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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 07ú Márta 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.

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**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
01st March 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 07th March 2023 **at 2.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, 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 Meeting held on 17th January 2023
2. Roads & Transportation
3. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
4. Community Development
5. Environment
6. Planning
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Schedule of Municipal District Works
9. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 'TEAMS MEETING' HELD ON TUESDAY
17TH JANUARY 2023 at 2.00pm**

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, A/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, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development, Mary McBride, Executive Planner, Martina Doherty, Clerical Officer, Roads and Transportation.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul Canning who welcomed all to the first Inishowen Municipal District meeting of 2023.

23.01 Expression of Sympathy – Minutes Silence

As requested by Cllr Paul Canning, a minute's silence took place in memory of Private Seán Rooney who died while on a peace keeping mission in Lebanon.

**23.02 Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on
06th December 2022**

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan and seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 06th December 2022 were adopted.

It was noted that Cllr Martin Farren wished to correct minute 22.69.05. He wished to clarify that he was referring to crash barriers at Clar Corner and Redcastle football club. He stated that the Gaelscoil in Moville was a separate issue to do with junction at end of lane.

23.03 PLANNING

Killian Smith presented the report and it was taken as read.

23.03.01 Tus Nua Project

Killian Smith referred to the Tus Nua Project as detailed in the Planning Report. The tenders for the Integrated Design Team and the land valuation services have being advertised with tenders

to be returned this month. It is anticipated that the Integrated design team and the land valuation service tenders will be returned and the assessment process underway by the next Inishowen MD Meeting.

23.03.02 Residential Zoned Land Tax

Killian Smith advised that the period for making submissions regarding Residential Zoned Land Tax closed on 01st January 2023. A total of 132 submissions were received county wide. Killian Smith advised members that 01st May 2023 is the next critical date in relation to the RZLT when Donegal County Council are scheduled to publish a Supplemental Map which will show additions and deletions. A period will open after this for further submissions. He advised that the submissions can only be in relation to the additions/deletions. The members collectively raised concerns that the public may have missed the deadline for submissions and felt the deadline of 01st January was unfair as it was a bank holiday. A lengthy discussion in relation to the Residential Zoned Land Tax ensued and several concerns were raised in relation to the suitability of lands that are to be rezoned and in relation to the tax on Residential Reserve Land. Killian Smith advised that the Residential Zoned Land Tax was not operated at a local level and was on instruction from Department of Housing and Department of Finance. It was agreed that further discussion would take place in an upcoming Planning workshop. In the meantime, detailed maps will be circulated to all members.

23.03.03 Planning Workshops

It was agreed that a Planning Workshop on the Settlement Frameworks and Rural Regeneration will take place at 9.30am on 27th January 2023. It was also agreed that there would be a workshop to discuss the RRDF (Repowering Buncrana) at 12.30 on 27th January 2023.

23.03.04 Care Home and Respite Care Facility, Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott welcomed the decision by Donegal County Council to grant planning permission for a new care home and respite care facility in Carndonagh. He stated that this infrastructure was very important for North Inishowen and will provide a 56-bed nursing home plus a 12-bed residential home respite care facility. Cllr Rena Donaghey and Cllr Johnny McGuinness also welcomed this much needed development. It is anticipated that construction on the development will commence during the first quarter of 2023 with a completion date in 2024.

23.04 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

23.04.01 Rockytown, Buncrana – Phase II

In response to a query from Cllr Jack Murray, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital advised that the development of 56 houses at Rockytown, Buncrana should be ready for tender in June 2023. He added that it is anticipated that a contractor could be appointed by the end of 2023.

23.04.02 Crana Crescent, Buncrana

Shaun Doherty advised that the most economically advantageous tender is now undergoing the Bill of Quantities evaluation. In a response to Cllr Nicholas Crossan, Shaun Doherty advised that funding is secured for this development with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is anticipated that works are due to start on site April/May 2023.

23.04.03 Turnkey Development at Convent Road, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty queried the status of the Turnkey development in Carndonagh. Shaun Doherty advised that Donegal County Council are liaising with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the developer in efforts to progress the matter.

23.04.04 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a member from Social Housing Remediation Team provide an update at the next MD meeting in relation to Social Housing Stock. This was supported by Cllr Martin McDermott. Una Cresswell undertook to follow up with the Social Housing Remediation team.

Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed their appreciation to Patricia McIntyre for the work that was carried out by herself and her team in getting the emergency funding drawn down for a number of families that were in need of emergency accommodation due to defective concrete blockwork.

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested an update on the position of the Community Facilitators for the Defective Concrete Blocks Scheme. Una Cresswell undertook to follow up and report to members at the next MD meeting.

Members raised their concerns in the slow progress in getting the new regulations.

23.04.05 Expressions of Interest: Land and Property

Cllr Johnny McGuinness queried the status of Expression of Interests and asked are there any plan in place to upgrade areas in relation to water/sewage infrastructure. Cllr McGuinness noted that this could have a bearing on whether an Expression of Interest would be considered. Una Cresswell agreed to seek clarification around necessary infrastructure when considering expressions of interest in making land available for purchasing by the council.

23.04.05 Modular Homes

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the provision of modular homes be investigated further, and a response given to members at the next meeting or workshop. Cllr Murray supported Cllr Doherty's comments.

23.04.06 Specific Instance Housing (SI)

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the progress of delivering SI properties to those qualified on the housing list within the Inishowen MD area. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up and provide an update to the members.

23.04.07 Housing Grants

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to a housing grant that was not approved by DCC and sought clarification on what happens when the applicant is unable to drawdown the grant due to works not being carried out to a satisfactory level. Una Cresswell advised that it would not be appropriate to discuss individual cases, but she would follow up on the matter.

23.04.08 Baile na Carraige, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns in relation to the energy costs at the new estate in Baile na Carraige, Buncrana (Rockytown). Una Cresswell advised that there were a few teething issues and the Area Engineer is aware of it. It was noted that this new development has an air source heat pumps and this system is at its most efficient when left untouched. Una Cresswell agreed to look into the recent concerns and get back to the members on it.

23.05 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden presented the report to members and it was taken as read. He advised that the Roads team are currently working on the development of the new work programme for 2023. He outlined the significant deterioration of the roads following the winter weather and the damage is currently being assessed.

23.05.01 Roads Workshop – 2023 Work Programme

It was agreed that a Roads Workshops would take place on the following dates -

27th January 2023 at 2.00pm to 4.30pm

13th February 2023 at 1.00pm to 4.30pm

20th February 2024 at 1.00pm to 4.30pm

23.05.02 Updates from Previous Meeting

- **Road Safety Measures – McCarter Road, Buncrana - 22.69.03**
The members were advised that as there is a signal crossing less than 100m from Aldi and Lidl, there would be no requirement to add a further crossing.
- **Straboe, Buncrana – 22.69.07**
The Roads Service intend to install channels along the regional road, and this should take away the water from the area affected. This work will be carried out once weather improves.
- **Road Markings Buncrana – 22.69.08**
It is intended to put together a road lining tender to cover work though out the Inishowen Municipal District and in particular the urban areas.
- **Public Lights - 22.69.09**
The members were advised that Airtricity have fixed several lights but there is a long lead in time in sourcing LED lights, and this has caused delays.
- **Fr Hegarty's Grave, Buncrana -22.69.10**
These works are on the works programme and the local area team will carry out these works once weather improves.
- **Umicam, Buncrana - 22.69.10**
Michael McFadden advised that there was an allocation in the 2021 fund and there was a design drawn up at that stage for signing and lining. He advised that the signs were erected but were still waiting on the lining around the minor junction to be carried out. He advised that once this work was completed, they would continue to monitor this stretch of road.
- **Road Maintenance - 22.69.12**
Sheskin Road and Moss Road, Culdaff were showing signs of settlement and the Area Engineer is going to consider patching at this stage and will continue to monitor and maintain.
- **Ballyliffin Clonmany – 22.69.13**
The matter is referred to the Road Design team, but the issue relates more to speed than road alignment issues.

The members thanked the Roads team for the works carried out in 2022.

23.05.03 Local Improvement Schemes and Community Involvement Schemes

Michael McFadden requested that any applications for Local Improvement Schemes and Community Involvement Schemes are submitted to Donegal County Council as soon as possible. Cllr McGuinness requested that correspondence is issued to any applicants that are not eligible.

Michael McFadden advised that all applicants will be assessed in relation to the eligibility criteria and applicants would be corresponded to in relation to queries that are raised.

23.05.04 Road Lining

Cllr Martin Farren raised issues of faded road markings in Moville town and in other various locations and was advised by Michael McFadden that this would be part of the overall road lining tender. Cllr McGuinness queried the possibility of purchasing the equipment necessary to carry out road lining. Michael McFadden advised that this was a specialist skill and was not possible to be delivered by DCC staff. This was delivered nationally and not a task delivered by Local Authorities.

23.05.05 Maginn Avenue – Buncrana Primary Care Centre

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns that vehicles do not have enough space to turn at the Buncrana Primary Care Centre when they are making deliveries. The lorries are having to reverse down Maginn Avenue which is difficult for large vehicles. Michael McFadden undertook to follow up with the HSE, Area Engineer and Road Design.

23.05.06 Road Gritting

The members acknowledged the exceptional work of the road gritting team and expressed their gratitude for the work that was carried out by them in very difficult circumstances. Michael McFadden also thanked the team for the work that was carried out.

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns with the road towards An Grianan, Burt where residents would normally spread sand when required. However, during severe cold spells, the sand is frozen, and residents are unable to spread it, so Cllr Murray has requested extra salt/grit to also be made available. He highlighted that emergency services were unable to access the road following an accident and had to walk up the hill. Michael McFadden advised that they would follow up with request for grit but would not be able to provide salt as it is corrosive but would investigate further.

Cllr Murray also highlighted that the road leading to 'Wild Ireland' was badly affected by the poor weather and stressed the need for this to be cleared as it was a busy road due to the popular tourist attraction. Michael McFadden acknowledged the comments and advised that priority is given to the routes that are adopted.

23.05.07 Aghilly Road

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update on the availability of funding for the stretch of road at Aghilly, Buncrana that was in very poor condition. Michael McFadden confirmed that this project is on the Strategic Improvement Programme and is being reviewed with Road Design.

23.05.08 Traffic – Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey called for an urgent traffic management plan for Buncrana to help deal with increasing traffic and the congestion in the town daily. Michael McFadden advised that the inner relief road is on the Strategic Improvement Programme and is also being reviewed with Road Design.

23.05.09 Clonbeg, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey highlighted an ongoing issue at the junction in Clonbeg. She advised that there was an agreement previously that works would be carried out at this junction to make it safer. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with the Area Engineer.

23.05.10 Ture Road, Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan raised concerns over flooding issues at Ture and had highlighted the issue to the Roads Section. Michael McFadden advised that the Area Engineer had recently looked at this stretch of road and that debris is in the process of being cleared and possible solutions will be investigated.

23.05.11 Gully Cleaning

Cllr Terry Crossan raised the issue of blocked gullies and the possibility of addressing this. Cllr Nicholas Crossan agreed and suggested that this be discussed at an upcoming workshop. Michael McFadden advised that this is works that are normally carried out as part of the works programme.

23.05.12 Glackmore, Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan stated that there was over 200m of roadway destroyed at Glackmore and needs immediate attention as the concrete pipes have collapsed. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Area Engineer.

23.05.13 Traffic Calming Measures – National Schools

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that the traffic calming proposal at Muff National School be kept on the radar in coming year. Cllr Paul Canning concurred and requested that consideration be given for traffic calming measures at Bridgend and Killea National Schools. Michael McFadden advised that this is being considered with Road Design as part of the NTA proposal.

23.05.14 Ballyboe, Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan highlighted an issue with drainage at Ballyboe, Muff and has brought this to the attention of the Inishowen Roads Office. He requested that this be addressed as soon as possible.

23.05.15 Public Lighting

Cllr Nicholas Crossan suggested that as there is such a long lead in time in sourcing LED lighting, that alternative bulbs could be used to get over the dark winter period. He is not satisfied with the service from Airtricity as this is ongoing for some time. Cllr Johnny McGuinness concurred with this and suggested that we look at a new SLA with another provider. Michael McFadden acknowledged the comments and outlined several reasons for the long lead in time in relation to the LED lights.

23.05.16 Carrowmullin Fahan & Millfield Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised the ongoing drainage issues at Carrowmullin, Fahan and Millfield, Buncrana. Cllr Crossan stated that this now falls under the remit of Donegal County Council and has asked that this be followed up. Michael McFadden will discuss with the Area Engineer and explore solutions.

23.05.17 Street Cleaning

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if estates could be included in the Street Cleaning Programme for coming year. Michael McFadden advised that Estate Cleaning Contract has not yet being drafted but it is intended to be completed early 2023.

23.05.18 N13 - National Primary Road – Bridgend to Manorcunningham

Cllr Paul Canning raised concerns that the National Primary Road between Bridgend and Manorcunningham is getting into poor repair. He requested that correspondence be issued to TII in relation to this. Michael McFadden advised that he follow up with TII.

23.05.19 Newtowncunningham Main Street

Cllr Paul Canning requested that works at Newtowncunningham Main Street be progressed this year as the plans were almost ready. Michael McFadden advised that this would be part of the 2023 programme and would be working closely with Road Design team.

23.06 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mary McBride presented the report and it was taken as read. Mary McBride highlighted a few items to the members.

23.06.01 Holiday World Show 2023

The Tourism Unit are participating in this event which takes place in RDS, Dublin on 27th to 29th January 2023. Cllr Martin McDermott queried how Inishowen would be represented at this event. Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if there were any members attending this function. He stated that the members had no input into this.

23.06.02 Tourism Unit

A revised tourism brochure has been developed and it is hoped that 10,000 copies will be distributed. Cllr Martin McDermott stated that 'Explore Inishowen' has previously sought funding for the publication of brochures to promote the peninsula and this funding should be provided by the Tourism Unit. He stated that there was a gap between how Inishowen was sold versus how rest of Donegal was sold and was important that this gap be closed. Cllr Johnny McGuinness and Cllr Nicholas Crossan supported these comments. Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested that a study be carried out by the Economic Development Unit to ascertain that the investment on the promotion of Inishowen was equitable with the rest of the County. Cllr Nicholas Crossan noted that once budgets were passed, the members had no impact and raised issues around value for money. Cllr Paul Canning stated that there was a tourism kiosk opened in Kernan's in Newtowncunningham from April to September 2022 where over 10,000 brochures were distributed which was cost-effective and successful. Mary McBride acknowledged the points raised and undertook to feed these back to the Tourism Unit.

23.06.03 Local Enterprise Office

Mary McBride invited members to contact LEO office to provide information on supports that are available for businesses in current climate.

23.06.04 Nighttime Economy Grant

Mary McBride advised that The Economic Development Unit intend to engage with businesses in Bunrana to encourage participation in this programme. Rena Donaghey welcomed the project and encouraged businesses to participate in the project.

23.06.05 Remote Working

Mary McBride advised of the Relocation Marketing Campaign and the benefits of Donegal in terms of remote working. The Economic Development Unit played an active role in developing a strategy for business in relation to remote working. Cllr Albert Doherty queried the efforts that are made in relation to relocation marketing and the issues of housing supply in the County.

23.06.06 Property Solutions

The report outlined the progression of 13 property solution opportunities across the County for Economic Development. Cllr Albert Doherty queried if any of these 13 properties are within the Inishowen Peninsula. Mary McBride undertook to follow up and respond.

23.06.07 The North West Regulatory Tech Cluster Project

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the appointment of a project manager for this project and sought further details of the appointment.

23.06.08 Donegal Enterprise Awards

Cllr Albert Doherty acknowledged the achievements of Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd who were overall winners of “The Best-Established Business Award “and Northfox Facilities Services who were runner up in the “Best Start-up category”.

23.07 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty presented the report and it was taken as read.

Fiona Doherty highlighted that six projects were completed in 2022 and will endeavor to complete and progress the ten funded capital projects outlined in report.

23.07.01 Development Fund Initiative 2023

Fiona Doherty highlighted the closing date for receipt of completed applications under Development Fund Initiative 2023 is Friday 03rd February 2023 at 4pm. Cllr Canning queried if it was possible that groups could obtain part payment under this scheme as some of the groups that benefited from the funding are unable to draw the funds down as they have to spend the funding before it can be recouped and not all groups would be in a financial position to do this. Fiona Doherty indicated that she would seek clarity on the matter.

23.07.02 Community Support Fund 2023

Fiona Doherty highlighted the closing date for receipt of completed applications under the Community Support Fund 2023 is Thursday 09th March 2023 at 3.30pm.

23.07.03 Barrack Hill Town Park

Fiona Doherty advised the members that Town and Village Renewal funding was announced on 14th December for the Barrack Hill Town Park. Cllr Albert Doherty Fiona Doherty and the team for the work put in to improve and increase facilities.

23.07.04 Workshops

Fiona Doherty requested two workshops. The members agreed the following:

Development Fund Initiative will take place at 10am on 20th February 2023.

Rural Works Programme will take place at 10am on 13th February 2023.

23.07.05 Bi-lingual Illustrated Signage – Burnfoot Village

Cllr Jack Murray thanked Fiona Doherty for the work that was carried out on the Bi-lingual Illustrated signage for Burnfoot Village. He stated that it was widely welcomed by everyone.

23.07.06 Grianan of Aileach

Cllr Jack Murray requested a meeting with members, Failte Ireland and OPW in order to progress development at Grianan of Aileach. Cllr Paul Canning supported this. Fiona Doherty advised that she follow up on this proposal.

23.07.07 John Gwyn – Information Plaque

Cllr Terry Crossan advised that he is working with a group who are trying to erect a plaque for John Gwyn, who is buried in Church of Ireland in Muff. Cllr Terry Crossan outlined the history and asked if there were any avenues available for funding as the group are hoping to erect an information plaque. Fiona Doherty advised that she would discuss this matter directly with Cllr Terry Crossan.

23.07.08 Malin Head Visitors Management Plan

Cllr Martin McDermott highlighted the need to progress Malin Head Visitor Management Project as a matter of urgency. He stated that priority needs to be given to this project as Malin Head is a major reason that visitors come to Donegal. Cllr Johnny McGuinness concurred and outlined the importance of the signature point development in improving tourism with the imminent joining up of the Causeway Coast route with the Wild Atlantic Way.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the importance of Malin Head as a major tourist attraction for. The members collectively supported the comments. Fiona Doherty acknowledged the issues raised and stated that the A/Senior Engineer is working with the appointed consultants in progressing the required preparatory documentation for submission to Planning. Fiona Doherty indicated that she would convey the issues raised by the members to A/Senior Engineer.

23.07.09 Inishowen 100 Route

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested that the existing attraction, Inishowen 100, be re-developed and that this could be used to promote the Peninsula. Cllr Nicholas Crossan and Cllr Paul Canning supported these comments.

23.07.10 Clár Funding

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a letter be issued from Inishowen MD for the attention of Minister McConalogue and Minister Humphreys in relation to the inclusion of additional areas or the extension of the Clár programme. Terry Crossan concurred with this request

Cllr Johnny McGuinness thanked Fiona Doherty and the Community Development engineers for managing and delivering the Clár programme funded outdoor recreation and playground project in Culdaff.

23.07.11 Merville Playpark – Sláintecare Capital Funding

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Fiona Doherty for the work carried out in relation to the playpark in Merville.

23.07.12 Merville Town and Village Renewal Project

The tenders for the Merville Town and Village Renewal Project have issued on e-tenders and the deadline for receipt of tenders is 19th January 2023. Cllr Martin Farren extended his appreciation for the progress to date.

23.08 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne presented the report and highlighted a few items to members.

- **Recycling Centers** - wide range of materials that can be recycled free of charge. Currently recycling Christmas trees to 28th January.
- **Solid Fuel Regulations 2022 - Clean Air Strategy** – The burning of smoky fuels releases invisible toxins that damage our health.
- **Beach Lifeguard** a poster was created to advertise Beach Lifeguard jobs and was distributed to all the Universities and have advertised in social media sites. The message has gone out to over 44,000 people. Cllr McGuinness requested that the poster be forwarded to all members so that this can be shared. Cllr Martin Farren expressed the importance of having lifeguards on our blue flag beaches. He asked that the members be kept updated.
- **Farm Inspections** - funding was received in 2022 to carry out farm inspections to gauge compliance with the Good Agricultural Practice Regs and to work with farmers in trying to suggest ways of improving practices around water quality.

23.08.01 Updates from Previous Meeting

In relation to queries raised by members at the previous MD meeting, Matthew Byrne outlined some responses.

- Matthew advised that the Environment Section carried out checkpoints in relation to coal suppliers and they have sent samples for further analysis.
- Toilets at Shore Front – finalizing the contract with a new provider.
- Doggy bags are now back in stock but are being abused.
- Toilets at Ned Point – The Council are in discussions with the Sub Aqua Club and a proposal will be discussed at the January meeting of the Sub Aqua Club. Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed this. Cllr Jack Murray requested the need for a handrail at the slipway.

23.08.02 New Year's Day Swim Culdaff

Cllr Johnny McGuinness thanked the Environment Section for arranging to place toilets for the New Year's Day Swim in Culdaff. Cllr McGuinness raised the need for a more permanent solution at Culdaff.

23.08.03 Isle of Doagh

Cllr Terry Crossan followed up on issues that he raised previously in relation to providing signs at Isle of Doagh which would warn people about the dangers of swimming there.

23.08.04 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Martin McDermott noted his serious concerns around coastal erosion at Ballyliffin, Lagg and Culdaff. Cllr McDermott requested a meeting with the coastal team that had previously met on this issue.

23.08.05 Dog Fouling

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that dog fouling bins be installed at each end of the Muff Greenway.

23.08.06 Fort at Ned's Point

Cllr Rena Donaghey suggested that the Fort at Ned's Point should be rented out as a source of revenue.

23.08.07 Flood Relief Scheme

Cllr Paul Canning requested that a follow up letter be sent to Minister Patrick O'Donovan in relation to the Flood Relief Scheme (22.53.11).

23.09 Date of Next Meeting

The Date of the next meeting was agreed to be hold on 27th February 2023 at 2.00pm.

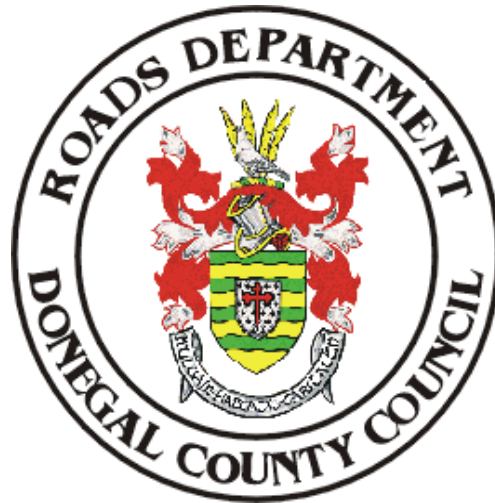
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Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____



Inishowen Municipal District

Meeting 7th of March 2023

Roads and Transportation Agenda

- 1. Roads Area Distribution 2023**
- 2. Roads Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage Programmes 2023.**
- 3. Community Involvement Schemes 2023**
- 4. Roads & Footpaths in Council Housing Estates 2023**
- 5. Specific Improvement Grant 2023**
- 6. Climate Adaption Funding for Inishowen MD 2023**
- 7. Safety Improvement works on Regional and Local Roads for Inishowen MD 2023.**

1. Roads Area Distribution 2023

On the 14th of February, the Department of Transport announced funding for the non-National Roads Programme. On Friday 24th February, Road Central issued the budget distribution for each Municipal District including Inishowen, included in Appendix I.

2. Roads Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage Programmes 2023.

The Department of Transport announced funding for the road's Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Drainage programmes for 2023.

The total allocation received by Inishowen MD for the Restoration Maintenance Programme is € 1,261,737 which represents no change from last year's allocation.

The Inishowen MD has received a total allocation of € 4,838,034 for Restoration Improvement schemes. This represents an increase of 5.6% from last year's allocation.

The total allocation for Drainage works is € 334,849 which represents no change from last year's allocation

At the Roads Workshops of 27th of January & 13th of February the proposed Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance & Drainage programmes were agreed on the principle that any additional monies would be distributed over the proposed programme or added to the next job on the reserve list. Details of these programmes are shown in Appendix II & V (*report template*). proposed for adoption.

3. Community Involvement Schemes 2023.

Donegal County Council has received an allocation of € 891,000 for the 2023 Community Involvement Scheme. This has been distributed to the MDs on a per Km basis. The Inishowen MD has received an allocation of € 220,725.00.

At the Roads Workshop of the 13th of February 2023, a priority list of schemes was agreed with the Members and is included in Appendix III for adoption.

4. Roads & Footpaths in Council Housing Estates 2023

At the Roads SPC meeting in February 2021, a policy was agreed around the maintenance of roads, footpaths and public lighting in council housing estates which assigned responsibility for this work to Roads. This was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting.

Funding of €70,000 has been allocated to each municipal district in the 2023 Revenue Budget. The Road Office in collaboration with the Housing & Corporate recommended a 4-year programme where year 2 (2023) was identified as Colehill in Newtowncunningham. 2022 report included in Appendix IV

5. Specific Improvement Grants 2023

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council €875,000 from the Specific Improvement Grant. Inishowen MD received € 350,000 in total for two projects.

- €300,000 - Coyle's/Beggars bridge R240
- € 50,000 - Buncrana Inner Relief Road - assessment and design of Maginn Ave - Mc Carters Junction.

6. Climate Adaption Funding for Inishowen MD 2023

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport announced an allocation of €918,750 for the Climate Adaption and Resilience works in County Donegal. Inishowen MD received a total allocation of €170,000 for one scheme

- €170,000 - Glentogher Road for strengthening of roadside along Glentogher river.

7. Safety Improvement works on Regional and Local Roads for Inishowen MD 2023.

As part of the funding announcement for Non-National Roads the Department of Transport allocated Donegal County Council € 458,000 and Inishowen MD received € 60,000 in total for two projects which are listed in monthly report going forward see Appendix V.

- € 30,000 - Townlands of Three Trees & Tromaty, Quigleys Point where it is proposed to carry out a Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design for approx. 1.4km section of the R238 along water's 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.
- € 30,000 - Ballyliffin, Co Donegal where it is proposed to carry out local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend while also providing safe egress for traffic on the L-1151 increasing visibility for all road users.

Other Non-National Roads funding announcements included:

- NTA Allocations which will be included at our next workshop for footpaths & public lighting.
- 2023 Main Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) allocation for Co. Donegal is €840,509, there was a further €100,000 allocated for Islands, which do not apply to Inishowen MD. LIS's will be included at our next workshop, when Roads central have received and compiled all further information responses which will determine eligibility.

Appendix I
Roads Area Distribution 2023

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2023

	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny/Milford MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)(Note 1)								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NP Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NP Winter Maintenance	€274,600		€274,600					
National Primary Total =	€605,298	€37,406	€274,600	€102,359	€0	€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
NS Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NS Winter Maintenance	€174,600		€174,600					
National Secondary Total =	€413,901	€37,406	€174,600	€35,130	€138,500	€0	€28,265	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2023	€66,600		€66,600					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2023	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€76,600	€10,000	€66,600	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,095,799	€84,812	€515,800	€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
National Transport Authority (NTA)(Note 4)								
Active Travel (NTA)	€4,500,000	€885,000		€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Total NTA Funding =	€4,500,000	€885,000		€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTAS)(Note 5)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 6)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,930,500			€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€5,180,500	€250,000	€1,000,000	€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,036,500			€1,005,936	€1,021,946	€1,232,165	€1,103,354	€673,098
Materials Testing	€40,000		€40,000					
Restoration Improvement	€19,278,500			€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,318,500		€40,000	€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€875,000			€450,000		€350,000	€75,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€2,450,000			€2,000,000			€450,000	
Speed Limits -(Note 9)	€75,000	€75,000						
PSCI: Survey Report	€50,000		€50,000					
Former National Roads	€450,000						€450,000	
Cycle Signs (Note 10)	€8,250		€8,250					
Drainage Works (Note 11)	€1,320,000			€272,983	€251,879	€327,001	€282,776	€185,362
Climate Adaptation	€918,750			€88,000	€396,250	€170,000	€230,000	€34,500
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€7,038,000	€75,000	€58,250	€2,995,247	€818,147	€1,067,726	€1,678,649	€344,981
Bridge Rehabilitation	€635,000	€635,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€458,000	€458,000						
Training Grant (Note 12)	€114,500	€114,500						
DTTAS Non-Roads Areas Total =	€1,207,500	€1,207,500						
Total DTTAS Roads Areas Funding =	€37,781,000	€1,532,500	€1,098,250	€8,800,928	€6,268,771	€8,049,405	€7,753,927	€4,277,219
Training	€50,000	€50,000						
Scrim test & Materials Tests	€50,000		€50,000					
Lining & Road Studs	€150,000		€150,000					
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€220,000	€220,000						
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 13)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Specific Grants (Advance Design)(Note 14)	€50,000		€50,000					
Safety Fencing	€75,000		€75,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000	€50,000						
Invasive Species Management	€50,000		€50,000					
Staffing Budget (Note 15)	€400,000		€400,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 16)	€911,071			€271,499		€275,143	€364,428	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 17)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€438,095	€361,905	€438,095	€485,714	€276,190
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,027,740			€170,855	€267,340	€236,451	€248,726	€104,368
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€528,125			€87,797	€137,378	€121,505	€127,813	€53,632
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,749,935			€372,301	€316,138	€438,038	€367,749	€255,708
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€899,241			€191,315	€162,454	€225,095	€188,976	€131,401
DTTAS RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
DTTAS RI Programme Support	€251,141			€51,937	€47,922	€62,214	€53,800	€35,267
DTTAS Drainage Programme Support	€31,680			€6,552	€6,045	€7,848	€6,787	€4,449
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€9,679,811	€320,000	€1,275,000	€1,719,497	€1,363,709	€1,949,962	€2,134,474	€917,170
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 18)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 19)	€90,000					€90,000		
Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates (Note 20)	€350,000			€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000
Car Parking	€1,130,000		€150,000	€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
School Wardens	€71,000	€71,000						
Burial Grounds	€40,000		€2,800	€7,200	€4,800	€8,400	€12,000	€4,800
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,711,781	€71,000	€152,800	€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
Total DCC Funding =	€12,391,592	€391,000	€1,427,800	€2,313,345	€1,461,908	€2,355,509	€3,274,821	€1,167,208
TOTAL 2023 FUNDING =	€55,768,391	€2,893,312	€3,041,850	€12,101,762	€8,474,179	€10,631,883	€11,862,167	€6,763,238

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Budget Distribution 2023 - Municipal Districts (Area Offices) Summary

	Totals €			Donegal MD €	Glenties MD €	Inishowen MD €	Letterkenny/ Milford MD €	Stranorlar MD €
National Roads								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
Total National Roads Funding =	€495,187			€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
Non-National Roads								
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,930,500			€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,027,740			€170,855	€267,340	€236,451	€248,726	€104,368
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€528,125			€87,797	€137,378	€121,505	€127,813	€53,632
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,749,935			€372,301	€316,138	€438,038	€367,749	€255,708
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€899,241			€191,315	€162,454	€225,095	€188,976	€131,401
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€438,095	€361,905	€438,095	€485,714	€276,190
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 13)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 16)	€911,071			€271,499		€275,143	€364,428	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 17)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€11,611,615			€2,449,714	€2,035,223	€2,824,021	€2,889,413	€1,413,243
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
DTTAS RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,157,376			€1,030,079	€1,046,473	€1,261,737	€1,129,835	€689,253
Reg & Loc Roads Restoration Improvement	€19,278,500			€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
DTTAS RI Programme Support	€251,141			€51,937	€47,922	€62,214	€53,800	€35,267
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,529,641			€4,038,834	€3,726,593	€4,838,034	€4,183,717	€2,742,463
NTA Active Travel	€3,615,000			€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€875,000			€450,000		€350,000	€75,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€2,450,000			€2,000,000			€450,000	
Former National Roads	€450,000						€450,000	
Drainage Works (Note 11)	€1,320,000			€272,983	€251,879	€327,001	€282,776	€185,362
DTTAS Drainage Programme Support	€31,680			€6,552	€6,045	€7,848	€6,787	€4,449
Climate Adaptation	€918,750			€88,000	€396,250	€170,000	€230,000	€34,500
Specific Grants Total =	€10,551,430			€3,851,798	€1,429,192	€1,270,574	€2,440,436	€1,559,430
Total Roads Areas Non-National Roads Funding =	€46,850,061			€11,370,425	€8,237,480	€10,194,366	€10,643,401	€6,404,389
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 18)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 19)	€90,000					€90,000		
Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates (Note 20)	€350,000			€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000
Car Parking	€980,000			€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
Burial Grounds	€37,200			€7,200	€4,800	€8,400	€12,000	€4,800
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
Roads Related Items Total =	€2,487,981			€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€2,487,981			€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
TOTAL AREA OFFICE 2023 FUNDING =	€49,833,229			€12,101,762	€8,474,179	€10,631,883	€11,862,167	€6,763,238

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Notes:

- 1 TII allocations must be spent in accordance with the TII Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 TII allocations announced to date do not contain any allocation for High Collision Locations or Crash Barrier repairs. It is expected that funding under these headings will be announced by TII aimed at specific locations on the national road network in the coming months.
- 3 No TII Capital Maintenance or HD28 announced to date.
- 4 Active Travel (NTA) must be spent in accordance with the latest NTA Guidance Circulars
- 5 DTTAS allocations must be spent in compliance with DTTAS Circular RW1/2023 and the latest Memorandum on Grants For Regional and Local Roads.
- 6 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve. The budget has been set at €1,000,000 for 2023 to reflect the likely expenditure.
- 7 In previous years LAs were permitted by DTTaS to use up to 15% of their initial Discretionary Grant for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). As LIS is now provided through the Department for Rural and Community Development this facility is no longer available from DTTaS.
- 8 Funding has again been provided for 2023 for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) as per previous commitment by DTTaS.
- 9 €48,000 and €27,000 have been allocated for Speed Limits , Housing Area Signage and Rural Speed Limit Signage respectively, to be distributed by RD when the current Speed Limit Review is complete.
- 10 As applied for in 2022, DTTaS have provided €8,250 in 2023 to allow for erection of passing cycle signage, some on existing and some on new poles.
- 11 DTTaS have continued their Drainage Grant for 2023 with funding of €1,320,00 and is to be used to address locations with drainage problems on the road network. This year the DCC have topped up with a supplementary 'DTTaS Drainage Programme Support' budget of €31,680
- 12 DTTaS have funded €114,500 for training, and remaining training costs over and above this have to come from OR.
- 13 It was identified that there was a need for a Minor Bridge Non Structural Repair programme, and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 14 It was noted in the Budget Book that there was a need to advance the design work on certain bridges and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 15 The increase in outdoor staff numbers has resulted in increased staffing costs for outdoor work gangs. Similar to previous years monies have been retained centrally for targeting at RSS areas where staffing costs cannot be met from existing maintenance funding. €400,000 has been retained for this purpose.
- 16 €911,071 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously.
- 17 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2023 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with their individual preferences.
- 18 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2023 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on split following disbandment of Town Councils.
- 19 Merville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments and a separate allocation has again been made in the 2023 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.
- 20 2023 sees the continuation of the programme 'Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates' to undertake repair works to access infrastructure at Council housing estates during 2023. A fund totalling €350,000 (equivalent to €70,000 per MD) has been allocated for this purpose.
- 21 It is expected that Roads Own Resources funds will continue to be spent as normal as per the following breakdown from Budget Book 2023:

Drainage Works on Roads	40% - 50%
Road Surface Repairs	35% - 45%
Verge Maintenance	0% - 10%
Sign Maintenance	0% - 5%
Bridge Inspections	0% - 5%
Emergency RTC and Flooding Response	0% - 5%
Street Cleaning	0% - 15%
- 22 Where specific allocations are made to MDs on the basis of their having former Town Councils it is expected that these allocations will be spent in the former Town Council areas and will not be used to supplement budgets outside of these areas.
- 23 The 2023 road mileage was taken from the updated National and Regional lengths currently recorded on the PMS as per below, resulting in minor changes from 2022

Municipal District	National Primary	National Secondary	Regional	Local	Non National Total
Donegal	34.9%	17.4%	16.6%	21.3%	20.7%
Glenties		68.6%	26.0%	18.1%	19.1%
Inishowen	10.9%		23.0%	25.0%	24.8%
Letterkeny	17.1%	14.0%	24.2%	21.0%	21.4%
Stranorlar	37.1%		10.2%	14.6%	14.0%

Appendix II
Restoration Maintenance 2023
Restoration Improvement 2023
Drainage Works 2023

Proposed Restoration Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Budget 2023 actual	Budget 2023 accumulative	Allocated Budget 2023
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-2	Crucknanonian	SD	500	€12,500	€12,500	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7291-1	Archies Road	SD	1,500	€37,600	€50,100	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6161-1	Mount Scourge	SD	1,300	€26,000	€76,100	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6311-3	Busmans Clar	SD	850	€21,350	€97,450	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6291-1	Tullynavin (Ph 2)	SD	1,000	€22,500	€119,950	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7741-1+ L7701-1	Calhame	SD	1,400	€31,500	€151,450	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6534-2	Carrowtrasna	SD	600	€13,500	€164,950	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	€37,500	€202,450	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	€32,500	€234,950	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1891-1-2	Iskaheen to Gap	SD	1,220	€24,551	€259,501	
Moville	Inish North	R	R241-4-5	Tardrum Rd	SD	1,400	€47,659	€307,160	€307,160
Moville Total						12,570	307,160		
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	€53,625	€53,625	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5661-1	Whinpark	SD	2,300	€46,000	€99,625	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1271-2-3	Gorey/Lime Q	SD	2,000	€42,000	€141,625	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5611-1	Trawbrega Strand Rd	SD	1,000	€20,000	€161,625	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	€28,700	€190,325	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1281-1	Cashel to Choill	SD	1,000	€25,000	€215,325	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5161-2	Coulhons Road	SD	2,300	€40,250	€255,575	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1331-1	Drumageesson/Tremone	SD	2,300	€43,700	€299,275	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	€14,500	€313,775	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	€11,300	€325,075	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	€37,000	€362,075	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	€5,671	€367,746	€367,746
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081	McGee Clongash Phase 2	SD	1,700	€42,500	€42,500	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7111	Cleenagh to McGee	SD	560	€15,400	€57,900	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1851	Inch Road	SD	1,400	€45,500	€103,400	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1721	Illies Road	SD	1,800	€54,000	€157,400	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1741	Ludden Road	SD	1,400	€42,000	€199,400	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L		Tonduff	SD	750	€16,875	€216,275	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-16914	Old Sleadrin Road	SD	700	€15,750	€232,025	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1181	Cloontagh to Carn Mountain	SD	1,650	€45,375	€277,400	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6731	Smithys road to O'Donnells	SD	1,600	€36,000	€313,400	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7091	Ballymagan Hill (Big House)	SD	1,200	€32,993	€346,393	€346,393
Buncrana Rural Total						12,760			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1971	Moss Road - Callaghans Road	SD	2,150.00	€53,750	€53,750	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1881	Bray Road Burnfoot	SD	1,800.00	€54,000	€107,750	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8071	McKeagues Road Dundrean	SD	1,400.00	€35,000	€142,750	
Newtown	Inish South	R	R265	5 Road Ends to Burkes	SD	1,300.00	€48,151	€190,901	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7921 & L-7911	Inch Levels Farm Road	SD	2,000.00	€49,537	€240,438	€240,438
Newtown Total									
IMD TOTAL						42,920			€ 1,261,737

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RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	PSCI Rating	Road Name	Works Type	Length of work (m)	Width of work (m)	Area (m2)	Budget 2023 estimate	Budget 2023 available
Carn	Inish North	R	R242-2		Lagg Rd Malin	RR	1,400	5.5	7,700	€230,000	€230,000
Carn	Inish North	R	R238-33		Birney Brae	RR	800	6.5	5,200	€150,000	€380,000
Carn	Inish North	R	R240-3		The Mullins Carn	RR	600	10.0	6,000	€150,000	€530,000
Carn	Inish North	LP	L1011-1		X Rds, MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SR	1,000	4.5	4,500	€90,000	€620,000
Carn	Inish North	LP	L1211-1-2		Tiernaleague X / Corvish Br	SR	1,400	5.5	7,700	€150,000	€770,000
Carn	Inish North	LS	L5541-1		Craignahorna Link Rd	SR	1,000	3.5	3,500	€90,000	€860,000
Carn	Inish North	LS	L6021-1		Carahork (Ph 1)	SR	1,200	3.5	4,200	€90,000	€950,000
Carn	Inish North	LP	L1061-2		Urbalreagh/Lr Braghy	SR	2,200	4.5	9,900	€200,000	€1,150,000
Carn	Inish North	LS	L5811-1		Gortiyarn/ Effish	SR	1,300	3.5	4,550	€95,000	€1,245,000
Carn	Inish North	LP	L1221-1		Oysters Rd Carn	SR	1,000	3.5	3,500	€96,697	€1,341,697
Carn	Inish North	R	R240-1		Malin St Carn	RR	170	6.5	1,190	€50,000	€1,391,697
Carn Total 2023											€1,391,697.00

Draft RI 2023 Movice RSS

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	PSCI Rating	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Width of work (m)	Area (m2)	Budget 2023 estimate	Budget 2023 accumulated
Movice	Inish North	LS	L7271-1		Spinks	SR	1,500	4.5	6,750	110,000.00	€1,501,697.00
Movice	Inish North	R	R241-1		Movice Town	RR	400	12.0	4,800	140,000.00	€1,641,697.00
Movice	Inish North	R	R238-50		Muff Street	RR	450	7.0	3,150	200,000.00	€1,841,697.00
Movice	Inish North	LS	L7721-1		Lisnagra	SR	2,000	3.5	7,000	115,000.00	€1,956,697.00
Movice	Inish North	LP	L1361-1		Glenagivney Rd	SR	2,000	4.0	8,000	160,000.00	€2,116,697.00
Movice	Inish North	LP	L1731-6		Illies (Ph 1)	SR	1500	4.0	6,000	120,000.00	€2,236,697.00
Movice	Inish North	LP	L1341-3		Tiryone (Ph 1)	SR	1500	5.0	7,500	150,000.00	€2,386,697.00
Movice	Inish North	LS	L6151-1		Big Lonin Moneydarragh	SR	640	5.5	3,520	80,000.00	€2,466,697.00
Movice	Inish North	LT	L18913		Kilderry Lane	SR	570	3.5	1,995	22,839.00	€2,489,536.00
Movice	Inish North	LP	L-1471-3		Upper Rd Shroove	RR	1,000	5.5	5,500	64,575.00	€2,554,111.00
Movice Total 2023											€1,162,414.00

Draft 2023 Buncrana RSS

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	PSCI Rating	Road Name	Works Type	Length of work (m)	Width of work (m)	Area (m2)	Budget 2023 estimate	Budget 2023 available
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Coach Rd to Crislakeel (Stock car)	SR	900	6.0	5400	€130,032	€130,032
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Carnashannagh Rd Tievebane to Burnfoot -Widen and overlay (Final Phase)	SR	800	5.0	4,000	€100,000	€230,032
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Porter Meenagorey (Carlin to John Mc Daid house) top of slavery	SR	1,500	6.5	9750	€243,750	€473,782
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Shore Rd Dunaff	RR	800	4.5	3600	€81,000	€554,782
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Smithys Rd Dunaff	RR	500	3.5	1750	€43,750	€598,532
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Hirrels Rd Cloontagh	RR	800	3.5	2800	€63,000	€661,532
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Coolcross Jct towards Ballyliffin	SR	1,000	6.5	6500	€218,087	€879,619
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Isle Rd Sledrin	SR	1,000	5.0	5000	€112,500	€992,119
BUNCRANA	Inish South	L		6	Illies bridge to meenamullighan	SR	1,200	5.4	6480	€162,000	€1,154,119
Bunvcrana	Inish South	R		6	Lisfannon Corner	SR	150	10.0	1500	€52,500	€1,206,619
Buncrana Urban											
BUNCRANA	Inish South	R		6	Railway Rd BUNCRANA	SR	400	9.5	3800	€125,400	€1,332,019
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L1781	5	Aghilly Patching Contract	SD	570	6.0	3420	€41,993	€1,374,012
Buncrana Total 2023											€1,374,012.00

Draft 2023 Newtown RSS

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	PSCI Rating	Road Name	Works Type	Length of work (m)	Width of work (m)	Area (m2)	Budget 2023 estimate	Budget 2023 available
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2051-1	6	Newtowncunnigham Main Street	RR	1500	7.5	11250	€280,000	€280,000
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-237	6	Killea Main Street	SR	700	8.5	5950	€233,319	€513,319
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-239-1	6	Slab Rd Corner	RR	200	8.0	1600	€58,399	€571,717
Newtown	Inish South	R	R 239-3	6	Birds Town Phase 3	RR	850	7.0	5950	€150,000	€721,717
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2161-1	6	Imlick Rd - Carrigans to Killea Phase 4	SR	800	5.5	4400	€162,662	€884,379
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1991-2	6	Granian of Alieach App Ph 2	SR	965	5	4,825	€25,532	€909,911
Newtown Total 2023										909,911	€909,911.00

Proposed Drainage Provision Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Cost (€)	Budget (€)		Notes
Moville	Inish North	Ardmore Muff LP1891-3	120m of 300mm dia plus gullies and MH. Dig out old conc pipes.	€ 8,000.00			On going road flooding issue.
Moville	Inish North	Bolin L1911-2	150m of 600mm dia pipe + MH + 2 Gullies to prevent flooding.	€ 10,000.00			On going road flooding issue.
Moville	Inish North	Rd crossing at Keady LT19113	Replace bridge parapet walls,railing and Road. Remove gravel and debree.	€ 15,000.00			Washed away/damaged 12th Jan'23 flood.
Moville	Inish North	Crawford Square	Flood preven wk. 30m of deep dig 300 dia, 2 MH's, 4 Gullies, 2 Crossings	€ 10,000.00			On going road flooding issue.
Moville	Inish North	Carrowtrasna Hill Rd	110m of 600 and 300mm dia + Rd crossing. To protect Rd.	€ 10,000.00			Hill Rd washed out on 2 occassions previous.
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	€ 18,000.00			On going road flooding issue.
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	€ 10,514.00	€ 81,514.00	€ 81,514.00	On going road flooding issue.
Moville Total				€ 81,514.00	€ -		
Carndonagh	Inish North	MH Lid Replacement various locations	7 No. MH lids need replacing in Carn general area.	€ 12,000.00			Ongoing problem with ironworks on reg rds.
Carndonagh	Inish North	Foxhole Road Culvert replacement LT57812	Replace 40m of 600mm dia culvert in hill rd to prevent flooding.	€ 6,000.00			On going road flooding issue.
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.	€ 20,000.00			To prevent road+house flooding. Confined dig.
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	€ 8,000.00			Reqd to prevent flooding and road damage.
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	€ 20,000.00			No other solution available.
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	€ 15,000.00			On going road flooding issue.
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	€ 3,500.00			On going road flooding issue.
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	170m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	€ 13,101.00	€ 97,601.00	€ 97,601.00	To get water off the road and prevent damage.
Carndonagh Total				€ 97,601.00	€ -		
Buncrana	Inish South	Shandurm/Umyrcan R238	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	€34,482.50			
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Buncrana	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	€12,512.60			
Buncrana	Inish South	Military Road	150 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	€16,500.00			
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislakeel Burnfoot	60 metre of 300mm pipe @ € 98.00 per metre	€5,880.00			
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	No1 New Roadcrossing with 600mm pipe and Manhole	€6,300.00			
Buncrana	Inish South	Inch Road	No1 New Roadcrossing with 300 mm pipe - and Manhole	€4,800.00			
Buncrana	Inish South	Main lLlies road	64 metre of 450mm pipe @ € 163.30 per metre	€11,450.90	€91,926.00	€ 91,926.00	
Buncrana Total				€91,926.00	€ -		
Newtown	Inish South	Castruse L2111-3	100m of 300mm pipe with 2 gullies	€10,363.00			
Newtown	Inish South	Glenn Road Newtown L8271-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	€12,000.00			
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgend to Burnfoot Regional R238	5 no. gullies required along this road to prevent surface water on carriage way	€4,500.00			
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parapet walls	€26,500.00			
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	€10,444.00	€63,807.00	€ 63,807.00	
Newtown Total				€ 63,807.00	€ -		
Grand Total					€ -	€ 334,848.00	

Appendix III
Community Involvement Scheme 2023

DRAFT CIS Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Budget 2023 actual	Budget 2023 accumulative	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LR	L-1911-2	Drumskellan Rd Drumskellan Muff 470	G D	150	€32,000	€32,000	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LR & Reg	L6471, L1471 R-241	Ballybrack, Moville (Part of 471)	FP	200	€24,000	€56,000	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1221-3	Moss Road Carndonagh 463	G D P-RP	220	€42,022	€98,022	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LR	L-1111-1	Portaleen Brea Glengad Glengad 460	G D	18	€12,340	€110,362	2023	2023	
North Inishowen						588	€110,362				
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LR	L-5381-2	Gaddyduff Road Gaddyduff 400	G D P-RP	250	€45,000	€45,000	2023	2023	Continuation of footpath works from 2018 CIS (109) - linking the village of Ballyliffin and Buncrana via Gaddyduff
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	LR	L-1171	Clonmany 417	G	150	€10,181	€55,181	2023	2023	Public road widening and layby construction
Newtown	Inish South	LS	L-8211-1	Ballyhaskey Road Ballyhaskey Newtowncunningham 467	G D	160	€55,181	€110,362	2023	2023	
South Inishowen						560	€110,362				
IMD TOTAL						1,148	€220,724				

Appendix IV

Inishowen MD Report on Roads & Footpaths Programme
in Council Housing Estates 2022



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Inishowen MD

Subject: Proposed programme of works for Maintenance of Council Housing Estates

Date: 25th July 2022

At the Roads SPC meeting in February 2021, a policy was agreed around the maintenance of Roads, Footpaths and Public Lighting in Council Housing Estates which assigned responsibility for this work to Roads. This was subsequently adopted at plenary level at the March 2021 Council Meeting.

Funding of €70,000 has been allocated to each municipal district in the 2022 Revenue Budget. It is expected that further funding will be made available in subsequent years.

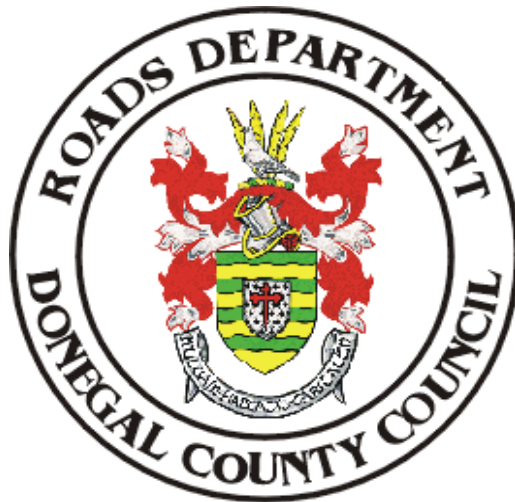
The Road Office in collaboration with the Housing & Corporate are recommending a 4-year programme where the full allocation is allocated as follows:

Year	Estate	Proposed Works
Year 1	Moville RSS Area Ard Foyle & O'Gara Villas	Back lanes 250 metres resurfaced Replace broken kerbs Refurbish 8 No MH covers
2023	Newtowncunningham RSS Area Colehill in Newtowncunningham	Back lanes/ Footpaths To be agreed with elected members
Year 3	Carndonagh RSS Area Kilbreadagh	Back lanes/ Footpaths To be agreed with elected members
Year 4	Buncrana RSS Area	Back lanes/ Footpaths To be agreed with elected members

Appendix V

Monthly Roads Report Template 2023

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

7th March 2023

Proposed Restoration Improvement Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LS	Spinks	SR	1,500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	R	Moville Town	RR	400	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	R	Muff Street	RR	450	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Lisnagra	SR	2,000	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Glenagivney Rd	SR	2,000	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Illies (Ph 1)	SR	1500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Tiryrone (Ph 1)	SR	1500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Big Lonin Moneydarragh	SR	640	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LT	Kilderry Lane	SR	570	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Upper Road Shorove	RR	1000	2023	2023	
Moville Total 2022					8,833,305			
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg Rd Malin	RR	1,400	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	R	Birney Brae	RR	800	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	R	The Mullins Carn	RR	600	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LP	X Rds, MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SR	1,000	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Tiernaleague X / Corvish Br	SR	1,400	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Craignahorna Link Rd	SR	1,000	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Carahork (Ph 1)	SR	1,200	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Urbalreagh/Lr Braghy	SR	2,200	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Gortiyarn/ Effish	SR	1,300	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Oysters Rd Carn	SR	1,000	2023	2023	
Carn	Inish North	R	Malin St Carn	RR	170	2023	2023	
Carn Total 2022					9,746,640			
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Coach Rd to Crislakeel (Stock car)	SR	900	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Carnashannagh Rd Tievebane to Burnfoot -Widen and overlay (Final Phase)	SR	800	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Porter Meenagorey (Carlin to John Mc Daid house) top of slavery	SR	1,500	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Shore Rd Dunaff	RR	800	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Smithys Rd Dunaff	RR	500	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Hirrels Rd Cloontagh	RR	800	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Coolcross Jct towards Ballyliffin	SR	1,000	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Isle Rd Sledrin	SR	1,000	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Illies bridge to meenamullighan	SR	1,200	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Lisfannon Corner	SR	150	2023	2023	
Buncrana Total 2022					9,650			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Railway Rd BUNCRANA	SR	400	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Aghilly Patching Contract	SR	570	2023	2023	
Buncrana Urban Total 2022					970			
Newtown	Inish South	L	Newtowncunnigham Main Street	RR	1500	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	R	Killea Main Street	SR	700	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	R	Slab Rd Corner	RR	200	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	R	Birds Town Phase 3	RR	850	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Imlick Rd - Carrigans to Killea Phase 4	SR	800	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Granian of Alieach App Ph 2	SR	965	2023	2023	
Newtown Total 2022					5,015			
IMD TOTAL								

(Proposed) 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	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7291-1	Archies Road	SD	1,500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6161-1	Mount Scourge	SD	1,300	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6311-3	Busmans Clar	SD	850	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6291-1	Tullynavin (Ph 2)	SD	1,000	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7741-1+ L7701-1	Calhame	SD	1,400	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6534-2	Carrowtrasna	SD	600	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1891-1-2	Iskaheen to Gap	SD	1,220	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	R	R241-4-5	Tardrum Rd	SD	1,400	2023	2023	
Moville Total						12,570			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5661-1	Whinpark	SD	2,300	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1271-2-3	Gorey/Lime Q	SD	2,000	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5611-1	Trawbrega Strand Rd	SD	1,000	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1281-1	Cashel to Choill	SD	1,000	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5161-2	Coulhons Road	SD	2,300	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1331-1	Drumagesson/Tremone	SD	2,300	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	2023	2023	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081	McGee Clongash Phase 2	SD	1,700	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7111	Cleenagh to McGee	SD	560	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1851	Inch Road	SD	1,400	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1721	Illies Road	SD	1,800	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1741	Ludden Road	SD	1,400	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L		Tonduff	SD	750	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-16914	Old Sleadrin Road	SD	700	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1181	Cloontagh to Carn Mountain	SD	1,650	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6731	Smithys road to O'Donnells	SD	1,600	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7091	Ballymagan Hill (Big House)	SD	1,200	2023	2023	
Buncrana Rural Total						12,760			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1971	Moss Road - Callaghans Road	SD	2,150.00	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1881	Bray Road Burnfoot	SD	1,800.00	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8071	McKeagues Road Dundrean	SD	1,400.00	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	R	R265	5 Road Ends to Burkes	SD	1,300.00	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7921 & L-7911	Inch Levels Farm Road	SD	2,000.00	2023	2023	
Newtown Total						8,650			
IMD TOTAL						51,570			

Proposed 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.	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Bolin L1911-2	150m of 600mm dia pipe + MH + 2 Gullies to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Rd crossing at Keady LT19113	Replace bridge parapet walls,railing and Road. Remove gravel and debree.	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Crawford Square	Flood preven wk. 30m of deep dig 300 dia, 2 MH's, 4 Gullies, 2 Crossings	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Carrowtrasna Hill Rd	110m of 600 and 300mm dia + Rd crossing. To protect Rd.	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	MH Lid Replacement various locations	7 No. MH lids need replacing in Carn general area.	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Foxhole Road Culvert replacement LT57812	Replace 40m of 600mm dia culvert in hill rd to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	
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.	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	400m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	2023	2023	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Shandurm/Umyrcan R238	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Buncrana	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Military Road	150 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislakeel Burnfoot	60 metre of 300mm pipe @ € 98.00 per metre	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	No1 New Roadcrossing with 600mm pipe and Manhole	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Inch Road	No1 New Roadcrossing with 300 mm pipe - and Manhole	2023	2023	
Buncrana	Inish South	Main ILLies road	64 metre of 450mm pipe @ € 163.30 per metre	2023	2023	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Castruse L2111-3	100m of 300mm pipe with 2 gullies	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	Glenn Road Newtown L8271-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgend to Burnfoot Regional R238	5 no. gullies required along this road to prevent surface water on carriage way	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parapet walls	2023	2023	
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2023	2023	
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Low Cost Safety Programme 2022

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	2023	2023	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.
Moville Total						1,400			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R/L	R238	R238, L-5411 & L-1151	local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend	200	2023	2023	Proposed to carry out local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend while also providing safe egress for traffic on the L-1151 increasing visibility for all road users.
Buncrana Total						200			
						1,600			



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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Inishowen Municipal District Report February 2023

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1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Relocation Marketing Campaign: A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas will kick off w/c Jan 30th supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. This campaign includes a videos aimed showcasing Donegal as the ideal place for a work-life balance an career opportunities, with press feature testimonials on those who have made the move to Donegal including Niamh Mc Laughlin (Donegal Women’s GAA), Iain Miller (Unique Ascent), Jacqueline Glackin (Author), Shaun Murrin (Engineer). All informaiton on the campaign including these elements are available on: https://donegal.ie/move</p> <p>The Economic Development Unit would be delighted if the Councillors could support the campaign by liking and sharing the video and content we are sharing across social media.</p> <p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 12 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: recommendations from the Caravan, Camping and Campervan study are being implemented along with internal and external stakeholders. This includes a review of Aire de Service locations, grant support for overnight facilities and the updating of marketing information for the sector. Partners are currently reviewing work completed in 2022 and planning for 2023.</p> <p>Remote Working Strategy: The first Donegal Hubs Forum meeting took place in 2023 online on the 18th of January with a new Cathaoirleach Míchéal Ó Duibhir from Gteic@Gaoth Dobhair.</p>

#BuyDonegal 2022: #BuyDonegal 2022 has concluded supporting over 350 businesses to showcase Donegal business to a global audience. The campaign reached 7.5 million across social media with 97% of businesses, who provided campaign feedback, stated a willingness to participate in a future such campaign.

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

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	57,300	4,481 (+58)
Twitter	12,242	2,697 (+255)
Instagram	4,551	3,718 (+58)
Facebook	154,189	1,833 (+28)
Donegal.ie	3.6K Web Users (4 weeks 29 Dec – 26 Jan)	

4 News Items Published

Shared Island: Donegal County Council were awarded funding for a series of new innovative projects under the Irish Government’s Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme and will be working in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in the coming year. The Economic Development Unit will be leading out on four projects and are currently scoping requirements for feasibility assessment and governance structures, in preparation for procurement of consultants in early 2023.

- **The North West Regulatory Tech Cluster project** is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology (‘RegTech’) in the North West. DCC will work with Derry City and Strabane District Council, Catalyst, ATU and other partners to develop campuses in both Letterkenny and Derry. A project manager for two Shared Island projects (Slí Cholmcille and RegTech) was appointed on 5th December 2022 to drive the process forward. An industry engagement took place on 1 February to help shape the project with 31 participants.

- **Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border enterprise opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, advanced manufacturing & engineering and agri-food. Initial project scoping has been carried out which will lead into preparation for procurement of consultants in early February 2023.
- **Regenerative Tourism** involving engagement with the region's place, past and people, seeking to attract high-yield environmentally conscious visitors. DCC are working with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The project scoping requirements for feasibility assessment and governance structures are currently underway in preparation for procurement of consultants in early February 2023.
- **Slí Cholmcille Project** is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC will work with Derry City & Strabane District Council and Slí Cholmcille CLG to undertake the feasibility assessment which will include route development, identification of capital investment, costings and designs as well as an economic appraisal and business case

North West City Region: Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** both councils are finalising the development of pitch propositions focusing on key investment sectors. These propositions will form the basis of future promotion of the region for inward investment and will articulate the competitive strengths and opportunities in the region.
- **Talent Solutions:** both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. Both Councils are currently working with key stakeholders to identify how best to target employers and employees to engage with online surveys.
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey. Both Councils conducted joint communications to promote the Investment Event held in Dublin and are working as part of the proposition development for future events.

	<p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms : @NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development.</p> <p>The EDU are currently working with the WDC to ensure complementarity between the Councils Relocation Campaign and the WDCs “More to Life” campaign, which are both promoting Donegal as a relocation option for the diaspora and those interested in moving to the Western Seaboard.</p> <p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
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1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Inishowen MD	<p>Night-Time Economy Pilot Advisor: Buncrana will benefit from a new advisor to help develop a sustainable night-time economy in the town as part of a new pilot scheme.</p> <p>As part of this a new Night-Time Advisor will be appointed for a two-year period. The post will be funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (DTCAGSM) and the Department. The post will be finalised and advertised in the coming months.</p>
Countywide	<p>Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal</p> <p>End of Year Stats Report for the govisitdonegal.com website and social media is being prepared. Information will be provided at the next MD meeting.</p>

Year to Date Stats - 1st January until 2023

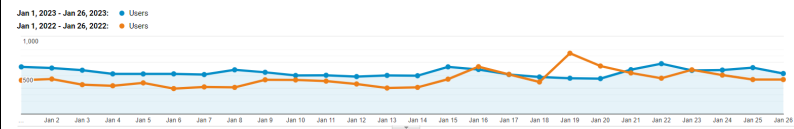
Social media performs strongly in January across all our social platforms.

Website traffic 1st – 26th January vs the same period in 2022

	YTD	Performance vs same period in 2022
Page Views	34,264	+18.8%
Users	13,000	+19.3%

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Website traffic 1st – 26th January vs the same period in 2022



Currently we are encouraging potential visitors to start planning their holiday and choose Donegal as their unforgettable destination in 2023.

Website views by country: (Traffic came from 92 countries in total)

Top 10 Countries (1st-26th January 2023):

Country	Users	% Users
1. Ireland	5,511	42.14%
2. United Kingdom	4,209	32.19%
3. United States	1,502	11.49%
4. China	266	2.03%
5. Germany	198	1.51%
6. Canada	189	1.45%
7. Australia	159	1.22%
8. (not set)	126	0.96%
9. France	125	0.96%
10. Netherlands	104	0.80%

Tourism Brochure 2023: A new 64 page, A5 tourism brochure has been designed for 2023. 10,000 copies of this brochure have been printed and will be distributed across the county. The brochures will be distributed to several tourism partners including Donegal, Derry, Belfast and Ireland West airports, tourist offices in the North West, ferry ports and main tourist attractions/visitor centres across the county.

A flipbook has been created on the govisitdonegal.com website. Brochures are a very valuable tool and allows for easy demonstrations of the county and its visitor attractions.

Holiday World 2023: Donegal's wealth of tourist attractions has been brought to the attention of thousands of people who visited the Holiday World Shows in the RDS in Dublin from the 27th to 29th January. Donegal Tourism hosted a 'Donegal Street' of stands.

Over 20 tourism sector representatives attended the show to promote their respective areas. The stand was well designed with professional imagery of our most iconic attractions such as Sliabh Liag, Fanad Lighthouse and Malin Head.

Having a wide variety of representatives from across the county ensured that visitors could find the information they needed about specific areas with local knowledge and expertise on hand to advise.

TBEX: Patti Hosking from TBEX in the USA visited Donegal in December with a view to Donegal being a potential host to this worldwide conference (online content creators/bloggers/influencers) in Donegal.

As a result of a successful assessment of the counties amenities a formal bid is not being compiled and a decision will be reached in the coming months.

Donegal Airport Marketing Collaboration: The Tourism Unit continues to support Donegal Airport to promote the Go Visit Donegal brand through an advertising campaign at the airport. This campaign will run from January – December 2023 and include:

- An online banner on the Donegal airport website creating brand awareness and generating click-throughs to the website govisitdonegal.com.
- 2no. 4m x 1m lightboxes. (One in waiting area and another luggage claim) for 12 months.

Tourism Seminar: The annual Donegal tourism seminar will be held on Thursday, March 30, location TBC.

	<p>This year’s seminar theme is ‘Emerging Trends and Opportunities in Tourism’. This industry event is a unique opportunity to come together, learn, and network. Key speakers are currently being secured and a save the date has been distributed to tourism trade throughout the county.</p> <p>TIDE Project: A six-month extension has been awarded on the project with additional outputs to continue to develop the experiences which includes models of the ship Saldanha.</p> <p>Information panels for sites at Fanad, Dunree and Greencastle were installed in December.</p> <p>Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign: Donegal County Council invited suitably qualified service providers, through etenders, to tender for the design, development and delivery of a marketing campaign for Spring and Autumn 2023.</p> <p>The tender is currently advertised on the etenders platform from 4th January 2023 – 3rd February 2023. A successful company will be appointed in the coming weeks.</p> <p>North West City Region: The tourism unit continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region. Staff from both council areas are working to deliver a targeted tourism marketing campaign.</p> <p>A Spring marketing campaign is in planning to promote and position the North West Region of Derry ~ Londonderry and Donegal as a ‘must-see’ short break destination of choice for the domestic market of NI and ROI during 2023.</p>
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1.3 1.3 Trail Gazers Bid Project

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc. • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return. • Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site. • Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies. • Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme. <p>SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS</p> <p>Website: www.trailgazers.eu</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers</p>

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trailgazers
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

#TrailGazers

PROGRESS

- Work has commenced on Trail Gazers final project reporting and claim (project end date for administration purposes 31st March 2023).
- Trail Gazers is delighted to have been successful with a Slaintecare Application (end of December) in order to carry out some of the recommendations raised following our accessibility audit. Procurement will commence shortly to address some of the issues raised.



- Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy has now been completed and will be available on our website for any groups or organisations to use in relation to their trails. This toolkit can be adapted to inform policy makers with a framework that identifies the required levels of investment, programming and management required to assist trails to become more economically and socially driven, thus increasing and attracting more visitors to trails.

Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period

- Launch Project Toolkit.
- Final project claim and reports.
- Final infrastructural works to be carried out under our Slaintecare application.

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1.4 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Countywide	<p>SFU Webinars & E-mail Newsletter: The SFU is working on a communications plan for 2023, which will incorporate a series of webinars and a monthly e-mail newsletter sharing information on EU and National funding opportunities.</p> <p>TOURBO Tourism Project Success: SFU in collaboration with the Tourism Unit has been successful in joining an Interreg Europe transnational consortium led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, to deliver the TOURBO project which will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with green and digital transformation known as the ‘Twin Transition’. The project will include analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training for MSME’s, pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise exchanges.</p> <p>SFU and Local Authority Funding Strategy 2023: The SFU is working with the <i>North West Regional Assembly</i> on developing a Local Authority Funding Strategy 2023 as a guide to maximising opportunities arising from the current EU funding programme period of 2021 – 2027.</p> <p>YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion: Following the launch of the "YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion" project, Donegal County Council will be working on a proposal to host a ‘future fair’, an event showcasing the opportunities in the North West for young people including skills and education, employment and entrepreneurship. The European Year of Skills will be 2023. This project will also include a 4-day training workshop in June 2023 where young people can participate in a training programme in media and communication skills delivered by international media agency Café Babel.</p> <p>Enterprise Week 2023 – YOUTHopia Webinar: As part of the YOUTHopia project, the SFU will be hosting a webinar in March 2023 as</p>

	<p>part of Enterprise Week themed around youth opportunities in the North West City Region in terms of skills and education, employment and entrepreneurship promoting the area as an innovative ecosystem where young people have opportunities to forge fulfilling careers and lifestyles.</p> <p>Exploration of EU Funding Opportunities with the North West Tertiary Education Cluster (NWTEC): The SFU continues to liaise with representatives of the NWTEC to discuss potential collaboration on EU funding opportunities including engagement in the YOUTHopia project in 2023.</p> <p>FLAG Board: The SFU will represent the Council on the FLAG Board. A meeting is planned for Friday 27th January to assess project applications under the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development: 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>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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1.5 Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
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<p>Countywide</p>	<p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023: A consultation exercise with the O’Neill family has been completed for the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023. A provisional date of 16th September 2023 has been agreed upon, with procurement to commence in early 2023. The first Tip O’Neill Committee Meeting of 2023 is scheduled for Friday, 3rd February.</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024: Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in Q1 2023.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media: A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 30/01/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p>LinkedIn – 1,138 (up 15) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 4,009 (up 1) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,535 (down 215) followers (due to Bot removal)</p> <p>Instagram – 270 (up 8) followers</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora: A meeting was held between the Diaspora Officer, Packie Bonner and the Tourism Ireland representative in Scotland in January 2023 with the aim of establishing a strong Diaspora network within key Scottish cities such as Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee. Further meetings are scheduled for planned collaborations in 2023.</p> <p>Relocation Campaign: The Relocation Campaign ‘Donegal is Calling’ was launched on January 30th. There is a strong focus on encouraging members of our Diaspora to consider a return home to Donegal, whilst also encouraging others considering relocation here. Leveraging existing Diaspora networks will be key for disseminating messaging. The campaign is scheduled to run until May 2023.</p>
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<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 - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of January 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next EVAC meeting taking place on 23/2/2023 • Trading Online Vouchers – 3 Businesses approved support to a value of €6,698 • Mentoring YTD – 4 Businesses have received this support • Training – 34 Business Attendees YTD. • Student Enterprise Programme – The latest programme began in September for this academic year. 769 Donegal students are participating in 15 schools. <p><u>Upcoming Programmes:</u></p> <p>Scale-X Accelerator</p> <p>Scale-X Accelerator is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics</p>
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that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.

Who is eligible?

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/SCALE-X/>

The programme is **FREE** and will begin in April 2023.

National Enterprise Awards

Silver Strand Ropes, based in Moville, was chosen prior to Christmas to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1st June, 2023. The National Enterprise Awards is a national competition open to any LEO that has availed of Measure 1 / other grant aid supports or completed a LEAN programme in 2022.

Award categories include the following:

- **Export**
- **Innovation**
- **Start-Up**
- **One to Watch**
- **Green & Sustainability**

Enterprise Week

The 2023 Enterprise Week is taking place on 6th to 10th March and this year the theme is “Be Inspired” with events taking place throughout the

County. Enterprise Week will be officially launched on 17th February, 2023.

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD – 4 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

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

Digitalisation supports competitiveness, productivity, and value creation and covers five main areas:

1. Data processing and analysis (i.e. gathering customer trends, values insights)
2. Cloud computing (i.e. moving software/data to the cloud for accessibility)
3. Cybersecurity (i.e. protecting records, information, IP and data from attacks)
4. Internet of Things (software/technology connectivity)
5. Industry 4.0 (i.e. process automation in manufacturing facilities and utilisation of AI)

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Micro

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green

consultant worth up to €2,500 who will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to businesses, including:

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (for example: using less energy, water, and materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher and additional value on products and services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image and reputation.
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts.

Lean For Micro

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.

Lean tools and techniques address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:

Food Coast Donegal

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

Current activities:

- The Food Coast Strategy Review is close to completion and should be finalised in February.
- 10 Donegal food and drink producers are travelling on 19th February, 2023, to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week long programme in Food Marketing where they will have the opportunity to attend executive lectures and field trips.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal's aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively on the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are in the final stages of developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal.

Donegal Engineering Cluster

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Cluster*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal by,

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.
- Increasing market knowledge within the cluster.
- Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners.
- Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development.

•Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups.

•Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members.

•Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally.

The Donegal Engineering Cluster Executive, Maura Toner, who was appointed in September, 2022, on a 3-year contract, is continuing to engage with engineers and other stakeholders to assess the opportunities for the sector and their current challenges. A needs analysis which will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Activities:

- 4 week Start Your Own Business Programme – Online – 7th February
- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 8th February
- Information Session Scale X Accelerator programme - 8th February

All bookings can be made here:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Donegal Stories: Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

Emergency Humanitarian Scheme to Small Businesses affected by the Explosion in Creeslough.

The local Enterprise Office continues to support the Red Cross with the scheme to provide Emergency Humanitarian Support to Small Businesses affected by the Explosion in Creeslough. The Scheme closed for applications on 13 January 2023.

This scheme provides an ex-gratia emergency humanitarian support contribution towards business losses as a result of the explosion in Creeslough on 7th October and the subsequent road closure. The scheme targeted at small businesses (up to 20 employees) and will have two stages:

	<p>1. The first stage provided a single once-off contribution towards the damage or other losses of up to a maximum of €5,000.</p> <p>2. For the businesses which incurred significant losses above €5,000, the second stage will provide a means to seek further support. However, this will be a more lengthy process requiring a more detailed assessment. The total level of support available for both stages combined will generally not exceed €20,000. However, claims in excess of the overall cap will be considered exceptionally on a case-by-case basis, subject to availability of overall budget for the scheme.</p> <p>To date, 22 businesses have received €96,740 in support under the first stage of the Scheme. 6 Businesses have also sought support under the second stage of the Scheme and these applications will be evaluated over the coming weeks.</p>
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3. Emergency Services: Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (December)

Activity	Number of: (December)*	Total for year
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>		
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	87	827
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	98	935
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	12	93

Operational Activity Breakdown December 2022

Donegal Fire Service

Northern Ireland Fire Service

Sub Total**Total****Fire Prevention**

Fire Safety Certificate applications received:

Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:

Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:

Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:

Dangerous Substance Licences issued:

Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:

Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):

Fire Safety Complaints received:

Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:

Turnouts		Incidents in County	
Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
49	49	38	39
5	7	3	7
54	56	41	46
110		87	
6		173	
46		N/A	
63		N/A	
9		116	
0		9	
0		3	
5		50	
7		204	
4		23	
3		19	

During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	4
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	79

*** Current data only available up to end of December 2022.**



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Community Development and Planning Directorate

Community Development Division

Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting – Monday 27th February 2023

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
3. 2019 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
4. 2019 Clonmany Town and Village Renewal Scheme
5. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
6. Playground Maintenance
7. Donegal Walks and Trails
8. Buncrana School Campus
9. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. - Merville playground
10. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. – Barrack Hill Town Park
11. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
12. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville
13. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
14. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
15. 2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Merville
16. 2021 Clár funding – Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney
17. Social Inclusion
18. Donegal Youth



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head
Activity / Project Description	<p><u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> 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</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design. • 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. • There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. • 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. • 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. • To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed. • <i>It is acknowledged that there has been significant delays in advancing the acquisition of these lands.</i> • <i>The Council is working towards progressing these matters over the coming period and will arrange to keep the MD members updated on progress.</i>

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>February 2023 update for Malin Head</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council are committed to progressing the Malin Head project in partnership with Fáilte Ireland as described above and are proceeding to acquire the necessary lands for the project. • Work is ongoing with the appointed consultants to prepare the necessary planning documentation for submission to An Bord Pleanála in Q2 2023.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923</p>



Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
<p>Project Description/Activity</p> <p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan</p> <p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th 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. • 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. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • 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 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • 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 • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • 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 • An application for funding has been submitted and it has been successful under the Council’s Minor Tourism related works grant scheme for small intervention works at An Grianan of Aileach:- • 1) Interpretative information panel (s) showing points of interest and mapping. This will also provide an orientation marker of Inishowen and Donegal whilst showing its significance and close proximity to Northern Ireland.(2) The proposal also includes the installation of 2 no. benches to provide accessible seating and enhance the scenic and recreational amenity for visitors, the elderly and the community to sit and absorb the spectacular vista and history and heritage of the site. It will help nurture a civic pride of place. 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. • The seating and orientation information panel planned for the site is now been reviewed.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conservation and Management Plan was completed by the OPW in January 2021. • The Members have requested a meeting with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at the site.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Fiona Doherty, fdoherty@donegalcoco.ie 087 3678954</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: Buncrana Tourist Office -February 2023

<p>Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)</p>	<p>2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme Tourist office, Buncrana The development of a new Tourism website. Refurbishment of the tourist office in collaboration with Explore Inishowen (govisitinishowen) Information signage, enhancement of the area around the pier.</p> <p><u>2020 T&V Accelerated measure 2 funding</u> Funding granted for improvement and modifications to the tourist office to allow for safe entry and exit in compliance with Covid-19 regulations. This work to be incorporated into the 2018 T&V Renewal capital work</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p>Budget <i>(if applicable)</i></p>	<p>€100,000 –2018 T&V - Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources</p> <p>€39,996 – 2020 T&V Acceleration measure 2 fund</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>2018 T&V - Phase 1 Work Completed in 2019</u> Development of new Website. Signage,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The govisitinishowen.ie website completed and delivered • Information Technology equipment installed • Branding signage and marketing material completed <p><u>Contact person: Fiona Doherty 0873678954</u></p> <p><u>2018 T&V phase 2 incorporating 2020 T&V Accelerated measure 2 funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tender documents are been finalised for the procurement of an architect for the refurbishment of the tourist office and outside space. • An architect has been appointed for the refurbishment works associated with the project. • These works have been published on e-tenders with a closing date of 15th September, 2021 • The appointed Architect has completed the design associated with the 2018 T&V funding and also the additional funding allocated under the 2020 Town and Village Accelerated measure 2 programme. The tendering process for the capital works has been completed and the next step is to engage a contractor • The Engineers are in discussions with a contractor to start

	<p>the works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A/Senior Executive Engineer, is liaising with the Dept of Environment and Local Government in relation to the project and sought an extension of the funding drawdown period to facilitate the appointment of the contractor to undertake the construction work of the project. • Refurbishment work commenced at the end of September 2022 by Seamus Friel & Sons Ltd. • Work scheduled to be completed in 12 weeks. • The facilities currently available to campervans will be unavailable until the work is completed. • This information has been included on Donegal Tourism and Total Motorhome Ireland social media platforms.
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2023 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The refurbishment capital work is on schedule and will be completed at the end of this month.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>James Kelly A/Senior Executive Engineer 087 2236923 Contact for capital works.</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Moville Playground• Bunrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2022 Maintenance/repair plan has been Completed.• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark is completed.• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.• Culdaff Playground• Moville Playground• Bunrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground• The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022.• 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.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period * Delete irrelevant reporting period	<u>February 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender assessment currently underway to appoint a playground maintenance contractor for 2023.• Local fund raising is currently ongoing by a family to purchase and install a wheelchair accessible swing into the Festival playground in Bunrana. The technical staff are assisting with this item.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update- February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget Transitional Programme	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 46 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 €2,166,463.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting took place on the 15 th March, 2023. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
Contact Person	Seamus Canning 074 9172597. seamusc@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development, and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>ORIS Projects North West Community Development in collaboration with IDP were successful in obtaining funding for the following work in Inishowen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stragill Bridge and beach access path, Linsfort, Buncrana €29,700 • Shara gore Multi access wetland trail €29,750 • Leenan Coastal trail Extension, Urris, Clonmany €29,700 <p>Some of the works has been tendered out with a contractor appointed.</p> <p>Inishowen Head There is a need to have the surface improved and the few items on the inspection report addressed. It would be an option to consider this trail as a possible ORIS 2023 project</p> <p>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed improvement works will commence when on-going issues are resolved. • The Sport Ireland Inspection report is available on request.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>February 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progression of a funding application for repairs to the Inishowen Head registered walk. • Exploring walks and trail options for 2023
Contact Person	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: February 2023 - Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	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.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <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 particular 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"> • 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. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • 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. • The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPO is concluded. • The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs. • The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the School Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – MOVILLE
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and improvement of Playpark on Moville Shoregreen.
Budget (if applicable)	€81,027.08
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings and consultation took place with Moville Tidy Towns Committee and Cllr Martin Farren to agree, progress and finalise the works associated with the project• Tenders were advertised on e-tenders in March 2022<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tenders received and are being assessed• A contractor is to be appointed• All work to be completed within the 2nd Quarter of 2022• A contractor has been appointed to carry out the works associated with the Sláintecare project for the playground.• Work will commence on the 1st week in September, duration of completion is 7 weeks.• The appointed Contractor Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd will commence work on the last week in October.• The upgrading of the playpark will be completed in 7 weeks from commencement of the work• Prior notification will be provided to the local community.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<u>February 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Moville playground re-opened to the public on the 11th January 2023.• Minor snagging issues are to be addressed by the contractor in the coming weeks.
Contact person(s)	John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer 087 3678954



Activity / Project Update: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – BARRACK HILL TOWN PARK, CARNDONAGH
Project Description/Activity	Re-imagining of Barrack Hill Town Park. Upgrade of existing facility to include equipment for children with mobility issues, development of 5k park walk/run/cycle lane, development of a Multi Use Games Area or Synthetic Turf Pitch and installation of an accessible Covered Outdoor Space.
Budget (if applicable)	€124,204.19
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall assessment of Barrack Hill Town Park will take place later this month by the Engineers within Community development More Consultation will take place with the Barrack Hill Steering Group Committee with regards to prioritising and finalising the work associated with the groups objectives and achievable within the funding allocated budget. • An onsite meeting is scheduled to take place with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee on Friday 20th May. An overall assessment of the Playground, Activity space and Barrack Hill town park to take place • Works to be agreed and tendered • Contractor to be appointed by the end of the 2nd Quarter 2022 • A strategic meeting took place on site with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee, the community development staff and senior staff from the roads directorate on Friday 20th May, 2022. • It was decided to re-locate, upgrade and re-develop the community outdoor recreation playground and activity space • An assessment of the two sites is complete. • The Community Development Engineers will be in a position to progress the project to design and tender stage in collaboration with the group in September/October 2022 • The Community Development Officer & Executive Engineer held a site meeting on the 16th August with the BHTPC group. A draft design with indicate costs was considered and the detail scoped out. • Following this meeting and on-going communication with the group. A re-design was completed. It was decided it was more prudent to re-develop the existing playground and carry out remedial work to allow the activity space to re-open to the community. • Tender documents have been published on e-tenders • The submission deadline for submission of tenders is Friday 30th September, 2022. • Detailed assessment of tender submissions received within the 30th September deadline are been finalised by the technical staff in line with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) • A meeting is scheduled to take place with the BHTP committee, technical staff and Development Officer to

	<p>agree and prioritise the final playground equipment and work that can be achieved within the funding budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with the contractor will take place with a view to prior to signing a Contract to deliver the project within the end of year deadline. • The Development Officer and Executive Engineer met with the BHTP Committee on the November and agreed and prioritised the final playground equipment and work that can be achieved within the funding • The detailed final project work is been finalised with the successful contractor. • A Letter of Acceptance issued to the successful Contractor (Play and Leisure Services) • Works are expected to commence at the end of February 2023. • Work is scheduled to be completed at the end of 30th April.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor will commence the work on the 6th of March and it will be completed in 8 weeks.
<p>Contact person(s)</p>	<p>John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer 087 3678954</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 February 2023

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	<p>€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham & Environs. • This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space. • 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 • 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
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>February 2023 update</u> A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9th February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document.</p>
Contact Person	Claire McCallan, Architect in the community



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Activity / Project Update No.4 February 2023

Activity / Project Title	2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project
File:	Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville• Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25th 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">• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers.• Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers• A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14th October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym.• A meeting took place on the 14th 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• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clár funded project.• One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects.• The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19th January 2023.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	The Contractor has been appointed and work is due to commence within Q1 2023
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty,



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 February 2023

<p>Activity / Project Title</p> <p>File:</p>	<p>2022 Movice Clár funded project</p> <p>Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and Movice Tidy Towns</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Gym & Calisthenics Stations • 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.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit a tender for the Clár funded project and the Town and Village Renewal project. • One contractor will be tasked with delivering both projects. • The deadline for receipt of tenders is the end of this month.
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>The Contractor has been appointed and work is due to commence within Q1 2023</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer</p>



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Activity / Project Title	Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade the existing car parking facilities servicing the Foroige Youth Club, National School, local amenities and sports playing fields sited at the centre of the rural settlement of Desertegney in Inishowen
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€55,000
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	Engagement with the group scheduled to take place next week.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	The initial meeting took place with the community group. The 'Letter of Offer' will issue this month.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer

Municipal District: All Municipal Districts

Activity / Project Update

February 2023

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Donegal Youth Council</p>
<p>File:</p>	
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	
<p>Budget (if applicable)</p>	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of the current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Donegal Youth Council AGM was held on the 22nd of November in the Radisson Blu hotel in Letterkenny. This year has seen a return to a face-to-face event with 109 young people present on the day representing their schools and youth services from all over Donegal. Before the event, a survey was sent out to schools and youth organisations with a list of topics they feel are most affecting the young people of Donegal. From this survey, the top six were chosen to go forward as the topics to be discussed on the day. The top six topics voted for were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health ● Social Media/ Body Image ● Alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vaping ● LGBTI+ ● Equality ● Nutrition and Physical Health <p>These six topics were discussed at round tables where each table related to one of the topics. Young people were randomly assigned to 3 tables with set time at each and afterward given free time to go to any table topic they would like to add their opinion and ideas on. At each table young people were asked to voice their opinion on the issues within the topic, what needs to change, and how these changes could come about. After the discussions, young people were asked to vote for the top 3 topics they would like the Donegal Youth Council to work on in the next coming year. The 3 topics voted for were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and vaping ● Mental Health ● Social Media/Body Image <p><u>First Meeting:</u> The first meeting of the new Youth Council term was held on January 21st. Members of the Youth Council came together to meet in Letterkenny Library. On the day they were introduced to each other, came up with a group contract to work with each other, and were introduced to some of the many committees the Donegal Youth Council is</p>

	<p>involved with. On the day members from the Cruinniú na nÓg present to them and we now have members sit on this committee. Members also heard about the Donegal Road Safety Working Group, CYPSC and ETB. Members were selected to represent the Youth Council after the meeting.</p> <p><u>Municipal District meetings:</u> Meetings were held on zoom during the weeks of the 23rd and 30th of January. This was an opportunity for young people to meet members in their local areas and have a discussion on issues or topics that came up during their campaigns.</p> <p><u>Cruinniú na nÓg:</u> Youth Council members had their first Cruinniú meeting on the 3rd of February. The “Voice of the Child” survey has been created and has been sent out by Cruinniú. Members will discuss the best way to ensure young people get the opportunity to fill out these surveys. The next meeting will be on the 17th of February.</p> <p><u>Mind your Melon:</u> A review meeting took place with Mind Your Melon Committee members on the 27th of January. During the meeting, a review of all activities and programs held in the 2022 term was discussed. Activities and programs have been identified to run in the upcoming year with a refocus on the festival idea- to run events over a time period and progress on the website to be made. Overall, the program of events was held a success for Mind Your Melon with still some of the events to take place early this year.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p><u>Next meeting:</u> The next meeting will be held on 14th of February with the main focus being on team building and communications as a group. It is hoped from this a Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected during the March meeting.</p> <p><u>Progress on topics:</u> Contact has been made by the coordinator in regards to possible workshops to be conducted in relation to the 3 main topics for voted for in the AGM. An informative workshop surrounding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping is hoped to take place with Foroige Project Worker on Drugs Education & Prevention Programme. It is also planned to have workshops with Jigsaw surrounding the topics of Mental Health and Social Media/Body Image topics. Members of the Donegal Youth Council will continue to sit on committees and be supported by the coordinator. In the absence of a young person the coordinator will represent the Youth Council members and feed back to the Youth Council.</p>
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2023, 25 March – 1 April The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and include everyone in our County. The programme of events provides an occasion to increase our awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal. This year the events during Social Inclusion Week will be a blend of online and in person.</p> <p>We are currently working on the programme of events for this week.</p> <p>Donegal JPC Cybercrime Awareness will be raised during One Donegal Social inclusion week. The purpose is to highlight the steps people need to take to stay safe and secure online and to provide information and resources to guide people on how Cyber Awareness and to remind everyone of the role we all play in online safety and security.</p> <p>Africa Day 2023 Donegal will celebrate Africa Day 2023 on 27 May in Letterkenny. Africa Day represents an opportunity to acknowledge a diffuse, diverse, and important group of people from 50 African countries, who enrich and make a valuable contribution to Irish society. Funding is applied for from Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs which will allow for events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>We will be working closely with Intercultural Platform to develop and deliver Donegal's Africa day. Planning events of of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Three Learning lab workshops took place exploring the deliverables of the strategy. At a Secretariat meeting it was decided to move forward with the development of a workplan for 2023. The workplan will be presented to the implementation group by mid-February at the next full implementation group meeting.</p> <p>EU Belong EU-BELONG Project enters its second year of a 3 year project. Donegal County Council is one of 11 partners in the EU-BELONG project co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are currently delivering capacity building training on Public Sector Duty with the LA staff with the aim for it to be rolled out to all staff in the organisation. 3 pilot projects will be developed form the Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy actions.</p>
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ENVIRONMENT REPORT – February '23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Businesses in Donegal Town to join the “Green Hub” pilot initiative from Donegal County Council and MyWaste
Project Description/A ctivity	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Donegal Town has been selected as one of 6 pilot towns nationally and the only one in County Donegal to become a “Green Hub”. This is a pilot initiative delivered by MyWaste and Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The Council is collaborating with the Donegal ETB, the Donegal Local Enterprise Office with support from the Donegal Community Chamber and the Donegal Town Business Focus group.</p> <p>The pilot aims to help businesses to maximise the segregation of the business waste and have a positive engagement with staff by utilising the MyWaste Business resources available from https://www.mywaste.ie/business/. These resources are available to order free of charge and include information posters, information stickers for bins, video animations and testimonials.</p> <p>Over the 6 next months, Donegal County Council will work with local businesses and organisations to incorporate the use of these resources into their business. The Council is collaborating with the Donegal ETB and the Donegal LEO office both of which have a number of programmes and courses available for businesses.</p> <p>Donegal Town Green Hub Pilot Launch - Save the Date: A breakfast launch of this initiative will take place on 28th February 8.00am – 9.30am in The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town.</p> <p>We look forward to working with local businesses and organisations on making this exciting initiative a success.</p>
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WATER QUALITY

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's)
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers to follow good agricultural practice for the land spreading of slurry from the 1st February. Farmers & contractors should pay attention to the weather forecast & not apply slurry or digestate to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Avoid spreading within 5 metres of any drain or 25 metres from a well, spring or borehole used for drinking water. As of this year, all pig slurry must be applied using low emission slurry spreading equipment.</p>
	
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Activity / Project Title	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan
Description/ Activity	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2023 will commence shortly, with 107 inspections across the county planned for this year. All homeowners are asked to check the condition of their systems and organise for basic maintenance & desludging to be carried out.</p> <p>Septic tanks registered prior to the date as set down in the regulations, (1st February 2013) are eligible for the grant funding to repair faulty systems.</p> <p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in September in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letterkenny MD – Glashagh Lower catchment in March/April • Inishowen MD –Crana catchment in March • Donegal MD – Mountcharles catchment in February • Glenties MD – Gweedore area in April/May
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ENVIRONMENT REPORT – March '23

CENTRAL LABORATORY

Activity / Project Title	Septic tanks - National Inspection Plan
Description/ Activity	<p>The septic tank inspection programme for 2023 commenced in February. In total 107 inspections across the county are planned for this year. All homeowners are asked to check the condition of their systems and organise for basic maintenance & desludging to be carried out.</p> <p>Septic tanks registered prior to the date as set down in the regulations (1st February 2013), are eligible for grant funding to repair faulty systems.</p>  <p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in March and April in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letterkenny MD – Glashagh Lower catchment in March• Inishowen MD –Portaleen and Owenboy catchments in March• Donegal MD – Bradoge (Bundoran) & Fintragh catchments in April
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Activity / Project Title	Regulated Private Drinking Water Supplies
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council is the supervisory authority for regulated private water supplies and must report results of compliance monitoring at the consumers' tap to the EPA annually. The HSE sample these supplies on our behalf. They include 5 private Group Water Supplies (GWS), 1 Public GWSs with 37 no. wholly private water supplies supplying a public/commercial activity.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The overall compliance rate with the drinking water legislation for these supplies in 2022 was approximately 97% in 2022. A small number of supplies have already or in the process of installing additional treatment which should improve water quality results for the year ahead. <p>The sampling programme for 2023 will commence in March/April. Any new private supplies with a commercial interest should be notified to Donegal County Council. The HSE must also be notified if it is a food premises.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Public Engagement activities – Central Laboratory Team
Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council’s Central Laboratory team have been placing a strong emphasis on engaging with the public this year on environmental matters, such as water quality, septic tanks, private wells and food waste among others.</p>  <p>Following on the success of the <i>New Build & Rebuild Expo</i> in Letterkenny last year we will be attending this exhibition again this year on 10-12th March 2023 at the Mount Errigal Hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on Operation of Septic Tanks • Septic tank Grant information • Sheep dips • How Well is your Well?
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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Activity / Project Title	County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal has a considerably high number of Group water Schemes (GWS) within our rural water sector. The status of Donegal’s GWSs is listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 338 no. Public GWS’s receiving their water from Uisce Éireann • 4 no. Private GWS’s serving more than 50 consumers • 20 no. Private GWS’s serving less than 50 consumers
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Activity / Project Title	Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
Project Description/ Activity	<p>There are 82 GWS's which have submitted takeover requests to Donegal County Council and 17 have been taken in Charge by ÚÉ. This is one more GWS since the update in September 2022.</p> <p>The number of GWSs that have requested takeover amounts approximately 17% of the overall total of GWSs within the county. Although this figure appears low there are a large number of orphan GWSs where the promoter or trustees are no longer active.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is represented on a working group examining issues in relation to the taking in charge of orphan GWSs.</p> <p>Donegal County Council has commenced a pilot process which provides an alternative pathway for these orphan schemes to be taken over. The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for takeover should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p><u>Criteria for GWSs to be Eligible for Takeover</u></p> <p>In order for GWSs to be eligible for takeover they must comply with technical, legal and financial requirements set down in circular letter WSP01 16. The takeover of a GWS is potentially a lengthy process in that all aspects of the GWS must be examined so as to ensure that they satisfy the standards set out by Uisce Éireann.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Resourcing
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council have been successful in securing additional funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to employ additional staff within the Council's Rural Water Section in order to expedite the formal takeover process of GWSs.</p> <p>These staff, a Technician Grade 2 and an Executive Engineer, have been in post since 30th April 2018 and 19th November 2018 respectively following the completion of recruitment processes. An Assistant Engineer was added to the Rural Water team on 2nd March 2020 to assist with the Takeover Programme. A Senior Executive Engineer has been put in place since August 2020 to oversee the Rural Water Section.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	GWS Takeover Project – Works to date			
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Works completed by the GWS Takeover Team to date have included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an extensive desktop exercise reviewing and cataloguing GWS files for more than 300 GWS; • examining the works required on a large number of schemes that have requested takeover; • liaising with promoters and trustees on a number of schemes that have requested takeover. • Rural Water Team have engaged with 68% (54 of 79) of GWSs that have formally requested takeover and commenced the takeover process. • implementing a Civils framework for contractors to carry out upgrade works to GWSs. • conducting a review of pumping stations to identify upgrade works. • publishing a mechanical and electrical bundle for pumping station upgrades on eTenders. <p>In order to expedite the takeover process it was necessary to prioritise the order of GWSs the Takeover Team will engage with first. A priority list was developed and it sets out four focus area as below.</p> <p>Priority 1 - GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 2- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 3- GWSs with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 4- GWSs with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>32 schemes have progressed to the point whereby they have been submitted to Uisce Éireann for Takeover review. The list below shows which schemes from have been submitted to Uisce Éireann for review;</p>			
	<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	Cappry Lane	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
2	Meenalaught	Killygordan	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
3	Lagnalore/ Meenahorna	Glenfin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
4	Cloughroe	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
5	Liskernan/ Meenavoy	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
6	Halftown Skelpy	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
7	Corcashey	Convoy	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
8	Tirhomin	Milford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
9	Labbadish/ Drumoghill	Drumoghill	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
10	Moyle Magheradrumman	Milford	Letterkenny	Taken Over
11	Tullygay	New Mills	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
12	Ballygallen/Breenagh	Glenswilly	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
13	Leitir	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
14	The Bog	Cranford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
15	Brea Road	Bridgend	Inishowen	Taken Over
16	Glengad Mountain	Malin	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
17	Ballymacarthur No. 2	Greencastle	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
18	Ture	Muff	Inishowen	Taken Over
19	Lisfannon	Buncrana	Inishowen	Taken Over

20	Ballymacgroarty	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
21	Rath/Lisminton	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
22	Lurgan	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
23	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
24	Driminardagh	Donegal Town	Donegal	Taken Over
25	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
26	Lisahully	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over
27	Tullywee	Laghey	Donegal	Submitted to IW
28	Ardcrone/Craugheybolye	Dungloe	Glenites	Submitted to IW
29	Meenlaragh No. 2	Gortahork	Glenties	Submitted to IW
30	Loughros Point	Ardara	Glenties	Taken Over
31	Lochnanoran	Annargy	Glenties	Taken Over
32	Sanfield	Ardara	Glenties	Taken Over
33	Lower Knocknastoller	Bunbeg	Glenties	Taken Over

In the coming months continued engagement with promoters and trustees of GWSs that have applied for takeover will continue, however, the impact of Covid 19 has limited the amount of contact GWSs could have with their members. This had a direct impact on the progress of takeover applications due to the limited the opportunity to obtain the required consent of two-thirds their members by means of a signature.

Members will be advised of progress in further updates given via the Municipal District Meetings. Project works are taking place by contractors on various GWSs across the county that have been procured through the rural water section on behalf of GWSs. These works involve works to the network and pumping stations comprising of Civil, Mechanical and Electrical in nature to ensure the minimum UÉ standards are met to achieve the takeover of the GWS.

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Activity / Project Title	Orphan Schemes																																																																																													
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>An Orphan scheme is defined as any scheme where there is no active committee and where the emergency and maintenance works are carried out by Donegal County Council on behalf of Uisce Éireann. Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of scheme. Uisce Éireann has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme. This list below sets out the parameters for which Uisce Éireann will consider takeover for these schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 10 connections • two-thirds of the GWS members have signed consent for IW takeover • no wayleaves on scheme • no land transfers on scheme • no pumping on scheme • no reservoirs • no debt <p>The desk study of all 1,104 GWSs within the county was utilised to identify all orphan scheme within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process and have decreased to 273 based on the takeover programme to date. These 295 schemes were investigated further to identify GWSs with less than 10 connections. 158 GWSs were identified after this review. A detailed analysis of each scheme is currently being conducted to establish if these schemes meet additional parameters set out by Uisce Éireann as mentioned above. All 158 schemes have been reviewed and 37 schemes have been deemed to meet the criteria set out by the programme. These 37 schemes will be checked on site to confirm if conditions match the desk study. The total number of Orphan schemes is now 273 due to the progress made on the takeover programme to date.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 1146 1520 1881"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>Ballinaboe</td><td>Clonmany</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Carnowen Road</td><td>Raphoe</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Corraire No. 2</td><td>Ballybofey</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>Dooras</td><td>Ballindrait</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>The Roughan</td><td>Lifford</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>Sandymills</td><td>Castlefin</td><td>Lifford Stranorlar</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>Creevy</td><td>Ballyshannon</td><td>Donegal</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>Clontyseer</td><td>Ballyshannon</td><td>Donegal</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Springhill</td><td>Quigley's Point</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>Fallask</td><td>Drumfreis</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>Glebe Road</td><td>Burt</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>Carronamaddy</td><td>Burt</td><td>Inishowen</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>Clonkillymore</td><td>Termon</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>Pluck/ Aughlihard</td><td>Mannorcunningham</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>Gortnaskeagh</td><td>Kilmacrennan</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>Rathmullan Coastguard</td><td>Rathmullan</td><td>Letterkenny</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>Grail Craugheyboyle</td><td>Dungloe</td><td>Glenties</td><td>Taken Over</td></tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Ballinaboe	Clonmany	Inishowen	Taken Over	2	Carnowen Road	Raphoe	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	3	Corraire No. 2	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	4	Dooras	Ballindrait	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	5	The Roughan	Lifford	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	6	Sandymills	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	7	Creevy	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	8	Clontyseer	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over	9	Springhill	Quigley's Point	Inishowen	Taken Over	10	Fallask	Drumfreis	Inishowen	Taken Over	11	Glebe Road	Burt	Inishowen	Taken Over	12	Carronamaddy	Burt	Inishowen	Taken Over	13	Clonkillymore	Termon	Letterkenny	Taken Over	14	Pluck/ Aughlihard	Mannorcunningham	Letterkenny	Taken Over	15	Gortnaskeagh	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Taken Over	16	Rathmullan Coastguard	Rathmullan	Letterkenny	Taken Over	17	Grail Craugheyboyle	Dungloe	Glenties	Taken Over
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Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021				
Project Description/ Activity	A number of GWSs received funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme under various measures. A summary of progress is listed below:				
	Measure	GWS	Funding	Purpose	Current Status
Source Protection	Dunlewey	€3,200	To install a barrier around the source	Work are complete	
Public Health Compliance	Tory Island	€262,861	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Treatment System trial ongoing and sampling process also ongoing. Site in coming months. Hydrogeologist completed desktop study and further investigations ongoing	
	Townawilly	€38,500	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Sedimentation filter and UV systems replaced. Ongoing monitoring for THM compliance. GWS pursuing connection to public water supply	
Enhancement of Existing Schemes	Townawilly	€15,300	To improve Operation efficiency of GWS	Not proceeding as GWS are progressing the connection to the Public Network.	
	Dunlewey	€68,000	To carry out pipeline replacement works	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. GWS considering the report issued by the consultant.	
New Group Water Schemes	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. GWS considering the report issued by the consultant.	
Transition of Existing GWS to IW	Multiple GWSs	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWSs to IW Standards	Takeover programme as described above	
	Maghera	€360,000	Funding to transfer GWS to IW	Hydrogeologist completed desktop study. DCC reviewing alternative options for water supply. Initial door to door survey	

					along Maghera Road completed.
		Townawilly		Funding to transfer GWS to IW to ensure THM compliance	DCC have appointed a consultant to examine the work required to connect GWS to the public network. Draft Feasibility Study complete. Ongoing monitoring of THM compliance on GWS.
	Community Connections	Goland	€108,470	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Works on site almost complete. Awaiting close out of snags. Applicants are receiving water.
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Project not feasible based on current market rates. Letters issued to applicants informing them of same.
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie				

Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025
Project Description/ Activity	The promoter or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for an application under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2023-2025 should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services
Project Description/ Activity	In April 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced €50m in funding under measure A8 of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 for waste water collection and treatment needs for villages and settlements without access to public wastewater services. Donegal County Council submitted an application for funding to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for Bonagee in September under this measure. The Rural Water Section are awaiting confirmation if bid was successful.
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Well Grants
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Well grants are available for the installation or upgrade of a well the purpose of domestic supply. The property must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be the householders permanent place of residence • be at least seven years old • be located a reasonable distance from an existing water supply or GWS. <p>Application forms are available on the DCC website www.donegalcoco.ie/services/water/ruralwaterprogramme/wells</p> <p>Over the last 5 years the annual average of well grand applications is 30.1. We received 29 applications in 2022 and have 8 to date in 2023.</p>
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 9 – February 2023

Progress Summary

The Project Team is nearing completion of Stage I and has identified the Preferred Scheme for Burnfoot. A Public Information Day was held on 9th November where the Preferred Option was presented to the public. RPS have been considering the feedback collected at the event in finalising the Preferred Scheme.

The Preferred Scheme will provide a 1 in 200 year return period Standard of Protection (SoP). A Climate Change Adaptation Plan and a Buildability, Operations & Maintenance Plan have also been developed. Minor alterations have been made to the Preferred Scheme as a result of these plans.

The scheme consists of 400m of flood wall and 890m of embankment along the Burnfoot River, with an average defence height of 1.1m (approximately 3.5 feet) above ground level. These defences will provide direct protection to properties at risk of flooding in Burnfoot.

The R238 bridge will be replaced with a new single span bridge. This will improve the flow of flood waters through Burnfoot and reduce the required height of the defences.

The first 185m of the Office of Public Works' Arterial Drainage embankment downstream of the bridge on the left bank of the Burnfoot River would be removed and a new embankment constructed along the back of the old mart. 510m of embankment would be removed from the right bank of the Skeoge River. These changes to the embankments downstream of Burnfoot will reconnect the river to its historical floodplain in this area and, combined with the replacement bridge, will reduce flood levels in the Burnfoot River through the village as well as reducing the impacts of flooding on wildlife (ground nesting birds) around Inch Lough.

A low earthen embankment with an average height of 0.6m (approximately 2 feet) above ground level would be constructed around three properties adjacent to the Skeoge River in the Slab (west of E+I car park) to provide protection from extreme flood events.

On the Carnashannagh Stream which flows from Scalp Mountain through Burnfoot, a field access culvert located in the upper reaches would be upgraded to a 1.5m diameter culvert with headwall and outlet structures. The culvert crossing under the Monreagh Road (Brae Road), located in the lower reaches, will be upgraded to a 1.2m high x 2.4m wide box culvert.

The Project Team have developed a Ground Investigation specification to support the outline (Planning) design of the scheme. Following a public tender process, the Ground Investigation contract has been awarded to Northwest Geotech. The Ground Investigation commenced on site in early February 2023.

Environmental assessment of the Preferred Scheme is ongoing. An EIA Scoping Report has been reviewed by the Steering Group in advance of completing the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Environmental surveys to assess protected species such as bats, badgers and otters have taken place to contribute to this report. Archaeological and noise surveys have also been completed.

Note that a new newsletter will be posted on the scheme website this quarter, see:

<https://countydonedgalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs/index.php/news/>

Next Steps

Stage I of the Project will conclude in the coming months with the completion of reporting, including the supporting Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the Preferred Scheme. A comprehensive Stage I report will include details of all of the technical tasks carried out in support of arriving at the Preferred Scheme. Following approval of Stage I of the Flood Relief Scheme, the Project will move to Stage II Planning, where permission will be sought from the relevant Planning Authority.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Stage I Report – March 2023
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – April 2023
- Ongoing management of invasive species in line with the management plan
- Commencement of Stage II – Planning Submission Q2 (subject to Stage I sign off)

1. PROGRESS SUMMARY

1.1 Engineering Surveys and Site Investigations:

- a. **Hydrometric Tidal Survey:** The hydrometric survey from gauges recording tidal levels around Lough Swilly has been ongoing from May 2022 to January 2023. The final survey data is expected by the end of February 2023. This data will be key to understanding coastal flood risk in Bunrana and Luddan as well as Ramelton (on the opposite shore).

1.2 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

The project team will issue the revised hydrology report to the Steering Group once modelling has progressed further. Hydraulic modelling is progressing and will continue until April 2023 before draft baseline outputs are ready for review by the Steering Group.

The baseline outputs will consist of estimates for flooding for a varied of return periods e.g., estimates for the levels and impact of the 1 in 10-year (10% AEP), 1 in 100-year (1% AEP) and 1 in 1000-year (0.1% AEP) floods with present day conditions before mitigation measures are put in place.

1.3 Environmental Assessments:

The Wintering Birds Surveys will be complete by the end of March 2023, with reporting to follow in April 2023.

The Tree Survey Reports have been submitted.

The bat survey is complete. Reporting should be available by the end of March 2023.

The remaining environmental surveys will be carried out as required once flood relief options have been progressed further. These surveys will form a critical part of the planning submission for the preferred option.

1.4 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

1.4.1 Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis with a quarterly newsletter to be posted after the issue of this Briefing Note (Newsletter No.6).

1.5 Contracts

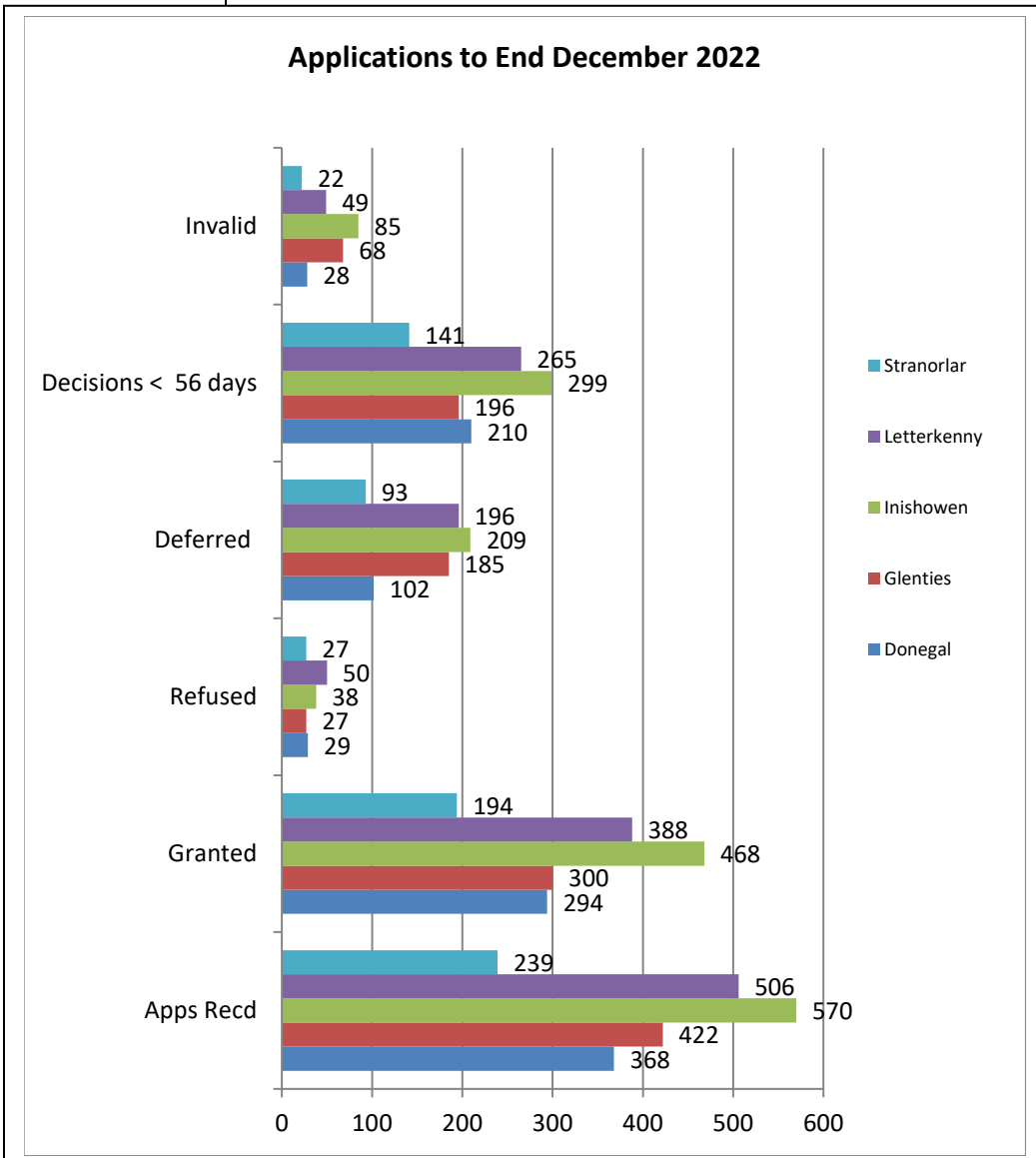
Treatment of invasive alien species (IAS) has been completed for Year 1 (2022) of a three-year contract. The next treatment process will begin in Spring/Summer 2023. A site walkover will be arranged with the IAS treatment contractor in advance of the 2023 treatment activities.

2. NEXT STEPS

- **Hydrology:** Submission of the final hydrology report.
- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Continuation of hydraulic modelling – calibration stage and baseline scenario runs
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys
- **Invasive Species Treatment Contract:** Commencement of invasive species treatment for 2023 season.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Complete the assessment of potential for Natural Water Retention Measures in river catchments to alleviate flood risk and issue first draft maps for review.

Inishowen MD Meeting
27th February 2022

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4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5	Building Control & Taking in Charge	No Report								
6	Central Planning Unit	No Report								
7	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B								
8	Casual Trading	No Report								
9	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf 								

Appendix A



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Report to February (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 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 and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members to update 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 1st 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 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Detailed design and a tender package is now being completed by the successful consultant BDP.

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 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April 2022. The submitted project had a total project value of €7,949,868.

On 10th 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 continuing 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 onward delivery.

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

On 6th 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 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th 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 Friday 27th January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q1 of 2023.

1.3 **FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 17th 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 10th 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 **REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK**

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.4.2 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th May 2022 and is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://Donegal County Council (donegalcoco.ie))

1.4.3 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.4.4 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members in September 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.4.5 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24th November 2022. The project plans and particulars were available for inspection at County House, Lifford; Letterkenny Public Services Centre; Milford Public Services Centre and online at: www.donegalcoco.ie until Tuesday 3rd January 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th January 2022.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG. It is intended at the time of writing to bring this Part 8 before the Special Meeting of the Council on 13th February 2023 for consideration by Members and if successful to then position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects.

The Members of the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District will be updated on this project at workshop on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

1.4.6 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.

In Q4 of 2022 tenders were sought for Architect Led Full Integrated Design Team, PSDP and Masterplanning Consultancy Services to prepare a Town Centre First Plan for Milford together with a statutory planning consent scheme for a selected priority project or projects which will emerge from the Town Centre First Plan. The date for the receipt of tenders closed on 7th December 2022 at 5pm.

One tender was received and the tender evaluation process is completed. At the time of writing arrangements are being made to formalize the award and launch arrangements for this project and to commence the first stage of public consultation exercises and engagements. It is anticipated that this will occur across the early weeks of February 2023.

Members of the Lettekenny-Milford MD were fully updated on this project at the workshop on Tuesday 17th January 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, the detail and progress of which is set out below.

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

(i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

The Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy was officially launched on Monday 5th December 2022. This concludes the project to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy which now transitions into project specific development and implementation. The project website and all published documents are available at www.letterkenny2040.ie.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 became operative on Tuesday 15th November 2022. Steps are at present being taken to serve Notices to Treat as soon as possible following an ongoing legal review of same. This

will be followed by service of Notices to Enter without delay enabling Donegal County Council to take possession of the lands and enable the delivery of Phase 1 (Alpha/Beta) of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022.

In addition, in collaboration with Housing, options are being explored as regards the business model for the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

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

The Council's successful application to URDF Call 2, continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. This application entitled 'Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre' secured a provisional allocation of €13.6m match supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages as follows:

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

In relation to requisite funding approval processes under the Public Spending Code, a **Preliminary Business Case was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and was approved on 11th August 2022. This represents approval under Decision Gate 1** in the project life cycle and '*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*' It also secured approval for funding uplift to take account of estimated increases as a result of inflation leading to total project value of €19.3m.

The current status of the project is that a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and remains under review and consideration by DHLGH. A verbal update obtained from DHLGH on Friday 3rd February 2023 confirmed that the next approval stage (Decision Gate 2) is imminent. Subject to receipt of DHLGH correspondence to that effect, this will secure pre-tender approval and approval to proceed. Thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity. The Regeneration & Development Team continue to engage on a regular basis with DHLGH to secure this approval stage as a critical and priority action.

A FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS



Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further in so far as can be achieved in advance of pre-tender approval. The table below sets out this activity. In terms of next steps for 2023, priority will be placed on advancement of acquisition interests although this will also be dependent on pre-tender approval.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<p>Site-specific design concept via LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete and forms part of the final publication launched 5th December 2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanála, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed including formal processes to secure acquisition by agreement in relation to particular land/ property. Further progression is dependant on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
Market Square	<p>Donegal County Council approved a Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' at a Special Council meeting on 26th October 2022.</p> <p>The next step in the delivery of the project is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH and will involve the procurement of an architect-led design team to progress Detailed Design stage, followed by procurement of Construction Contractor.</p> <p>Following receipt of pre-tender approval, this project will handover to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit with continued feed in from the Regeneration & Development Team as regards the design elements of the development.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>This project will be packaged with the 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team and is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the work of Roads & Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p>
B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete and form part of the final publication launched on 5th December 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced including formal processes to secure acquisition by agreement in relation to particular land/ property. Further progression is dependant on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced inclusive of a meeting to agree collaboration in principle followed by site walk-around. The onward design of the project to Part 8 stage forms part of the future work programme of the Regeneration and Development Team to be advanced in Q3/Q4 of 2023 and subject to resources.</p> <p>In addition, the Regeneration Team is collaborating with Housing Design as regards a social housing scheme at Lower Main Street.</p>
C: Revival at the Courthouse	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared and reviewed for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The opening of tendering process in this regard is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p> <p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged though the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete and forms part of the LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy launched on 5th December 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and landowner consultation will now formally commence. Further progression is dependent on receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>The Team continue to work to engage with Bus Eireann following an initial meeting in March 2022 and informal engagement in December 2022. In addition, steps are being taken to collaborate with NTA in this regard and to consider the potential funding mechanism that may be available to take the project beyond a land acquisition stage as per the provisional URDF allocation and to move into design stages.</p>
<p>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</p>	<p>Through the LKY 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, further phases of LK Green Connect will be advanced as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early design work using in-house resources has commenced (January 2023) on Part 8 proposed development in respect of Phase 2 to link LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops. 2. Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness for presentation to Letterkenny MD workshop in February/March 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team will manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening and Roads related elements of the project. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and will provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre and also for enhancements to the Boxing Club lane. In parallel, focussed efforts are being made as regards lease agreement in relation to Letterkenny Tennis Club which is targeted to be closed out prior to publication of Part 8 proposed development. 3. Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication and following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.

2.3 URDF Call 3 launched

On Monday 30th January 2023, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, published the new Vacant Homes Action Plan and also launched a

new €150 million funding available under the URDF for local authorities to tackle vacancy and dereliction to support the plan.

Limited information is currently available in relation to the parameters and terms of Call 3 and further information is expected at Regional workshops and at an online plenary workshop for Local Authority staff on 15th February 2023. The information known to date in relation to the scheme is outlined below:

- Not a traditional URDF call or a competitive process as per previous calls.
- 3rd round to operate as a dedicated revolving fund to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites
- Allocations will be determined following regional workshops
- Eligibility criteria and parameters will be determined following engagement with local authority sector
- **Fund will cover (i) acquisition costs and (ii) any civil or design works which may be required to de-risk or improve the site/building to make it more attractive for reuse, development by others or onward sale.**
- Fund will replenish with proceeds received from end use/user
- **3rd call should not be seen as another social/affordable housing programme.** It is intended to address vacant/derelict buildings that are problematic but which may not be viable for social housing schemes
- Where LA has identified a site or building for social/affordable housing, funding should be sought using existing funding programmes run by the Departments Housing Divisions.
- The revolving fund should only be used for a social/affordable housing projects where it was not originally earmarked for such use but where that ultimately becomes the preferred use.
- 4th call will be made available later in 2023 focused on pipeline projects that have emerged from masterplanning exercises carried out under calls 1 and 2 and to support settlements that have not yet received the level of funding required for their status under NPF.

The next steps are that 3 appendices must be completed and returned by Friday 10th March. Thereafter regional workshops will be organized during late March/ early April 2023. The requested information to be returned to URDF by 10th March is:

1. Updates on call 1 and 2 funded projects
2. Details on the number and type of long term and/or derelict buildings/sites in LK which may be suitable for activation under the revolving fund. Provide yield in residential numbers. Submit the value of revolving fund that should be considered.
3. Review previous staffing submission.

Following regional workshops, DHLGH advise that Local Authorities will be notified on final eligibility criteria, reporting requirements and funding allocation in Q2 2023.

Following the online plenary meeting, it is proposed to explore the potential of Call 3 further with Members by means of MD workshop.

2.4 'The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny

A Chief Executives Report in relation to the consultation process on the 'Eat Out,' Letterkenny was considered at the Plenary Council meeting on 28th November 2022 at

which time Donegal County Council decided to approve the proposed development in accordance with plans and particulars published 15th September 2022.

This project is being progressed to site by Community Development with a significant level of input from the Regeneration & Development Team continuing. The Paul Hogarth Company has been appointed to progress the next stage of Detailed Design leading to delivery on site. A site meeting to commence this stage took place in Monday 23rd January 2023. Target timeline for completion of this project is end of Q2 2023.

2.5 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team
February 2023**

Appendix B



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**

Donegal County Council

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: February 2023

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
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">• Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility,• Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space,ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagersiii. a community Kitchen,iv. Communal storage, andv. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden.• Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex,• The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries;• New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space;• New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street;• 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.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Tenders for both the Integrated Design Team and the Land Valuation Services have been advertised and tenders have been returned to the CPDU.</p> <p>The Land Valuation Services tender has been assessed and a successful tenderer has been appointed. The valuer will be commencing negotiations with landowners within February 2023.</p>

	The Integrated Design Team tenders are currently being assessed and it is anticipated that the successful tenderer will be appointed in February 2023.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the Land Valuer will have commenced negotiations with landowners, and the Integrated Design Team will have commenced design works for the scheme.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/Senior Executive Engineer

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Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, 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 compromise of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works to improve existing High Fort 2. Provision of an iconic inclined elevator to the High Fort 3. Works to improve High Guns installation 4. Provision of improved distribution roads & parking 5. Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower works 6. Lighthouse conservation works 7. Military Museum & Night Skies space 8. Stabilise, repair or remove existing billet buildings 9. Provide new public spaces and facilities.
Budget	€12.5m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>The appointed Integrated Design Team has been surveying the site, interrogating background information and developing design options.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant has been researching the history of the site and developing the key themes and topics for the visitor experience for the site.</p>

	<p>The Quantity Surveyor has been examining costs and engaging with both the IDT and VEIC as the design develops.</p> <p>A Stage 1 preliminary design report with a preferred design option was submitted by the design team on 16th December 2022. This will be signed off on early in January 2023 and the project will progress to Stage 2(a)</p> <p>The Project Programme has been agreed as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="587 584 1445 891"> <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>30/05/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>31/05/2023</td> <td>06/09/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>21/09/2023</td> <td>23/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>26/08/2024</td> <td>12/03/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 - Handover</td> <td>13/03/2026</td> <td>06/04/2026</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	30/05/2022	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	31/05/2023	06/09/2023	Stage 3 – Tender Action	21/09/2023	23/08/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	26/08/2024	12/03/2026	Stage 5 - Handover	13/03/2026	06/04/2026
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<p>Contact Person(s)</p>	<p>Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, A/ Senior Engineer</p>																					

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

07th March 2023

Corporate Services

- Consider date for workshop – Social Housing Remediation Project Update
- Schedule of Municipal District Works

Housing Services

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 27th February 2023	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	4
Properties being refurbished	2
Properties to be refurbished	9

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2023	Offers refused from 01/01/2023	Tenancies created from 01/01/2022
2	1	1

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Moville	Apex	4	2	2
Carndonagh	SVP	2	1	Pending
Clonmany	SVP	5	1	Pending

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List at 27th February 2023	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	597
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	429
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	38
Net Social Housing Waiting List	130

Gross Need by Approved Bedrooms Numbers and Location

27th February 2023

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	3	2	0	0	0	5
	Bridgend	1	12	5	1	0	0	19
	Buncrana	14	146	75	12	1	1	249
	Burnfoot	0	12	2	1	0	0	15
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	9	61	35	6	0	0	111
	Carrigans	2	4	3	1	0	0	10
	Clonmany	1	12	10	1	0	0	24
	Culdaff	0	6	2	0	0	0	8
	Fahan	1	4	2	0	0	0	7
	Gleneely	0	4	3	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Greencastle	0	7	1	1	0	0	9
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	2	1	0	0	5
	Malin	0	2	7	0	0	0	9
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	4	19	9	2	0	0	34
	Muff	0	17	9	0	0	0	26
	Newtowncunningham	5	29	7	0	1	0	42
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		37	348	183	26	2	1	597

Housing Grants Report at 17th February, 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	71	53	0	11	5	2
2023	10	2	0	0	1	7

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	36	0	12	2	0
2022	41	27	1	10	2	1
2023	6	1	0	2	0	3

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	124	109	6	7	0	2
2023	12	3	1	2	0	6

Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

13th February 2023

Stage 1 Applications (Confirmation of Eligibility)

Applications Received	1,149
Applications Approved	539
Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed	609
Withdrawn	1
Stage 1 Fees:	
• Number	677
• Value	€3,464,716.68

Stage 2 Applications (Grant Approval)

Applications Received	132
Applications Approved	81
Value of Approvals (100%)	€14,382,215.76
Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed	48
Applications Withdrawn	3

Essential Immediate Repairs

Requests received	1
Payments made	1

Advanced Accommodation and Storage Costs

Payments made	20
Value of Payments	€395,250.00

Stage 3 – Payments (Remediation in progress/complete)

Number of Stage Payments paid out to date	195
Value	€5,845,628.18
No. Starts (based on start date notified and first stage payment made)	56
Of which are completed (All stage payments made)	30
Value	€3,903,228.97

**Housing Capital Update Report
Inishowen Municipal District Meeting
February 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
Construction Stage		
Rockytown Buncrana (Phase 1)	Completed. All units are now let.	21
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	The tender assessment has been completed and the Most Economically Advantageous Tender has been identified. Final compliance checks are ongoing. In advance of appointment, approval is required from the Department. Upon receipt of same, correspondence will be issued to the successful tenderer as well as the unsuccessful tenderer's. Following expiration of the standstill period, the Council will enter a formal contract with the successful tenderer. Anticipated start date on site April / May 2023.	16
The Meadows, Buncrana	Formal contractor appointment is ongoing. Subject to the contractor progressing outstanding contract requirements, construction is anticipated to commence in early March with a 10-month construction period.	1
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	Part 8 approved at November 2022 Council meeting. Preparation of tender documents underway. Appointment of specialist consultants to commence. Anticipated date for tender process for contractor is June 2023.	56
Total		94

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

The Council is currently liaising with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of a project at Carndonagh as well as with the Developer in an effort to progress contractual negotiations.

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

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. In this regard the Council has currently 2 offers accepted (subject to contract) for land in Moville and Newtowncunningham.

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.

1st March 2023

To: Each Elected Member

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2023. This is for information purposes only, as the Development Funds do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

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

Yours sincerely,

Area Manager

Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

1.0 Background

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

2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration

- 2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works sets out a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts, in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.
- 2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works is mandatory. It is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.
- 2.3 A deadline date of the 31st March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2023, as was the case in previous years (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014). It is anticipated that further direction will be provided in future years in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- 2.4 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted, and the expenditure associated with that, must be within the parameters of the adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).
- 2.5 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Works reverts to the full council for the elected members' consideration and adoption with or without amendment, but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A of the Act.

3.0 Rationale

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

4.0 Practical Applications - 2023

- 4.1 An approach has been taken to apply a certain number of works areas and to include areas of strategic importance at Municipal District level in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. In this context, various aspects of housing maintenance and repair; road

maintenance and repair; beach management and maintenance; and litter management have been incorporated.

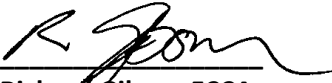
- 4.2 The schedule as presented to the Municipal District members does not report on, or represent, all aspects of local expenditure and as such it is expected that as the principle of the SMDW matures over subsequent years that further areas can be incorporated as required. It is proposed that this matter be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council and their advice and direction be sought in relation to same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that in certain instances budgets are held locally e.g. roads maintenance areas whilst others are held centrally e.g. beach management. The rationale and logic for same is specific to individual expenditure headings, but considerations relating to value for money, efficiency, synergies, and contingency capacity are all areas that are reflected in instances where budgets may be held centrally for the provision of services locally.

5.0 Further Information

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to members through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2023 allocation process) and, furthermore, a schedule of available monies per electoral area in respect of the members development funds, a sum in the amount of €6,350 which is available for allocation by each individual elected member.
- 5.2 The 'Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund' was first adopted by the elected members as part of the 2020 Revenue Budget process. A sum of €203,500, equivalent to €5,500 per elected member, was adopted in 2020. This was increased to €259,000, equivalent to €7,000 per elected member, in the adopted Revenue Budget for 2021 and has been repeated in the Adopted Budget for 2023. This is included for information purposes in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023. This provision will facilitate the allocation of funding to public lights and minor public infrastructure improvements, primarily on public roads and in housing estates, in accordance with the scheme agreed with the elected members.
- 5.3 Unspent capacity within Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Scheme budgets for previous years has been reserved and retained for future use.
- 5.4 In 2021, a specific additional budget in the sum of €500,000 (€100,000 per MD) was provided for a Minor Tourism Works Scheme. This provision was repeated for 2022 and is included in the adopted budget for 2023 also. This is included in Appendix 4, alongside the Development Funds allocations, for the information of elected members.
- 5.5 A specific additional budget in the sum of €100,000 (€20,000 per MD) was provided in the Adopted Budget for 2021 to support and stimulate the Pollinator Plan and biodiversity. This was repeated for 2022 and is included in the Adopted Budget for 2023 also (see Appendix 4).
- 5.6 The Adopted Budget for 2022 included a provision in the sum of €350,000 to undertake upgrading and repair works to access infrastructure in housing estates (including back lanes). This allocation has been repeated in 2023. €70,000 has been set aside per MD, with funding coming from a specific allocation within the three-year footpath and public lighting programme. This is included in Appendix 4 for the information of elected members.

6.0 Required

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



**Richard Gibson FCCA,
Head of Finance**

Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

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



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



LG 27/2014
FIN 21/2014

31 December 2014

Dear Chief Executive,

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

Legislative provisions

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district¹ members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.

2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
 - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
 - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
 - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
 - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

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

Policy Context

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

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

Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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Local Government Finance Section

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To each local authority Chief Executive

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

Schedule of municipal district works

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

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

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

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

Appendix 1 – Housing Maintenance and Housing Estate Management 2023

	Overall Adopted €	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads €	Discretionary €
Housing Maintenance – Inishowen MD	688,056	114,756	573,299
Housing Maintenance – Donegal MD	508,004	124,043	383,961
Housing Maintenance – Glenties MD	527,295	66,148	461,147
Housing Maintenance – Letterkenny-Milford MD	1,032,083	234,898	797,185
Housing Maintenance – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	598,030	55,000	543,030
Subtotal for Area Maintenance:	3,353,467	594,844	2,758,623
HQ Maintenance	1,755,607		
Total Maintenance	5,109,074		
Insurance	376,858		
Loan Charges	0		
Local Property Tax Payments	520,665		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	66,000		
Subtotal Other	963,523		
Overall Total	6,072,597		
Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.			
Housing Estate Management – Inishowen MD	11,117		
Housing Estate Management – Donegal MD	7,821		
Housing Estate Management – Glenties MD	8,471		
Housing Estate Management – Letterkenny-Milford MD	15,641		
Housing Estate Management – Lifford-Stranorlar MD	9,700		
Total Estate Management	52,750	As per Budget Book (A0401)	

Appendix 2 – Environmental Services 2023

Description	Adopted Budget 2023	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2023	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny-Milford	Lifford-Stranorlar	County/Centre	Total
Water & Environment															
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	140,100		140,100				0	140,100	25,400	20,550	26,900	46,700	20,550	0	140,100
Tidy Towns Fund	105,000		105,000				0	105,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,000	105,000
Maintenance of Beaches	246,523		246,523				0	246,523	36,941	90,782	46,200	24,500	0	48,100	246,523
Totals	491,623		491,623				0	491,623	82,341	131,332	93,100	91,200	40,550	53,100	491,623

Background

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

A specific and discretionary allocation of €20,000 per Municipal District has been included in the adopted budget 2023 to assist tidy towns groups (as shown above). In addition to this, an amount of €5,000 has been set aside centrally for the purpose of running a countywide tidy-towns competition.

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2023

	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny/Milford MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)(Note 1)								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NP Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NP Winter Maintenance	€274,600		€274,600					
National Primary Total =	€605,298	€37,406	€274,600	€102,359	€0	€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
NS Route Lighting	€37,406	€37,406						
NS Winter Maintenance	€174,600		€174,600					
National Secondary Total =	€413,901	€37,406	€174,600	€35,130	€138,500	€0	€28,265	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2023	€66,600		€66,600					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2023	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€76,600	€10,000	€66,600	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,095,799	€84,812	€515,800	€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
National Transport Authority (NTA)(Note 4)								
Active Travel (NTA)	€4,500,000	€885,000		€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Total NTA Funding =	€4,500,000	€885,000		€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTAS)(Note 5)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 6)	€1,000,000		€1,000,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,930,500			€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€5,180,500	€250,000	€1,000,000	€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,036,500			€1,005,936	€1,021,946	€1,232,165	€1,103,354	€673,098
Materials Testing	€40,000		€40,000					
Restoration Improvement	€19,278,500			€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,318,500		€40,000	€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€875,000			€450,000		€350,000	€75,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€2,450,000			€2,000,000			€450,000	
Speed Limits -(Note 9)	€75,000	€75,000						
PSCI: Survey Report	€50,000		€50,000					
Former National Roads	€450,000						€450,000	
Cycle Signs (Note 10)	€8,250		€8,250					
Drainage Works (Note 11)	€1,320,000			€272,983	€251,879	€327,001	€282,776	€185,362
Climate Adaptation	€918,750			€88,000	€396,250	€170,000	€230,000	€34,500
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€7,038,000	€75,000	€58,250	€2,995,247	€818,147	€1,067,726	€1,678,649	€344,981
Bridge Rehabilitation	€635,000	€635,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€458,000	€458,000						
Training Grant (Note 12)	€114,500	€114,500						
DTTAS Non-Roads Areas Total =	€1,207,500	€1,207,500						
Total DTTAS Roads Areas Funding =	€37,781,000	€1,532,500	€1,098,250	€8,800,928	€6,268,771	€8,049,405	€7,753,927	€4,277,219
Training	€50,000	€50,000						
Scrim test & Materials Tests	€50,000		€50,000					
Lining & Road Studs	€150,000		€150,000					
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€220,000	€220,000						
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 13)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Specific Grants (Advance Design)(Note 14)	€50,000		€50,000					
Safety Fencing	€75,000		€75,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000	€50,000						
Invasive Species Management	€50,000		€50,000					
Staffing Budget (Note 15)	€400,000		€400,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 16)	€911,071			€271,499		€275,143	€364,428	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 17)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€438,095	€361,905	€438,095	€485,714	€276,190
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,027,740			€170,855	€267,340	€236,451	€248,726	€104,368
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€528,125			€87,797	€137,378	€121,505	€127,813	€53,632
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,749,935			€372,301	€316,138	€438,038	€367,749	€255,708
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€899,241			€191,315	€162,454	€225,095	€188,976	€131,401
DTTAS RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
DTTAS RI Programme Support	€251,141			€51,937	€47,922	€62,214	€53,800	€35,267
DTTAS Drainage Programme Support	€31,680			€6,552	€6,045	€7,848	€6,787	€4,449
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€9,679,811	€320,000	€1,275,000	€1,719,497	€1,363,709	€1,949,962	€2,134,474	€917,170
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 18)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 19)	€90,000					€90,000		
Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates (Note 20)	€350,000			€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000
Car Parking	€1,130,000		€150,000	€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
School Wardens	€71,000	€71,000						
Burial Grounds	€40,000		€2,800	€7,200	€4,800	€8,400	€12,000	€4,800
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,711,781	€71,000	€152,800	€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
Total DCC Funding =	€12,391,592	€391,000	€1,427,800	€2,313,345	€1,461,908	€2,355,509	€3,274,821	€1,167,208
TOTAL 2023 FUNDING =	€55,768,391	€2,893,312	€3,041,850	€12,101,762	€8,474,179	€10,631,883	€11,862,167	€6,763,238

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2023 - Municipal Districts (Area Offices) Summary

	Totals €			Donegal MD €	Glenties MD €	Inishowen MD €	Letterkenny/ Milford MD €	Stranorlar MD €
National Roads								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€293,292			€102,359		€31,969	€50,153	€108,811
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€201,895			€35,130	€138,500		€28,265	
Total National Roads Funding =	€495,187			€137,489	€138,500	€31,969	€78,418	€108,811
Non-National Roads								
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,930,500			€812,848	€750,007	€973,694	€842,007	€551,943
Regional Roads Own Resources	€1,027,740			€170,855	€267,340	€236,451	€248,726	€104,368
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€528,125			€87,797	€137,378	€121,505	€127,813	€53,632
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,749,935			€372,301	€316,138	€438,038	€367,749	€255,708
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€899,241			€191,315	€162,454	€225,095	€188,976	€131,401
MD Works Overheads	€2,000,000			€438,095	€361,905	€438,095	€485,714	€276,190
Depots & Health & Safety	€150,000			€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000	€30,000
Minor Non Structural Repair (Bridge) (Note 13)	€50,000			€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000	€10,000
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 16)	€911,071			€271,499		€275,143	€364,428	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 17)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€11,611,615			€2,449,714	€2,035,223	€2,824,021	€2,889,413	€1,413,243
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€1,410,220			€234,439	€366,833	€324,448	€341,290	€143,210
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€3,626,280			€771,497	€655,113	€907,718	€762,064	€529,888
DTTAS RM Programme Support	€120,876			€24,142	€24,527	€29,572	€26,481	€16,154
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€5,157,376			€1,030,079	€1,046,473	€1,261,737	€1,129,835	€689,253
Reg & Loc Roads Restoration Improvement	€19,278,500			€3,986,897	€3,678,671	€4,775,820	€4,129,917	€2,707,196
DTTAS RI Programme Support	€251,141			€51,937	€47,922	€62,214	€53,800	€35,267
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€19,529,641			€4,038,834	€3,726,593	€4,838,034	€4,183,717	€2,742,463
NTA Active Travel	€3,615,000			€850,000	€605,000	€195,000	€755,000	€1,210,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€891,000			€184,264	€170,018	€220,725	€190,874	€125,119
Specific Improvement Grants	€875,000			€450,000		€350,000	€75,000	
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€2,450,000			€2,000,000			€450,000	
Former National Roads	€450,000						€450,000	
Drainage Works (Note 11)	€1,320,000			€272,983	€251,879	€327,001	€282,776	€185,362
DTTAS Drainage Programme Support	€31,680			€6,552	€6,045	€7,848	€6,787	€4,449
Climate Adaptation	€918,750			€88,000	€396,250	€170,000	€230,000	€34,500
Specific Grants Total =	€10,551,430			€3,851,798	€1,429,192	€1,270,574	€2,440,436	€1,559,430
Total Roads Areas Non-National Roads Funding =	€46,850,061			€11,370,425	€8,237,480	€10,194,366	€10,643,401	€6,404,389
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 18)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 19)	€90,000					€90,000		
Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates (Note 20)	€350,000			€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000	€70,000
Car Parking	€980,000			€430,000		€79,000	€315,000	€156,000
Burial Grounds	€37,200			€7,200	€4,800	€8,400	€12,000	€4,800
Biodiversity	€90,000			€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000	€18,000
Roads Related Items Total =	€2,487,981			€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€2,487,981			€593,848	€98,199	€405,548	€1,140,348	€250,038
TOTAL AREA OFFICE 2023 FUNDING =	€49,833,229			€12,101,762	€8,474,179	€10,631,883	€11,862,167	€6,763,238

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Notes:

- 1 TII allocations must be spent in accordance with the TII Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 TII allocations announced to date do not contain any allocation for High Collision Locations or Crash Barrier repairs. It is expected that funding under these headings will be announced by TII aimed at specific locations on the national road network in the coming months.
- 3 No TII Capital Maintenance or HD28 announced to date.
- 4 Active Travel (NTA) must be spent in accordance with the latest NTA Guidance Circulars
- 5 DTTAS allocations must be spent in compliance with DTTAS Circular RW1/2023 and the latest Memorandum on Grants For Regional and Local Roads.
- 6 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve. The budget has been set at €1,000,000 for 2023 to reflect the likely expenditure.
- 7 In previous years LAs were permitted by DTTaS to use up to 15% of their initial Discretionary Grant for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). As LIS is now provided through the Department for Rural and Community Development this facility is no longer available from DTTaS.
- 8 Funding has again been provided for 2023 for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) as per previous commitment by DTTaS.
- 9 €48,000 and €27,000 have been allocated for Speed Limits , Housing Area Signage and Rural Speed Limit Signage respectively, to be distributed by RD when the current Speed Limit Review is complete.
- 10 As applied for in 2022, DTTaS have provided €8,250 in 2023 to allow for erection of passing cycle signage, some on existing and some on new poles.
- 11 DTTaS have continued their Drainage Grant for 2023 with funding of €1,320,00 and is to be used to address locations with drainage problems on the road network. This year the DCC have topped up with a supplementary 'DTTaS Drainage Programme Support' budget of €31,680
- 12 DTTaS have funded €114,500 for training, and remaining training costs over and above this have to come from OR.
- 13 It was identified that there was a need for a Minor Bridge Non Structural Repair programme, and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 14 It was noted in the Budget Book that there was a need to advance the design work on certain bridges and €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund this work.
- 15 The increase in outdoor staff numbers has resulted in increased staffing costs for outdoor work gangs. Similar to previous years monies have been retained centrally for targeting at RSS areas where staffing costs cannot be met from existing maintenance funding. €400,000 has been retained for this purpose.
- 16 €911,071 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously.
- 17 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2023 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with their individual preferences.
- 18 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2023 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on split following disbandment of Town Councils.
- 19 Merville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments and a separate allocation has again been made in the 2023 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.
- 20 2023 sees the continuation of the programme 'Roads/Footpaths in Council Housing Estates' to undertake repair works to access infrastructure at Council housing estates during 2023. A fund totalling €350,000 (equivalent to €70,000 per MD) has been allocated for this purpose.
- 21 It is expected that Roads Own Resources funds will continue to be spent as normal as per the following breakdown from Budget Book 2023:

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

- 22 Where specific allocations are made to MDs on the basis of their having former Town Councils it is expected that these allocations will be spent in the former Town Council areas and will not be used to supplement budgets outside of these areas.

- 23 The 2023 road mileage was taken from the updated National and Regional lengths currently recorded on the PMS as per below, resulting in minor changes from 2022

Municipal District	National Primary	National Secondary	Regional	Local	Non National Total
Donegal	34.9%	17.4%	16.6%	21.3%	20.7%
Glenties		68.6%	26.0%	18.1%	19.1%
Inishowen	10.9%		23.0%	25.0%	24.8%
Letterkeny	17.1%	14.0%	24.2%	21.0%	21.4%
Stranorlar	37.1%		10.2%	14.6%	14.0%

Development Fund Allocations 2023

Municipal District	Development Fund Initiative €	Members Development Fund * ¹ €	Public Lights & Minor Infrastructure Fund* ³ €	Minor Tourism Works Scheme* ⁴ €	Pollinator Plan and Biodiversity* ⁵ €	Access Infrastructure in Housing Estates* ⁶ €	Totals €
Letterkenny-Milford	200,000	63,500	70,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	523,500
Inishowen	180,000	57,150	63,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	490,150
Donegal	120,000	38,100	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	390,100
Glenties	120,000	38,100	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	390,100
Lifford-Stranorlar	120,000	38,100	42,000	100,000	20,000	70,000	390,100
Totals	740,000	234,950*²	259,000	500,000	100,000	350,000	2,183,950

*1 Equivalent to €6,350 per Elected Member

*2 Standard rounding rules apply. The Revenue Budget allocation is €236,000

*3 Equivalent to €7,000 per Elected Member

*4 Repeated for 2023 - €100,000 per Municipal District

*5 Repeated for 2023 - €20,000 per Municipal District

*6 Repeated for 2023 - €70,000 per Municipal District

FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR SMDW ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2023

Proposed by: _____

Seconded by: _____

and resolved “that the _____ Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2023, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the _____ (insert date) as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.”



Oifig na
nOibreacha Poiblí
Office of Public Works



Oifig on Aire Stáit
Office of the Minister of State

Minister's Reference: OPW-MO-00054-2023

Ms. Una Cresswell
Public Service Centre,
Malin Road,
Carndonagh,
County Donegal
F93 YV1N



10th February 2023

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence to Minister of State, Patrick O'Donovan TD in relation to the Flood Relief Schemes in the Inishowen Municipal District area. I will bring the contents of your correspondence to the attention of the Minister.

Once enquiries have been completed in the matter you have raised, you will receive a substantive response.

Yours sincerely,

Garret Nolan

Private Secretary

Oifig on Aire Stáit
Office of the Minister of State

Our Ref: CaseOPW-MO-00054-2023

Donegal County Council
E.A. Office, Inishowen

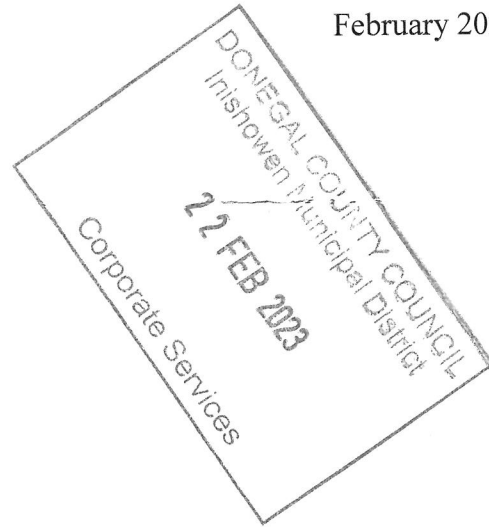
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HOUSING SECTION



February 2023

Ms Una Creswell
A/Area Manager
Public Service Centre
Malin Road,
Carndonagh,
Co. Donegal
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Dear Ms Cresswell,

I refer to your representation in relation to your request for a meeting relating to the Flood Relief Schemes in the Inishowen Municipal District area.

The Minister will be visiting Donegal in the coming months to attend Gaeltacht Business and he may be in a position to discuss flood-related issues at that time.

I trust this clarifies the situation

Yours sincerely,

Garret Nolan
Private Secretary

Donegal County Council
E.A. Office, Inishowen

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HOUSING SECTION

From: DRCD Minister <ministerdrcd@drcd.gov.ie>

Sent: Thursday 9 February 2023 13:14

To: UNA CRESSWELL (CARNDONAGH) <UCRESSWELL@Donegalcoco.ie>

Subject: Request to extend CLÁR to other districts in the Inishowen Municipal District area

Una Cresswell
A/Area Manager
Inishowen Municipal District
Donegal County Council
Public Service Centre
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Carndonagh
Co Donegal
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Ref: DRCD-MO-00063-2023

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 08/02/2023 to Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development in relation to the request to extend CLÁR to other districts in the Inishowen Municipal District area.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Damien Griffin

*Private Secretary to Heather Humphreys T.D.
Minister for Rural and Community Development*

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

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From: DRCD Minister <ministerdracd@dracd.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 10 February 2023 12:17
To: UNA CRESSWELL (CARNDONAGH) <UCRESSWELL@Donegalcoco.ie>
Subject: FW: Request to extend CLÁR to other districts in the Inishowen Municipal District area

Una Cresswell
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Ref: DRCD-MO-00063-2023

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the expansion of CLÁR programme to include other parts of the Inishowen Municipal District area.

The CLÁR programme provides funding under a number of different measures for small-scale infrastructural projects in designated rural areas.

There are designated CLÁR areas in all counties with the exception of Dublin, Kildare and Wexford. The areas originally designated for CLÁR were selected in 2001 based on the level of population decline in each area between the years 1926 and 1996. The average population loss in original CLÁR areas over the period 1926 to 1996 was 50%.

In 2006, an analysis of the 2002 Census data was carried out by the NIRSA Institute (National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis) at Maynooth University, as a result of this, the programme was extended to include areas which experienced an average population loss of 35% between 1926 and 2002.

A review of CLÁR areas nationally was undertaken in 2021 using the 2016 Census of Population data. The review considered whether any other factors should be taken into account in designating areas for eligibility under CLÁR in the future, and the impact of population changes since the last review was undertaken. The output of the Review process is currently being considered.

Yours sincerely,

Damien Griffin
Private Secretary to Heather Humphreys T.D.
Minister for Rural and Community Development

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