

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
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Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
29ú Samhain 2023

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 05ú Nollaig 2023, **ag 2.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

**A Chara,**

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

**Mise, le meas**



**Una Cresswell  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> December 2023 **at 2.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**



**Una Cresswell  
Meetings Administrator**

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Budget 2024 Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the October Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023
3. Planning
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Community Development
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
9. Correspondence

## **MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET 2024 “MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING” HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT 10.00AM**

### **Councillors Present:**

Councillors Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Rena Donaghey, Martin McDermott, Johnny McGuinness and Jack Murray.

**Apologies:** Councillors Terry Crossan and Martin Farren

### **Officials Present:**

Richard Gibson, Head of Finance, Bryan Cannon, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager Housing & Corporate, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate

Leas-Cathaoirleach of Inishowen Municipal District, Cllr Jack Murray, welcomed everybody to the Budget 2024 ‘Teams Meeting’ and handed over to Richard Gibson, Head of Finance to brief the members. It was acknowledged that comprehensive discussions had taken place in the recent Budget Workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and that many matters were considered and discussed on the day.

Richard Gibson outlined in a short presentation, the purpose of the meeting to the Members which was to consider the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Inishowen for 2024. Accordingly, Richard Gibson reiterated to the members the purpose of the meeting and outlined the General Municipal Allocation background in summary as follows:

- The Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations require the allocation of a General Municipal Allocation (GMA) to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.
- This does not replace the main, strategic, non-discretionary expenditure of the local authority, the spending of which will be prioritised by the members as part of the development of a schedule of municipal district works after the budget has been adopted.
- Regulations require that the draft budgetary plan shall set out the GMA and its proposed application for the forthcoming financial year.
- It is not practicable, in the context of the sequencing of budget processes, to allocate a final figure as part of the GMA, prior to the final plenary budget being adopted.
- Schedule of municipal district works is a more detailed allocation of the budget for each of the Municipal Districts which is presented to Members in March each year.
- As in previous years, an allocation equivalent to €20,000 per elected member has been allocated as part of the GMA with its application specified as “Development Management – Strategic Development Fund”. This is equivalent to the Strategic Development Fund allocation that has been made in previous years as part of the statutory plenary budget (Development Fund Initiative – DFI).
- Section 102 (4A) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act provide that it is a reserved function of the members of a municipal district to adopt the draft budgetary plan with or without amendment. The regulations specifically state that there is no provision for the adjournment of the municipal district budget meeting.

Richard Gibson advised members that the figure for commercial rates income was still outstanding. He also advised members that the costs associated with the National Pay Agreement for Donegal County Council and financial assistance towards the uplift in the costs for retained fire fighters were still unknown at this stage. It is anticipated that these figures will be available when Budget 2024 is published.

Richard Gibson welcomed the announcement by government of a €250 million fund grant allocation nationally to provide supports for business as they deal with increased costs. It is anticipated a portion of this fund will be available for Donegal and await further detail. He also outlined the continued demand in areas such as energy, equipment, construction costs, IT software and infrastructure. There are additional demands for work programmes in respect of energy saving, climate action initiatives that reduce the amount of energy used. There is also a co-financing demand where we continue to deliver large capital projects where we have received external funding.

Richard Gibson stated that the target is to achieve the equivalent level of service for 2024 as was provided in 2023, given the increased costs and current financial situation. This includes protecting the members funds at the same levels for 2024. Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that there would be no reduction in service in the Buncrana area.

**Recommendation**

It was therefore recommended that in line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations that the Inishowen Municipal District adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €180,000 at this time.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, it was agreed that the Inishowen Municipal District adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €180,000.

The members collectively thanked Richard Gibson for his efforts in preparing the Budget and thanked Richard for the presentation and work carried out to date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Certified:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Manager

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 AT 2.00pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**Councillors Present:**

Cllrs Paul Canning (online), Nicholas Crossan (online), Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott, Johnny McGuinness, Jack Murray (online).

**Officials Present:**

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer (online), Mary Daly, Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Terry Crossan who welcomed all to the meeting.

**23.48 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 05<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, the minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were agreed.

**23.49 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Killian Smith, Executive Planner presented the report on behalf of Community Development, and it was taken as read.

**23.49.01 Presentation by Donegal Youth Council**

Cllr Terry Crossan welcomed the Donegal Youth Council to the meeting, specifically Leah-Rose Davis and Finín Lynch who presented to the Members.

Donegal Youth Council provide a voice for the young people at local, national and European level. They outlined the importance of young people understanding democracy and the motivation behind becoming youth councilors. Donegal Youth Council will be focusing on three main topics this year –

- Mental Health
- Climate Action
- Social Media/Body Image

The group are involved with several committees such as Donegal Road Safety, Children and Young People Services, Cruinniú na nÓg, Donegal ETB, Breakout LGBTQ+ service, Riverine and outlined their contributions to each of these groups.

The members collectively congratulated the group on their participation in the different groups and for a highly informative presentation. It was requested that a copy of the presentation be

shared with all the members. Bryan Cannon also thanked the group for their presentation and outlined the importance of listening to the views of young people.

### **23.49.02 Merville Town and Village Renewal Project**

Cllr Martin Farren welcomed the work that was carried out under Merville Town and Village Renewal project.

### **23.49.03 Barrack Hill Town Park**

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that there was damage to a piece of equipment in the playground at Barrack Hill and asked for this to be repaired.

## **23.50 PLANNING**

Killian Smith, Executive Planner, presented the Planning report to the members, and it was taken as read. He updated members on the following matters –

- Repowering Buncrana
- Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)
- Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund

### **23.50.01 Workshop - Regeneration Project & Vacant Homes grant**

It was agreed that a workshop on Regeneration Projects and the Vacant Home Grant will take place online on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 11.30.

### **23.50.02 Draft County Development Plan 2024-2030**

The closing date for submissions on the Draft County Development Plan closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Killian Smith advised that approximately 150 submissions were received.

### **23.50.03 Planning Service**

Cllr Martin Farren thanked the planning team within Donegal County Council for ongoing work.

### **23.50.04 Planning Enforcement**

Cllr Albert Doherty queried the update given in the planning report in relation to planning enforcement. He queried the nature of the four new cases and the outcome in relation to the nine closed cases.

### **23.43.05 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates**

The Taking in Charge team, as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented three estates, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

- 1 Kildrum Meadows, Killea
- 2 Millfield Heights, Buncrana
- 3 Cornfield Lane, Newtowncunningham

The Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and sought approval from Members to make an order to create these Rights of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

Approval was sought from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

### **Kildrum Meadows, Killea**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Kildrum Meadows, Killea as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Kildrum Meadows, Killea to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

### **Millfield Heights, Buncrana**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey seconded by Cllr Jack Murray it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Millfield Heights, Buncrana as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey seconded by Cllr Jack Murray it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Millfield Heights, Buncrana to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

### **Cornfield Lane, Newtowncunningham**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing Cornfield Lane, Newtowncunningham as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing Cornfield Lane, Newtowncunningham to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water

### **23.51 ENVIRONMENT**

Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read.

#### **23.51.01 Tidy Towns 2023**

Brian McBrearty provided a breakdown of the points awarded in the Tidy Towns Competition for 2023. Buncrana was named Donegal's tidiest town for 2023. The members collectively acknowledged the huge assistance from the many community groups around Inishowen for the efforts involved in maintaining our towns to such a high standard and the positive impact this has on our tourism sector. They also thanked Donegal County Council for their ongoing support. Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Paul Canning requested that further assistance be provided to the smaller towns to help with grass cutting and street sweeping, in line with supports received by the larger towns.

#### **23.51.02 Rubbish Bins**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that there needs to be strong campaign from Donegal County Council encouraging people to be careful in what they are flushing down toilets and not to be using them as bins.

#### **23.51.03 Aquaculture**

Cllr Terry Crossan raised concerns around residual pollution caused by aquaculture and asked the Environment Section to investigate this issue. Brian McBrearty agreed to follow up.

#### **23.51.04 Lifeguards**

Cllr Martin Farren requested that the members be kept updated throughout the year in relation to the recruitment of lifeguards.

#### **23.51.05 Jet Skis**

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his disappointment that the sign recently erected at Glenburnie beach was removed and asked that this be replaced.

#### **23.51.06 Swan Park**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update to her request for the provision of appropriate signage advising public to keep their dog on a lead at Swan Park. Brian McBrearty agreed to follow up.



Cllr Nicholas Crossan also stated that electric scooters were causing a lot of issues for walkers in the park and asked for appropriate signage to be erected.

### **23.52 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read.

#### **23.52.01 Updates from previous Meeting**

- **Main Street, Moville** – works due to commence 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- **Tooban/Fahan Road** – Liaise with Greenway Scheme in finding a solution.
- **Lights at Red Door, Fahan** – issue reported – two of the lights are privately owned.
- **St Orans National School** – referred issue to Road Safety team. The issue of flashing lights would be dealt with by the National School.
- **Footpaths, Buncrana** – footpaths at Willow Grove, Buncrana may be considered under future programmes.
- **Aghilly Road** – works complete.
- **Raised Tables** – consulting with roads design office in carrying out a speed count in the relevant locations.
- **Irish Water** – Irish Water have applied for funding for reinstatement of roads in the Malin area following works carried out.
- **Junction at Carndonagh** – Local Engineer has investigated this matter and extending lining at the location – will continue to monitor.
- **Milltown Road** – Will form part of proposed NTA scheme in Buncrana.
- **Traffic Island at Burnfoot** – matter referred to Road Design Safety team for assessment.
- **Road Signs at Lagg Road, Black Mountain, Malin Head** - Area Engineer will follow up.
- **Wild Alpaca Way** – signage now erected at the area.
- **Public Lighting Carndonagh** – issue now resolved.
- **Footpaths Carndonagh (Gerard's Way)** – Area Engineer consulting with estate owner.
- **Gordons Corner, Carndonagh** – possibility of raised table subject to funding.

#### **23.52.02 Speed Signs**

Cllr Martin Farren requested that driver feedback signage be erected at Garda Station towards Ballynally Lane in Moville to try and slow traffic down at this stretch of road. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that extra signage be erected to manage speed when coming into Carndonagh town from Convent Road/Churchtown/Molly's Brae areas.

#### **23.52.03 Battery Brae**

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update in relation to the wall at Battery Brae. He also advised that there are four public lights outside the fort at Greencastle that have not worked for a number of years.

#### **23.52.04 Tooban/Fahan Road**

Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed the update from Michael McFadden in relation to the crossing at Tooban/Fahan Road. Cllr Jack Murray thanked Michael McFadden for his response and requested safety measures be put in place along Tooban/Fahan road.

#### **23.52.05 Rose Court, Buncrana**

Cllr Jack Murray requested that the footpath at Rose Court, Buncrana be included in the next Footpath Programme.

#### **23.52.06 St Orans National School, Cockhill, Buncrana**

Cllr Jack Murray thanked Michael McFadden for the update and requested details of what was involved in the installation of flashing lights.

#### **23.52.07 Newtowncunningham**

Cllr Paul Canning thanked the team for the ongoing works that are taking place in Newtowncunningham. He asked if the temporary ramps could be put in place at the school.

#### **23.52.08 Quay Shore, Newtowncunningham**

Cllr Paul Canning queried who owned the area at Quay Shore, Newtowncunningham.

#### **23.52.09 Crash Barriers – Killea/Bridgend**

Cllr Paul Canning requested crash barriers between Killea and Bridgend.

#### **23.52.10 Speed Ramp**

Cllr Paul Canning requested a ramp at the 'Go' Filling station in Killea.

#### **23.52.11 Public Lighting**

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that one public light is currently not working at Barrack Hill Park. He also advised that there are eight public lights at Ard Chlochar, Carndonagh and one public light at Ard Colgan, Carndonagh that require attention.

#### **23.52.12 Footpaths – Carndonagh**

Cllr Albert Doherty thanked the roads team for the update in relation to the footpath at Carrowreagh Road, Carndonagh. He also stated the footpath at Church Road, Carndonagh also required attention. Cllr Albert Doherty also welcomed the update in the report in relation to footpath at Malin Road and asked for further details on this. Cllr Martin McDermott requested that works be carried out at footpath from Inishowen Co-Op towards Carndonagh GAA.

#### **23.52.13 Urblereagh, Malin Head**

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the work that was carried out at Urblereagh, Malin Head.

#### **23.52.14 Public Car Park – Carndonagh**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that measures be put in place to curtail the late-night activity/noise at the public carpark in Carndonagh.

#### **23.52.15 Urris Pier**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that the road at Urris Pier be strengthened following recent works at the pier.

#### **23.52.16 Glentogher**

Cllr Martin McDermott proposed that a meeting be sought with the Minister for Transport regarding funding that was previously allocated after the flooding incident in August 2017.

#### **23.52.17 Francistown Junction**

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He asked that this matter be followed up and progressed and a solution be found.

#### **23.52.18 Piers & Harbours**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a workshop be held to discuss funding relating to piers & harbours.

#### **23.52.19 Quigleys Point – Traffic Calming Measures**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns regarding speeding traffic at Quigleys Point bray. He asked that measures be put in place to alleviate the issues pedestrians were experiencing when using this stretch of road. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

#### **23.52.20 Gleneely**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns along a stretch of road at Moneydarragh, Gleneely where there is poor visibility and asked that this issue be addressed. Cllr Johnny McGuinness also referred to a sign at crossroads, Gleneely which advises that the Cnoc an Uininn road is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. He stated that this sign is unclear to motorists and causing confusion.

#### **23.52.21 St. Boden’s National School, Culdaff**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested an update on the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at St Boden’s National School, Culdaff.

#### **23.52.22 Winter Gritting Programme**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness stated that there is a large area of the “Inishowen 100” that is not treated under the Winter Gritting Programme and asked for these areas to be included as it was important for tourism in the area.

#### **23.52.23 Hedge Cutting**

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on the possibility of extending the hedge cutting season.

### **23.52.24 Mill Bridge, Bunrana**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that a solution be found for the narrow bridge at Mill Bridge in Bunrana.

### **23.52.25 Muff**

Cllr Terry Crossan requested an update following a meeting that was held with the principal at Muff National School.

## **23.53 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mary Daly, Senior Staff Officer, Economic Development presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following items from the report –

- Launch of “It’s Ours/It’s Yours” campaign on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Launch of Donegal Travel Concierge Service on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Trade and Digital Marketing will take place online for four weeks commencing this week.
- Love Donegal Day took place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and was a great success.
- Navigating the Future of Regulation - Northwest RegTech Conference: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Meet the Makers event will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Lough Eske Castle
- National Women's Enterprise Day – “Empowering Business Together” is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in Solis Lough Eske Hotel. This event aims to inspire, motivate and empower women across the country in running their own businesses.

### **23.53.01 Tourism - Inishowen**

Cllr Canning requested a breakdown of figures for tourists coming into Donegal Town compared to Bunrana. Mary Daly advised that the figures were not available as Failte Ireland measures tourism figures into the County and were not broken down into specific areas.

### **23.53.02 Workshop – Tourism**

The members agreed that a workshop would be held on 07<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.

### **23.53.03 Inward Investment Strategy**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested further details in relation to Inward Investment Strategy and the final branding for the Northwest City Region.

### **23.53.04 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested assistance in availing of Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme for a tourism related project from Benduff to Trawbreaga. Mary Daly advised that she follow up on this matter.

**23.54 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read.

**23.54.01 Social Housing Remediation Team**

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update in relation to the remediation of Social Houses that are affected by Defective Concrete Blockwork. Una Cresswell advised that she follow up on the matter.

**23.54.02 Acknowledgement**

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that a letter of thanks be issued to Francis Wilson for the administration of the Members Development Fund.

**23.54.03**

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 05<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

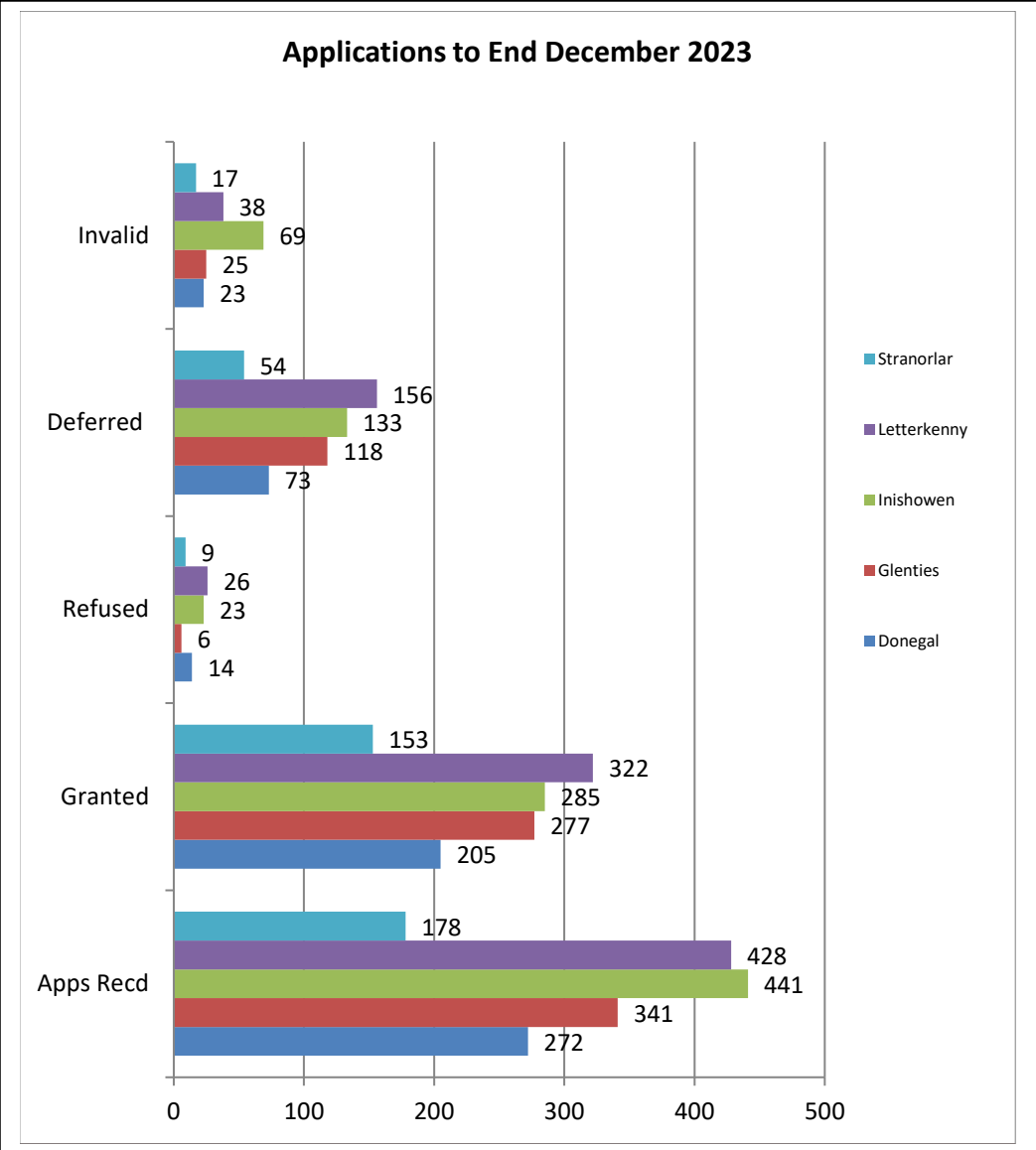
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**Inishowen MD Meeting**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

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<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><b>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</b></p> <p>Planning Clinics 2023: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</a></p>								
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<b>8</b>	<b>Capital Projects Delivery Unit</b>	See Appendix C								
<b>9</b>	<b>Conservation</b>									
<b>10</b>	<b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weekly-planninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weekly-planninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – <a href="https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes">https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes</a></li> </ul> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and search requests:</p>								



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## APPENDIX A

### Regeneration & Development Team Community Development & Planning Services

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## Report to November (2023) Municipal District Meetings

### 1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

#### 1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

##### 1.1.1 **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.

**Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)**

**Update:** Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team now continues to work towards the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Eireann. Good progress is being made in this regard. A workshop was held with Members on July 13<sup>th</sup> to update them on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

**Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)**

**Update:** A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in Q4 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q4 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council’s Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

The Regeneration and Development Team completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12 noon deadline on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The submitted project had a total project value of €7,949,868.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. This represents a full award of the RRDF funding sought. Work is now nearing completion on the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for onward delivery.

### **1.2.2 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the “Repowering Buncrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender and in this regard the project was submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023 and this project is therefore now approved to proceed to tender. Preparations are continuing in this regard.

A sale agreed position has also now been reached in respect of the town centre acquisition interest enabled by this project. The property concerned is the former Garda Barracks at St. Orans Rd, Buncrana. The Council’s legal services are closing out and completing this acquisition. The property will be redeveloped as an economic development proposition as a part of this project with a forward view towards job creation and inward investment.

### **1.3 FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL**

## **REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

**The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.**

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. Work will now continue to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for implementation on site.

### **1.4 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 when Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Work will now continue to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. A tender for the preparation of a business case has been awarded to FPM Accountants (Ireland) Ltd who are due to report by mid December 2023.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG.

### **1.5 Milford Town Centre First Plan**

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphries TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and the project commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation which took place over a period of 3 weeks beginning on

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and concluding on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The first stage consultation process involved a number of targeted workshops, including a project workshop with Elected Members which took place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, as well as a cross-directorate workshop, a community stakeholder group workshop and workshops with students attending the two local secondary schools. A very successful Public Consultation Event was also held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February which was attended by c.120 no. participants.

The public engagement also centered on the launch of a dedicated project website, facebook page and twitter page, and provided for responses via an online resident's survey, a business survey, a feedback form for individual submissions as well as a kids' page. On the whole there has been a hugely positive response to the public engagement with 227 no. online surveys completed with a further 128 no. survey responses from the secondary school pupils, 355 no. in total. There were also 16 no. comment sheets submitted, 3 no. written submissions and 2 no. email submissions as well as 86 no. kids' responses.

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan which was published for public consultation from the 10<sup>th</sup> of July to the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. A drop in event was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Milford PSC with 64 attendees and 42 submissions were made via completed survey forms, comments sheet and email. The team is working towards the publication of the Plan by year end and a provisional date for a workshop with the Members of the Letterkenny – Milford MD has been agreed for this month.

## **1.6 Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project**

Donegal County Council, the Creeslough Working Group and the Creeslough Community Association supported by Arup launched a public consultation process to prepare a Village Plan and community regeneration project for the Creeslough Community. The first stage of public consultation ran between Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and included the following events:

- Launch of the project website:  
<https://creesloughvillageplan.commonplace.is/> on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023;
- A Senior Citizens Workshop in Creeslough Day Centre from 12noon to 1pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**;
- A public information event from 2pm to 8pm on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023** in Massinass Hall, Creeslough, and,

- Workshops with National, Gaelscoil and Secondary schools across **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

These events were extremely well attended, with over 180 persons attending the drop in event in Massinass Hall. Following examination of the feedback received, a Draft Village Plan and community regeneration project was prepared and a second public consultation event was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Creeslough where both draft plans were presented. This event was very well attended also and following a period of further examination of the feedback, the proposed Creeslough Community Regeneration Project Part 8 was published on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with submissions to be made before 4.30 pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The proposal was subsequently approved at the September 2023 Plenary meeting of the Council. Since then, a tender for the preparation of a business case has been awarded to FPM Accountants (Ireland) Ltd who are due to report by mid December 2023.

## **2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)**

### **2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)**

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects. Sub-project A, preparation of Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy is now complete and available at [www.letterkenny2040.ie](http://www.letterkenny2040.ie). The Letterkenny 2040 project won the Landscape Institute 2023 Award in London on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 in the category of Excellence in Master-planning and Urban Design. These awards celebrate people, places and nature and the way that landscape projects can connect them. The Mayor of the Letterkenny – Milford MD, Cllr. Kevin Bradley attended the awards ceremony with Eunan Quinn, Senior Planner; Sinead McCauley, Senior Executive Planner and representatives from the Paul Hogarth Company.

Sub-project B, CPO in respect of the Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site, significantly progressed having served Notices to Treat and Enter in March and April 2023. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Donegal County Council took possession of the CPO lands required to enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure. Negotiation on compensation continues in parallel. Acquisition by agreement of remaining property at 29 and 31 Port Road to enable Phase 2 completed on 2nd August 2023 and both properties are also now in the possession of Council.

In addition, a Recommendation has been prepared to progress the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). As a result, this part of the site will transfer to Housing

colleagues with alignment and input from both the Regeneration and Development Team and the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

Please refer to Capital Project Delivery Unit MD reporting for update as regards the public realm sub-project.

## 2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

The Councils successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled ‘Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising €13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

The project will advance five sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
  - Renewal of Lower Main Street
  - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
  - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

DHLGH approval to proceed with tendering processes and acquisitions was secured on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 following approval of the Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Accordingly, steps are being taken to proceed with each sub-project as set out in the following table.

### Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval/ Project activity
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p><b>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</b></p> <p>The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The project has been handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) for</li> </ul>

	<p>progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team.</p>
<p>Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement.</li> <li>• A number of offers have been made and are under consideration by landowners.</li> <li>• Structural Engineering Report completed to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building.</li> <li>• Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• Next step: Consideration of requirements and timeline for publication of CPO by year end.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design &amp; site supervision)</b> This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation and review for opening of procurement process as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project B: Renewal at Lower Main Street</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement.</li> <li>• A number of offers have been made and are under consideration by landowners.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structural Engineering Reports completed to inform 4 no. acquisitions involving buildings.</li> <li>• Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and the successful valuer Avison Young has been appointed.</li> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• Next step: Consideration of requirements and timeline for publication of CPO(s) before year end.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p><b>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</b> This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team and will involve multiple workshops at MD level. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tender package for Creative Consultancy Services opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse.</li> <li>▪ Deadline for receipt of tenders was 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Two submissions were received. The Evaluation Team met during July, August and September and EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd have been awarded the contract.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</b> This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced by means of a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> <li>• A meeting with NTA and representatives of the Councils Roads, Planning, Regeneration and Community Development Teams took place on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in relation to transportation in Letterkenny inclusive of the Regional Transport Hub project. As regards the Regional Transport Hub, a funding commitment was secured from NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. Draft tender package is being prepared in this regard for internal review initially followed by NTA feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<p><b>Proceed acquisition processes for land required</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect and in this regard, it is noted that in-house resources are severely under pressure across both URDF and RRDF work programmes. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced and commitment given to further re-engage with particular landowners in September 2023.</li> <li>• Tender package for Valuation Services in relation to the Cultural Corridor element closed on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and the successful valuer Avison Young has been appointed.</li> <li>▪ Activation of acquisition steps in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) is dependent on progress on the Part 8 to inform the extent of lands required and previous commentary of capacity of in-house resources refers.</li> <li>▪ High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> </ul>

**2.3 ‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**  
‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers is well advanced. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development wherein a procurement process for construction contractor closed for tender submissions on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Further updates are being provided by Community Development.

**2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**  
Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect has been published and is currently at public consultation stage until the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 with a view to the proposal being included on the agenda of the November 2023 plenary meeting for the consideration of the Elected Members.

**2.5 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of LK Green Connect**  
Early design work using in-house resources commenced initially in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at the completed Phase 1 to Pearse Road.

Due to pressures across the wider work programme of the Regeneration Team, only limited progress has been made with a fresh application of resources targeted for September 2023. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and, as referenced, is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a Part 8 by year end 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

In parallel with design work, it is proposed to make further contact with landowners.

**2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street**  
Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is

likely to be Q of 2024 at the earliest and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

### **2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council**

Collaborative working arrangements have been established with the Housing Section of Donegal County Council to explore and develop social/affordable housing schemes on key regeneration sites within the town centre generally and, more specifically at Lower Main Street and at Phase 2 of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site located between Pearse Road and Ramelton Road. Members will be updated as this work progresses.

### **2.8 URDF Call 3**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Minister O'Brien announced an allocation of €4m under URDF Call 3 for Donegal County Council in relation to Letterkenny Regional Centre. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A funding agreement has been completed and returned to DHLGH and a further return is to be completed for return to DHLGH by a deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. A further workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be required as regards next steps, resources and timeline.

### **2.9 Other**

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny, engage with key stakeholders on a rolling basis and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities.

### **3.0 CROI CONAITHE VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME**

The Council administers the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The grant schemes, which came into operation in July 2022, provides grants to property owners to refurbish properties that have been vacant for two years or more for use as their principle private residence or to be made available for rent. The level of grant funding available is €50,000 or €70,000 if the property is derelict. The grants are increased by 20% for off-shore island properties. To date, the Council have processed 424 applications with 150 approved and 16 rejected on the basis that they do not meet the scheme criteria mainly relating to the proposed works or that the property has not been vacant for two years or more and built on or before 2007. The balance of applications is either awaiting further information from the applicant or at first technical inspection stage. There are four applicants who have completed the works and these are currently being processed for payment, with one applicant fully paid at this stage.

#### 4.0 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ACTIVATION FUND**

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties. The main steps of the programme include:

**Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties

**Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.

**Step 3:** Communication regarding the various schemes and measures in place to support bringing the property back into use, and

**Step 4:** Where owners of vacant and derelict properties cannot be identified or where they are unwilling to engage, use of available legislative powers to compulsory purchase or acquire such properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey is being undertaken in the following towns, which includes town identified at the workshops held with Elected Members in July 2023. The surveys will be rolled out to other towns over the coming months:

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>Towns</b>		
Letterkenny-Milford MD	Ramelton	Carrigart, Manorcunningham	Rathmullan, Milford
Donegal MD	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran, Dunkineely
Glenties MD	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclarragh
Inishowen MD	Carndonagh	Buncrana	Moville, Malin
Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey- Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

To date, over 1,600 properties have been surveyed with 850 confirmed as vacant and 50 as derelict. The team has now commenced Step 2 to identify and engage with the property owners to make them aware of the supports available to bring the vacant property back into productive use and to date 23 contacts have been made. The Members will be kept up to date as we progress through the work programme.

**Regeneration & Development Team**  
**November 2023**

## Municipal District of Inishowen December 2023

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Building Control & Taking in Charge  
Community Development & Planning Services

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### REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
  - a. Commencement Notices
  - b. Disability Access Certificates
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

## **Building Control Activity**

### a. *Commencement Notices*

In 2022, 556 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 429 new buildings and 127 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2022 was 312, more than 56% of the overall total submitted. So far in 2023, the Opt-Out Commencement Notice represents 54% of the notices submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.

### ***Annual figures:***

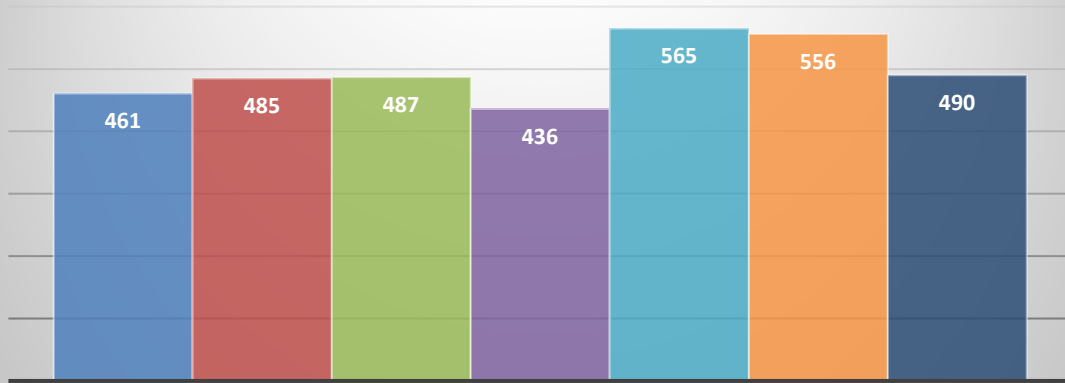
Up to the end of October, there have been 490 Commencement Notices submitted in 2023, representing 509 new build projects and 140 building alterations or extensions. This is an increase from 479 CNs in the same period in 2022 representing 449 new build projects.

As stated above, in 2022 there were 556 Commencement Notices received. These represented 658 building projects of which there were 531 new units. 120 of these were classified as "multi-unit developments." To date in 2023 there have been one commencement notice for a multi-unit development of 16 houses.

As a comparison, in 2021 there were 565 Commencement Notices received representing 772 building projects and 634 new units, in 2020 there were 436 Commencement Notices representing 642 building projects and 510 new units and in 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 building projects, while in 2018 there were 483 valid Commencement Notices, representing 608 new build units.



## Valid Commencement Notices



VALID COMMENCEMENTS RECEIVED

■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 (to end Oct)

***Types of Commencement Notices:***

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

***It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.***

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
  - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

2023- Jan 1st to October 31st				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
				1 no. 11 Unit, 1 No. 8 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 12 unit, 1 no. 29 unit, 1 no. 22 unit, 1 no. 6
CN with Documentation	139	241	53	unit
7 day notice	53	30	23	
CN without Documentation	46	29	21	
CN with Opt Out	252	209	43	
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>140</b>	

***b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):***

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.



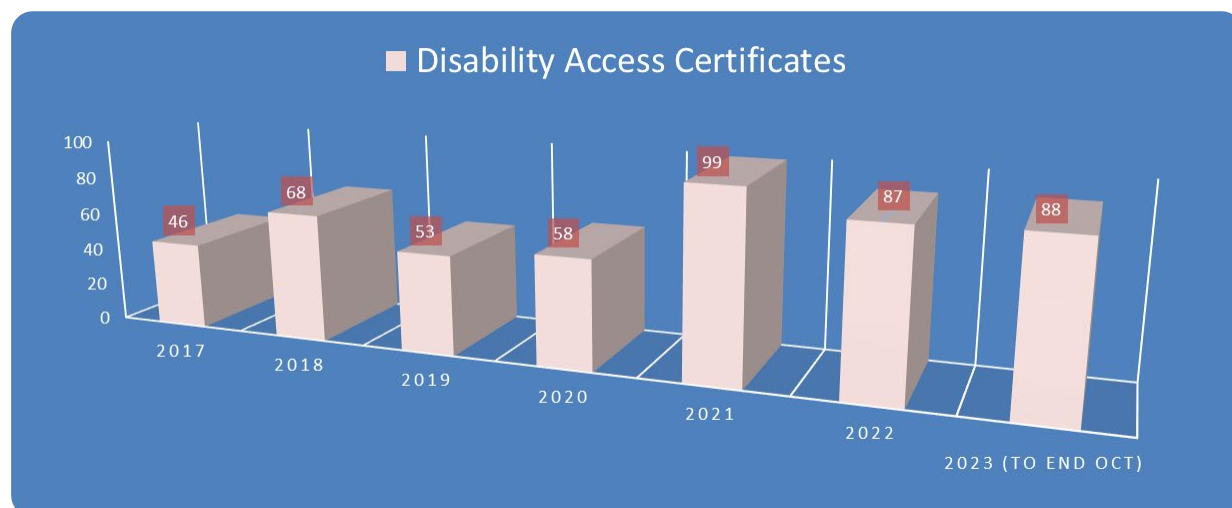
Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building **may not** be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 87 DAC applications in 2022. This compares with 99 in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2023, up until the end of October, there have been 88 DAC application compared with 71 applications in the same period in 2022.



### **Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.**

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estates in the Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Miller's Way, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh,
- Gerard's Way, Malin Road, Carndonagh, and
- Ardavan Heights, Ardavan, Buncrana.

Where it is proposed to Declare a road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii) to consider the financial implications for the Authority of the proposed declaration.

However, in the case of a development which has not been completed satisfactorily and an application for takeover has been received and the Planning Authority has not



commenced enforcement proceedings within the appropriate period, subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 11 of the Roads Act shall be disregarded.

In these instances, the financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within the estates being raised by the Area Roads Department.

*Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207*

*Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11*

*Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180*

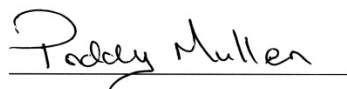
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It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

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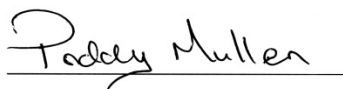
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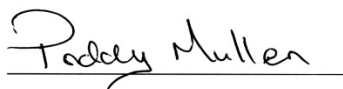
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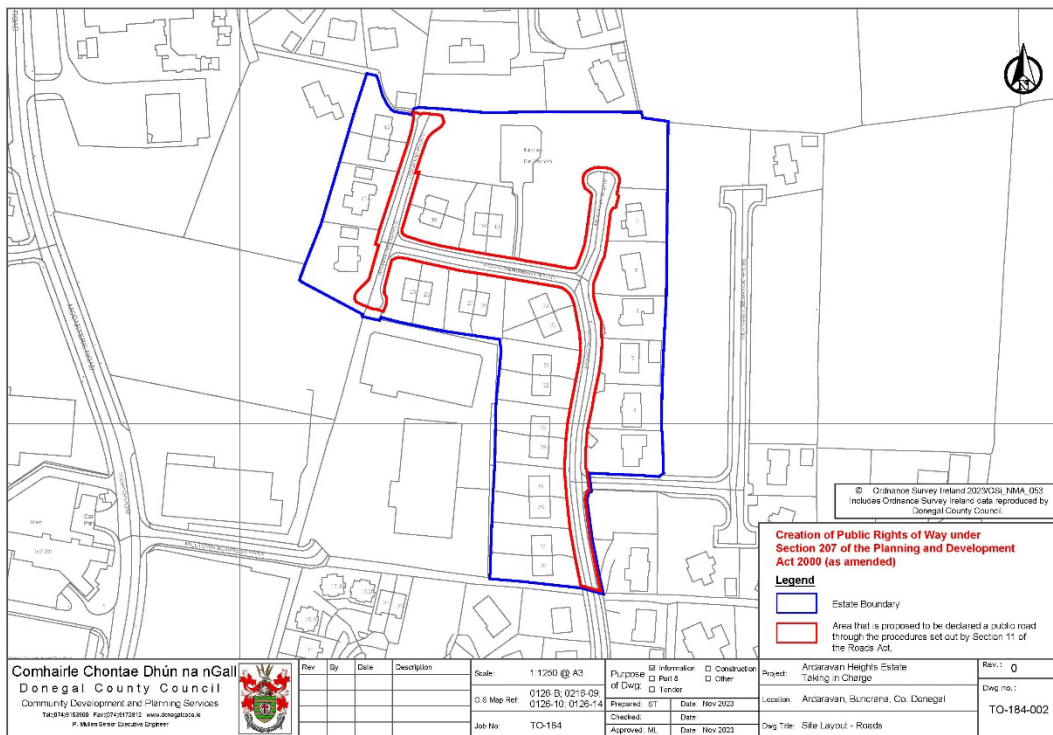
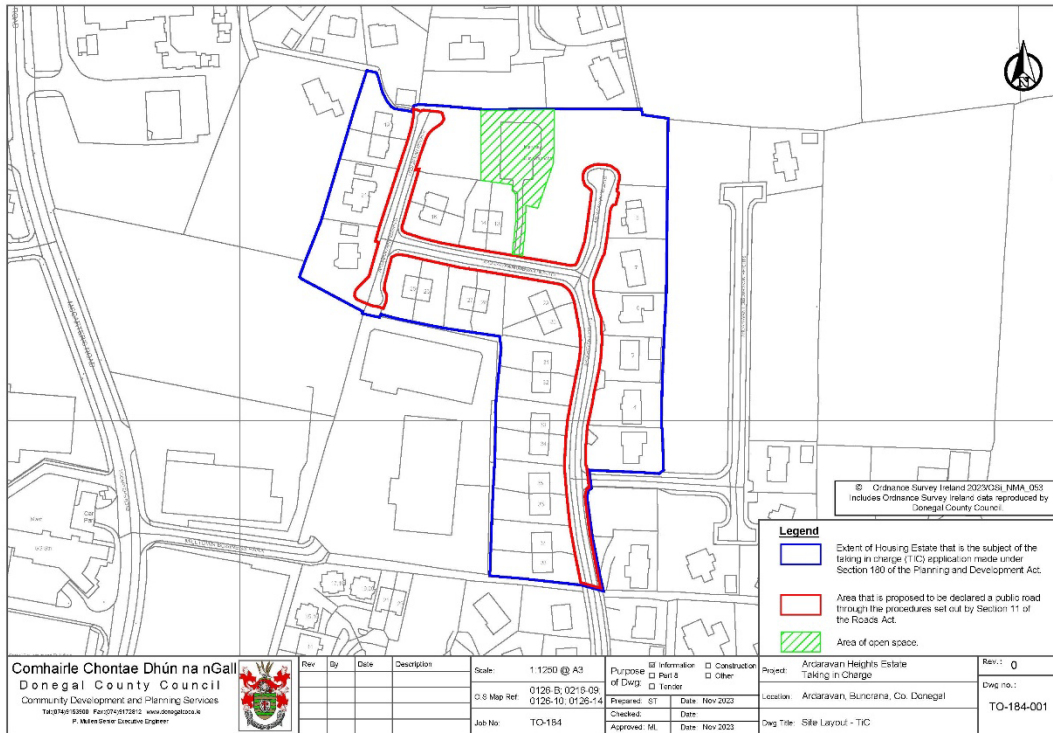
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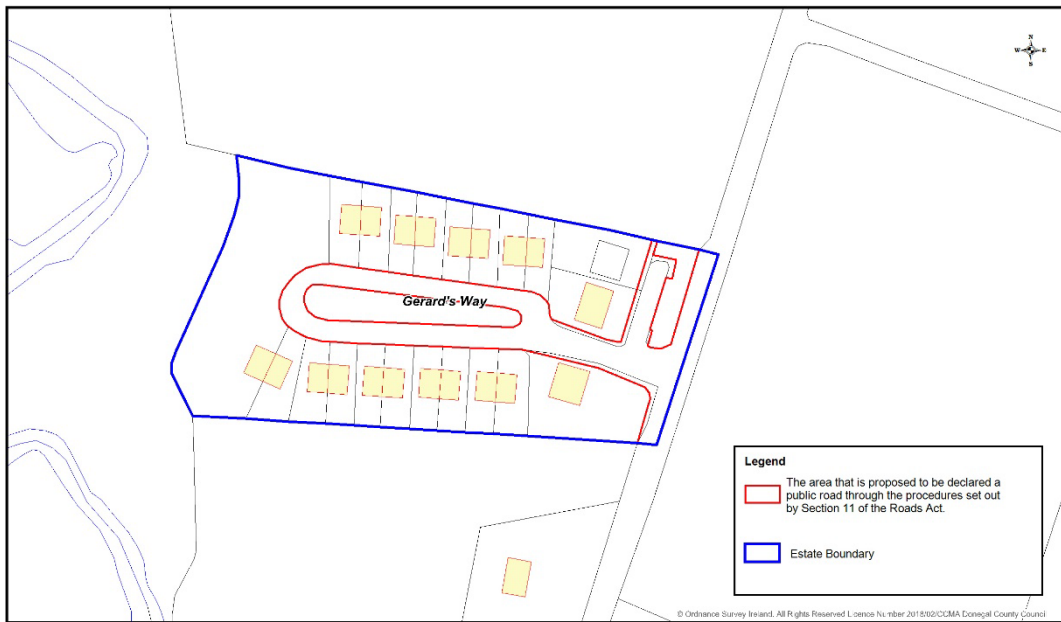
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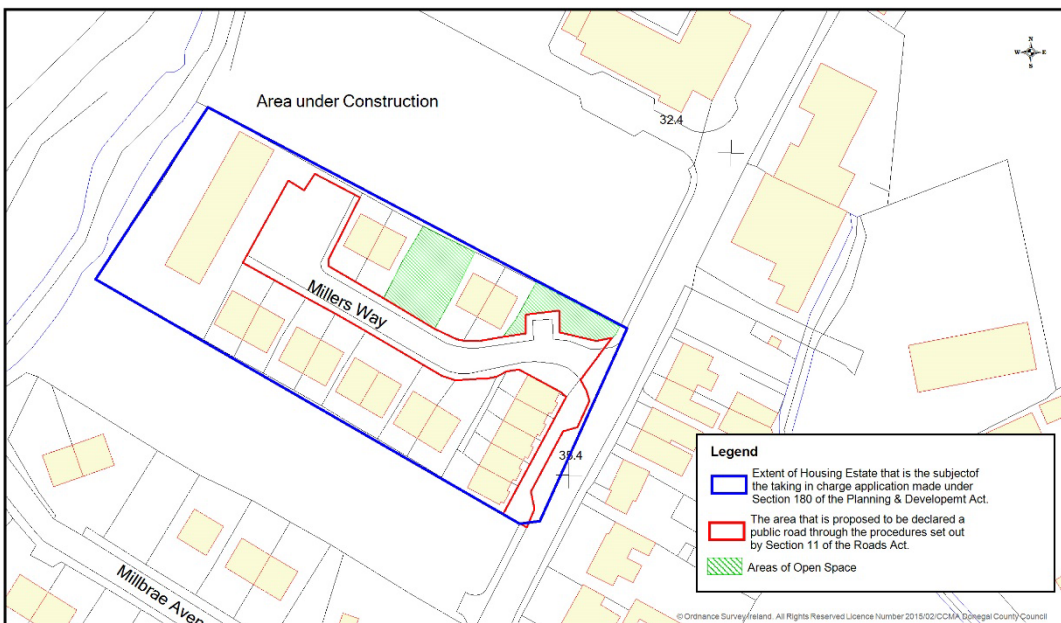






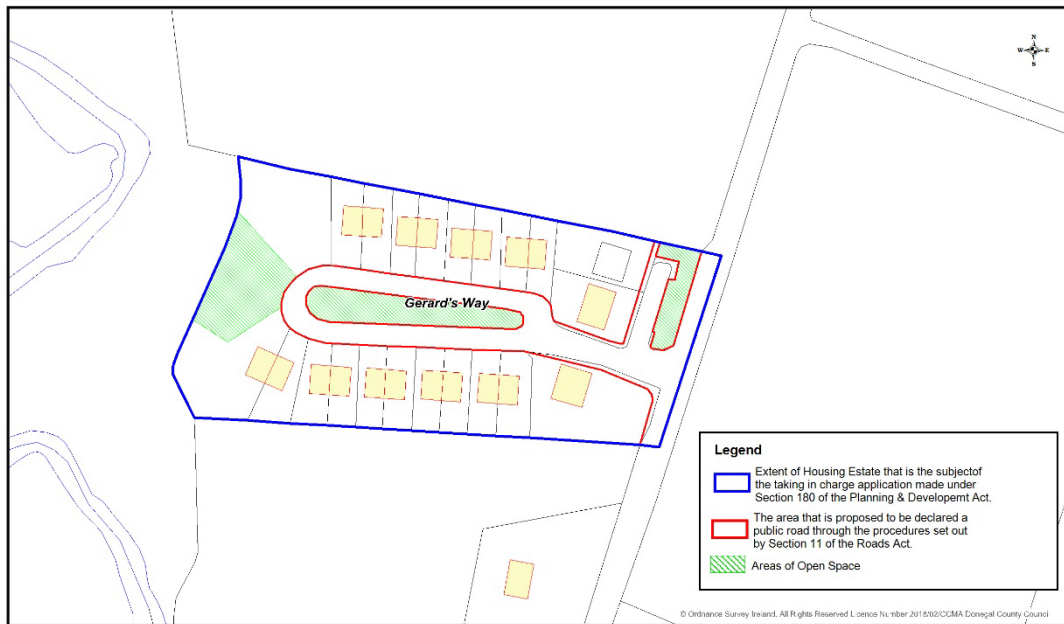
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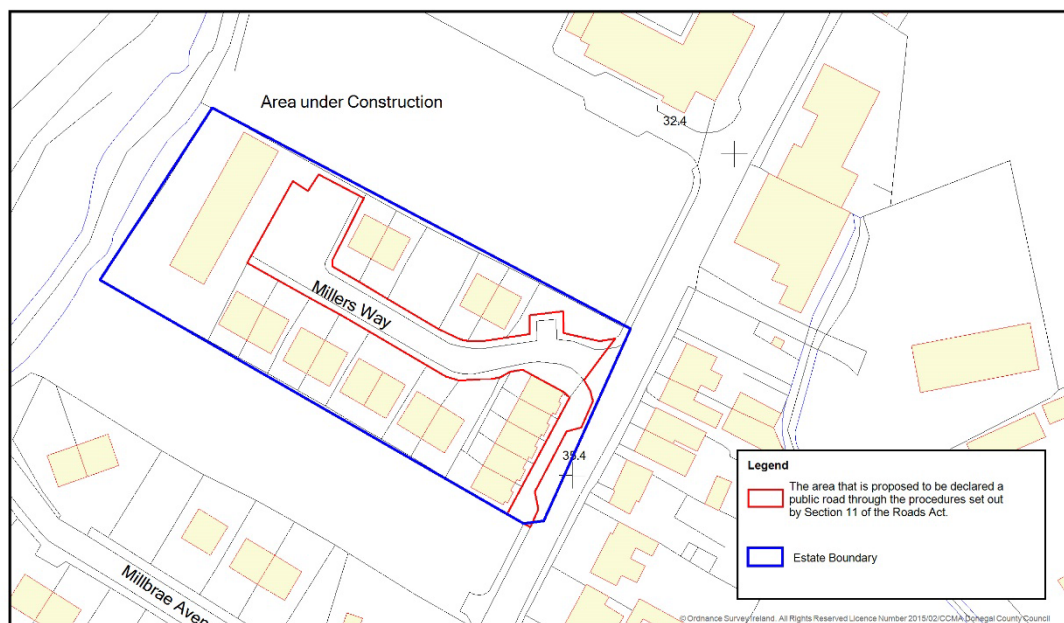
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## APPENDIX C

### CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services  
Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: Dec 2023

Activity / Project Title	<b>Tús Nua Project</b>
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility,</li> <li>• Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space,</li> <li>ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers</li> <li>iii. a community Kitchen,</li> <li>iv. Communal storage, and</li> <li>v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex,</li> <li>• The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries;</li> <li>• New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space;</li> <li>• New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street;</li> <li>• Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.</li> </ul>
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Land negotiations have commenced with all landowners, with proposed landtake and valuations being discussed. These discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>It is proposed that the lands will be purchased by means of a Compulsory Purchase Order, and it is anticipated that this will be published by the end of 2023.</p> <p>After consultation and further survey/investigation work, the Design Team have developed a draft detailed design that meets the stakeholder needs. This has been presented to all parties, and detailed design is now progressing, with tender documentation to be completed in Q1 of 2024.</p>

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the Compulsory Purchase Order will be published, and the Integrated Design Team will have progressed detailed design.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Fort Dunree</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Ireland's, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the 'High Guns' Fort; provide immersive heritage and cultural touch points with a new route that opens up the site, with viewing points via modern interventions such as the proposed Funicular (the only one in Ireland) and interpretive installations, including the development of the Dunree Lighthouse.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Works to improve existing High Fort</li> <li>2. Provision of an iconic inclined elevator to the High Fort</li> <li>3. Works to improve High Guns installation</li> <li>4. Provision of improved distribution roads &amp; parking</li> <li>5. Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower works</li> <li>6. Lighthouse conservation works</li> <li>7. Military Museum &amp; Night Skies space</li> <li>8. Stabilise, repair or remove existing billet buildings</li> <li>9. Provide new public spaces and facilities.</li> </ol>
<b>Budget</b>	€12.5m
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p>A Part 8 planning application was submitted to Donegal County Council the date for submissions has now passed. In total there were 19 submissions that the project team are currently reviewing.</p> <p>In addition to the submissions, a member of the public has referred the development to An Bord Pleanála to review our Environmental Impact Screening. An Bord Pleanála will now review our planning</p>

	<p>documentation and revert with a decision. There is a risk that An Bord Pleanála may revert with a negative decision which would have an impact on the project timeline.</p> <p>Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and development of the construction tender documentation is ongoing.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience &amp; Interpretation Consultant are now working on developing the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p> <p>The Quantity Surveyor has been examining costs and engaging with both the IDT and VEIC as the design develops. Initial cost estimates are higher than the funding award and we are engaging further with both Fáilte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs.</p> <p>The Project Programme has been updated as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="687 920 1551 1223"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stage</th> <th>Start Date</th> <th>Finish Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stage 1 – Preliminary Design</td> <td>14/07/2022</td> <td>22/12/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design</td> <td>03/01/2023</td> <td>18/08/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>18/08/2023</td> <td>15/04/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>24/11/2023</td> <td>06/12/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>09/12/2024</td> <td>25/06/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 - Handover</td> <td>26/06/2026</td> <td>13/07/2027</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 1 – Preliminary Design	14/07/2022	22/12/2022	Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design	03/01/2023	18/08/2023	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	18/08/2023	15/04/2024	Stage 3 – Tender Action	24/11/2023	06/12/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	09/12/2024	25/06/2026	Stage 5 - Handover	26/06/2026	13/07/2027
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<p><b>Contact Person(s)</b></p>	<p>Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					



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# **1. Division: Economic Development**

## **1.1 Economic Development Unit**

### **Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Economic Development Unit</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p data-bbox="459 516 1003 548"><b>#BuyDonegal / #CeannaighDúnnanGall 2023</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 583 1451 779">The 2023 #BuyDonegal campaign was launched on Monday, 20 November and will run for a period of 5 weeks until 2 December 2023. This award-winning initiative, which will be in its fourth year, showcases the high-quality and renowned Donegal brands across a wide range of sectors including creative, services, tourism, and retail.</p> <p data-bbox="459 821 1403 1016">Over 300 businesses have been involved in the #Buydonegal campaign to date, with a global audience of 13.9 million in 2022 across more than 70 countries globally. The campaign was launched with an event held in the Mount Errigal Hotel and was well received. More details on the campaign are available at <a href="https://donegal.ie/buydonegal">https://donegal.ie/buydonegal</a></p> <p data-bbox="459 1058 1190 1089"><b>Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 - 2029 Workshop</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 1131 1440 1367">On 22<sup>nd</sup> November the EDU held a workshop with key county representatives in areas of economic development, business, education, community, and innovation to receive input and direction on what areas should be focused on when drafting the goals and action points for the 2023 – 2029 Local Economic and Community plan. The event was attended by reps from over 15 organisations both in person and online.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1409 764 1440"><b>Donegal Tech Advocates</b></p> <p data-bbox="459 1482 1451 1717">The Donegal Tech Advocates group was established in order to promote, grow and empower the Tech sector across Donegal in order to benefit the county as a whole and showcase Tech as a highly effective cluster. The aim for this initiative is to encourage collaboration among industry members and members to develop, retain and attract new talent to the region. Details of the launch event will be made available once confirmed.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1759 854 1791"><b>Relocation Marketing Campaign</b></p>



Donegal County Council’s Relocation marketing campaign #MoveToDonegal has reached over 3.5 million across all social media platforms and received over 65 relocation enquiries. The team will be working with TG4 and WDC on the upcoming period on their Move West initiative which will add impetus to this campaign. This campaign has been shortlisted in the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023 for “Promoting Economic Development”.

**InvestDonegal Communications Update**

Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

	<b>Impressions (last 28 days)</b>	<b>Total Followers</b>
Linked In	18,758	4,993(+46)
Twitter	17.8K	3,937(+953)
Instagram	2,304	4,152 (+25)
Facebook	14,227	2,049 (+9)
Donegal.ie	3.4K Web Users	

8 News Items Published.

**Shared Island Funded Projects Update**

Deadline for completion of the Shared Island projects and drawdown of funding: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. See November update attached in Appendix 1 below for further detail.

**Investment in the North West City Region:**

Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council on several key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region as follows:

**Collaborative NWCR Events**

The department are also working with colleagues in DCSDC on the development of the NW Reg Tech Initiative which was presented to the Lord Mayor of City of London at event in Guildhall in Derry on 24th November.

### **Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2023**

This took place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and was a very successful trade mission that incorporated both meetings and events showcasing the North West City Region.

- The annual Golden Bridges Conference took place on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- The 'Pathfinder Go To Market' programme was very successful in partnership with the LEO and Alpha Innovation and facilitated by Catalyst. 10 businesses from the North West City Region travelled to the US to take part.
- Networking events were held in the Donegal Association of Philadelphia and the IABCN hosted a Life Science Summit.
- Irish Consulate General of Boston and the State House both held receptions for the NWCR delegates.
- There were several meetings with key US contacts.

### **North West City Region - Irish Embassy Event in London**

- This event will be hosted by Ambassador Martin Frazer on 4th December 2023 at the Irish Embassy in London.
- This is an opportunity to promote the North West City Region to key contacts in the UK.
- The event will include a panel discussion moderated by Tip O'Neill recipient 2023, Caroline McLaughlin.

### **Irelandnw.com Website**

The NWCR website has been updated with the new branding and with new content. The NWCR LinkedIn and Twitter social media pages are updated regularly with new content about the North West City Region.

### **Caravan, Camping and Campervan Initiatives**

Donegal County Council continues to implement the actions set out in the KPMG Study into the Caravan, Camping and Campervan Sector including the following areas of work:

- CCCMF Grant Scheme: €180,000 was allocated to this grant scheme with 9 applicants who returned Letters of Offers including 7 businesses and 2 voluntary organisations. These projects are ongoing.
- Code of Conduct: A 'campers code' has been developed and is promoted on social media.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage: New signage has been trialled a various pilot locations to encourage responsible disposal of waste and to direct campers to private sector sites to avail of services there. This has been very successful to date.</li> <li>• Marketing: The Tourism Unit has delivered a marketing campaign via a dedicated page on Go Visit Donegal providing information on the campers code, private sector sites, waste disposal and service point information.</li> <li>• Campers Service Point Review: A review the workings and management of existing service units has been conducted and presented to recent SPC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Concierge Service</b></p> <p>The Concierge Service provides support to those interested in doing business in Donegal. The EDU team is planning a social media campaign to promote it over the coming months. The contact email for this service is <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>
<b>Diaspora</b>	<p><b>London Irish Centre:</b> A Donegal-themed event is confirmed for the London Irish Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Additional details to follow once finalised.</p> <p><b>Scottish Diaspora:</b> Collaboration ongoing with the Donegal Scotland Diaspora group on a number of upcoming initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosting events to collate material in Scotland for the “Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland” project in conjunction with Donegal County Councils Heritage Office.</li> <li>• EDU Team is working with Irish Consulate in Scotland with a view to hosting an event to showcase the unique relationship between Donegal and Scotland</li> </ul>
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## **1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit**

### **Project Activity Report**

#### **Holiday World Show 2024**

This event is taking place in RDS, Dublin from Fri 26th – Sun 28th January 2024. It is anticipated that the show will attract over 550 exhibitors, and 40,000 attendees over the weekend. Donegal tourism Unit is investing in new branding for their stands for the show this year which may be utilised by other departments in the Economic Development Division. The Tourism Unit are liaising with the show organisers in relation to PR in advance of the show and securing prizes for the show competition.

Details are available on the Show website: [www.holidayworldshow.com](http://www.holidayworldshow.com)

#### **Launch of Autumn Donegal Tourism Campaign**



The Go Visit Donegal 'It's Ours' Shoulder Season campaign launched on 20th October, as of 23 November our Shoulder Season campaign content has reached 8.7M people on social media with 1.1M video views overall and 51K engagements. Since launch the campaign posted 120 pieces of content across 5 social media channels in 9 locations. One post known as "The Hero Video" has reached over 7M people.

#### **Age Friendly/Disability Strategy**

Donegal Tourism continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation. A draft action plan for Nairn Portnoo is currently being drafted.

#### **Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway**

Donegal Tourism continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward in the first quarter of 2024. A production company has been procured to produce marketing materials for this event.

### **TOURBO Project**

The Council has commenced the implementation of an Interreg Europe consortium, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce to deliver the TOURBO project, which will help small and medium sized tourism businesses with green and digital transformation known as the 'Twin Transition'. At the beginning of 2024 calls for expressions of interest will be launched targeting experts in digitalisation/sustainability from all partner countries to advise MSMEs in Greece and Marche regions (Marche and North Aegean regions are the sole partner regions). For more information visit <https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

### **Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project**

The Council has secured €428,600 to deliver this project which will provide businesses with an opportunity to learn from various good practice approaches across Europe to encourage sustainable biking business.

### **Donegal 550:**

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A public meeting will take place on Monday 11 December at 7pm in the Abbey Hotel. A calendar of events is currently being collated and a final weekend of celebrations taking place in the fourth quarter of 2024.

### **Supporting the development of Golf Tourism**

**Golf Cluster Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> January in Letterkenny Golf Club.

### **GoVisitDonegal.com Website**

#### **October 24<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November**

2023 (Jul 01<sup>st</sup> - Nov 21<sup>st</sup>) - Users 131,082 - Page Views 343,545  
Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 31,262

#### **Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal**

**Facebook:** Facebook had a reach of 486,845 up 187.5%

**Instagram:** Instagram had a reach of 363,755 an increase of 562.4% in the last month. Instagram saw a growth of 711 followers up 41.4%. On Instagram Donegal It's Yours campaign was the highest and best performing content. It had a brilliant impact with posts reaching 99.4K organically.

**LinkedIn:** In the last month, there was an increase in page views, with a rise of 810% directly relating to Donegal It's Yours campaign and the Lonely Planet award. LinkedIn saw an increase of 294 new followers.

**Twitter:** Twitter impressions show an increase of 170.4% and 43 new followers over the last 28 days.

**TikTok:** TikTok saw a minor growth of 10 new followers.

### **Donegal Tourism**

The Associate Members Committee of Donegal Tourism had a meeting on 21st November. A key agenda item for this meeting was to present on the report provided by Lyndsey Reynolds who facilitated the September meeting. The overall goal is to redefine the role of the committee, its members and Donegal Tourism. The board of Donegal Tourism have their next meeting scheduled for January 10th, 2024.

### **Grant Schemes**

#### **Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme**

All successful applicants under the 2023 MTWGS have been issued letters of offer and applicants are getting works underway. The team will continue to liaise with all applicants to ensure the smooth drawdown of funds in a timely manner.

#### **Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme**

All successful applicants to this grant scheme have been issued letters of offer and work is underway with the various festivals that have been completed to drawdown this funding. All funding must be drawn down by December 2023 as this is then recouped from Failte Ireland at the end of each year.

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### 1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

#### Project / Activity Report

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit</b> – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the <b>Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>PEACE Plus</b></p> <p>The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus. SEUPB has provided a new timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 on their website. Please visit: <a href="https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities">https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities</a></p> <p><b>CPMR General Assembly</b></p> <p>The General Assembly and 50th anniversary of the CPMR took place on 15-17 November 2023 in Saint-Malo (Brittany, France) attended by Donegal County Council’s Political Representative, Cllr. John O’Fearraigh.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p><b>Innovation Fund Calls Opening Soon</b></p> <p>On Thursday 23rd Nov 2023, DG Clima and CINEA opened two Innovation Fund calls for proposals ,the calls make up to €4.8 billion available for industry and clean tech players in Europe to support the objectives of the European Green Deal and the Net-Zero Industry Act.</p> <p>The Innovation Fund 23 Call (IF 23 Call) will offer funding of up to €4 billion for projects in various sectors, including decarbonisation, clean tech manufacturing, maritime and energy-intensive industries. The application window will be open until early April 2024.</p> <p>The Innovation Fund 23 Auction (IF23 Auction) aims to support renewable hydrogen production. Auctions are a new financing mechanism under the Innovation Fund and a key element of the EU Hydrogen Bank. A €800 million</p>

	<p>budget will be available for bidders (project developers). Bids can be placed until early February 2024.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● EU Funding Programme Reviews</li><li>● Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li><li>● Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li><li>● Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li><li>● Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li></ul>
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## **2. Local Enterprise Office**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b>
<b>Role and Remit</b>	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - <a href="http://localenterprise.ie/donegal">localenterprise.ie/donegal</a>  Contact number: 074-9160735</p>
<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of November 2023 Outputs/Events:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid (M1) – Business Expansion &amp; Priming (Start Up) - 50 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €710,912. Next EVAC meeting will take place on 1st February, 2024.</li> <li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 52 Businesses approved support to trade online with a value of €114,023.</li> <li>• Mentoring YTD – 278 Businesses have received this support.</li> <li>• Training – 1,566 Business attendees at 91 Events YTD.</li> <li>• Micro Finance Ireland – YTD 9 applications submitted to MFI. A total of €151k in loan finance recommended to MFI by LEO Donegal.</li> <li>• A total of 7 online Start Your Own Business (SYOB) programmes have been held in 2023. 129 participants have completed the 7 programmes this year. The next programme is commencing on 09/01/2024.</li> </ul>

**Creative Coast**

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised in the coming weeks.

**Raphoe Flood Relief Scheme**

The Local Enterprise Office assisted the Red Cross in the administration of the Scheme. The scheme provided Emergency Flood Relief to Small Businesses and Community, Voluntary, and sporting bodies affected by the flooding. A single once-off contribution toward the damage of up to a maximum of €5,000 was available, based on an application form and verification by the Local Authority. 7 Applications were received, 4 of which were small businesses and 2 were voluntary organisations. All applications under the Scheme have now been assessed.

**Creelough Small Business Humanitarian Scheme.**

The Local Enterprise Office assisted the Red Cross in the administration of the Scheme. A total of €173,475 has been approved under Scheme A and Scheme B. Under Scheme A, €109,940 was awarded to 25 businesses ranging in value from €840 to €5,000. 6 of these businesses were awarded additional funding of €63,535 under Scheme B, ranging in value from €2,894 to €15,000. All applications under the Scheme have now been assessed.

**Food Coast**

*A Taste of Collaboration* is joint initiative between Food Coast Donegal, and Enterprise Causeway, Northern Ireland. The aim of the project is to encourage mutual learning and networking, explore opportunities for product development, joint visitor experiences, packages, itineraries and developing closer links between the Causeway Coastal Route and the Wild Atlantic Way. The Food Coast Donegal delegation enjoyed a hugely successful visit to Bushmills in September. The return visit to Donegal is on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2023, at Castle Grove Country House, where the very best Donegal has to offer will be showcased. Following the first Food Coast Donegal Strategy implementation meeting in October, two industry clusters were initiated. The

Restaurant/Chef cluster had its inaugural meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November whilst the Food/Drink producer cluster had their preliminary meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Each Cluster discussed ambitious proposals for 2024, with the aim of elevating the Donegal food and beverage offering to a new, unique position on the national map.

**Donegal Engineering Network**

A new Engineering Profitnet group convened in November. This comprises approx. 6 members of the previous Profitnet group and new members from the wider Donegal Engineering Network. The members will meet monthly in a confidential and facilitated environment and will decide the topics of workshops and learning visits going forward.

In November, Donegal Engineering Network arranged a visit for the members to BLECH Expo, Stuttgart, Germany.

**Export Development**

LEO Donegal is developing an Export Development Programme scheduled for early 2024. This program will be designed to provide participants with a structured framework for enhancing their export capabilities, fostering global market access, and ultimately contributing to the economic strength of Donegal. Through these initiatives, we remain dedicated to empowering the Donegal small business community and positioning them for success in growing sales outside of Ireland.

**European Enterprise Network (EEN) Conference Bilbao**

Representatives from the Local Enterprise Office attended the EEN Annual Conference which took place on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> in Bilbao, Spain. The annual conference is the major event of the Network and this year's event saw over 800 participants from over 50 countries taking part. The event which ran for 3 days with 109 speakers, provides a global forum for network partners, EU Officials as well as SME managers to meet, and learn from each other in order to improve the quality of Network services and the way the network works together. Next year's event will be taking place in Budapest, Hungary.

**Letterkenny Chamber Annual Gala Ball & Chamber Awards**

Members of the Local Enterprise Office, Donegal, attended the Letterkenny Chamber Annual Gala Ball & Chamber Awards ceremony held in the Clanree Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> November. LEO Donegal sponsored the Young Business Person of the Year Award which was won by James Garvey from Rossnowlagh Surf School.

**Ambition Accelerator Programme**

Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs. 15 businesses were selected in September to participate in the fourth programme for Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. The Programme will be finishing in December.

The Programme has been nominated for the Excellence in Local Government Awards in the Diversity & Inclusion category which is taking place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin Airport.

**Upcoming Events/Programmes:****SYOB Network & Learn Events**

LEO Donegal is hosting a further in-person network and learn event taking place on November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm in the PSC Donegal Town.

This follows a successful initial event held in the ii Innovation Hub Buncrana in October. At the event, graduates of the SYOB online programme met in-person, engaged with LEO staff and heard from guest speaker Emma Boylan, who presented a social media masterclass for business start-ups.

**Donegal Enterprise Awards**

Eleven businesses have been shortlisted for the 2023 Donegal Enterprise Awards ahead of the ceremony which will take place on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> in Rockhill House Estate, Letterkenny.

A total prize fund of €14,000 across 11 categories will be on offer for the shortlisted businesses. An invite for the ceremony was issued to all Elected Members. For more click on the link below

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Enterprise-Development/Donegal-Enterprise-Awards/localenterprise.ie/donegal>

### **Upcoming Brokerage Events**

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers. The first of these brokerage events, “Meet the Buyer – Food and Nutrition” will be taking place on **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024** at the Merits Innovation Thinkspace in Naas County Kildare. The second Brokerage event will occur on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and be targeted towards the engineering sector. Further details on this will follow when available.

### **IMMERSE**

LEO Donegal applied to Creative Ireland for funding to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (MidWest/North West/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission. The project, a multi-agency, pan-regional proposition across the Atlantic Innovation region, will focus on the Content Creation Sector. Funding of €68,000 was awarded from the Creative Communities Action Fund.

The Western Development Commission will submit a draft report to LEO Donegal in late November 2023, prior to final submission to Creative Ireland.

### **Ongoing Programmes:**

#### **Digital Start**

**YTD – 33 Donegal LEO Client applications received for this support.**

The objective of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

**Green for Business**

**YTD – 21 Donegal LEO Client applications received for this support.**

This FREE programme, which has recently been re-branded to Green For Business, helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 and showing them how small changes can have a big impact on their company.

**Energy Efficiency Grant**

**YTD – 2 LEO Client applications received for this support.**

The Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Business Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

**Lean For Business**

**YTD – 19 LEO Client applications received for this support.**

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

**Scale-X**

Scale-X North West is due to conclude on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 11-week Accelerator Programme for start-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth, saw a diverse group of manufacturing and internationally traded service businesses from Donegal and Leitrim go through a rigorous deep dive into their business to understand the

	<p>metrics to drive their success. At the final event, each business will present their business pitch idea to a judging panel.</p> <p><b><u>Donegal Stories:</u></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a></p>
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### **3. Emergency Services – Fire Service**

#### **Fire Service Monthly MD Report (December)**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of: (October)<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>Total for year</b>	
<b><u>Fire Service Operations</u></b>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	64		649	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	77		829	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	8		67	
<b><u>Operational Activity Breakdown October 2023</u></b>	<b>Turnouts</b>		<b>Incidents in County</b>	
	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Special Services</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Special Services</b>
Donegal Fire Service	37	40	28	36
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	5	3	5
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>		<b>72</b>	
<b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	18		199	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	28		N/A	





Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	71	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	17	182
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	11
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	33
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	13	214
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	26
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	25
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	1
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	1 <sup>2</sup>	55



1. **Current data is only available up to the end of October 2023.**
2. **Fire Safety at Home presentation provided to Chime Charity organisation in Letterkenny PSC on October 12<sup>th</sup> by members of Letterkenny Fire Brigade.**

## 4. Appendix: Shared Island Project Updates November 2023



### SHARED ISLAND PROJECTS UPDATE

PROJECT/ PARTNER	FUNDING SCOPE	PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATE (NOVEMBER 2023)
<b>NW Decarb Project</b> (€312,500) DCSDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Manager</li> <li>Feasibility Study</li> <li>Business Case/EA</li> <li>Communication plans</li> </ul> <p><i>DCC lead: Con McLaughlin (Water &amp; Environment Services)</i></p>	<p><i>North West Decarb – Exemplar Decarbonised Public Buildings &amp; Transportation Project</i> - a cross-border exemplar project as part of commitments by both Councils to reduce energy emissions in public buildings through the NW Regional Energy Agency and for NW City Region to become a leader in achieving international climate change targets. The project is part of the NW Regional Energy Strategy to reach a net zero carbon region by 2045.</p> <p>4 designated decarbonisation zones (DZs):                      (DCC) <i>Carndonagh and Gortahork /Falcarragh</i>                      (DCSDC) <i>Castleberg and St Columb’s Park and surroundings (Waterside, Derry City).</i></p>	<p>Tender for ‘<i>Provision of Services to complete a Feasibility Study for the North West Decarb Project</i>’ procured in Dec 2022 and included Feasibility, Business Case/Economic Appraisal &amp; Communication Plans. Plan Energy appointed as supplier and Project Manager appointed early 2023. Engagement undertaken with public building owners (schools, Garda stations, hospitals etc) was the first public facing engagement of the NW Regional Energy Agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1 – 56 initial energy audits completed</li> <li>Phase 2 – 30 detailed energy audits completed (15 each in DCC and DCSDC areas)</li> <li>Feasibility Study and Business Case submitted to Shared Island.</li> </ul>
<b>NW RegTech Initiative</b> (€185,000) DCSDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Manager</li> <li>Feasibility study</li> <li>Business Case/EA</li> <li>Site specifications</li> </ul> <p><i>DCC lead: Deirdre Harte (Economic Development)</i></p>	<p>A North West RegTech Initiative is being developed by DCC, DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU as part of a proposed all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology – with proposed campuses in Letterkenny and Derry /Londonderry.</p> <p>It will bring together companies, academics and public bodies to drive world-class research and innovation in RegTech – working across sectors, regulators and borders to become a recognised world leader in regulatory technology. Project Manager appointed Dec 2022 and Project Board established.</p>	<p>Series of initial stakeholder engagements events took place in February 2023 in Letterkenny and Derry. Tender for ‘<i>Provision of Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal</i>’ procured in March/April with Stratagem Partners appointed as successful supplier in May 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful international regulatory conference held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at ATU, with DCSDC &amp; DCC joint mayoral reception in Derry on 24<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>Feasibility study and business case submitted to Shared Island by 30 November 2023 deadline, recommending the establishment of the world’s first International Regulatory Supercluster in the North West City Region.</li> </ul>
<b>Slí Cholmcille Project</b> (€300,000) DCSDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Manager</li> <li>Scoping study</li> <li>Business Case/EA</li> <li>Design toolkit</li> </ul>	<p>The Slí Cholmcille is a 250 km walking/ pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. It will support cross-border tourism, recreation and connect communities through the shared heritage of Colmcille.</p>	<p>Tender for ‘<i>Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit</i>’ procured in April. Also included design toolkit and branding guidelines. Outdoor Recreation NI appointed as lead consultant with sub-contractors Paul Hogarth, Tandem &amp; Cogent Consulting.</p>

	<i>DCC lead: Deirdre Harte (Economic Development)</i>	Feasibility assessment to include route development, identification of capital infrastructure and marketing requirements, design toolkit and business case/EA. Project Manager appointed Dec 2022 and Project Board established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross-border animation took place during October 2023 with a focus on the Lifford-Strabane and Derry-Inishowen areas and including events in Gartan, Strabane and Greencastle.</li> <li>Branding guidelines and design toolkit completed.</li> <li>Scoping study and business case submitted to Shared Island by 30 November 2023 deadline.</li> </ul>
<b>Regenerative Tourism</b> <b>(€187,500) FODC</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feasibility study (incl options appraisal &amp; concept design)</li> <li>Business case/EA</li> <li>Marketing / engagement plan</li> </ul> <i>DCC lead: Catherine McLaughlin (Economic Development)</i>	<p>To develop a regenerative tourism project which will act as key catalyst for positive social and environmental change - with a view to integrating the cross border region's place, past and people in a shared future, based on a principle of high value creation yet low ecological footprint.</p> <p>The project aims to become a global reference and exemplar to inspire other destinations for conservation, collaboration and sustainability.</p>	<p>Consultancy team lead by Toposophy Ltd appointed in May to undertake a Feasibility Study including: (1) scoping assessment for option appraisal (2) business case/economic appraisal and (3) Cluster Development &amp; Marketing Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The feasibility study and business case which recommends the development of a number of cross border trails and recreational hubs as a basis for the establishment of a strong regenerative tourism destination in the area of South and East Donegal and Fermanagh Omagh, was submitted to Shared Island by the 30 November deadline.</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation Plaza</b> <b>(€220,000) FODC</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feasibility study (incl options appraisal &amp; concept design)</li> <li>Business Case/ EA</li> <li>Implementation Strategy</li> </ul> <i>DCC lead: Catherine McLaughlin (Economic Development)</i>	<p>To develop innovation plazas in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown, working with cross border and national networks and developing knowledge sharing to assist in the growth of identified sectors (<i>renewable energy, advanced manufacturing &amp; engineering, creative tech/digital media and agri-food</i>).</p> <p>The project seeks to deliver transformative urban regeneration interventions to make the towns more attractive places to visit, work and live.</p>	<p>Consultancy team lead by Venture International appointed in June to undertake a Feasibility Study including: (1) Scoping assessment/ engagement for option development (2) Business Case/ Economic Appraisal (3) Site Assessment, high level design spec/ costings and Implementation Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The feasibility study and business case recommends the establishment of a co-located Regional Cross border Shared Learning and Business Development Centre specialising in the areas of food, built heritage skills and climate adaptation through the restoration and repurposing of the Ballyshannon Workhouse and the identification and implementation of energy efficiency measures at the Enniskillen Workhouse. The Feasibility Study and Business Case was submitted to Shared Island by the 30 November deadline.</li> </ul>

FUNDING BREAKDOWN	SHARED ISLAND	MATCH	TOTAL
NW Decarb Project	€250,000	€62,500	€312,500
NW RegTech Initiative	€150,000	€35,000	€185,000
Slí Cholmcille Project	€250,000	€50,000	€300,000
Regenerative Tourism	€150,000	€37,500	€187,500
Innovation Plazas	€176,000	€44,000	€220,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€976,000</b>	<b>€229,000</b>	<b>€1,205,000</b>






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**CLIMATE ACTION**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Notice of the Preparation of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<div data-bbox="414 682 1437 903" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Notice of the Preparation of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.</p> <p>Submissions or observations can be made within the period specified in this notice on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan from <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 4:00pm</b> (both dates inclusive); and</li> <li>• from <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 4:00pm</b> (both dates inclusive) for the Natura Impact Statement and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report.</li> </ul> <p>The Draft Donegal County Council Climate Action sets out how the local authority will promote a range of mitigation, adaptation, and other climate action measures, to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government’s overall national Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.</p>

	<p>The Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I.435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Statement, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.</p> <p>Submissions or observations on Donegal County Council’s Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and on the environmental reports (SEA Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement) are hereby invited in writing from statutory bodies, the public and any interested parties. All written submissions or observations will be duly considered and taken into consideration before the making of the final plan.</p> <p><b>Copies of the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected at the following locations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Online at <a href="https://consult.donegal.ie/">https://consult.donegal.ie/</a></li> <li>➤ Donegal County Council Offices and Public Service Centres: Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 4.30pm</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622</li> <li>• Drumlonagher, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal, F94 DK6C</li> <li>• Bóthar Ghaoth Dobhair, An Clochán Liath, Co. Donegal, F94 H4CF</li> <li>• Malin Road, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, F93 YV1N</li> <li>• Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 TNY3</li> <li>• Main Street, Milford, Co. Donegal, F92 TD0P</li> <li>• Twin Towns Community Library, The Base Enterprise Centre, Railway Road, Stranorlar, F93 VAK6 (Monday 10am - 2:30pm, Tuesday: 12pm - 4.30pm &amp; 5.30pm – 8pm, Wednesday: 9.30am – 1pm &amp; 2pm - 5.30pm, Thursday: 9.30am – 1pm &amp; 2pm - 5.30pm, Friday: 9.30am – 1pm &amp; 2pm - 5.30pm)</li> </ul> <p><b>Adoption of the Final Plan</b></p> <p>A pack for Members including Chief Executive’s Report on Public Consultation Submissions, and the Final Climate Action Plan for adoption will be issued on 12th January 2024. This will allow time for Members review ahead of Plenary meeting on 21st February where Adoption of the CAP will be sought in accordance with our statutory obligations under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, 2021.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund due to be announced
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="349 220 1502 1176" data-label="Complex-Block">  <p><b>COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND</b></p> <p><b>Coming Soon!</b></p> <p>The Community Climate Action Fund is due to launch in December 2023. This fund is to support climate action in local communities.</p> <p><b>Themes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Community / Energy</li> <li>➔ Sustainable Travel</li> <li>➔ Food &amp; Waste</li> <li>➔ Shopping &amp; Recycling</li> <li>➔ Local Climate &amp; Environmental Action</li> </ul> <p>For more information visit <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a></p> <p>Applications will be invited from communities located in Donegal for small, medium and large projects.</p> <p>Details of launch date and upcoming information sessions to follow.</p> <p>  <b>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall</b>          Donegal County Council       </p> <p>  <b>GNÍOMHÚ AR SON NA HAERÁIDE</b>          CLIMATE ACTION          Donegal County Council       </p> <p>  <b>Rialtas na hÉireann</b>          Government of Ireland       </p> <p> <b>Tionscadal Éireann</b>          Project Ireland  <b>2040</b> </p> </div> <p>Donegal County Council will soon announce the opening date for the application process for the Community Climate Action Fund.</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities</li> <li>• Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>About the CCAP</b></p> <p>This funding is part of the Community Climate Action Programme, which supports projects and initiatives that facilitate climate action within local communities. The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs.</p> <p>The CCAP can fund 100% of all eligible costs for the project and there are three project sizes eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small scale projects &lt; €20,000</li> <li>• Medium scale projects €20,000 to €50,000</li> <li>• Large scale projects €51,000 to €100,000</li> </ul> <p>Projects must deliver a direct positive impact on climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and/or helping communities adapt to the consequences of climate change.</p> <p>The 5 themes of the programme are as follows with some examples of projects that may be applied for:</p> <p><b>Theme 1: Community &amp; Energy</b> LED community lighting, small renewable energy projects (solar / hydro / wind), rainwater harvesting, retrofitting community buildings (windows &amp; doors, insulation, LED lighting, heat pumps)</p> <p><b>Theme 2: Sustainable Travel</b> Cycle parking / racks, improving cycle way access, safe and active routes to schools, eCargo bikes, bike repair hubs</p> <p><b>Theme 3: Food and waste</b> Community composting facilities, community gardens / allotments, community fridges</p> <p><b>Theme 4: Shopping and recycling</b> Swap shops, water filling stations, single use plastics elimination, musical instrument reuse, paint recycling, toy library</p> <p><b>Theme 5: Local climate and environmental action</b> Climate resilience - measures to reduce harmful effects of extreme climate events such as planted mounds to slow flood water, constructed storm water wetlands. Mini forests, dispersed orchards (fruit trees), community gardens, roof gardens, pollinator projects</p> <p>Further details and details of information sessions will be posted in the coming weeks. For more information on the funding criteria visit <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/">www.donegalcoco.ie/</a></p>
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Activity / Project Title	Sustainable Energy Communities Programme – Financing for Energy Master Plans
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council have teamed up with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to pilot a new bridging finance programme aimed at Sustainable Energy Communities in the County.</p> <p>The SEAI plays a leading role in transforming Ireland into a society based on sustainable energy and practices. The SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme engages and enables citizens to work together to achieve their energy goals.</p> <p>At present there are 32 SECs in Donegal. Search Our Sustainable Energy Communities Network   SEAI Benefits of the SEC Programme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve financial and energy savings</li> <li>• Improve public wellbeing and comfort from energy efficient buildings</li> <li>• Boost local knowledge, skills and employment</li> <li>• Build capacity and leverage funding</li> <li>• Contribute to climate change targets</li> <li>• Support an equitable transition to a low carbon society</li> </ul> <p>A key starting point for SECs is the preparation of a local Energy Master Plan (EMP). This Plan provides the SEC with a road map for achieving the benefits listed above. EMP Grants of between €10,000 and €25,000 are available from SEAI to claim back costs incurred during its preparation.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are now providing further assistance through a Memorandum of Understanding with SEAI. The Council will provide SECs with short term up-front funding to ensure the necessary cash flow is available during Energy Master Plan preparation pending receipt of SEAI grants. DCC has partnered with SEAI to encourage further uptake of the SEAI grant and help more Donegal based SECs develop their own local Energy Master Plan.</p> <p>Donegal County Council joins 17 other Local Authorities nationally by participating in this initiative and encourages SECs to contact their relevant SEC Mentors for further information on eligibility criteria and how to sign up.</p> <p><b>Contact Details:</b>  Stevie Donnelly, Sustainable Energy Communities Mentor Programme,  Atlantic Technological University  Stevie.Donnelly@atu.ie</p>
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**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>School Bikes for Africa Campaign</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<div data-bbox="477 304 1365 911" data-label="Image"> </div> <p align="center"><b>Letterkenny Rotary Club's Annual School Bikes Africa Appeal</b></p> <p>Donegal County Council is once again delighted to support and promote the Letterkenny Rotary Club's annual School Bikes Africa Appeal in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling. The annual appeal is being promoted this October to coincide with National Reuse month. However, the good news is that this appeal will continue throughout the year.</p> <p>As in previous years, bicycles suitable for refurbishing should be strong and sturdy, mountain bike style, have minimum 24" wheel size and mountain bike type tyres. Racer style bikes are not sought as part of this collection. Suitable bikes can be dropped off at any of the Council's six Recycling Centres (Laghey, Dungloe, Carndonagh, Stranorlar, Letterkenny &amp; Milford).</p> <p>Donated bicycles will be transported to Loughan House, Co. Cavan one of the Irish Open Prison Centres, where they will be refurbished prior to being shipped off to The Gambia. To date, Rotary have transported approximately 5000 bikes to Africa, and the Irish Prison Service through Loughan House has been involved from the outset.</p> <p>For information on the opening times for your local Recycling Centre visit <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a> or <a href="https://www.brysonrecycling.org/donegal-recycling-centres/">https://www.brysonrecycling.org/donegal-recycling-centres/</a></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT – END OF YEAR UPDATE</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>A large amount of Waste Management, Circular Economy, Litter Control and Community Engagement took place in 2023.</p> <p>There is a considerable amount of compliance assistance and enforcement work being planned for 2024 to meet the Local Authorities obligations including local, regional and national targets.</p> <p>The Environment litter and waste team will continue to work with many stakeholders and through the Regional Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA) to ensure a cohesive and coordinated approach with other agencies and organisations where appropriate to maximise resources where possible.</p> <p><b>National Waste Enforcement Priority: Tackling illegal waste activities and multi-agency sites of concern</b></p> <p>Inspections are ongoing, work programmes and the annual environmental plan tracks actions throughout the year e.g. legal documentation issued, site inspections etc.</p> <p>11 court cases progressing throughout 2023 and we have examples of cases that are taking 5+ years and still ongoing. The level of compliance within the county has improved in recent years and the standard of waste facilities and waste collection has also improved.</p> <p><b>1.1 Multi Agency Cases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two sites that were notified to Donegal County Council through the Gardaí were recently prosecuted in court and convictions under the waste management act were secured along with costs.</li> <li>➤ Enforcement staff attended court multiple times in 2023 and achieved a number of successful outcomes with fines imposed, tonnes of waste lawfully removed and disposed of and expenses awarded to the Council.</li> <li>➤ Extensive resources are required to progress this work area.</li> <li>➤ The team are looking at ways to communicate these outcomes effectively to the wider community.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>1.2 Waste Enforcement Priority: Construction and demolition waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Continue to review resource waste management plans and planning applications &amp; submit comments where appropriate.</li> <li>➤ Investigate illegal/unauthorised sites and enforcement actions where appropriate.</li> <li>➤ Input to consultation processes e.g. Greenfield soil and stone as a by-product consultation.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Waste Enforcement Priority: Household and commercial waste</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>Further roll out of household food waste bins. Collectors reporting <b>17,500 households provided with a three bin service as of September 2023</b>. Information shows that the number of households in the County with a waste collection service has increased further in 2023 to over 49,000. Work required in 2024 to achieve uptake and participation of the three bin service and further validate data.</p> <p>The team continue to review and analysis information e.g. annual returns, waste collection permit conditions and vehicle checks.</p> <p><b>Multi agency vehicle checkpoints</b> were carried out at locations throughout the County in 2023. These joint operations prove a valuable mechanism to further strengthen relationships with agencies such as An Garda Síochána, Revenue, The Department of Social Protection, The Road Safety Authority and others. They portray an important visual message about multi agency actions to tackle illegal and unauthorised waste activity to prevent pollution and protect the environment.</p> <p><b>Waste Annual Returns:</b> Accurate waste data plays a critical role in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring Irelands progress towards EU, national and regional targets,</li> <li>- Producing national statistics on waste generation, collection, disposal, recycling and recovery rates</li> <li>- Providing an evidence base guide to policy and</li> <li>- Providing evidence in the enforcement of alleged offences</li> </ul> <p>National waste statistics and indicators also play an important part in clearly conveying the impacts and opportunities of waste management to Irelands people, its environment and progress towards a ‘circular economy’.</p>

In 2023 there were over 80 Waste Collection Permit (WCP) returns for validation by Donegal County Council and more than 50 Waste Facility Permit (WFP) and/ or Certificate of Registration (CoR) returns.

In October 2023 90% of WCP's were validated and 94% of WFP/CoR's. Joint online validations were carried out with the Regional Waste Management Planning Office in 2023 in line with the protocol.

A considerable amount of resources were allocated to this body of work in 2023 to further improve the quality of information being submitted and therefore the accuracy of information presented for waste data analysis and projections. A report will be produced in Q1 2024 as part of scheduled reporting to quantify this.

Donegal is an active member of the **AR waste validation working group** and is also represented on various sub groups that have formed to look at key themes associated with this important work area such as waste characterization and waste codes.

**Waste characterisation** –64% of what is in the household residual bin should not be in it. Education and price incentivisation will help improve things somewhat. Tools to be examined to address this in 2024.

**30 in-person household waste surveys** were carried out in Sept 2023 in Falcarragh. The particular area selected was chosen as a result of a number of criteria including collectors reporting high refusals of brown bins and / or low participation of the three bin service and the town is also a decarbonisation town, to link with the work of the climate office.

Pocket guides were distributed to participating households. The information gathered through this process will be built on going forward, for example quite a number of those interviewed did not realise that if they were having works done to their house they are responsible for the waste.

Communications work was undertaken to address this including public service announcements on local radio stations and information provided on Donegal County Council social media platforms.



The **pocket guides** are proving very popular and Environment staff have been contacted by other LA's looking to produce similar guides. Environment staff assist other LA's where possible.

The team continue to promote **mywaste.ie** and are looking at ways to direct people to resources on the *mywaste* website.

	<p><b>Donegal’s draft household waste presentation bye laws</b> are in line to go through public consultation process and work is ongoing in this area. When the bye laws are in place they will support targeted enforcement work in problem areas.</p> <p><b>Commercial waste inspections are underway.</b> These will also provide an opportunity to signpost businesses to the resources available on the mywaste.ie website.</p> <p><b>Further changes in legislation are set for 2024</b> that will place even greater responsibility on waste collectors to achieve source segregation and Donegal will be working with the Connaught Ulster Waste Enforcement Lead Authority (CU WERLA) to ensure a cohesive and coordinated approach in this area.</p> <p><b>Donegal is part of a National Food Waste Project.</b> In 2024, thousands of household customers in Donegal will get kitchen caddie packs for food waste as part of this project. Caddie packs were distributed to members of the public at events held throughout the County as part of <b>National Food Waste Recycling</b> week.</p>
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<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p>Events were held throughout the County in 2023 for National Food Waste Recycling week</p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>National Waste Enforcement Priority: Producer responsibility initiatives and additional local priorities</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>All operators subject to producer responsibility initiatives registered with appropriate organisation(s).</p> <p>Good regulatory compliance at all waste facilities including those owned by local authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 inspections in relation to farm plastics</li> <li>- 18 inspections in relation to packaging regs – suspected major producers</li> <li>- 21 inspections in relation to tyre regulations</li> </ul> <p><b>CCTV</b> - The Environment team have been working closely with Inland Fisheries re GDPR. Inland Fisheries have the cameras out and got approval from data commissioner therefore Donegal. CU WERLA and Fisheries are going to work together to further develop the procedures that will allow for the roll out of the cameras again.</p> <p><b>Drones</b> - Waste and Litter staff have been trained, licences in place, drone work in progress thanks to CU WERLA for support and guidance without whom this would not have been achievable. Environment staff share learnings with other LA's.</p> <div data-bbox="662 913 1182 1312" data-label="Image"> <p>A photograph showing two men standing outdoors in a grassy area. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue jacket and the man on the right is wearing a grey jacket. They are both holding a large, grey drone with four propellers. In the background, there are trees, a fence, and a white car parked on a paved area.</p> </div> <p><b>Anti-Dumping initiative funding 2023</b>  DCC successfully secured €107,000 in funding in 2023. This funding supported projects throughout the county including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- resources for community groups,</li> <li>- bulky waste projects,</li> <li>- clean ups,</li> <li>- signage,</li> <li>- cameras and containers.</li> </ul>



### **'Think global, act local'**

Environment staff feed into consultation processes and participate in working groups and discussion groups that shape legislation and enforcement priorities e.g.

- Input to incentivised charging study.
- Participated in consultation group re proposed amended commercial kerbside conditions.
- National waste management plan for a circular economy.
- Donegal are an active member of the AR waste validation working group and a member of the 'list of waste codes' sub group.
- Greenfield soil and stone as a by-product consultation

In 2023 the Environment team also provided submissions to the draft climate action plan and the County Development plan for County Donegal.

Donegal County Council have successfully campaigned for legal mechanisms to allow for excess material from construction jobs to be reused and repurposed. This reuse of material is in keeping with the circular economy and Climate Change targets and it is anticipated that there will be sites more involved in this area in 2024.

### **Litter**

Between January and October '23, the litter wardens examined over 500 complaints, pursuing legal actions against offenders.

Collaborating with a dedicated team of 5,000 community volunteers, they facilitated more than 500 cleanups through the mobile litter units.

Additionally, the wardens actively engaged with local schools, delivering talks on the importance of litter and recycling.



Complementing these efforts, the environment team crafted various in-house videos for social media campaigns, covering topics such as litter, beaches, and community awareness initiatives like "Man in the Van."

Their unwavering dedication extends to collaborating with Tidy Towns groups throughout the County on a weekly basis, resulting in increased points for all towns in this year's competition.



**Knowledge exchange**

On the 29th and 30th May 2023, delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together at an event organized by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authorities (WERLA's).

Donegal County Council presented at this event alongside speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO) and local authorities throughout Ireland.



**Sale and Use of Solid Fuel - Coal**

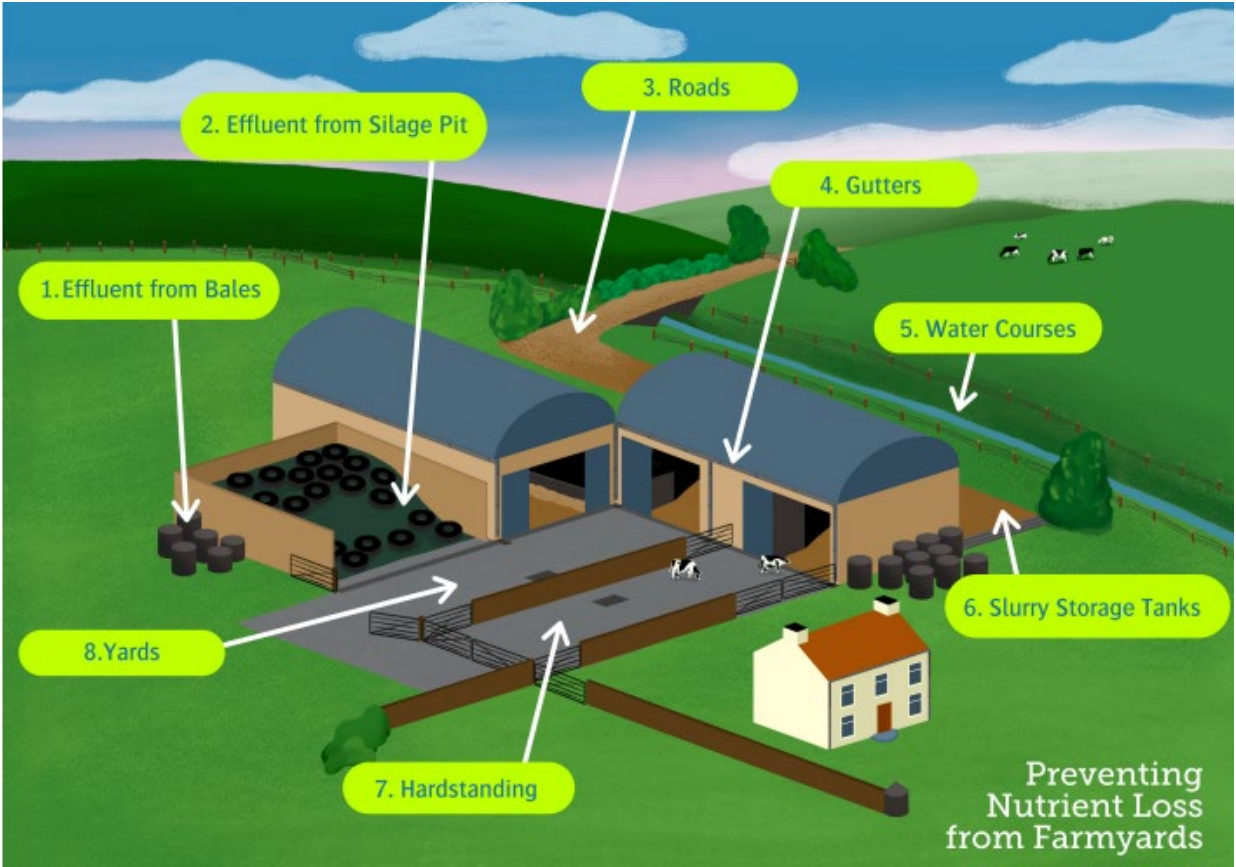
Donegal are leading the way in this area and are providing support to other Local Authorities. This work involves;

- Inspections at retailers
- Sampling and analysing coal products
- Education campaigns, including door to door visits
- Installation of fixed and mobile air monitors
- Monitoring online sales
- Multi Agency Checkpoints
- Legal Prosecutions

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**CENTRAL LABORATORY**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – Water Quality</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The follow Public Service Announcement is on local radio during the month of November:</p> <p>“Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers of the importance of good agricultural practice in protecting water-courses over the wet winter period. Make sure soiled water from yards, roadways or the poaching of land doesn’t enter waters and keep out-wintered stock away from streams and rivers by fencing off. Locate supplementary feeding points at least 20 metres from waters and not on bare rock. Fix any broken gutters and downpipes to keep clean roofwater off dirty yards and divert all silage effluent and soiled water to a storage tank.”</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Farm Inspections</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council have engaged a contractor to start the 2023/24 winter season farm inspection programme, commencing with follow-up visits to farms inspected in 2022 in the Manorcunningham, Newtowncunningham and Raphoe areas.</p> <p>First time inspections at farms located in 'At-Risk' catchments will continue until year end. The main focus for these inspections will be farmyards including slurry &amp; manure storage, silage effluent and storm water collection.</p> 
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Amendment of Septic Tank Grant Scheme</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Minister Darragh O’Brien, <i>Department of Housing, Local Government &amp; Heritage</i> issued a press release (available at <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/40ec0-minister-obrien-announces-increase-in-septic-tank-grants/">https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/40ec0-minister-obrien-announces-increase-in-septic-tank-grants/</a>) announcing changes to the current grant schemes, increasing the maximum grant from €5,000 to €12,000 and removing the requirement for homeowners to have registered their DWWTS with <i>Protect Our Water</i> on or before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013. These changes are due to come into effect on the <b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is currently awaiting a Department Circular letter to obtain further clarification on eligibility and how the amended grant scheme may be accessed. This information will be made available to homeowners as soon as it has been received.</p>
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**Community Development and Planning Directorate**  
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**Municipal District of Inishowen**  
**MD Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
3. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
4. Playground Maintenance
5. Donegal Walks and Trails
6. Bunrana School Campus
7. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
8. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Moville
9. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
10. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
11. 2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Moville
12. 2021 Clár funding – Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney
13. Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
14. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community
15. Healthy Donegal County



**Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: December 2023**

Activity / Project Title	<b>Malin Head Visitor Management Plan</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	<p>Malin Head Access &amp; Amenity Improvement Project.  <b>Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements</b></p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.</li> <li>• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9<sup>th</sup> May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.</li> <li>• <b>Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.</b></li> <li>• <b>Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.</b></li> <li>• <b>To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b><u>December update for Malin Head</u></b></p> <p>A workshop meeting took place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 with the Elected Members, Director of Service undated the Members on the status of the Malin Head project.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



**Activity / Project Update: December 2023**

Activity / Project Title	<b>An Grianán of Aileach Fort</b>			
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan			
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.</li> <li>• The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site.</li> <li>• In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan.</li> <li>• Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan.</li> <li>• A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021.</li> <li>• This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument.</li> <li>• The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland</li> <li>• The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body.</li> <li>• The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan</li> <li>• A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received.</li> <li>• A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianan of Aileach was issued.</li> <li>• A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow.</li> <li>• The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland &amp; the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 2023 update</u></b></p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the <a href="#">Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach</a> and also contained within the <a href="#">Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP)</a>.The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 1984 1353 2056"> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 1984 810 2056">Contact Person</td> <td data-bbox="810 1984 1353 2056">Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954</td> </tr> </table>		Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954
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**Activity / Project Update: December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>List of Playgrounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culdaff Playground</li><li>• Merville Playground</li><li>• Buncrana Festival Park Playground</li><li>• Clós Phádraig Playground</li><li>• Barrack Hill Playground</li><li>• Cill Bhríde MUGA</li><li>• Ballyliffin Playground</li><li>• Manorcunningham Playground</li><li>• Killea Playground</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed.</li><li>• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.</li><li>• The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022.</li><li>• Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2023. Tender submissions are due back in February.</li><li>• 2023 Playground maintenance contractor appointed.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 2023</u></b></p> 2023 Maintenance work programme is ongoing. <b><u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor.</li><li>• Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground closed for 4/5 weeks.</li><li>• Works are completed and the playground is open</li></ul> <b><u>Festival Park Playground (Buncrana)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



**Municipal District: All**

**Activity / Project Update December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	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 Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or decommitments. Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, in collaboration with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán have finalised the 2023-2027 LEADER Local Development Strategy. Donegal LCDC are currently awaiting the final funding agreement to allow commencement of the delivery of the programme by the LCDC and its partners.



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Activity / Project Update No.10

**December 2023**

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>ORIS Projects</b> A recent site visit with Northwest Community Development has shown the successful completion of the Extension of Leenan Coastal trail, Urris, Clonmany to the value of €29,700 with very visible evidence of the trail been well used. The Stragill bridge works are at the final stages of completion with the culvert now been installed and the surface on park are to be rolled and general site clear up. Shara gore Multi access wetland trail has been completed to the value of €29,750</p> <p><b>Inishowen Head</b> We hope to have a review of the trail by the end of 2023 with vision of carrying out improvement work in 2024 to reduce surface water erosion of the trail.</p> <p><b>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</b> With ongoing landowner issues this will remain listed only as an item until a resolve is agreed.</p> <p>ORIS 2024 applications We have completed 7 no application for the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure scheme Measure 1 max of €30,000.00 each. As the application process was different these round expressions of interest had to come from the local groups. The only one received from this MD was from North West Community Development proposed " Old Carn road" The second application that will apply to the Inishowen District is the marketing and promotion of trails for the county in which it is proposed to market two trails in each of the five Municipal districts. Recently a whistle-stop tour with Failte Ireland representatives to Inishowen give them an insight to what is been offered by the trails to be marketed / promoted in tandem with the current development plan recently completed for the peninsula.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceed with the registration of the trails completed by North West Community Development</li> <li>• Inspection of the existing trails on register with sport Ireland</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email <a href="mailto:dconnor@donegalcoco.ie">dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</a>



**Activity / Project Update: December 2023 - Municipal District: Inishowen**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Buncrana School Campus</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three-school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.</li> <li>• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.</li> <li>• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.</li> <li>• The ‘Notice to Treat’ was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus.</li> <li>• It is intended that the ‘Notice to Enter’ will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education &amp; Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc.</li> <li>• Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 2023</u></b></p> <p>Donegal County Council are assisting The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CPO is concluded.</li> <li>• The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council. They are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.</li> <li>• The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact person</b>	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



**December Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update No.4 December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>€100,000 funding allocation</b> €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity.</li><li>• The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham &amp; Environs.</li><li>• This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space.</li><li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group are working with the Council in relation to the procurement and appointment of consultants to produce a Regeneration Strategy, Action Plan and Health check for the village and Environs. It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project</li><li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have appointed a consultant and the Council are working with the group to progress a master plan for Newtoncunningham which will also inform the capital element of the project</li><li>• A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document.</li><li>• Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations</li><li>• The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod</li><li>• Stage one of the Regeneration and Strategy Action plan is complete and The Newtoncunningham Focus Group and consultants GM Designs held another</li><li>• community engagement event on the 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Columban Hall.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process for the capital works</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p><b><u>December 2023 update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The re-tendered documents are currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• A Draft Strategic and Action plan has been developed.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Capital element Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.



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**Activity / Project Update No.4 December 2023**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p> <p><b>File:</b></p>	<p><b>2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project</b> Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council</p>
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville</b></li> <li>• <b>Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Several meetings have taken place with the community group, Executive Engineer and the Development Officer scoping out and advancing the capital works associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers.</li> <li>• Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month</li> <li>• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers</li> <li>• A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym.</li> <li>• A meeting took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October with the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal funding and the Clár funding for the provision of an Outdoor Gym</li> <li>• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clár funded project.</li> <li>• One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects.</li> <li>• The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</li> <li>• The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b></p>	<p><b><u>December 2023 Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The capital works are completed with some of the softer elements to be installed in the coming weeks</li> <li>• The Health Check and regeneration plan to be progressed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer</p>



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**Activity / Project Update No.4      December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>  <b>File:</b>	<b>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee</b>  <b>€50,000 for Project Development</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff</b></li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer.</li><li>• The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed.</li><li>• Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works.</li><li>• A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment.</li><li>• The relevant documentation to deliver the capital project element is also been prepared.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>December 2023 Update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Tender documents are currently being prepared.</b></li><li>• <b>The tender report for the ecology screening report has been completed and issued.</b></li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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**Activity / Project Update      December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Killea Clár funded project.</b>
<b>File:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022</li><li>• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns</li></ul>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.</li><li>• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.</li><li>• The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.</li><li>• A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.</li><li>• The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>December 2023</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Killea Tidy Towns are progressing this project with technical guidance.</b></li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,





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**Activity / Project Update      December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Movice Clár funded project</b>
<b>File:</b>	Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and Movice Tidy Towns
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor Gym &amp; Calisthenics Stations</li><li>• The proposal provides for an accessible outdoor gym area including calisthenics stations to support all ages and abilities in an outdoor environment overlooking the sea at The Bath Green Movice.</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Several meetings took place between the Community Development staff and the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with both projects in Movice.</li><li>• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit a tender for the Clár funded project and the Town and Village Renewal project.</li><li>• One contractor will be tasked with delivering both projects.</li><li>• The deadline for receipt of tenders is the end of this month.</li><li>• The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>December 2023 update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Outdoor Gym is completed and open to the public.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer





Fig. 8 Newly surfaced carpark, line marking and Aco-Channels.



Fig. 9 Newly surface grounds and kerbs to front of the Clubhouse building



Fig.10 Picnic bench and reseeded green area adjacent to carpark



Fig.11 Newly installed bicycle rack to side of Clubhouse

**Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period**

The Capital works are completed

**Contact Person**

Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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**Activity / Project Update: December 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title File 622/P&amp;ED/422 (8)</b>	<b>2022 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme, Carndonagh</b>  An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	See above
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€121,230
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables.</li><li>• The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March.</li><li>• A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project.</li><li>• The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023</li><li>• The Community Development Officer and Engineers have engaged with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee and agreed the final design and details with the group.</li><li>• Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 2023 update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Barrack Hill Town Park Committee have been issued a letter of offer and work under the guidance of the Engineers to deliver the project.</b></li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
<b>File:</b>	€200,000
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope.</b></li></ul>

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<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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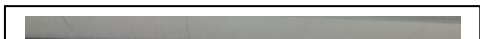
**November 2023**

<b>Programme</b>	Healthy Ireland Fund
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland</b></p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
<b>Budget</b>	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b>Healthy Ireland Round 4</b></p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p><b>Civic Dollars Project</b></p> <div data-bbox="459 1064 831 2004" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Building on the success of the Civic Dollars Project launched in May this year, Donegal County Council has added an extra 60 new ‘Earn Zones’ across the County.</b> The new zones include the playgrounds listed in the Playground Passport Initiative (see here <a href="#">EZxploring-Donegal-Playground-Passport.pdf</a> (<a href="http://donegalcoco.ie">donegalcoco.ie</a>)), along with beaches, parks, trails and forest walks throughout the County. The project timeline has also been extended until the end of January 2024 and the maximum amount of Civic Dollars earned per day has increased from 3 to 5.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="847 1064 1465 2004" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">  <p><b>OVER 60 NEW CIVIC DOLLARS EARN ZONES ADDED!</b></p> <p><b>SCAN ME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RossylonganEstateDonegal</li> <li>MallParkBallyshannon</li> <li>ToryIslandPlayground</li> <li>WaterworldPlaygroundBundoran</li> <li>Community SwanParkBuncrana</li> <li>Dunfanaghy</li> <li>KillaleaPlayground</li> <li>BrucklessPlayground Ballyliffen</li> <li>Bundoran St.JohnBoscoPlayground</li> <li>ArranmoreShoreFrontPlayground Carrick</li> <li>CarrickRiverWalk Carradonagh</li> <li>BernardPoreshore Cloghan</li> <li>BackstrandsBeachArds Carrigart</li> <li>Gweedore Killygordon</li> <li>Letterkenny</li> <li>Portnoo</li> <li>Convoey BallymacoolChurchill</li> <li>Island Promenad Walk Kilmacraun</li> <li>DrumboeWoods BarrackHillPark Moville</li> <li>FiddlersBridgesnearRathMallFalcarragh</li> <li>Arranmore Kilcar Playspace</li> <li>Playpark Aura Forest</li> <li>Raphoe ArdaraPlayground Falcarragh</li> <li>River HuffDungloe Ray Killybegs</li> <li>WestendPlaygroundBundoran</li> <li>Milford McGlinchey</li> <li>Glencolmille</li> <li>Ards RosnowloughBeach</li> <li>Glenties StranorlarPlayground</li> <li>MachaireRabhartaigh(MagheroartyBeach</li> <li>Rathmullan</li> <li>BuncranaPlayground</li> <li>BallyliffenPlayground Rosnowlough</li> <li>TullanStrandBundoran</li> <li>BuncranaAmazingGraceHeritageTrail</li> <li>OweneeRiverParadeArdara</li> <li>Culdaff</li> </ul> <p><b>FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SITES NEAR YOU SEE: <a href="http://WWW.DONEGALCOCO.IE/COMMUNITY/HEALTHYDONEGAL/CIVIC%20DOLLARS/">WWW.DONEGALCOCO.IE/COMMUNITY/HEALTHYDONEGAL/CIVIC%20DOLLARS/</a></b></p> </div>
<p><b>See below for a list of the current ‘Earn Zones’</b></p>	

Improving your Health has never been more rewarding! Civic Dollars Pilot Project Earn Zones - Donegal	
Ardara Playground	Falcarragh Playground
Ards Forest Park	Fiddlers Bridge Miners Path Walk, Falcarragh
Ards Forest Park Playground	Glencolmcille Playground
Arranmore Shorefront Playground	Glenties Playground
Arranmore Island Beach	Glenveagh National Park
Aura Playground, Letterkenny	Gweedore Community Playground
Aura Centre, Letterkenny	Kilcar Playground
Backstrands Beach, Ards	Killea Community Playground
Ballyliffen Beach	Killybegs Playspace
Ballyliffen Playground	Killygordon Playground
Ballymacool Town Park	Kilmacraeann Community Playground
Ballymacool Town Park Playground	Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheroarty Beach)
Barrack Hill Park	Mall Park, Ballyshannon
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park	Milford Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park Playground	Moville Playground
Bruckless Playground	Muff Community Park
Bundoran Promenade	Owenea River Parade, Ardara
Buncrana Amazing Grace Heritage Trail	Portnoo Playground
Buncrana Playground	Raphoe Playground
Carndonagh Playground	Rathmullan Beach
Carrick Playground	Rathmullan Playground
Carrick River Walk	Ray Community Playground
Carrigart Playground	Rossnowlagh Beach
Churchill Playground	Rossnowlagh Community Playground
Cloghan Play Park	Rossylongan Estate, Donegal
Convoy Playground	St John Bosco Playground
Culdaff Beach	Stranorlar Playground
Culdaff Playground	Swan Park, Buncrana
Drumboe Woods	Tory Island Playground
Dunfanaghy Playground	Tullan Strand, Bundoran
Dungloe Foreshore Playground	Waterworld Playground, Bundoran
Dungloe River Walk	Westend Playground, Bundoran
Please note this is a pilot project therefore the 'earn zones' detailed can be subject to change.	

### Finn Harps Football & Social Responsibility Programme

Donegal County Council in conjunction with Finn Harps and through the employment of a Football & Social Responsibility (FSR) officer are developing physical exercise/educational health programmes to educate adults, young people, and children on the benefits of a healthier lifestyle. Stephen McNutt is in post since earlier this year and is liaising with identified target groups including children, young people, and disadvantaged adults Countywide.



Supporting the In My Shoes Charity – a programme that promotes giving, from one child to another, through collecting pre-loved shoes/trainers that are in good condition but no longer required because someone has grown out of them and donating them to school children in South Africa. This initiative also teaches young people about the environmental impact of shoe production – every 10 pairs of shoes donated and given a second life, is the equivalent of carbon dioxide taken out of the atmosphere by 14 mature trees per year. In addition saving almost 14,000 litres of freshwater.

Walking Football and Football





Pictured above and to the left: Halloween camp participants and Girls Coaching Sessions.

Over the four-month period of July and Oct there have been over 1000 children, young people and adults participating in these programmes. The countywide Football & Social Responsibility Programme will continue to be rolled out until December 2025.

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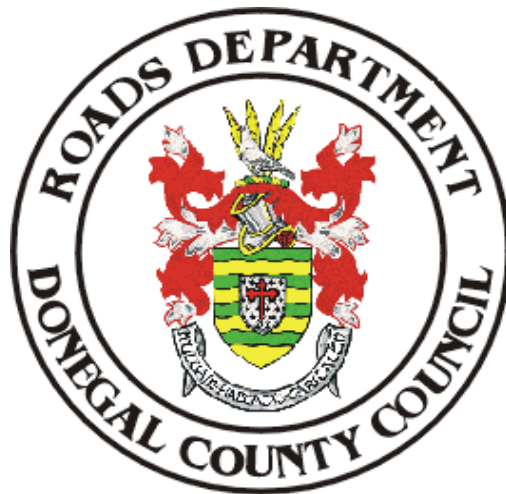
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# **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

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**Inishowen Municipal District**

**05th December 2023**

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## Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Job Code	Road Name	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Moville	Inish North	1B304001	Own Resources Regional Roads	170,239.00	134,181.36	36,057.64	
Moville	Inish North	1B404002	Own Resources Local Roads	315,376.00	277,134.32	38,241.68	
Moville	Inish North	1B404009	Works Overheads	100,397.00	152,062.64	-51,665.64	
<b>Moville Total</b>				<b>586,012.00</b>	<b>563,378.32</b>	<b>22,633.68</b>	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303001	Own Resources Regional Roads	203,820.00	177,154.03	26,665.97	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B403002	Own Resources Local Roads	377,580.00	362,710.23	14,869.77	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303010	Works Overheads	109,524.00	126,262.74	-16,738.74	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>				<b>690,924.00</b>	<b>666,127.00</b>	<b>24,797.00</b>	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306001	Own Resources Regional Roads	191,981.00	109,210.55	82,770.45	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B406002	Own Resources Local Roads	355,661.00	305,970.14	49,690.86	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306012	Works Overheads	136,904.00	130,934.73	5,969.27	
<b>Buncrana Rural Total</b>				<b>684,546.00</b>	<b>546,115.42</b>	<b>138,430.58</b>	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B402004	Own Resources Non-National Roads Buncrana Urban	275,143.00	158,444.02	116,698.98	
<b>Buncrana Urban Total</b>				<b>275,143.00</b>	<b>158,444.02</b>	<b>116,698.98</b>	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305001	Own Resources Regional Roads	133,258.00	111,369.33	21,888.67	
Newtown	Inish South	1B405002	Own Resources Local Roads	246,869.00	235,152.09	11,716.91	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305013	Works Overheads	91,270.00	109,968.56	-18,698.56	
<b>Newtown Total</b>				<b>471,397.00</b>	<b>456,489.98</b>	<b>14,907.02</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>€ 2,708,022.00</b>			

# Maintenance Operations 2023

Operation	Band	Moville RSS Amount		Carn RSS Amount		Buncrana RSS Amount		Newtown RSS Amount	
		Moville RSS %		Carn RSS %		Buncrana RSS %		Newtown RSS %	
Drainage (B300)	40% - 50%	€218,527	45%	€261,630	45%	€246,439	45%	€171,057	45%
Road Surface Repairs (B553)	35% - 45%	€194,246	40%	€232,560	40%	€219,057	40%	€152,051	40%
Verge Maintenance (B586)	0% - 10%	€24,281	5%	€29,070	5%	€27,382	5%	€19,006	5%
Sign Maintenance (B780)	0% - 5%	€12,140	3%	€14,535	3%	€13,691	3%	€9,503	3%
Bridge Maintenance (B782)	0% - 5%	€12,140	3%	€14,535	3%	€13,691	3%	€9,503	3%
Emergeny RTC (B550)	0% - 5%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%
Street Cleaning (B556)	0% - 15%	€24,281	5%	€29,070	5%	€27,382	5%	€19,006	5%
		<b>€485,615</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€581,400</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€547,642</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€380,127</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-2	Crucknanonian	SD	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7291-1	Archies Road	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6161-1	Mount Scourge	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6311-3	Busmans Clar	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6291-1	Tullynavin (Ph 2)	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7741-1+ L7701-1	Calhame	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6534-2	Carrowtrasna	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1891-1-2	Iskaheen to Gap	SD	1,220	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R241-4-5	Tardrum Rd	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>12,570</b>			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5661-1	Whinpark	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1271-2-3	Gorey/Lime Q	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5611-1	Trawbrega Strand Rd	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1281-1	Cashel to Choill	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5161-2	Coulhons Road	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1331-1	Drumagesson/Tremone	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>17,590</b>			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081	McGee Clongash Phase 2	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7111	Cleenagh to McGee	SD	560	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1851	Inch Road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1721	Illies Road	SD	1,800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1741	Ludden Road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L		Tonduff	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-16914	Old Sleadrin Road	SD	700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1181	Cloontagh to Carn Mountain	SD	1,650	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6731	Smithys road to O'Donnells	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7091	Ballymagan Hill (Big House)	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Rural Total</b>						<b>12,760</b>			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1971	Moss Road - Callaghans Road	SD	2,150.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1881	Bray Road Burnfoot	SD	1,800.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8071	McKeagues Road Dundrean	SD	1,400.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	R265	5 Road Ends to Burkes	SD	1,300.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7921 & L-7911	Inch Levels Farm Road	SD	2,000.00	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						<b>8,650</b>			
<b>IMD TOTAL</b>						<b>51,570</b>			

## Adopted Bridge Strengthening Programme 2023

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
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### 2023 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)

Moville	Road Design	LS 6161	2262	Mount Scourge	Strengthening	6	Complete	Complete	contract
Moville	Road Design	L 13411	2624	Claggan	Strengthening	6	Complete	Complete	contract

### 2023 DOT Funding Application

Newtown	Road Design	L5064	5064	Drumbarnett	Strengthening	2	Complete	Complete	Twin span calpper, 1 span failed
Buncrana	Road Design	LS6831/1	245	McCarrons	Strengthening	2	Complete	Complete	Exposed reinforcement in deck & spalling concrete

### 2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2023	2023	Contract ongoing
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## Low Cost Safety Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
B Moyne	Jim McLaughlin	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design	1400	Complete	Complete	It is proposed to carry out a Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design to that will consider approx 1.4km section of the R238 along waters edge. As this section of the R238 is located within a designated SPA area, an environmental assessment may be required before any works can commence. <b>Progressing to Part VIII</b>
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>1,400</b>			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R/L	R238	R238, L-5411 & L-1151	local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend	200	ongoing	ongoing	road surfaced, Land take agreed with Local owners, to start imminent signs procured
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						<b>200</b>			
						<b>1,600</b>			

## Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Ardmore Muff LP1891-3	120m of 300mm dia plus gullies and MH. Dig out old conc pipes.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Bolin L1911-2	150m of 600mm dia pipe + MH + 2 Gullies to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Rd crossing at Keady LT19113	Replace bridge parapet walls,railing and Road. Remove gravel and debree.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Crawford Square	Flood preven wk. 30m of deep dig 300 dia, 2 MH's, 4 Gullies, 2 Crossings	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Carrowtrasna Hill Rd	110m of 600 and 300mm dia + Rd crossing. To protect Rd.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	MH Lid Replacement various locations	7 No. MH lids need replacing in Carn general area.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Foxhole Road Culvert replacement LT57812	Replace 40m of 600mm dia culvert in hill rd to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at Charlie Devlins+Robert Smyths	50m of 600mm dia road crossing. 2 MH's. 2G's. 150m 600 dia in garden.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	400m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	laybys btween tullydish and annasie	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Buncrana	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Military Road	150 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislakeel Burnfoot	60 metre of 300mm pipe @ € 98.00 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	No1 New Roadcrossing with 600mm pipe and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Inch Road	No1 New Roadcrossing with 300 mm pipe - and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Main lLlies road	64 metre of 450mm pipe @ € 163.30 per metre	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	Castruse L2111-3	100m of 300mm pipe with 2 gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Glenn Road Newtown L8271-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgend to Burnfoot Regional R238	5 no. gullies required along this road to prevent surface water on carriage way	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parapet walls	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						



## Footpath Provision Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Priority	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1341-1/ L-1342-1	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)		Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Moville Business Park, House Estates, Football Pitch and Health Centre to the Town Centre and Quay Street and the Pier and provide a safe walking route and infill lighting over a 1.2km distance.	860	Complete	Complete	landowners issues regarding retaining wall	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1891-3 R-238-50	Muff Village		Construct FP to connect Muff Village with the school, chapel, grave yd, football pitches and playpark. Subject to Road Design input	400	2021	2023	Design ONLY to be completed by Road Design,2023	
Moville	Inish North	L	Various	O'Gara Villas and St Finniains Pk	1	Footpath repair continuation of works	200	Complete	Complete		
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Greencastle Battery Brea	3	Footpath construction	100	2021	2023	Works to start in December 2023	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238	Sections at Admiralty House	2	Footpath Repair	200	Complete	Complete	Connecting works done on LCA scheme done in 2022	
<b>Moville Total</b>											
Carndonagh	Inish North	L/R	R-238-27 R-244-1 L-1231-1	Churchtown/Derry rd		Replacement and New infill footpath to connect up 2 Hospitals, 2 National Schools , 3 house Estates, Carn Community School and Carn Chapel and provide a safe walking route over a 2 km circuit.	800	Complete	Complete	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill) In progress	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-33	Bocan Culdaff		Construct 200m of footpath to connect the Play School , Community Hall, Chapel, Bocan Stone Circle and Temple of Deen at Bocan with Culdaff Village and provide a safe walking route link.	200	Complete	Complete		
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1121	Bunagee Rd Culdaff	4	New Footpath	100	2021	2023	Currently being designed by Road Design Consultant (Footpaths and Junction treatment).	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Malin Town	3	Footpath repair	100approx	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L	Carrowreagh Road to Pound St	2	Repair of 340m of Footpath & Drainage	340	2023	2024	Starting in New Year	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R238	Community School to Shopping centre	1	Repair of 290m of 2 metre Footpath & Drainage	290	2023	2023	Starting in New Year - tied in with Green schools scheme.	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>							<b>1,100</b>				
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R-238-4	Rockhead Burnfoot - Phase 1		Provision of 750m of Hard Shoulder including rock armour retention - land aquisition		2018	2023	Land aquisition negotiations concluded awaiting a response	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238 / Main St	Main St Buncrana		Replacement of circa old drainage channels and upgrade of footpaths	800	Ongoing	Ongoing	Second pahse to start in 1st Quarter of 2022	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village - Carn Rd		100 meters of footpath within the speedlimits (Phase 1)	100	2021	2023	Requires landowner consent / agreement	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1551-2	Straid Rd / Clonmany Village to GAA Pitch (Phase 1)		250 meters of hardshoulder and accommodation works	250	2021	2022	Requires landowner consent / agreement (land in probate) letter rec from Legal Rep	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1671-1	Buncrana Slavery Rd		250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works	250	2022	2023	CPO Process necessary to aquire lands for footpaths, consultants appointed to progress	
Buncrana	Inish South		N/A	Buncrana Urban Footpaths repairs / Claim issues		Various locations in Buncrana and the locations identified by IPB ( 10 NO)	1	Ongoing	Ongoing	10 locations to be identified by IPB - Additional Locations to be identified by Walkability Audit ONGOING	
Buncrana	Inish South	L		Clonmany Village		1.5m wide footpath resurfaced	600	Ongoing	Ongoing	Started April 2023	
Buncrana	Inish South			Railway road Buncrana		2.1 metre Footpath Resurfaced	370	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana	Inish South			Gransha Road Buncrana		Replace footpath	100	2023	2023	Jan-24	
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 1		Replace footpath	130	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 2		Replace footpath	54	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana	Inish South			Ludden Road		resurface footpath	150	Complete	Complete		
<b>Buncrana Total</b>							<b>2,805</b>				
Newtown	Inish South			Newtowncunnigham Main Street		Main Street and Safe routes to School funding approved	1500	on going	on going	Works start Monday 28th August 2023	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Killea Village		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additonal patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Bridgend - Footpaths at Bonemanie		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additonal patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South			Pound Cottages Burt		General Patch and Repair works	50	2023	2023	paths in very poor condition. Overlay required.	
<b>Newtown Total</b>											
<b>Grand Total</b>											

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## Completed Footpath Programme to date

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Various	Ard Foyle/Bath Tce/Ballynally	Footpath repair	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-42	Community College Phase II	Provision of 150m of footpath	150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241-1	Main street Moville/Rd to Greencastle	Footpath repair	60	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-50	Muff Main street	New footpath at St Mary's Hall	200	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1901	Muff to Grove at Border	Footpath repair and surface	120	Complete	Complete	Ongoing - 3 lights required. Pots are installed, Order confirmed with Suppliers. Awaiting lights
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Moville	Footpath repair	100approx	Complete	Complete	Pedestrian lights area complete
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>910</b>			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-35	Gleneely Main street Ph I	New footpath from Crossroads to school	225	Complete	Complete	Final overlay to one section (100m)
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-1041-2	Carpenter's Corner Phase II	Extension of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Specific Development Charge - in cooperation with development group.
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-12713	Bridge St	Provision of 50m of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Contractor works complete, accommodation works for landowner
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-28	Malin Rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Malin Rd with the commercial centre of the town and Schools and Church and Hospitals.	600	Complete	Complete	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill) <b>Action tactile paving to be installed at crossings</b>
Carndonagh	Inish North		No Number	Ard Colgan old housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240	At Grave Yd Wall	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238	Ard Colgan new housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1131	Middle Lane Culdaff	Footpath resurface and repair	170	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Carndonagh	Footpath repair/slabs/paving Town Ctr	120approx	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240-1	Malin St Carndonagh	Repair of 100m of footpath & drainage		Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>2,420</b>			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Westbrooke / Cockhill Road	100m of New Surfacing to footpath	100	Complete	Complete	Location of Public Liability Claims (x2) from Westbrooke along Cockhill Road
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1036-0	Millfield Heights	Replacement of surface on concrete Footpaths on Millfield brae	200	Complete	Complete	Ralumac surface with Concrete pathing beforehand
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Fahan Village	Replacement of surface on Bitmac Footpaths through Village		Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of new footpaths and crossing facilities	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision widened footpaths	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village	Repairs to existing footpaths within the speedlimits	100	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238-6/7	Fahan Village (Phase 2)	150 meters of resurfacing of footpath within the speedlimits	150	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-5156-0	Buncrana Swilly rd and Buncrana Pier Area	250 meters of repairs and replacement to footpaths	250	Complete	Complete	Patch and remove concrete and overlay with Ralumac - Contracted
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana Road to North West Golf Links	Patch and Resurface existing footpath	500	Complete	Complete	Ralumac thin surfacing - to be contracted
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						<b>3,301</b>			
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-239-5	Sappagh Phase II	Provision of 400m of hard shoulder	400	Complete	Complete	100m to complete 2018 - Continue with Hard shoulder works - works commenced
Newtown	Inish South	L	Various	Colehill Housing estate Newtown	Removal of old Concrete footpaths and placement of new Bitmac footpaths with kerbing	1000	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R+L	R-237-1 L-2031-1	Killea Village PHASE I	50 metres of footpath from the middle of the village	50	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2141-2	Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236)	Completion of the Rushfield road Footpath with tactile crossing to serve and link Coxtown National School with 4 housing estates ( 60 units) and IMD Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236) Carrigan's Main Street - local	70	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2051-1	Newtown village towards Castlefordard	250 meters Construction of New Footpath	250	Complete	Complete	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Carrigans Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	100m of New footpath and road widening	100	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						<b>1,400</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>									

## Lighting Provision Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Battery Brae Greencastle (Fort)	Connection of existing lights and provision of 2 additional lights	2018	2023	Works starting in December 23, Meeting with PL supplier to agree civil works.
Moville	Inish North	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2023	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village & Racecourse road	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	50% complete Infills required (to be funded by Clr T Crossan Members lighting) subject to final
Moville	Inish North	Redcastle	Provision of additional lights & civils	2021	2023	3No pots & ducting installed, awaiting quote from PL supplier
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting COLUMNS	Complete	Complete	PL supplier to change to led heads.
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Churchtown/Derry rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	5 no lights - Works commencing in New year
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Culdaff	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	4 Lights as part of NTA Design awaiting enervo design
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrick Brea (Back road walk route)	Provision of 2 additional lights & civils	2021	2024	2 Lights Civils to start in 2024
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Bridge Lights	Repairs and Replacements to Deck and Arch	Complete	Complete	Deck lighting to be repaired
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culdaff Green Lights	Repair / Replace uplighters			estimates only awaiting enervo action
Carndonagh	Inish North	New FP Black Mtn Rd Malin	Provision of 7 additional lights & civils	17th January 2023	2023	Pots and ducting installed waiting Enervio quote
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 4 new lights to existing poles on R238 into Clonmany	2021	2023	4 New lights from speed limit in / Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Castle Park Junction	Provision of 2 new lights for pedesatrian safety	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 1 light on Access Rd to Community Center	2021	2023	Airtricity to install light
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort / Desertegney School	Provision of 4 upgraded lights at Desertegney school / Chapel and supply of 1 new light	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Tooban - Dispensary Junction with R238	Provision of 2 no 8 meter columns for Road / Junction safety	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Replacement and Upgrade of 3 no Pedestrian Crossing Lights	Pedestrian crossing along R238 Cockhill Road	2021	2023	Meeting with PL supplier to agree civil works.
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	19th Hole footpath	Provision of 2 additional lights on existing wooden poles	2018	2023	Planning application pending
Newtown	Inish South	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2022	2023	to be done with footpaths
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Link from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	awaiting switching
Newtown	Inish South	Bridge End Bonniemaine	Provision of 1light (Clr Jack Murray)	2023	2023	Members Allocation
Newtown	Inish South	Railway Road	Provision of 1light (Clr Jack Murray)	2023	2023	Members Allocation
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						

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## Completed Lighting Programme

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Complete but under review
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Gleneely	Provision of 6 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Wearing course to be installed on footpath
Carndonagh	Inish North	Barrack Hill and Decorative Tn Ctr	Problem with low level and decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Barrack Hill complete
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Chapel Jn/Carpark	Provision of 1 additional lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Ludden Junction	Provision of 4 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Airtricity design for 300m requested
Buncrana	Inish South	Ballyliffen to Clonmany	Assistance for Clonmany TT and Ballyliffen TT with Provision of 15 lights	Complete	Complete	TT assisting with costs
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Car Park Shore Front	Replacement of 4 x 10m lights	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Pier Car Park	Replacement of 2 x 10m lights (columns x 2)	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana St Marys Rd Car Park	Provision of upgrade Lighting to St Marys Car Park	Complete	Complete	Anti - social issue with Library and Car Park - more lighting needed
Buncrana	Inish South	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Rooskey Rd	Provision of 1 new light before bridge on the Rooskey Rd	Complete	Complete	1 New light to be erected from a previous agreement -Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Town Clock	Repair of streetlight	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Walkers Lane - Pedestrian Access	Provision of New lighting to the Pedestrian Arch walkers lane Buncrana	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	Burt Graveyard - along side N13	Provision of 2 - 6M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Low Cost Safety	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete - Airtricity to install
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (Derry Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	N13 to Bonmenaine / Bridgend school (Phase 1)		Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						

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# **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

## **Municipal District of Inishowen**

**05<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **Corporate Services**

- Consider Schedule of Meetings for 2024

### **Housing Service**

- Progress Reports

05<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Proposed Schedule of Inishowen MD Meetings for 2024

16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

09<sup>th</sup> April 2024

21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Yours sincerely,



Una Cresswell

A/Area Manager

Housing & Corporate

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 05 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	2
Properties being refurbished	8
Properties to be refurbished	8

### Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2023	Offers refused from 01/01/2023	Tenancies created from 01/01/2023
31	12	19

### Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Moville	Apex	13	7	7
Carndonagh	Apex	2	1	1
Carndonagh	SVP	3	1	1
Clonmany	SVP	6	1	1
Buncrana	SVP	4	2	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List October 2023	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	634
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	421
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	44
Net Social Housing Waiting List	169

## Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – December 2023

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Inishowen</b>	<b>Ballyliffin</b>	0	6	3	1	0	0	<b>10</b>
	<b>Bridgend</b>	0	14	5	1	0	0	<b>20</b>
	<b>Buncrana</b>	16	149	80	13	2	1	<b>261</b>
	<b>Burnfoot</b>	0	11	2	1	0	0	<b>14</b>
	<b>Burt</b>	0	3	4	0	0	0	<b>7</b>
	<b>Carndonagh</b>	11	71	38	5	0	0	<b>125</b>
	<b>Carrigans</b>	2	6	5	1	0	0	<b>14</b>
	<b>Clonmany</b>	1	8	9	1	0	0	<b>19</b>
	<b>Culdaff</b>	0	5	2	0	0	0	<b>7</b>
	<b>Fahan</b>	1	3	1	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
	<b>Gleneely</b>	0	2	4	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
	<b>Glengad</b>	0	3	1	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
	<b>Greencastle</b>	0	9	3	0	0	0	<b>12</b>
	<b>Inch</b>	0	1	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
	<b>Killea</b>	0	2	1	1	0	0	<b>4</b>
	<b>Malin</b>	0	3	7	0	0	0	<b>10</b>
	<b>Malin Head</b>	0	1	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
	<b>Moville</b>	7	19	11	1	0	0	<b>38</b>
	<b>Muff</b>	0	18	9	0	0	0	<b>27</b>
	<b>Newtowncunningham</b>	6	31	6	0	1	0	<b>44</b>
<b>Redcastle</b>	0	1	2	0	0	0	<b>3</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>634</b>



## Housing Grants Report at 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	35	1	9	5	0
2022	68	58	0	9	1	0
2023	75	37	1	9	12	16

### Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	36	0	13	1	0
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	41	21	0	7	0	13

### Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	114	93	10	11	0	0
2022	126	114	6	6	0	0
2023	160	117	6	11	1	25

**Housing Capital Update Report  
Inishowen Municipal District Meeting  
05 December 2023**

**1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes**

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments within the Inishowen Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
The Meadows, Bunrana	<p>Works are progressing well and within programme.</p> <p>Internal work and external site finishes ongoing.</p> <p>The project is within programme with a projected completion date in December 2023 / January 2024.</p>	1
Crana Crescent, Bunrana	<p>Contract commenced on site in August 2023. Site Excavation Works are complete.</p> <p>Works have commenced on internal road construction, site drainage and to new boundary walls.</p> <p>The project has a 16-month contract period with a programmed completion of December 2024.</p>	16
<b>Detailed Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Rockytown Phase 2	<p>M &amp; E and architectural detailed design packages are completed. A review of civil/structural, packages is complete subject to the resolution of matters.</p> <p>Ground investigation works completed with rock testing underway.</p> <p>Weekly engagement is ongoing with Uisce Eireann to ensure requirements are met. ESB connection and diversion application has been lodged.</p> <p>Department approval will be sought in January 2024 in advance of tendering the construction contract in February/March 2024.</p>	

Barrick Hill, Carndonagh	<p>Project progressing as Design &amp; Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, archaeological testing complete and Flood Risk Assessment is complete. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employers Design Team appointed.</li> <li>▪ Project QS appointed.</li> <li>▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed.</li> <li>▪ Project Employers Rep. to be appointed in Nov '23.</li> <li>▪ Continued engagement with stakeholders i.e., Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Group (BHTPSG).</li> <li>▪ Inishowen Elected Members have been notified of the intention to use Section 179A exemption to progress this project at Municipal workshop held in Oct 2023.</li> <li>▪ Notice of proposal to develop the site under 179A exemption will be advertised 18<sup>th</sup> October for decision January 2024.</li> </ul>	21
<b>Detailed Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Gleneely	<p>Project progressing as Design &amp; Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, initial investigations – Flood Risk Assessment, Site Suitability, and ground investigations underway. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employers Design Team appointed.</li> <li>▪ Project QS appointed.</li> <li>▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed.</li> <li>▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Nov '23.</li> <li>▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process.</li> <li>▪ It is intended that the Part 8 process will begin in December. Elected Members will be kept informed of the opening of this public consultation process.</li> </ul>	10

Malin	<p>Project progressing as Design &amp; Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, Initial Ground Investigations complete. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employers Design Team appointed</li> <li>▪ Project QS appointed</li> <li>▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed</li> <li>▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Nov '23</li> <li>▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process.</li> <li>▪ The Part 8 process began on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 with submissions and observations accepted up until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The Part 8 will be presented to the Members for decision at the January council meeting.</li> </ul>	9
<b>Total</b>		111



**Image 1: The Meadows Buncrana.**



**Image 2: Crana Crescent, Buncrana**

## **2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

- (a) Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process is resulting in a major capital investment in social housing, with several projects completed in the county to date.

In relation to the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh, the Council has made an increased offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers regarding the additional valid proposal for Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

- (b) Members have been advised that a new turnkey acquisition programme has now been advertised on eTenders. The process includes all towns and villages throughout the county with submissions open until the end of September 2026. Further information will be outlined in the Council's social media platforms. This process will continue to assist the Council in meeting the housing needs in the county.

## **3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the MD. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level.

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, 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 / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

The Council has currently two offers accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (potential for 30 housing units) and Newtowncunningham (potential for 20 housing units).

Going forward, the land team will continue to identify further land parcels across the MD and work with the Council's local service team to assess their suitability for new social housing.

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19<sup>th</sup> October 2023



**Uisce Éireann Reference Number: 4553396689**

Dear Ms Cresswell,

I am writing to you in relation to your query regarding Inishowen Municipal District Meeting – 05<sup>th</sup> September 2023 regarding an outage in Bunrana area on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.

I am sorry for the inconvenience caused to you as a result of this matter. I have updated our system with the information that you have provided in your letter and I have forwarded it to the relevant department within Uisce Éireann for investigation. When more information is available a member of our team will be in contact with you. Your Uisce Éireann reference number for this query is 4553396689, which you may wish to keep for your own records.

If you have any further queries, please phone us on **1800 278 278** or **+ 353 1 707 2827** or email [operations@water.ie](mailto:operations@water.ie).

Yours faithfully,

**Ann Collins,**  
Customer Service Advisor, Email & Correspondence

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