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Know Your Place' – Shared History Programme has been running successfully since 11th September and finished in February 2020. Participant: <i>"Coming from a small community in Donegal, it was not always possible to hear a wide range of views and opinions. In this programme we have so many opportunities to take part in learning and understanding the many viewpoints in our communities. For me, this programme fosters links across the border and across communities."</i> <p>The programme included heritage visits to: Newmills Flax Museum, Ulster Scots Centre in Belfast, Desertcreat Parish Church and Tullyhogue Fort, Walls of Derry, An Grianan and Burt Castle. Through the programme participants have explored such themes as Siege of Derry, Plantation of Ulster, The clans of Ulster, Ulster Scots Heritage, Place names and townlands and WW1.</p> <p>The group participated in a workshop 'Stories of Healing'. Where they had the opportunity to listen to Lee Lavis, a former British army soldier who served in Northern Ireland in the early to mid-1990s and James Greer, a former loyalist activist who is now deeply engaged in peace building. This workshop was very poignant and certainly will help to build positive</p>

relations with people from different backgrounds and communities to support peace and reconciliation.

Participant:

"I found this workshop very moving and an incredible insight into part of our conflict's history that not many people get to hear first-hand"

- 'Children's Heritage Detectives' is ongoing with young people exploring heritage & wildlife, local traditional crafts that have a long association with East Donegal, drumming workshops, musical history- learning about different cultures and instruments from around the world.
- Recruitment is nearly complete for the beginning of the second Shared History Programme.
'Who Do We Think We Are' this programme will explore local history, identity and genealogy and will begin on 18th February. Activities will include opportunities for cross community cultural awareness, acceptance and a better understanding of culture, shared history, language, shared identity, music traditions and built heritage.
- Developing 'Investing in Our Culture – Language & Heritage' Programme and will hopefully now commence in March 2020.
- As part of our Cultural Community events participants explored the traditions of the Harvest Festival on 11th October. Through workshops, craft demonstrations, food traditions and reminiscence participants explored the different cultural traditions of this unique festival.
We had our second Cultural Community Event on 24th January - An exploration of Robert Burns. This gave participants from different cultures and backgrounds to take part in a 'Burns Night' with music, dance, drama and the poetry of Robert Burns. The participants attended workshops exploring the legacy of Robert Burns.

Participant:

"I really enjoyed this experience, all of my life I have heard about Burns but I thought it was someone else's history and not mine! It was great to hear the history of him and the drama was excellent. My first Burns Supper and It won't be my last!"

- The first Intercultural Music Project currently running in St Johnston & Carrigans Family Resource Centre. This programme gives children the opportunity to try out different musical instruments and explore the history and culture associated with the different instruments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had 4 Seminars to date – ‘Brehon Law’ took place on 20th August as part of Heritage Week. ‘The Shamrock, Rose and Thistle – The Ulster Song Tradition’ took place on Tuesday 17th September. The Dál Riata - West of Scotland and the North of Ireland on the 17th October - held in The Exchange, Buncrana ‘Up at the Big House’ – the story of the local houses on 26th November in the Beech Hill Hotel. • The Launch of the Cross Border Shared Heritage Project took place on the 18th October in An Grianan Hotel.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p>25 new participants engaged in our second Cross Border Shared History Programme ‘Who Do We Think We Are’</p>
<p>Contact Person (telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Tracey McRory tracey@inishowen.ie Inishowen Development Partnership 074 93 62218</p>

Activity / Project Title	Diversionary A9 Peace IV Foróige Project (DAP)
Project Description/Activity	Diversionary Youth Programme. Aims to Deliver informal education and recreational programmes to young people aged 13-18years and young Adults 18-24 years who are at risk of Anti-social behaviour, or becoming involved in dissident activity.
Budget (if applicable)	€182,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of interest were Ballybofey, Raphoe (26 hours completed diversionary interventions), Letterkenny, Newtowncunningham, Manorcunningham, St. Johnston(26 hours completed diversionary interventions), Bunrana and Ballyshannon Bundoran, Killgordan • Open registration/ sign up opportunities in targets areas and use local spaces and raise the awareness about the Project. Killygordan (18th Feb Youth committee) • Recruiting young people to the project will be an ongoing process and the number of young people who are actively engaging in the project is progressing each week. • Cross Border trips organised, Belfast, Derry welcoming speakers from both loyalist and republican communities • The DAP Project have set up weekly sessions in areas of Ballyshannon, Bundoran Raphoe and St. Johnston, were new members joined each week. These areas highlighted the need for youth work in these areas. The DAP Project gives these young people the opportunity to have a safe place where they can be with their friend, supervised and opening new opportunities to the within Foróige. • There is an Active Leadership for life group in Bauncrana, Co Donegal. The group are young Leaving Certificate Applied students that wish to further the skills for better opportunity in their Community and the work place. The young people explore their leadership styles and be a part of organising group activities. • REAL U – sexual health and healthy relationship programme facilitated to schools in Stranarlor for Transition Year students. Electives focused on was Sex and law, Sexual Health with An Garda Síochána and

SATU(Sexual Assault Treatment Unit) nurse facilitating sessions sharing experience and knowledge suitable for young people.

- Actively meeting with community groups in Target Areas such as Killygordan, working with the community to deal with anti-social behaviour happening and building connections with other agencies to develop workshops designed by the need in the area.
- Recruiting a Letterkenny boys group. Building on current referrals. Ongoing.
- Youth Committee recruitment for young people to work on a project that reflects new learning within the PEACE IV ethos working on ways that coercion can effect young people in today's society.

Main interventions- REAL U, Leadership, Diversionary group sessions, Cross border/Cross Community Trip Belfast and Derry.

Latest Project Highlight:

Before Christmas the DAP Project planned, organised and facilitated young people to attend workshops and educational/recreational trip to Belfast. Young people visited the Houben Centre which is a purpose building for Peace and Reconciliation and is located between the Ardoyne and Shankill areas of Belfast effected by the troubles even today. There they met with Fr Donegan was a rector of Holy Cross in Ardoyne in north Belfast for 15 years, which lost 99 parishioners during the Troubles - the largest loss of life in any parish. He spoke passionately about the past and future of his parish and how it has come a long way since the time of the Troubles. The participants had the opportunity to meet and experience how other youth projects works meeting with R-City who facilitated a presentation showing their achieves of both communities coming together and promoting peace and reconsolidation. DAP members then met with Winston Irvine and ex – UVF paramilitary in the Belfast, where he spoke about him time in the troubles and how he changed his life. This was a chance for young people to experience both sides of the Troubles after their experience of the Bogside tour.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Total target 150 young people
Contact Person (telephone number & e-mail address)	Kit O'Neill Foróige Hub , Office 4, Riverfront House, Pearse Rd. Letterkenny. Co.Donegal. F92 FX3V Catherine.oneill@foroige.ie 087 7971267

Activity / Project Title	Arts4Youth
Project Description/Activity	This thematic arts based youth programme will engage young people recruited from existing youth clubs and projects who are not currently engaged in cross border/cross community work but who will benefit from it. The programme will focus on facilitating and encouraging the involvement of young people from marginalised, disadvantaged and disengaged communities. Young people aged 14-17 years old will be engaged in a co-design process where facilitated sessions will be creative, high-energy and fun. Good Relations will feature as an overarching theme to ensure that the programme will lead to an increased understanding and respect for diversity.
Budget (if applicable)	€80,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>We had a total of 42 participants in our last quarter. Each participant was engaged each week for 2-3 hours focusing on creativity and performance while incorporating a peace & reconciliation theme. At the end of each session, discussions were opened up based around that theme where the young people expressed their own opinions on topics that came up.</p> <p>Cross-Border Link: Carndonagh participants were involved in the International Derry Halloween Parade. Participants engaged were able to look at their own culture and explore other cultures, traditions, religions and backgrounds while participating in the parade and engaging with the other performing acts.</p> <p>Trip away- All participants got the opportunity to see 'Hairspray the Musical' in Strabane. This musical is based around culture, racism and religion and there was a discussion afterwards on the themes that were explored throughout.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	We have targets to establish 3 new groups for our next quarter. All sections of the community were offered, met with and included in recruitment and advertising of the programme. We have so far recruited a group in Club Óige Chríost Rí in Magheroarty, a group in Ray Community Centre and a group in Scoil Mhuire Buncrana. We hope to continue exploring the Good Relations theme in a creative and fun way.
Contact Person (telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Laura Doherty</p> <p>Telephone number: 0830490242</p> <p>Email address: laura.doherty@donegalyouthservice.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€12,913,873 <i>Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467</i>
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 162 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of just over €7.63m. Donegal has the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 9 th March 2020, with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the development companies continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the LEADER programme.
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Reading Rooms
Project Description/Activity	<p>Verbal in conjunction with Donegal County Council deliver Reading Rooms to over 240 children throughout Donegal. Reading Rooms is a well-being programme. Specific stories are chosen by literary guides in Verbal which are based around the theme of Resilience, so stories would contain issues such as risk taking, decision making and bullying etc. These stories are then annotated by our psychology team to create relevant and meaningful conversations. A trained volunteer from the community will facilitate Reading Rooms to groups of children- between 10 to 15 for one hour a week for 26 weeks and read the story and a poem. The aim of the programme is to allow for young people to discuss issues affecting their lives through the safety of the characters in the stories and poems. The age range for our project is 10-18 years.</p> <p>We also do other sessions with the children such as parties, arts and crafts and storytelling etc relating to the Reading Room stories.</p> <p>.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€120,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>The following schools and groups who began the Reading Rooms programme within this quarter are as follows:</p> <p>Scoil Cholmcille Greencastle Scoil an Linbh Iosa, Carrigans Fintown Library Glenties National School Dooish National School Carndonagh Girls National School Ballyraine National School, Letterkenny Ballyshannon College St Muras, Tooban Scoil Aphort, Arranmore Island Raphoe Central National School Scoil Fhionain, Falcarragh St Roisins, Dungloe Errigle College, Letterkenny Gairm Scoil Mhic Diarmada, Arranmore Island</p> <p>There was a total of 168 children from our target of 240 for the programme who were participating in Reading Rooms in this period. The project worker and project manager continued to visit the volunteers who are facilitating the Reading Rooms, and their groups. They continued to support them in regard to delivering stories, overseeing mileage, and other expenses, and providing story tellers etc. All prequestionnaires with the groups that are up and running</p>

	<p>have been completed. The young people and volunteers report that they are really enjoying the project.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p>The final school groups- St Patricks Girls National School Carndonagh, Scoil Mhuire National school Raphoe and Drumkeen National School will begin in January 2020.</p> <p>The rest of the Reading Room groups will continue with the programme ensuring that all 280 children, who are, or will be on the programme will complete it by the end of June.</p> <p>We will also continue with special events to mark occasions such as Easter and Valentine's Day with additional special stories. We will also plan our special celebration event for all the children who have completed the programme.</p>
<p>Contact Person (telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Fiona Page Readingrooms.youth@theverbal.co 00442871266946</p>

Activity / Project Title	YOURS Project – Youth & Old, Understanding, Remembering & Sharing.
Project Description/Activity	Intergenerational Project - PEACE IV
Budget	€150,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>Arts & Cultural Activity</p> <p>Status: Intergenerational Dance Group – Activity Complete</p> <p>26 participants from both age categories came together for 26 hours of dancing and fun, a day trip on the Donegal Waterbus and, a celebration/performance at the end. Huge benefits for older people that felt isolated and didn't socialise much or have any contact with youth. Friendships were made and participants from different communities bonded. Increased fitness, strength, confidence, coordination and mood were just some of the positive affects experienced by the participants.</p> <p>Addressing Stereotypes</p> <p>Status: 'Walk & Ponder' – Activity Complete</p> <p>A total of 51 participants came together weekly for a walk in two sites, a group in Ballyshannon and a group in Raphoe. Each walk was followed by a cuppa and occasionally a guest speaker, among which were, Jigsaw, Bill Vaughan and a HSE Nutritionist. A healthy eating cooking demonstration was provided for the participants in each location. Ballyshannon participants took part in the recent 'Walkability Audit'. Various workshops were held throughout the activity focusing on positive relations and cross community relationships. As an end to this activity, both groups enjoyed a day out in Lough Eske on 5th December. Several requests were received from participants in the Ballyshannon group to continue with the activity. This group in particular found it a very positive and an enjoyable experience. Participants who live alone and those recovering from an illness benefited hugely from the Walk and Ponder. Also the older participants looked forward to meeting the younger participants each week and talking about various matters of interest to both. Following a discussion with the Donegal Sports Partnership, it was agreed that the group in Ballyshannon could be facilitated again for a period early in 2020 (funded by the DSP).</p> <p>Bridging the Generation Gap</p>

Status: 'Pass it on' – Male Active Programme – Facilitator selected.

Inishowen Development Partnership are the Facilitators for this activity in the South Inishowen areas of Burt, Bridgend, Burnfoot, Inch, Fahan and Newtowncunningham. Registration night was held on 3rd February 2020. 14 adults and 11 children joined which is the maximum and required number. A very extensive programme of activities will take part over the 26 hours to include; physical activity, cookery, health & well being, walking football, pilates, technology and a trip to FabLab in Derry.



Wellbeing & Physical Activity

Status: – 'Generations United' - Social Soccer activity - Facilitator selected.

Donegal Sports Partnership will be facilitating this activity in two sites in East Donegal. 'Generations United' will be developed in Letterkenny town and Raphoe/Convoy/Newtowncunningham targeting 40 over 55's and 20 under 18's. They will work with established community groups and football clubs and link in with local primary schools and TY students. It is hoped that this activity will commence in the coming weeks.

Personal Skills – Past & Present

Status – 'Carry on Crafting' – Shared Skills – Activity commenced

Craft classes commenced on Wednesday 29th January in the Finn Valley

area following interest received from students in the Finn Valley College on the YOURS Project and intergenerational activity. 31 participants joined the class which was facilitated by Roisin Nelis, The Sewing Studio, Fahan. There has been huge interest in this activity and a list has been compiled of those interested in any future similar intergenerational activity. Crafts such as; decoupage, flower arranging and embroidery will be displayed as well as a focus on wellbeing, share of technology knowledge and basic sewing skills. A baking class is also scheduled.



Shared Past Local History

Status: To be developed

The benefits of intergenerational activity include;

1. Energise older adults and give a sense of purpose, especially when they're sharing their experience and skills. .
2. Reduces a sense of isolation for older adults and potentially relieves or lessens depression. All generations learn new skills.
3. Helps younger generations understand aging and face their own more positively.
4. Dispels negative stereotypes and encourages bonding among generations and communities.
5. For children and youth who don't have grandparents or other seniors in their families, engaging with older adults fills a social gap.

Check out FB page @YOURSintergenerational

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ENVIRONMENT REPORT – March 2020

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Title	#Big Donegal Clean Up '20
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The #Big Donegal Clean Up '20 launch will take place on March 9th at Dunlewey in conjunction with the Dunlewey Community Group. This year the Donegal Volunteer Centre will advertise clean-ups in a bid to encourage more volunteers.</p> <p>Applications for clean-up equipment are now available through the Council offices. We are encouraging as many groups as possible to promote their clean-up through social media and by sending in photographs and details so we can also promote through the Council's website etc.</p> <p>For more information or to apply for equipment for #Big Donegal Clean Up '20 contact your local Council office or Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer on 074 91 53900 or by email at suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Environment Grants for Community Groups
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Environment Section administers a number of Environment grants for community groups and Tidy Towns groups etc. The application pack is currently being updated. All groups will be sent an application pack by email or hardcopy and invited to apply.</p> <p>For more information contact Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer.</p>
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Waste / Recycling Talks
Project Description/ Activity	<p>A number of talks on waste and recycling matters are being delivered to local community groups and other organisations when requested.</p> <p>Topics covered include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible waste management • Browns Bins - Food waste • Recycling Bins - what can be recycled? • Recycling Centres • Bring Banks • Community Clean-up campaigns • <p>If a group would like a talk on the above please contact Suzanne Bogan.</p>
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Clean Coast Roadshow
Project Description/ Activity	<p>A very well attended Clean Coast Roadshow was held in Annagry on February 15th. Thanks to the Annagry Clean Coast group for accommodating the event and to the speakers involved.</p> 
Contact Person	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Coastal Storm Damage
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Storms Brendan, Ciara, Dennis, Ellen, Francis and most recently Jorgé, have taken their toll on the Donegal coastline. The continued storm damage has prevented repairs to infrastructure as we would have hoped. When the weather settles damaged ringbuoys, access paths, etc, will be restored.</p>
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**Economic Development, Information Systems &
Emergency Services Directorate**

Report to Municipal District of Glenties

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1. Division: Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Economic Development Unit
	Economic Development Unit positioned within the Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate.
Outline of Work	<p>The Economic Development Unit proactively engages in economic development opportunities, supporting job creation and strategic investment in Donegal and is focusing on the following areas of work:</p> <p>Economic Development Strategy 2020 - 2025: developing a 5-year Economic Development Strategy for Donegal County Council that will provide a framework to guide the work of the Council enabling us to realise the ambitions set out in the recently adopted Corporate Plan. The preparation of this Strategy will be informed and guided by the new Economic, Enterprise and Emergency Services SPC, which held its first meeting on 24th February 2020. Currently developing a roadmap for the strategy.</p> <p>The Tourism Strategy 2020 will build on the excellent work undertaken by the Council over the last number of years in both marketing Donegal as a destination of choice and in developing the tourism product and visitor experiences. The development of the strategy has entered a planning phase by scoping out the process involved and the milestones for delivery of the Strategy in 2020. The Tourism Strategy will set out a clear direction on the sector's successes and work to continue to increase visitor numbers, dwell time, extend the tourism season across the year and to increase the economic benefit to Donegal.</p> <p>Concierge Service is a dedicated point of contact for existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand, by offering support and advice and connecting them with key personnel for a wide range of Council services and supports. Queries are</p>

directed to economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie and 15 from the business community have been addressed to date. The Unit will be collaborating with Information Systems to develop to streamline the process and to manage all interactions with the business community.

Property Solutions: including identification, marketing, option appraisal of Council owned property and land for economic development opportunities including provision of soft landing and second site location opportunities for business, to include potential response to Brexit.

Proactive engagement with existing businesses across Donegal with:

- The first Business Engagement event was hosted on **4th March 2020 from 8 - 10am in the Radisson Hotel in Letterkenny**. Key personnel from the various Council services including Economic Development, Local Enterprise Office, Broadband, Environment, Planning, Fire Service, Funding supports, Finance and the National Road Office were available to engage with businesses in attendance.
- The Economic Development Unit engage with businesses and showcased supports and services at the Tourism seminar on 13th February.

Global engagement: proactively targeting potential FDI opportunities in the US market in collaboration with Derry City & Strabane District Council and working to create a Donegal / North West bias for businesses interested in exploring investment opportunities in the EU and UK. Relevant baseline data and information has been collated, providing essential data for location decision makers.

Strategic Branding & Marketing Campaign: work has commenced on developing a consistent branding and messaging strategy for Donegal as a great place to do business and invest. Promotional material has been developed for the launch of the Business Concierge Service and work will shortly commence on the Donegal Prospectus and digital online marketing campaign with high quality assets.

Collaboration: Working with our colleagues in Community Development and Planning Services including the Regeneration and Development

	<p>Team in progressing a range of strategic projects across the county with a strong economic development focus, including Platforms for Growth, Stage 3 Application for large scale investment at Fort Dunree. Submission of Part A of application on March 5th and Part B Business Case on April 23rd; The Letterkenny Local Area Plan, The Border Economic Stimulus Package.</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives.</p>
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2. Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Marketing of Bundoran
Activity / Project Description	marketing and promotional activities underway for the promotion of Bundoran for 2020.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months - inclusive of current status	Distribution of the new brochure town and county wide and to other select locations around the country. Working on formal marketing plan for the town. Production of St Patrick's Day promo video and promotion of same via Facebook and other social media. Attended Failte Ireland marketing presentation. Coordinated with Tourism Ireland for the promotion of greening of landmarks in nine partner Douzelage towns across Europe.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/ reporting period	Have a more formal marketing plan in place that integrates with Failte Ireland campaign to be released in February. Continue working to promote the next events that are coming up on the calendar. Updating of bus shelter advertising at East End with new bus times. Work with Town Team/Donegal County Council and Failte Ireland on Failte Ireland Destination Town plans for Bundoran.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Shane Smyth, Bundoran Tourism Officer – 087 3737817 shane@discoverbundoran.com

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Events for 2020
Activity / Project Description	Organisation and coordination of events in the town
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Continuing to coordinate participants for St Patrick's Day parade in Bundoran on March 17 th including delegations from Netherlands, UK, Finland, Slovenia and Spain through Douzelage Town Twinning. Promotional poster for Easter Egg painting event. Call for events for Big Week by the Beach in August (12 th – 16 th) Assisting in organisation and promotion of 10 th annual Cara Bundoran Challenge (13 th /14 th March)
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	St Patrick's Day parade and post promotion. Easter Egg Event promotion Continue to coordinate events for Big Week. Promotion of Darkness Into Light event. Have agreement from food & drink providers on participation in Bia Bundoran Food & Drink Festival. Working with event organisers to coordinate and promote other events happening in town.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Shane Smyth, Bundoran Tourism Officer – 087 3737817 shane@discoverbundoran.com

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Website and Social Media
Activity / Project Description	Ongoing management of www.discoverbundoran.com and Discover Bundoran social media channels – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Continuing to create new content for www.discoverbundoran.com Working on the SEO of the website to ensure everything that needs to be found on Google can be. Working on decreasing the bounce rate on website and trying to encourage longer dwell time on the site by linking to interesting and relevant content. Continuous sourcing of new user generated content for use on Facebook and Instagram. (Instagram following increasing Weekly video and podcast produced and released each Friday across our social media suite.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Further optimisation of the website to improve cross promotion of pages on site. Increase of followers on Instagram. Creation of blogs and new content for the website to cross promote on social channels.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Shane Smyth, Bundoran Tourism Officer – 087 3737817 shane@discoverbundoran.com


Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Marketing of Waterworld and Bundoran Seaweed Baths
Activity / Project Description	Preparation for Season 29 opening on Good Friday April 10 th .
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>On-going preparations for marketing activities with Waterworld.</p> <p>Continuing to book ad space in various publications and media outlets.</p> <p>Collaborating with local accommodation providers for voucher offers.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Have radio copy produced and ready.</p> <p>Have Facebook ads and other social copy produced and scheduled.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Shane Smyth, Bundoran Tourism Officer – 087 3737817 shane@discoverbundoran.com


Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Management of Bundoran Tourist Office
Activity / Project Description	Ongoing management of Bundoran Tourist Office which is open all year round.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	Updating of systems within the office for information flow and procedures.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Training of new Tus employee.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
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Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Connect
Activity / Project Description	All Ireland Community & Council Award - Best Tourism Initiative
Budget	Donegal Connect Budget
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Donegal Connect 2019 won the All Ireland Community & Council Awards for the 'Best Tourism Initiative' at the awards ceremony, which took place on Saturday, 15th February in Croke Park. Now in its 14th year, the awards recognise and celebrate community and councils working together and provide an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the work being done within local communities. Over 200 entries were received this year and Donegal Connect was among 24 deserving projects announced winners on the night.</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2019 was a collaborative project between the private and public sector in Donegal aimed at creating new opportunities for the county.</p> <p>Last year's Donegal Connect ten-day programme saw a host of people visit Donegal for a wide range of events and experience the very best that our wonderful county has to offer.</p> <p>For more information on the All Ireland Community & Council Awards, visit www.lamaawards.org or for more information on Donegal Connect visit www.donegalconnect.com</p> 
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Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Tourism Brochure 2020 – Launch & Distribution
Activity / Project Description	Arrange launch and distribution of our Donegal Tourism Brochure 2020.
Budget (if applicable)	€20,000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go out to all the Tourism Providers within the county seeking any changes or additions to our listings. • Procure printing services for our 2020 brochure. • Ensure all changes were completed and update all images in brochure • Send final draft to printers for printing and confirm delivery schedule. <p>Result: The 2020 is an updated 64 page full colour brochure; after we officially launch this brochure it will be distributed nationally and will be available for all marketing events.</p> <p>Launch – The new 2020 Donegal Tourism Brochure was launched as part of our Donegal Tourism Seminar on Thursday 13th February in the Villa Rose Hotel in Ballybofey by our Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy.</p>  <p>Distribution – The distribution of 16,000 of our brochures commenced on Monday 17th February going to numerous venues all over Ireland.</p>

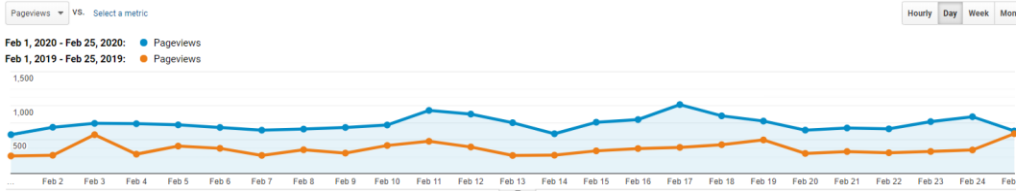
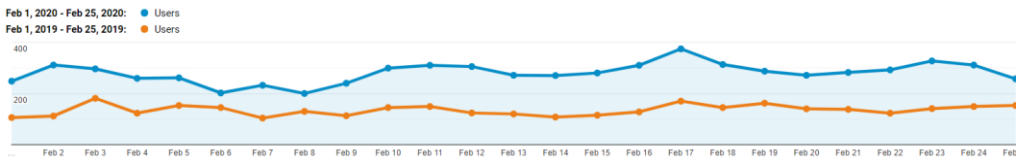
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure is available now both online and in hard copy for all promotional events
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Mary Fowley Daly</p> <p>Project Officer Development Hubs / Tourism Officer Donegal County Council Economic Development Division Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co Donegal Tel: + 353 74 9724484 Email: mdaly@donegalcoco.ie Mobile: +353876782196 #govisitdonegal #coolestplace #LoveDonegal www.donegalcoco.ie www.govisitdonegal.com</p>
<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Donegal Tourism</p>
<p>Activity / Project Description</p>	<p>Donegal Tourism Promotion</p>
<p>Budget <i>(if applicable)</i></p>	<p>General Tourism Budget</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Go Visit Donegal/Donegal Events/Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update events on all platforms • Respond to queries received from website <p>Donegal Town – Development Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Donegal Chamber on various events including exploring the St. Patrick’s Day and extending the festival, assist in the submission of Failte Ireland Funding. • Foodie Destination Award – Donegal Town • Continue to work with Donegal Community Chamber on its annual calendar of events • Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly*</p>	<p>Go Visit Donegal/Donegal Events/Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update events on all platforms • Respond to queries received from website











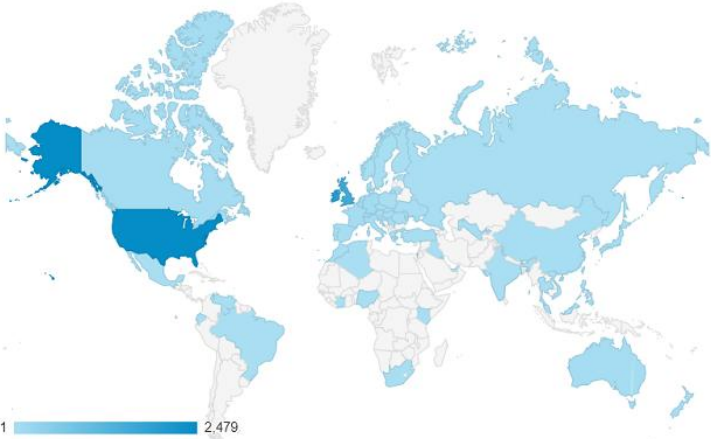
<p>reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Donegal Town – Development Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Donegal Chamber on various events including St. Patrick’s Weekend Festival. • Work with Waterbus Group on development of signage • Foodie Destination Award – Donegal Town • Continue to work with Donegal Community Chamber on its annual calendar of events • Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy <p>Other Promotional work:</p> <p>Friday 27th March – Presentation on ‘Donegal’ to Scottish Delegation</p> <p>Prepare for – Seafest, Cork and Foyle Maritime Festival, Derry and engage with the maritime trade</p> <p>Work with Seasessions in the promotion of ‘Donegal’ during the 2020 Festival</p> <p>Work with American Tour Operator – Unique Wedding Packages in Donegal</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Mary Fowley Daly</p> <p>Project Officer Development Hubs / Tourism Officer Donegal County Council Economic Development Division Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co Donegal Tel: + 353 74 9724484 Email: mdaly@donegalcoco.ie Mobile: +353876782196 #govisitdonegal #coolestplace #LoveDonegal www.donegalcoco.ie www.govisitdonegal.com</p>

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism
Activity / Project Description	<p>The Project Partners are lead by Ernact EEIG (Lead Partner) along with 7 Partners (Donegal Co Council) representing 5 countries (Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal & France) & 10 Associated Partners.</p> <p>The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions ie World Wars, Atlantic migrations & U-boat activities.</p> <p>The experience will use digital technology to enrich the visitor experience such as Virtual Reality & Archaeology Techniques that will be used in the visitor attractions.</p> <p>Website: www.atlanticarea.eu</p>
Budget	Total: €2,462,267 – Donegal €383,494 (3 years) €120,821 (2020)
Progress to date within the last two months- inclusive of current status	<p>Project Officer started 17th February 2020.</p> <p>Background research has commenced on the project.</p> <p>Ongoing preparation for Project Partner Online Team meetings & met with Leading Partner Ernact EEIG.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background research – ongoing • Preparing for Project Partner & Dissemination Seminar meetings which are to be held in Madeira in May • Preparing for Stakeholder’s meeting which is due to be held in March • Workplan – group working on ‘Good Practices’ which identifies sites, regions & common historical assets and eras.
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Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	GoVisitDonegal
Activity / Project Description	GoVisitDonegal.com is County Donegal’s Tourism Destination portal which provides information on accommodation, festivals, attractions, travel information etc. The website is free for service providers to register and promote their business.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last month - inclusive of current status	<p>Website performance stats: Page views to date (1st Jan-25th Feb): 43,148 vs 21,913 (+96.9%) Users to date: 15,652 vs 7,519 (108%)</p> <p>February 2020 – to date</p> <p>Page views: Feb 2020 vs Feb 2019 18,341 vs. 9,085 (+102%)</p>  <p>Users: Feb 2020 vs Feb 2019 6,608 vs. 3,174 (+108%)</p>  <p>Website Traffic by country</p> <p>In February 2020 website traffic came from 68 countries worldwide.</p> <p><u>Top 10 countries:</u></p>

	<div data-bbox="435 275 779 604"> <p>Country 1 - 25 Feb 2020</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.  United States 2.  Ireland 3.  United Kingdom 4.  Germany 5.  Canada 6.  Australia 7.  France 8.  Netherlands 9.  China 10.  Spain </div> <div data-bbox="735 306 1442 741">  </div> <p>Other comments:</p> <p>Trade Resources page on the Go Visit Donegal website is aimed at tourism providers in Donegal where they can find the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to register in the Tourism Hub & get listed on the website • How to manage the Tourism Hub account • Submission of Festivals and Events • Donegal Tourism Associate Membership <p>Last 28 days: Go Visit Donegal Facebook Page: 37,063 followers Top reach: 50,175</p> <p>Twitter: 13.3K followers Tweet impressions: 218K Profile visits 1,533</p> <p>Last 7 days: Instagram: Followers: 15,390 Reach 13,121 Impressions: 49,424</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</p>	<p>Update on website and social media performance during the month of March and Q1 of 2020.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer Tourism Unit, Donegal County Council E: igalawne@donegalcoco.ie / info@govisitdonegal.com T: 074-972 4475</p>

3. Division: Economic Development Unit – Research and Policy

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Research & Policy Unit
Activity / Project Description	<i>‘To strategically guide policy decisions & investments in County Donegal through the provision of baseline data, research, policy, planning, monitoring and evaluation expertise’</i>
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the Jan – Feb 2020 <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated consultation with Senior Official of Donegal County Council and the Western Development Commission on behalf of the DRCD in developing the new Atlantic Economic Corridor Strategy on the 22nd Jan 2020 • Attended 2 meeting of the AEC Officer Network on the 10th Jan & 4th Feb, 2020 • Worked collaboratively with colleagues in Kerry & Galway City & County Council on the development of the consultation tool to estimate the Socio-Economic Impact of Digital Hubs on Rural Communities • Development and completion of first draft Investment Determinants Indicators Set for Donegal • Represented Donegal County Council on the CYSPE Economic Subgroup & provision of baseline data to inform new Children’s Services Plan on the 16th Jan, 2020 • Ongoing capture and input of projects for inclusion onto the LCDC monitoring and evaluation system • Ongoing management of requests for statistical information including the supply of statistical data to support different application under the RRDF programme & Historical Towns Initiative.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the first Monitoring & Evaluation Report for LCDC meeting March 2020 • Initiating research to quantify required level of employment to meet the population ambition for Letterkenny as per Project 2040 • Participating in research on the Fin Tech Sector in County Donegal • Ongoing management of requests for statistical information
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Loretta Mc Nicholas Tel 087 9029307 E lmcnicho@donegalcoco.ie

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	<i>‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘</i>
Budget (if applicable)	€2.75 M
Progress to date within quarter* -inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 <i>‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’</i>. This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit, working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return • Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site • Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies <p>Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the TrailGazers Transnational Partnership and overall project • Coordinated the first event under the Community Ambassador Programme entitled <i>‘Lost Stories & Folklore of the Trail’</i> on the 25th February 2020 • Population of the Trail User Profile Feb 2020 • Submission of the First Project Claim to FLC for verification • Showcased Trail Gazers Project at the Tourism Seminar on

	<p>Thursday 13th Feb at 8.30am – Villa Rose, Ballybofey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at ‘<i>Visioning Buncrana Focus Group</i>’ on Thursday 13th Feb 2020 • Preparation for 3rd Steering Committee Meeting in Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council on the 24& 25th March 2020 • Preparation for first Project Advisory Group Meeting on the 10th March • Population of Trail Investment Template & Trail Profile Survey for Inch Levels Wildfowl Reserve • Coordination of 7 Community Trail Plans across 10 different Atlantic Area Regions. • Development & coordination of the Community Trail Ambassador Programme.
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>March</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the composite project claim and progress report for 10 partners to Joint Secretariat on the 1st April, 2020 • Host Project Advisory Group Meeting in Buncrana on 10th March 2020 • Manage Transnational Steering Committee & Project Monitoring Committee Meeting in Merthyr Tydfil on the 24th & 25th March, 2020 • Pilot Trail User Survey on Inch Levels on the 13th March 2020 and carry out full survey May/June 2020 • Development of Business to Consumer Initiatives Paper to encourage persons off trails and into the surrounding towns and villages to explore, experience and enjoy. • Development of virtual reality material & campaign to show case the trail site and other strategic investment in the Inishowen area to a worldwide audience • Installation of sensors June – Dec across 7 transnational sites. • Ongoing work to examine how TrailGazers methodology can be transferred to other walks and trails in the county.
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Loretta Mc Nicholas Tel 087 9029307 E lmcnicho@donegalcoco.ie</p>

4. Division: Economic Development - Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
	<p>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as part of the Economic Development, IS & Emergency Services Directorate, is the “first stop shop” for anyone planning, starting or growing a small business in Donegal. The LEO plays a major role in offering expertise, know-how and financial support to local small businesses, enabling them to grow and thrive. Supports available can be categorised under 4 core pillars, notably Financial, Capability Development, Enterprise Promotion and Economic & Other initiatives.</p>
Outline of Work	<p>Financial Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Start Up/Business Expansion</u> <p>For existing companies and potential start-ups that meet eligibility criteria (such as manufacturing/added value/internationally traded services, employing 10 or fewer people with the potential for growth and job creation), the Local Enterprise Office offer three types of financial supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Feasibility/Innovation Funding</u> <p>Up to 60% of the cost of undertaking a feasibility study on an innovative new product or service may be considered subject to a maximum of €20,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Priming (Start Up) Grant Aid</u> <p>Our Priming Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise within the first 18 months of start-up. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business Expansion Grant</u> <p>Our Business Expansion Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise that has been trading for over 18 months. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.</p> <p><i>At the February meeting of the LEO’s Evaluation Committee, 4 Business Start Up/Expansion grants were approved to a value of €79,893. The support will help sustain 12.5 jobs and create a</i></p>

projected 16.5 jobs over the 3 year period.

Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters (TAME) Grant

The TAME grant supports clients to explore and develop new export market opportunities, such as participation in international trade fairs and development of export-related marketing materials and websites. With a focus on helping companies to diversify, this scheme is a matched-funding opportunity with up to €2,500 available.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

An initiative under the Government’s National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher Scheme helps small businesses trade more online to boost their sales and reach new markets. This scheme is a matched-funding opportunity with up to €2,500 available, with training and further supports provided by the Local Enterprise Office. Funding can be used towards eligible costs such as digital marketing strategies, e-commerce websites or app development. This grant is available to all businesses operating for more than 6 months and employing less than 10 employees, including those in the retail and tourism sector. Local Enterprise Office Donegal has a target of 40 TOVs to award in 2020. An Information Session was held on 14th January with further sessions scheduled bi monththly throughout the year. 9 applications of a total value of **€19,867.50** have been approved to date in 2020.

Brexit Stimulus Package

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation has announced an additional budget allocation of €3m to the border LEOs in 2020 as a stimulus measure to mitigate any Brexit related slowdown. Six programmes supporting local businesses are at advanced planning, with a start date April/May 2020 anticipated. The programmes of support will include a Scaling Programme, a Green Energy Programme, a Retail Programme, an Export Programme, an Innovation Programme and a Scaling Programme.

2.0 Capability Development

The Local Enterprise Office provides a broad suite of training, management development, mentoring and peer-learning

programmes all aimed at increasing the capability of owner managers and their key internal staff. These include:

Mentoring

Under the Mentor Programme, clients work with an experienced mentor on a one-to-one basis to address key challenges within their business.

Brexit Mentoring

Through the Local Enterprise Office, small companies can get one-to-one mentoring on issues affecting them around Brexit.

Profitnet

Profitnet is a highly successful business development and support programme which has benefited 180 Donegal businesses to date. The programme runs for a period of up to 18 months and involves monthly group meetings with peer business owners, which are facilitated to ensure there is an exchange of innovative and creative business solutions. New groups are being formed in 2020.

Training

A range of tailored training programmes are provided including Start your Own Business, Preparing for Customs and Small Business Accounts. 2 Start your Own Business Programmes have started in 2020 to date with over 30 participants attending the 4 day programme.

LEAN for Micro – a programme tailored to the needs of each business which aims to improve efficiencies and profitability. A workshop in February had 30 businesses in attendance.

Achieve - Business Coaching Programme for the Owner Manger. An 18 month programme aimed at owner managers of micro and small businesses that want to drive the development of their businesses through increased sales in the national or international markets, increase profitability and sustainability and in turn increase employment. Priority will be given to existing clients of the Local Enterprise office Donegal.

Gateway to Growth International Export Programme – Led by Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council, the programme comprises of export workshops, one to one reviews and a North West Trade Mission financed by The Executive Office and the Irish Government. The first

programme concluded in February with a further programme due to commence shortly.

3.0 Enterprise Promotion

Under the Service Level Agreement between Enterprise Ireland on behalf of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, a key area of activity of the local Authority/Local Enterprise Office is the promotion of an enterprise culture and entrepreneurship within the county. Activities under this include:

Local Enterprise Week



Local Enterprise Week 2020 will take place from the 2nd – 6th March 2020. 29 enterprise related events are organised by the LEO with the support of a range of agencies offering brilliant advice, information and inspiration. A wide range of activity and advice is scheduled across the County with a range of high profile speakers and local businesses taking to the stage to share their stories.

Business Information Session

Every month we host a business information session, which offers the opportunity for those that are in business or thinking of setting up a business to learn about the supports and services of the Local Enterprise Office Donegal. 2 sessions to date in 2020 have taken place in Letterkenny and Stranorlar with over 30 individuals in attendance.

Student Enterprise Programme

The Student Enterprise Programme is currently delivered across 22 schools in the County, engaging over 1200 students. The county final is scheduled for March 19th 2020.

Enterprise Awards

Donegal Enterprise Awards is an opportunity to celebrate the success, ambition and endeavour of small businesses in

Donegal. The local winners are preparing for the Regional and National awards where Donegal winners have enjoyed recent regional and national success.

4.0 Economic & Other Initiatives

The LEO is engaged in a wide range of other initiatives, including;

The Food Coast – Donegal’s Good Food Initiative was developed by the Local Enterprise

Office Donegal as a programme to support the development, growth and ambition of the Donegal food sector. There is a growing ambition of making Donegal famous for food. The Food Coast Network is made up of Donegal food businesses which have an active interest in being part of the evolving Donegal food story.

The Food Coast – Mark of Origin is an initiative which aims to celebrate those that make and grow food in the county and the outlets that champion Donegal producers. In February, an event to launch the 2020 programme was held in the Yellow Pepper Restaurant, Letterkenny.

The Creative Coast

Under the Creative Coast initiative there are several creative industries programmes, training courses and sector-specific creative networking and promotional opportunities planned for 2020. Creative Coast has a Craft & Design training programme ongoing in association with the Design & Craft Council of Ireland and will continue to work with DCCI to develop new programmes.

Enterprise Europe Network

Enterprise Europe Network based in the LEO, helps Irish businesses innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the Local Enterprise Offices. LEO Donegal manages the delivery of the programme through the 31 LEOs.

Donegal Diaspora

The Donegal Diaspora project was established within Donegal County Council to act as a resource for the economic, social and cultural development of Donegal through working in an

	<p>innovative and collaborative way to connect Donegal with its global family. The objective of which is to create opportunities and networks to connect with the Diaspora and to showcase and promote Donegal widely.</p> <p>EIS: The Everywhere International SMEs (EIS) project brings together nine partners from seven regions across Europe. The EIS project aims at promoting excellence in regional business support systems for internationalising SMEs by sharing and embedding best practices to enable more SMEs to expand their business across borders.</p> <p>Co-Innovate: A programme supported by the European Union's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body, which helps SMEs to explore innovation practices and boost their bottom line. Support provided ranges from free workshops tailored to suit each individual business, to innovation audits and one-to-one expert mentoring.</p> <p>NICHE - Building innovative food value chains in regions. The NICHE project addresses challenges arising from changes in the food sector and will explore the potential of using information technology to increase innovation in seven European regions where food is important for jobs and economic growth. NICHE aims to develop innovation among companies among the partnering countries.</p> <p>SinCE-AFC – The LEO is a partner in an EU Project aimed at involving SMEs in the Agri-Food chain in the Circular Economy.</p> <p>PASSPARTOOL – LEO Donegal is also partner in an EU project aimed at developing key tools to assess and improve soft innovation i.e. non-R&D innovation, within SMEs.</p> <p>The Local Enterprise Office also engages in the Regional Enterprise Plan delivery and co-ordination, contributes to the LCDC and LAG in Donegal and to the project evaluation committees of DLDC and IDP and to the Creative Ireland sub-committee in Donegal County Council</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brenda Hegarty, Assistant Head of Enterprise Local Enterprise Office ☎: 074 9160895/9160735 ✉ brenda.hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie</p>

LEO Donegal - Performance Metrics

Jobs:	Output 2019	Target 2020
LEO Client Portfolio	239	251
Total Portfolio Employment (All Jobs, both FT & PT)	1,331	1,401
Net Jobs Increase (All Jobs created minus all Job Losses)	57	70
Measure 1(Grant Aid)	Output 2019	Target 2020
Number of Clients Approved Funding:	41	60
No. of projected potential new jobs associated with Approvals (Priming & Business Expansion)	78	110
Measure 2(Non grant supports)	Output 2019	Target 2020
Training/Development Programmes (All Training and Networking events)		
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	69	60
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	2,532	2,000
Mentoring:		
Total Number of individual mentoring – (participants availing of one to one mentoring – one to one engagement by a Mentor with one client)	106	140
Schools Entrepreneurship:	Output 2019	Target 2020
Number of Schools Participating (Secondary schools only engaged in school enterprise programmes)	22	22
Number of Students Participating	1,261	1,200
Trading On Line Vouchers:	Output 2019	Target 2020
No. of Trading Online Vouchers approved	42	45
Export Enterprise Development Programme	Output 2019	Target 2020
No. of clients undertaking Export Enterprise Development Programmes in Enterprise Ireland	9	32
Enterprise Europe Network	Output 2019	Target 2020
Number of Firms attending events	10	15
Number of Brokerage Events	2	2
Number of firms at brokerage events	240	200
Number of ASO and PA	4	10
Donegal Diaspora	Output 2019	Target 2020
Events	7	5
Newsletter issues	2	4
Number of business enquiries generated	3	6
International Committee meetings	2	2

5. Division: Information Systems

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	WiFi4EU
Activity / Project Description	WiFi4EU is an EU sponsored initiative to create free public WiFi spaces within the Digital Single Market. Municipalities across Europe had the opportunity to apply for a max of 4 Vouchers. DCC were successful in winning 4 vouchers to the value of €60,000. The Department of Rural & Community Development will match fund each voucher +€60,000. DCC to invest additional €30,000 to create budget total of €150,000 or €30,000 per Municipal District. Propose to install 75 outdoor public WiFi access points throughout County Donegal to create centres of public connectivity.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€150,000
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	Commenced talking to Businesses in towns and village to agree hosts. To date: Annagry: Pharmacy Dunfanaghy: Arnolds Hotel & Boyce's Centre Falcarragh: Boyces Centra & An tSean Bheiric Dungloe: tbc Burtonport: tbc Fintown: tbc Kilclooney: Dolmen Centre Glenties: Community Centre & O'Donnell's Pharmacy Ardara: Corner House Bar Creeslough: tbc Arranmore: tbc Equipment ordering & configuring has started
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	SORD to liaise with identified businesses Commence adding Broadband to existing phone lines where possible Order new lines where needed Start install
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450

Municipal District: Glenties

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	NBP – National Broadband Plan
Activity / Project	The NBP was signed by Government in November 2019 and will

Description	<p>deliver High Speed Broadband to all rural Premises as defined in the Amber areas of the National Broadband Plan Map. The NBP will invest €135m in fibre infrastructure in County Donegal over the 7 years of the rollout and will connect 32,130 premises.</p> <p>National Broadband Ireland (NBI) is the consortium which will deliver the network and the NBP contract is managed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.</p> <p>Liaison with NBI is through the Broadband Officer in Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>Early implementation of the NBP in 2020 will see the rollout of Community Broadband Connection Points (BCP's). These centres will act as locations where High Speed Broadband is available in a local community setting or strategic site until the NBP Fibre is implemented.</p> <p>During 2020 NBI will be carrying out route proofing and surveying in preparation for fibre rollouts commencing in 2021.</p>
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Surveys took place week 24th Feb</p> <p>Amharclann Gaoth Dobhair: Line of Sight confirmed</p> <p>Tory Island Co-Op: Line of Sight not confirmed due to weather conditions</p> <p>Glenveagh National Park: Line of sight from mast in carpark confirmed. Route into building to be confirmed</p>
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	<p>Liaise with SureCom & eNet to investigate a revisit of Tory</p> <p>Liaise with Glenveagh over required solution into Visitor Building</p> <p>Facilitate site connections</p> <p>Procure Electrical contractor for Internal onsite works.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer</p> <p>dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>074 9172450</p>

Municipal District: Glenties

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	IoT – Internet of Things
Activity / Project Description	<p>IoT is a technology for collecting remote data in real-time using low cost & power efficient sensors and IoT communications networks.</p> <p>Donegal County Council applied for funding from the Digital Innovation Programme to trial a network of various sensor types</p>

	<p>across the county as a way of collecting data for various sections. Engaged with LYIT and Fáilte Ireland to participate in the project.</p> <p>Sensor types:</p> <p>River Levels: River Finn</p> <p>Air Quality: Donegal Town, Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Dungloe, Fanad Head, Letterkenny</p> <p>Pedestrian counters: Malin Head, Sliabh Liag</p> <p>Traffic Counters: Malin Head, Sliabh Liag, Fanad Head</p> <p>Road Surface Temperatures sensors: Meeniroy, Mtn Rd Carndonagh, Pettigo Rd, Errigal Rd.</p>
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€105,000
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Tender awarded to 2 companies</p> <p>Kick off meeting with Danalto & LYIT</p>
Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period	<p>Site surveys and installation to commence (weather depending)</p> <p>Kick-off it up jus Meeting with 2nd successful company.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer</p> <p>dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>074 9172450</p>

6.Division - Emergency Services

Fire Service Monthly MD Report

Data for January 2020 and Yearly Totals

Activity	Number of	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal:	56	56
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades):	60	60
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)):	9	9
Fire Safety Certificate (FSC) applications received:	9	9
FSC applications waiting to be assessed:	11	11
FSC applications assessed and waiting for Further Information:	51	51
FSC decisions made:	10	10
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	2
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	3
Inspections and auditing carried out: <i>(Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007)</i>	28	28
Fire Safety complaints received:	2	2
During Performance Inspections (DPIs) carried out:	0	0
Notable Activities / Projects		
Training	A Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) approved Breathing Apparatus (BA) Initial Wearers course was carried out recently by The Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASTNG) in conjunction with Donegal Fire Service.	

	<p>The course was held at Dundalk Fire Brigade Training Centre from the 10th – 21st February 2020. There were 13 participants involved in total, 10 of which were from Donegal. The Fire Brigades represented were as follows: Letterkenny, Buncrana, Carndonagh, Merville, Glenties, Stranorlar, Gweedore and Dungloe.</p> <p>The BA course is the second module of 6 modules of the training required for a retained fire-fighter. Once all 6 modules are successfully completed the learners (recruit fire-fighters) will receive a Level 6 Award under the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). The 6 modules are as follows: Fire-fighting Skills, Using Breathing Apparatus, Compartment Fire Behaviour, Pump Operations, Transport Module and Hazardous Materials Module.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Kevin Mc Garvey kevin.mcgarvey@donegalcoco.ie</p>

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
08th MAR 2020**

Roads & Transportation Agenda

- 1. Follow up to Issues raised at last MD Meeting.
Report has / will issue in advance of the MD Meeting to
the Member that raised the query.**
- 2. Draft Surface Dressing Programme 2020 for Adoption.**
- 3. Draft Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) 2020 for
Adoption.**
- 4. Draft Bridge Strengthening Schemes 2020 for
Adoption.**
- 5. AOB**

DRAFT**Falcarragh RSS Area**

2020 Restoration Mainenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Falcarragh RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Rate (€/m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2020-1	R251-17	Back of Errigal Road	1500	7	5.5	€ 57,750.00	At Muckish Road Junction to tie back into 2018 RM scheme
2020-2	R256	Muckish Road	650	5	5.5	€ 17,875.00	Near Altderry Bridge towards Falcarragh direction
					Total =	€ 75,625.00	
2020-3	L-5223-3	Meenabol	800	3.5	4.5	€ 12,600.00	Dunlewey to Gortahork Road - Continuation of 2019 RM Scheme (north)
2020-4	L-5212-1	Magheraroarty Creelough	1000	3.5	4.5	€ 15,750.00	Continuation from 2018 RM Scheme to 90 deg bend
2020-5	L-5182-1	Faymore to Derryherrif Junction	1200	3.5	4.5	€ 18,900.00	From Faymore road towards Derryherrif Road, ending at junction with 2019 CIS Scheme
2020-6	L-12722	Ballymore Lower	640	3.5	4.5	€ 10,080.00	Dead end road of the N56 at Ballymore NS
2020-7	L-12724	Breaghy Road	500	3.5	4.5	€ 7,814.50	Dead end road of the Rockhill Road
2020-8	L-3373-1	Corcreggan Mill	1000	4	4.5	€ 18,000.00	Surface Dress 2019 RI Scheme
2020-9	L-5173-1	Errororey East	700	3.5	4.5	€ 11,025.00	Continuation from 2018 RM Scheme to end of road
2020-10	L-5183-2	Moyra Glebe	700	3.5	4.5	€ 11,025.00	From Bridge at Basket Maker towards Moyra
2020-11	L-11132	Tullaghabegley Irish	1000	3	4.5	€ 13,500.00	Hill road off Tullaghabegley Road, from 90 degree junction on towards Beltany
2020-12	L-5233-1	Cahelnagor	900	3.5	4.5	€ 14,175.00	Road Running past Cashelnagore Station House
2020-13	L-5203-1	Fawnaboy West	1200	3.5	4.5	€ 18,900.00	From crossroads northwards. To include drainage only on road to south of crossroads
					Total =	€ 151,769.50	

Total =	€ 227,394.50
BUDGET	€ 227,394.50

DRAFT**Gweedore RSS Area**

2020 Restoration Mainenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Gweedore RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Rate (€/m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2020-1	R257-7	Knockfola	700	6	€5.50	€ 23,100.00	From Knockfola County Road jct back towards Meenlaragh including last 100m of local road not surfaced.
					Total =	€ 23,100.00	
2020-2	L-1233	Main Brinalack Road	1400	4.5	€4.50	€ 28,350.00	Surface Dress 2019 RI Programme
2020-3	L-5273-1	Glasagh	1000	3.5	€4.50	€ 15,750.00	From Glasagh towards Brinalack Chapel including bad section adjacent to chapel carpark
2020-4	L-5363-1 & L-53631	Lunniagh	1200	3.5	€4.50	€ 18,900.00	From Regional Road in to end of county road and including full link to left
2020-5A	L-5583-2	Ranafast Road	800	3.5	€4.50	€ 12,600.00	"Pollan Beag" Road - Starting at White Cross road working towards Regional Road
2020-5B	L-5643-1	Ranafast Road	300	3.5	€4.50	€ 4,725.00	"Nora Jimmy's" Road - Full length
2020-6	L-5423-1	Camboy Road, Carrickfinn	900	3.5	€4.50	€ 14,175.00	From end of Bitmac at Runway to end of Road
2020-7	L-6073-1	Loughaugher	1200	3.5	€4.50	€ 18,900.00	Dead End Road ("Big Tony McFadden's" Road)
2020-8	L-5523-1	Ballymanus Road, Mullaghdoe Scotch	1000	3.5	€4.50	€ 15,750.00	Full length of Road
2020-9	L-5743-1	Belcruit or Mullaghderg Mountain Road	1400	3.5	€4.50	€ 21,594.50	Turn off at Housing estate ("Belcruit Cottages") between Kincasslagh and Belcruit NS
2020-10	L-5763-1	Belcruit	600	3.5	€4.50	€ 9,450.00	Dead end road off road above
2020-11	L-5773-2	Meenbannad	1300	3.5	€4.50	€ 20,475.00	Link road off Kerytown Road back towrds Belcruit
2020-12	L-5923-1	Keadue Road	1500	3.5	€4.50	€ 23,625.00	Loop road - southern side of Keadue behind Football pitch
					Total =	€ 204,294.50	

Total =	€ 227,394.50
BUDGET	€ 227,394.50

DRAFT**Dungloe RSS Area**

2020 Restoration Mainenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Dungloe RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Rate (€/m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2020-1	R252-20	Meenatoteen	2000	6	€5.50	€ 66,000.00	From Campbells entrance to the bridge on Dungloe to Doochary road R252
2020-2	R252-12	Ballinamore	500	6.5	€5.50	€ 17,875.00	Section at Doherty's timber factory
					Total =	€ 83,875.00	
2020-3	L-6173-3/4	Falcorrib - Falmore	1500	3	€4.50	€ 20,250.00	2 different sections (J Sweeneys) Meenacross side on out to picnic area at top of Crowey - 1km done 2019
2020-4	L-1733-2	Lough Salt	1200	3	€4.50	€ 16,200.00	2019 RI Programme
2020-5	L-6313-1	Oughtmeen	700	3	€4.50	€ 9,450.00	From the Brocagh Rd L6293 in to end of county road (ESB Works)
2020-6	L-6293-1	Brocagh Road	800	3	€4.50	€ 10,800.00	From the junction of R252 main Doochary to Oughtmeen Junction
2020-7	L-2063-1	Largelalarkin Road (Ballinamore)	450	3.5	€4.50	€ 7,087.50	From Secondary School up past Mc Glynn's chip depot
2020-8	L-1443-1	Leffin	800	5	€4.50	€ 18,000.00	Main Leffin Road from Eddie Boyles to Water plant
2020-9	L-6013-1/ L1533-1	Shore Road - Whitehouse	1100	6	€4.50	€ 29,700.00	Full length of Road-Shore Rd to Sheskinarone Road (Scrap yard road)
2020-10	L-14431-1	Leffin - Creche	1150	3.5	€4.50	€ 18,532.00	from L1443-1 Road in to end of county road
2020-11	L-6333-1	Beal na Binne	1000	3	€4.50	€ 13,500.00	Just off main Leitir to Doochary road from junction up 1km
					Total =	€ 143,519.50	

Total =	€ 227,394.50
BUDGET	€ 227,394.50

DRAFT**Glenties RSS Area**

2020 Restoration Mainenance (Surface Dressing) Programme - Glenties RSS Area							
Ref No.	Road ID	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Rate (€/m)	Total Cost	Description of location
2020-1	R261-2-3	Beagh	900	6	€5.50	€ 29,700.00	2018 RI Programme
2020-2	R252-12	Glen Road and Tievalough	2000	5	€5.50	€ 55,000.00	2019 RI Programme
					Total =	€ 84,700.00	
2020-3	L-2563-1	Tully Road	550	5	€4.50	€ 12,375.00	Ardara end towards Maas 2019 RI Programme
2020-4	L-2893-1-2	Glengesh	2000	4	€4.50	€ 36,000.00	2018 RI Programme and new section from N56 Junction up towards Glengesh
2020-5	L-2843-4	Granny - Maghera	1500	3.5	€4.50	€ 23,625.00	To tie into 2019 RM Works
2020-6	L-2493-1	Summy	500	3.5	€4.50	€ 7,875.00	2019 RI Programme at school
2020-7	L-7553-1 & L-2563-1	Portnoo	850	5.5	€4.50	€ 21,194.50	Carpark link road and 2019 RI Works
2020-8	L-2463	Clooney	300	3.5	€4.50	€ 4,725.00	Clooney Junction towards thatch cottage
2020-9	L2863-1	Ardara - Donegal Road	200	6	€4.50	€ 5,400.00	Donegal Road at Byrnes
2020-10	L2683-1	Alter Road	1000	3.5	€4.50	€ 15,750.00	Alter Road from The Rock towards Station Road
2020-11	L2593-1	Back Glen	200	3.5	€4.50	€ 3,150.00	Bitmac patching by others to be SD
2020-12	L-8103	Derries	800	3.5	€4.50	€ 12,600.00	Killraine Area
					Total =	€ 142,694.50	

Total =	€ 227,394.50
BUDGET	€ 227,394.50

FORM : - List of Regional and Local Roads Projects to be funded from 2020 2021 Community Involvement Scheme Grant

Notes:

- 1 Projects should be listed in order of priority
- 2 Completed Excel form to be returned as an email attachment to roadsdivision@dtas.ie
- 3 Road Class: enter R, LP, LS or LT as appropriate (for Regional Road, Local Primary Road, Local Secondary Road or Local Tertiary Road)
- 4 Road Number: as listed in Road Schedule (**must** use the 'Maproad' type numbering system [L1234-5, LP1234-5 etc]. **Must not** use the old County Road numbering system [CR123 etc]).
- 5 Include Townland name(s) to facilitate identification of scheme location
- 6 Works Type: General (G), Drainage (D) and Pavement Works (P-RP, P-SR, P-SO, P-RR)
- 7 Include 'before' PSCI data [rating between 1 &10] in Part B of form. 'After' rating to be included in Part C at end of year

County: _____

GLENTIES MD - SUMMARY		
FALCARRAGH RSS	1 scheme	€ 35,740.00
GLENTIES RSS	3 schemes	€ 143,360.00
GWEEEDORE RSS	5 schemes	€ 93,205.00

(1) Project Number	(3) Road Class	(4) Road Number	(5) Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Overall Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	% of local community contribution	Community Monetary Contribution	Value of Community Work	Funding Allocation Sought by Council (EURO)	Brief Description of works involved including nature of non-monetary contribution	RUNNING MD TOTAL (EURO)
PART A - General												
217	LT	L-14432	Keadue	350	1225	€24,500.00	30	0	€7,350.00	€17,150.00	Drainage, SO & SSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC	€17,150
313	LS	L-5693-3	Old Annagry Road (STOBY) Meenaleck - Annagry	450	1350	€33,750.00	30	0	€10,125.00	€23,625.00	Drainage, SO & SSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC	€40,775
118	LS	L2773-1	Bog Road, Ardara	1100	3520	€70,400.00	30	0	€21,120.00	€49,280.00	Drainage, levelling centre, wet mix depressions and lay aquadrains at domestic entrances. Lay delay set 60mm deep plus a 6mm surface dressing.	€90,055
209	LT	L-10839	Devlin Road	650	2275	€51,057.00	30	0	€15,317.00	€35,740.00	Realignment of Junction. Land provision part of NMC	€125,795
137	LT	L-12131	Corveen Bog Road	700	2450	€34,300.00	30	0	€10,290.00	€24,010.00	Drainage, RR & DSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC	€149,805
119	LS	L2873-1	Magumna, Ardara	1100	3520	€70,400.00	30	0	€21,120.00	€49,280.00	Drainage, levelling centre, wet mix depressions and lay aquadrains at domestic entrances. Lay delay set 60mm deep plus a 6mm surface dressing.	€199,085
219	LS	L-5413-1	Ardnagappery	380	1330	€26,600.00	30	0	€7,980.00	€18,620.00	Drainage, SO & SSD. Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC	€217,705
307	LS	L-5673-2	Meenaleck, Derrynamancher	110	220	€14,000.00	30	0	€4,200.00	€9,800.00	Footpath repairs and new section of footpath. Land provision and site clearance to form part of NMC	€227,505
104	LS	L7743-1	Sandfield	1000	3200	€64,000.00	30	0	€19,200.00	€44,800.00	Drainage, levelling centre, wet mix depressions and lay aquadrains at domestic entrances. Lay delay set 60mm deep plus a 6mm surface dressing.	€272,305
MD BUDGET												€272,305
221	LP	L-1593-4	Thorr Road	1600	5600	€78,400.00	30	0	€23,520.00	€54,880.00	Drainage, Structural Overlay (SO) & Single Surface Dressing (SSD). Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC	€327,185
328	LS	L-7923-1	Woodhill Road Woodhill	900	3600	€90,000.00	30	0	€27,000.00	€63,000.00	Drainage, Structural Overlay (SO) & Single Surface Dressing (SSD). Drainage, verging and clearing centre of road part of NMC	€390,185



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

Report on the proposed 2020 bridge strengthening programme For the Glenties Municipal District

Glenties Municipal District - Proposed bridge priority list 2020

Non Regional Road Bridges

Proposed 1st

Bridge 187 Drumnalough (Alter), 2019 Priority 10th - Checked 2016

Problems: Steel beams within structure are exposed and corroding. Mesh within filler beams is exposed and corroding. Wooden beams are rotten, split and fallen. The bridge is currently being structurally assessed which will provide guidance on the best way forward. However there is collision damage to the parapets which should be repaired with the structural investigation works.



The bridge



The bridge

Proposed 2nd

Bridge 95 Derryharrif, 2019 Priority 5th – checked 2019

Problems: Floor breaking up and missing masonry in abutment, deep voids, cracking and a large area of permanent deformation in soffit. Arch ring separation. Note on quarry route.



The bridge



The bridge showing arch separation

Proposed 3rd

Bridge 204 Legmagowra, 2019 Priority 6th – checked 2019

Problems: Missing masonry in abutment, deep voids in soffit, cracking and permanent deformation in soffit.



The bridge



The bridge

Regional Road Bridges

In Addition, 3 Bridges on our Regional Road Network has been successful in obtaining DTTaS Funding for 2020. These are :-

- Lacklea Bridge on the R253,
- Glengesh Bridge on the R230
- Altderry Bridge on the R256.

Brendan Mc Fadden

SEE

03 March 2020

10th MARCH 2020

HOUSING AGENDA

1. Progress Report – Grants

2. Progress Report – Casual Vacancies

1. PROGRESS REPORT SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME AT 4/03/2020

(a) Grants

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2019	63	54	7	1	1	2
2020	7	1	0	0	6	6

Housing Adaptation Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2019	25	8	5	9	2	1	12
2020	6	0	1	1	3	0	4

Mobility Aids Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2019	48	27	11	6	1	3	10
2020	7	2	2	0	3	1	4

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES AT 4th March 2020

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Annagry				
	Lochán Mhuire	3 bed scheme	09/12/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Clós Naomh Duigh	1 bed, bungalow	06/01/2020	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Lochán Mhuire	2 bed	21/02/2020	Works required
Burtonport				
	Altán	2 bed, 2 storey	25/07/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Altán	3 bed, 2 storey	08/08/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	An Choill	3 bed, 2 storey	02/10/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
Creeslough				
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	28/02/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Lakeside	3 bed	07/08/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Massinass	3 bed	03/12/2019	Unit to be assessed to determine next stage.
Doochary				
	Radharc an tSeipéil	2 bed, bungalow	16/09/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
Dungloe				
	Croveigh (LTL)	5 bed	26/04/2019	To be tendered
	Ard Chróine, Quay Rd	1 bed, bungalow	21/08/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Ard Mór	3 bed, specially adapted	27/01/2020	Contractor appointed w/c 24 /02/2020. All works due to be completed by 28/03/2020
Derrybeg				
	Clós Naomh Mhuire, Stranacorkra	2 bed, bungalow	15/08/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
Dunfanaghy				
	Eadán Mór (LTL)	3 bed	18/04/2019	Tender documents to be issued.
Falcarragh				
	Carrowcannon	3 bed	01/03/2019	Tenders received and currently being assessed.
	Radharc na Mara	2 bed	14/02/2020	Works required

Housing Capital Update Report Glenties Municipal District Meeting

10th March 2020

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed Social Housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Tender Stage		
Dunfanaghy	Tenders evaluation and successful tenderer to be awarded in the coming weeks.	4

In tandem with the above proposed development, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. In this regard, the Council has identified suitable lands in Dungloe which are currently advancing through the conveyance stage.

2. House Acquisition Programme

Donegal County Council has acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, properties under the House Acquisition Programme. In the Glenties Municipal District during 2018-2020 a total of 12 properties were purchased under this programme. There are 20 further acquisitions currently in progress including the acquisition of 8 no. apartments at Figart, Dunfanaghy, which are currently going through conveyance.

Following acquisition and prior to allocation to applicants on the approved social housing list, improvement works are carried out on the properties to provide high quality, sustainable homes to individuals and families throughout the county.

3 Buy and Renew

In an effort to bring existing, older, vacant properties back in to productive use as social housing, the Council is currently progressing the acquisition of properties under the Buy & Renew Initiative. This Initiative not only aims to provide high quality homes to approved social housing applicants, it also targets vacancy rates and utilises existing properties and helps tackle dereliction.

4 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing, with the initial projects in the county due for completion in quarter 1 2020. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal so as to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). Notwithstanding this approval, proposals are subject to contract.

Final approval has been received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for Phase I of a turnkey development at Falcarragh. The 6 no. three bedroom units have been substantially completed at Staisiun an Chuir, Falcarragh by Developers Michael & Linda Whoriskey. The Council is currently progressing the contract in conjunction with our legal representatives.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard to additional valid proposals for Falcarragh and Gweedore and Members will be fully informed of these proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval.