



Comhairle Contae  
Ros Comáin  
Roscommon  
County Council



# 2019

## Annual Report

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil





# 2019

## Strategic Vision

To serve the communities of Roscommon with enthusiasm, courtesy and absolute respect, to revitalise the social, economic, cultural and environmental fabric of our towns and villages and rural communities, to provide supports and mechanisms to empower all of our communities to grow and to ensure that the Council's budget is effectively spent and accounted for.

Front Cover: Roscommon Town Park

Above: Walking the Suck Valley Way



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# Introduction from An Cathaoirleach and Chief Executive

**We are delighted to present this Annual Report which outlines details of the extensive range of accomplishments achieved by Roscommon County Council during 2019.**

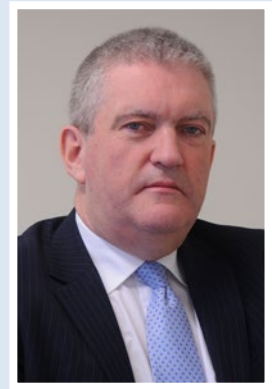
It is with great pride that we report on the Council's successes throughout the year in its administration and delivery of a quality, innovative and professional service to its clients and the communities that it serves.

Among the many highlights for the year were:

- The levels of expenditure for the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2019 were €60.2m and €40.8m respectively.
- €32.6m in funding was allocated to national and non-national roads in 2019.
- Over 400 separate projects on regional and local roads were completed in all engineering areas under the *Road Works Scheme 2019*.
- The main construction contract for the N60 Road Realignment Project was awarded in April 2019.
- The Council purchased three Velocity Patchers at a total cost of €906,420.
- €8.8m was allocated for the operation and maintenance of existing water and wastewater schemes and for the delivery of capital projects under the 2019 *Annual Services Plan* that was agreed with Irish Water.
- The extension of the Boyle Regional Water Supply Scheme to Grangemore was substantially completed in November 2019 at a cost of €1,324,227 exclusive of VAT.
- The Council completed the purchase of twenty-eight single dwellings in various locations and the turnkey construction of ten units at Station Road, Boyle and ten units at Lisroyne Court, Strokestown under the *Housing Acquisition and Construction Programme*.
- Seventeen housing developments were taken in charge in 2019.
- Roscommon County Council, in an effort to promote responsible dog ownership, offered free microchipping to 200 dogs in the County. A *Responsible Dog Ownership Guide* was published which also includes information on the *Green Dog Walker Initiative*.
- The Council hosted the exhibition '*100 years of Women in Politics and Public Life, from 1918 to 2018*', for a three-month period commencing in July 2019.
- A reception to welcome a thirty-one strong delegation from Chartrettes, France to mark the 21st anniversary of its twinning with Roscommon Town was held in May 2019. To mark the visit, the walkway between the square and the new carpark was named 'Rue Chartrette'.
- A delegation from the Shanxi Province of China visited the county in December 2019 accompanied by Mr. Mark Zhang of Ireland China Friendship Association in Dublin.



- The Roscommon County Council annual sports bursary, which was established the previous year in honour of the late Dermot Earley, continued to operate in 2019.
- €60,000 was allocated to eighty-seven projects under the Council's *Community and Amenity Grants Scheme*.
- €133,301 was allocated to thirty-nine projects under the 2019 *Community Enhancement Scheme*.
- €308,629 was allocated to ten schools and communities under the *CLÁR 2019 Programme*.
- Renovation works at Roscommon Arts Centre were completed with the centre officially re-opening in June 2019.
- 2019 saw the launch of the new *Roscommon Tourism Brand* and website *visitroscommon.ie*.
- *Ireland's Hidden Heartlands* was launched to the international buyers' market at the *Fáilte Ireland Meitheal* event in City West, Dublin in April 2019. Eight tourism businesses from County Roscommon were represented at the event.
- The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) continued to act as a '*First Stop Shop*' for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business. 172 businesses employing 897 people were supported as a direct result of grants approved to new and existing businesses employing additional staff in County Roscommon.
- The Council's Digital Transformation team introduced a new case management system called '*Report It*' which is designed to digitise the way all citizen's complaints and queries are captured and managed in the organisation.



We wish to express our utmost gratitude to the Elected Members, the Corporate Policy Group; Chairpersons and Members of the Strategic Policy Committees and Municipal District Committees; the Management Team and staff of Roscommon County Council for their commitment and dedication throughout 2019. We also wish to extend our most sincere thanks to the many voluntary and community organisations with whom the Council interacts for their on-going enthusiasm and co-operation. This collaborative approach is absolutely vital to enabling the Council to deliver on its strategic vision to '*serve the communities of Roscommon with enthusiasm, courtesy and absolute respect, to revitalise the social, economic, cultural and environmental fabric of our towns and villages and rural communities, to provide supports and mechanisms to empower all of our communities to grow and to ensure that the Council's budget is effectively spent and accounted for.*' The achievements outlined in this Annual Report have significantly benefited the people of Roscommon in terms of economic progress and social, cultural and community development. They could not have been attained without your collective endeavor, energy and enterprise. The input of each and every one of you is immensely valued and greatly appreciated.

**Cllr Paschal Fitzmaurice**  
Cathaoirleach  
Roscommon County Council

**Eugene Cummins**  
Chief Executive  
Roscommon County Council





## Elected Members of Roscommon County Council (After May 2019)



### Boyle Municipal District



Cllr. Valerie Byrne  
*Non-Party*



Cllr. John Cummins  
*Fianna Fáil*



Cllr. Tom Crosby  
*Non-Party*



Cllr. Liam Callaghan  
*Fine Gael*



Cllr. Michael Mulligan  
*Sinn Féin*



Cllr. Joe Murphy  
*Fianna Fáil*



### Roscommon Municipal District



Cllr. Marty McDermott  
*Non-Party*



Cllr. Anthony Waldron  
*Non-Party*



Cllr. Nigel Dineen  
*Non-Party*



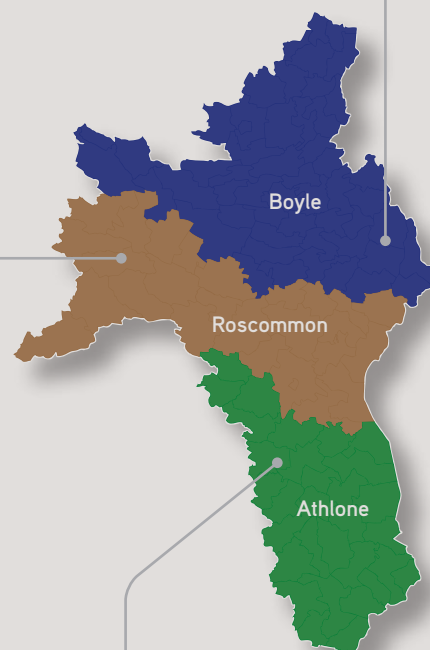
Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice  
*Fianna Fáil*



Cllr. Orla Leyden  
*Fianna Fáil*



Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher  
*Non-Party*



### Athlone Municipal District



Cllr. Ivan Connaughton  
*Fianna Fáil*



Cllr. Laurence Fallon  
*Non-Party*



Cllr. John Keogh  
*Fianna Fáil*



Cllr. Donal Kilduff  
*Non-Party*



Cllr. John Naughten  
*Fine Gael*



Cllr. Tony Ward  
*Non-Party*

### Before May 2019 Local Elections

#### Athlone Municipal District

Cllr. Ivan Connaughton	Non-Party
Cllr. Laurence Fallon	Non-Party
Cllr. John Keogh	Fianna Fáil
Cllr. John Naughten	Fine Gael
Cllr. Tony Ward	Non-Party
Cllr. Paddy Kilduff	Fianna Fáil

#### Boyle Municipal District

Cllr. Valerie Byrne	Non-Party
Cllr. Liam Callaghan	Fine Gael
Cllr. John Cummins	Fianna Fáil
Cllr. Michael Mulligan	Sinn Féin
Cllr. Joe Murphy	Fianna Fáil
Cllr. Rachel Doherty	Fianna Fáil

#### Roscommon Municipal District

Cllr. Nigel Dineen	Non-Party
Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice	Fianna Fáil
Cllr. Orla Leyden	Fianna Fáil
Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher	Non-Party
Cllr. Domnick Connolly	Non-Party
Cllr. Michael Creaton	Fine Gael



# Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)

## Strategic Policy Committees - Before May 2019

### Economic Development and Enterprise Support (including Roads and Culture) SPC

#### Councillors

- › Cllr. Nigel Dineen (Chair)
- › Cllr. Valerie Byrne
- › Cllr. Michael Creaton
- › Cllr. Joe Murphy
- › Cllr. Liam Callaghan
- › Cllr. John Keogh
- › Cllr. Domnick Connolly
- › Cllr. Orla Leyden
- › Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher

#### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Brendan Allen, *Business / Commercial*
- › Ms. Mary Clifford, *Community/Voluntary*
- › Ms. Rebecca Dobson, *Environmental/Conservation*
- › Mr. Mark McGovern, *Development/Construction*
- › Mr. Jimmy Murray, *Agriculture/Farming*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 13th February 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Arts Centre Building and the Progress of Construction Works
- › Tourism Activities including Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Campaign
- › Local Economic Community Plan Review
- › Local Enterprise Office Events and Plans
- › Brexit Strategies to Assist Business

### Housing and Corporate SPC

#### Councillors

- › Cllr. John Cummins (Chair)
- › Cllr. John Keogh
- › Cllr. Ivan Connaughton
- › Cllr. Laurence Fallon
- › Cllr. Nigel Dineen
- › Cllr. Rachel Doherty
- › Cllr. Liam Callaghan
- › Cllr. Joe Murphy
- › Cllr. Tony Ward

#### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Sean Flanagan, *Development/Construction*
- › Ms. Maria Harris, *Social Inclusion*
- › Mr. Vincent Moran, *Community/Voluntary*
- › Ms. Margaret Mulligan, *Social Inclusion*
- › Vacancy, *Trade Union*

Two meetings of this SPC were held on 7th March and 9th May 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Casual Trading
- › Traveller Accommodation Plan
- › Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan
- › Scheme of Priorities (Affordable Housing)
- › Rent Review



## Planning SPC

### Councillors

- › Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice (Chair)
- › Cllr. Valerie Byrne
- › Cllr. Ivan Connaughton
- › Cllr. John Cummins
- › Cllr. Rachel Doherty
- › Cllr. Paddy Kilduff
- › Cllr. Michael Mulligan
- › Cllr. John Naughten
- › Cllr. Tony Ward

### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Tom Connolly, *Development/Construction*
- › Mr. Tommy Cooney, *Agriculture/Farming*
- › Ms. Albert Looby, *Business /Commercial*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 8th March 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Update on Planning Circulars
- › Review of Development Contributions Scheme
- › Update on Vacant Homes Activity
- › Roscommon County Council's Submissions to the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly and the Northern and Western Regional Assembly on their respective Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies
- › Planning Requirements for Log Cabins

## Environmental and Emergency Services SPC

### Councillors

- › Cllr. John Naughton (Chair)
- › Cllr. Laurence Fallon
- › Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice
- › Cllr. Michael Creaton
- › Cllr. Paddy Kilduff
- › Cllr. Orla Leyden
- › Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher
- › Cllr. Domnick Connolly
- › Cllr. Michael Mulligan

### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Eoin Browne, *Business / Commercial*
- › Mr. Ger Donoghue, *Community/Voluntary*
- › Mr. Michael Ewing, *Environmental/ Conservation*
- › Mr. Louis Martin, *Agriculture/Farming*
- › Mr. Anthony McCormack, *Trade Union*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 16th April 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Battery Storage Facility Ballaghaderreen
- › Bye-Laws on Presentation of Waste
- › 2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative
- › Cost Breakdown for Civic Amenity Sites
- › Straws Suck Campaign and Reduce Plastic Waste



## Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) - After May 2019

### Economic Development and Enterprise Support (including Tourism, Culture and Libraries) SPC

#### Councillors

- › Cllr. Orla Leyden (Chair)
- › Cllr. Ivan Connaughton
- › Cllr. Joe Murphy
- › Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher
- › Cllr. Valerie Byrne
- › Cllr. John Keogh
- › Cllr. Tom Crosby
- › Cllr. Nigel Dineen
- › Cllr. Liam Callaghan

#### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. John Mee, *Business/Commercial*
- › Ms. Susan Gaynor, *Community/Voluntary*
- › Mr. Liam Murray, *Development/Construction*
- › Mr. Michael Ewing, *Environment*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 10th December 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Work Programme for 2020
- › All Ireland Pollinator Plan
- › Submissions for Review of Standing Orders
- › Local Economic and Community Plan
- › Local Enterprise Office Events Metrics and Job Creation

### Housing, ICT and Rural Water SPC

#### Councillors

- › Cllr. John Cummins (Chair)
- › Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice
- › Cllr. Tony Ward
- › Cllr. John Keogh
- › Cllr. Donal Kilduff
- › Cllr. Marty McDermott
- › Cllr. Liam Callaghan
- › Cllr. Joe Murphy
- › Cllr. Anthony Waldron

#### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Alex Connolly, *Development Construction*
- › Mr. Vincent Moran, *Community/Voluntary*
- › Ms. Monica Mahon, *Trade Union*
- › Mr. Jim O'Connor, *Agriculture and Farming*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 9th December 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Standing Orders
- › Induction Training for New Members
- › Housing
- › ICT
- › Rural Water
- › Western Regional Homeless Action Plan 2020-2022



## Planning, Environment, Climate Change and Corporate SPC

### Councillors

- › Cllr. John Naughten (Chair)
- › Cllr. Laurence Fallon
- › Cllr. Tom Crosby
- › Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice
- › Cllr. Orla Leyden
- › Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher
- › Cllr. Anthony Waldron
- › Cllr. Michael Mulligan
- › Cllr. Donal Kilduff

### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Sean Mahon, *Business/Commercial*
- › Mr. Gareth Scahill, *Community/Voluntary*
- › Ms. Hannah Mole, *Environmental*
- › Mr. Ned O'Connor, *Agriculture/Farming*
- › Ms. Fiona Fallon, *Trade Union*
- › Mr. Ciaran King, *Development/Construction*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 10th December 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Induction Training for New Members
- › Dates for Meetings for 2020
- › Review of Standing Orders
- › Terms of Reference of Sub-Committee
- › Corporate Plan Review
- › Development Contributions Review
- › Climate Charter
- › Work Programme for 2020

## Roads Transportation and Emergency Services SPC

### Councillors

- › Cllr. Nigel Dineen (Chair)
- › Cllr. Valerie Byrne
- › Cllr. Ivan Connaughton
- › Cllr. John Cummins
- › Cllr. Laurence Fallon
- › Cllr. Michael Mulligan
- › Cllr. Marty McDermott
- › Cllr. John Naughten
- › Cllr. Tony Ward

### Sectoral Nominations

- › Mr. Mary Clifford, *Business/Commercial Sector*
- › Ms. Rebecca Dobson, *Environment*
- › Mr. Trevor Hunt, *Community/Voluntary Sector*
- › Mr. Matthew Dwyer, *Development/Construction Sector*

One meeting of this SPC was held on 4th December 2019. The issues considered included:

- › Induction Training for New Members
- › Work Programme for 2020
- › Submissions for Review of Standing Orders



# Community and Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office, Arts, Heritage and Tourism

## Community and Enterprise

The Community and Enterprise Department provides support for the County Roscommon Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). It also leads Roscommon County Council's involvement with and encouragement of community initiatives, the arts and heritage throughout the county.

## Joint Policing Committee (JPC)

Roscommon JPC has twenty-eight members consisting of thirteen Council members, three Oireachtas members, six Community Sector members, two Garda representatives and two local authority officials. One meeting was held during 2019. The main items discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- Annual Report 2018;
- Community CCTV Schemes;
- Property Marking Scheme;
- Report from An Garda Síochána.

## Public Participation Network (PPN)

Roscommon PPN is the main link through which the local authority connects with the community, social inclusion and environmental sectors without prejudice to other consultation processes. The aim of the structures and processes is to facilitate and enable the public and organisations to articulate a diverse range of views and interests within the local government system. The Council continues to support the PPN with the employment of a dedicated Resource Worker.

## Community and Amenity Grants Scheme 2019

A total of €60,000 was allocated to the *Community and Amenity Grants Scheme* in 2019. Grants were awarded to eighty-seven projects. The amounts awarded ranged from €500 to €1,500. Tidy towns associations and local development groups were prioritised in line with the scheme. In addition, an allocation was also made to the County Roscommon Community Games and the three sub-aqua clubs that are active in search and rescue in the county.







Representatives from Athleague Tidy Towns/Athleague 2020 receiving the overall award in their category at the IPB Pride of Place 2019 Awards Ceremony in association with Co-operation Ireland at the Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny.

## Pride of Place Competition

Roscommon County Council nominated three Community Groups to the 2019 *All-Island Pride of Place Competition*. The groups who represented County Roscommon were Athleague Tidy Towns/Athleague 2020, Boyle Town Team/Boyle Pride of Place Committee and Lisacul, Co. Roscommon. The results of the competition were announced at an awards ceremony held in the Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny on 30th November 2019. Athleague Tidy Towns/Athleague 2020 won the overall award in their category and Boyle Town Team/Boyle Pride of Place was awarded a runner-up prize in their category.

## 2019 Community Enhancement Scheme

A total of €133,301 was allocated to the 2019 Community Enhancement Scheme. Grants were awarded to thirty-nine projects. The amounts allocated varied from €1,000 to €13,000. A specific portion of funding under this scheme was allocated to Men's Shed projects. There was also additional funding of €11,189 allocated under the Men's Shed Scheme 2019. Grants were awarded to eight projects.

## CLÁR 2019

A total of €308,629 was allocated to ten schools and communities under the CLÁR 2019 Programme. Schools were awarded six grants under Schools Safety Measures and Support for Play Areas. One community was successful under Community Safety Measures, one community was successful under Support for Play Areas and two communities were successful under the Sensory Garden Measure.

## Funding Awarded

Roscommon County Council was awarded grant funding for the following projects in 2019:

Scheme	Location	Amount
Town & Village Renewal	Athleague	€100,000
	Ballaghaderreen	€100,000
	Boyle	€200,000
	Monksland	€200,000
	Roscommon	€100,000
	Roosky	€100,000
	Strokestown	€80,000
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme	Boyle	€500,000
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund	Roscommon	€780,000
Pilot Residential Occupancy Scheme	Boyle	€100,000



## Roscommon Social Inclusion Unit (SI Unit)

The SI Unit continues to embed social inclusion in the corporate body of the Council and continues to collaborate with other external organisations and agencies through structures such as the Roscommon LCDC.

### Recreation

The SI Unit facilitated the roll out of a number of social inclusion focused events during 2019. These included *National Play Day* and *National Recreation Week* with over 600 children and adults attending. Bike Week was also rolled out in conjunction with Roscommon Sports Partnership.

### Age Friendly

The SI Unit is responsible for administering the implementation of the *Age Friendly Strategy*, including the Age Friendly Working Group and County Alliance. During 2019 the Council supported members of the Roscommon Older Peoples Council (OPC) to attend the 2019 *National Age Friendly Convention* in Donegal. In April the Roscommon *Age Friendly Directory of Services* was launched. It is a full directory of services for older people including information and advice on entitlements; health; housing; safety and security; transportation; social and leisure activities and home service supports and maintenance. The World Health Organisation certification of Roscommon's membership of Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities was presented to the Alliance.

### Comhairle na nÓg

Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg is also facilitated by the SI Unit. Comhairle na nÓg hosted its annual event '*Tea with Teens*'. This is an inter-generational event which sees members from Active Age Groups, the Older People's Council and various services relevant to young and old come together and learn new experiences from each other. The Comhairle held its AGM in The Hub, Castlerea during October 2019 and members also attended the National Showcase in Croke Park at the end of the year.

## Science Week

*Science Week 2019* was rolled out by the SI Unit in conjunction with the Science Federation of Ireland, which consisted of a week long programme of events to promote the work of science. The majority of events were aimed at primary school level and were school based and included *Climate Action Hero* and *The Effects of Climate Change on our Wildlife*. A '*Science Magic.....Magic Science Show*' was also held in Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea, which was aimed at secondary school level.

## Traveller Pride Week

The SI Unit co-ordinated the hosting of a *Traveller Living History, Cultural Exhibition* in the car park of Arás an Chontae as part of *Traveller Pride Week* celebrations. Over 200 people from services, local schools, families and the general public came to view the exhibition.

## Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Initiative

The SI Unit also administered the *STEM* initiative across the county in partnership with the Roscommon Lions Club and Foroige. The *STEM* initiative supported the delivery of a variety of workshops for young people aimed at exciting their interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. These work shops were held in Roscommon, Castlerea, Ballaghaderreen, Boyle and Strokestown. Workshops included stop motion animation; child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) transition programme; photography and film making; comic book making; science experiments; gaming; sound surfers; makey makey engineering; coder dojo coding for beginners and intermediates; darts clubs and a bike fixing workshop.



## Health and Wellbeing

The SI Unit continued to host the Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee of the LCDC. This sub-committee is cognisant of the high level goals of the *Local Economic and Community Plan* while having responsibility for delivering on the objectives of the *Healthy Roscommon Plan 2018 – 2021*, which include:

- Reducing Isolation;
- Provide Activities Accessible to All;
- Help People become Motivated to Participate;
- Get Families Active Together;
- Share Information among Service Providers.

The Department of Health through Pobal rolled out Strand 3 of the Healthy Ireland Fund which covers the period 2019-2021. This funding is facilitated through the SI Unit. There are fourteen successful applications whose projects and initiatives will be funded over the two-year term.

A number of initiatives under the community engagement theme of Healthy Ireland were also held. The Council in collaboration with SAOLTA University Health Care group facilitated a *Urology Conference* by Mr. Eamon Rogers, Consultant Urologist in Arás an Chontae. A Healthy Ireland *Haemochromatosis Information Evening* was also hosted during May 2019 in association with the Irish Haemochromatosis Association. Speakers included Dr. Gerard O'Mara, Consultant Geriatrician, Ms. Margaret Kelly, Advanced Practitioner in Diabetes and Nurse Olive Arnold, Haemochromatosis Clinic. Over 100 people attended the event.

A *Ready and Able Conference* aimed at supporting people with disabilities to engage with local sports clubs was held in Hannons Hotel, Roscommon. Speakers included Minister Denis Naughton, Sarah Cregg, All Star and Keith Andrews, FAI International and TV pundit. Following on from the conference a *Ready and Able Easter Camp* was co-ordinated for children with additional needs. The camp was held in Four Mile House with activities delivered by Sports Development officers from the FAI, Connacht Rugby, GAA, LGFA and Sports Partnership. Twenty-two children with additional needs attended the event over the three days.

A facilitated training conference for clubs, schools and volunteers on how to adapt training programmes and activities to incorporate children with additional needs was also held in Creggs

National School. Oisín Jordan from the FAI and Liam Moggan formally of Special Olympics Ireland and the Irish Sports Council facilitated a session for over forty people from a range of sports clubs, sports centres, schools and volunteer groups.

## Sports Development Officers

Roscommon County Council through the SI Unit continued to contribute towards the work of the FAI Development Officer, GAA Development Officer, the LGFA Development Officer and a Rugby Development Officer. Part of the core objectives of the work of the Sports Development Officers is to promote social inclusion through sport with the aim of achieving;

- The promotion of social inclusion through sport, particularly in geographic areas of disadvantage by working with schools, clubs, social inclusion groups and community groups;
- Development of programs with Roscommon Sports Partnership in the area of disability;
- Work in the community with non-national groups;
- Ensuring delivery of integrated sports development programmes throughout the community;
- Increase participation and the opportunities for participation;
- Developing partnership and co-ordination between the relevant local statutory and voluntary bodies.

During 2019 the Sports Development Officers worked with groups including refugee families in the Emergency Reception and Orientation Centre (EROC), members of the Roma community, children with additional needs, migrant children, marginalised women and emerging communities.



## Arts Office

In 2019, the arts programme continued to support, encourage and nurture the arts with new and existing programmes. These included an inclusive *Programme for Children and Young People*, with the *Artists in Primary Schools Residency Programme*, *Let's Write Masterclasses for Secondary Schools*, *Bookworms - the Children's Literary Festival*, *Summer Creative and Music Generation Roscommon* incorporating the Roscommon County Youth Orchestra (RCYO) and the Roscommon County Youth Theatre (RCYT). In 2019, as well as weekly workshops for twenty-five members, the RCYT performed Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* adapted for stage by Anna Galligan and directed by Catherine Sheridan. A total of five performances were sold out in Roscommon Arts Centre.

In May 2019, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (ETB) (lead partner) and Roscommon County Council, together with Music Generation, announced the appointment of musician and music educator Ellen Glennon to the role of Music Generation Development Officer to develop and oversee an affordable, accessible programme of performance music education for children and young people across the county. This appointment was an important milestone in the development of Music Generation Roscommon, marking the beginning of a focussed phase of planning and building towards the implementation of a full and comprehensive programme of vocal and instrumental tuition from the academic year 2019/2020.



Music Generation Roscommon at Clonown National School.

Work continued on the extensive *Literary Development Programme* including the *New Roscommon Writers Award*, the *Chapbook Bursary*, writer mentoring and the *Douglas Hyde Conference 2019 'The Road to Democracy'*, which focused on the events of one hundred years ago in 1919.

A strong *Visual Arts Programme* saw the Arts Office work closely with the Visual Arts Curator in Residence at Roscommon Arts Centre. This included the exhibition *Collective View* works from the Boyle Civic Art Collection and the Arts Council collection in King House, curated by Linda Shevlin. Other projects included the *Margaret Cousins Commemorative Commission* with artist Eimear Walshe in King House; The Park Project with artist Yvonne McGuinness; the Roscommon Visual Artists Forum Annual Award to artist Susan Mannion and a programme of professional development for artists.

Roscommon County Youth Theatre's Performance of 'Alice in Wonderland'.





The Individual Artists Bursary and the *Tyrone Guthrie Bursary* programme saw twenty bursaries awarded, supporting artists at all stages of their careers and in a wide range of contexts and art forms.

Sixteen events helped ensure that Culture Night 2019 was celebrated across the county, with 850 people in attendance.

SLR Film sees Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon local authorities continue their long-term partnership to enhance the viability of filmmakers and filmmaking in the region. Four bursaries were awarded to film artists in the region including the Roscommon recipients Martina Hourican and Christine Braithwaite. The April network meeting featured guest speaker, Paul Young from Boyle, Director of the award-winning *Cartoon Saloon*. Roscommon is also a partner in the *Western Region Audiovisual Producers Fund (WRAP)* which is committed to strategic investment that generates economic impact, supports local talent, creates sustainable employment, builds audio-visual infrastructure and contributes to the culture and language of the West of Ireland. WRAP is an initiative of the Western Development Commission and Galway Film Centre in association with the local authorities of Clare, Donegal, Galway City, Galway County, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

*Creative Ireland* is the Government's *Legacy Programme for Ireland, 2017-2022*, which places creativity at the centre of public policy. Roscommon's five-year *Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022* aligns with the government's initiative in encouraging and supporting greater access to and participation in creativity to improve the wellbeing of all citizens in every community. Events and projects under this initiative in 2019 included the *Creative Roscommon Open Call* which funded thirteen projects, the *Cathaoirleach Photography Awards*, *Women in Politics and Public Life 1918-2018* and *Cruinniú na nÓg* – an annual creative festival for children and young people, which saw over 500 attend at Strokestown Park House Gardens on 15th May 2019.



Cathaoirleach Ivan Connaughton; Josepha Madigan T.D. Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; Majella Cummins, Director of Service and Eugene Cummins Chief Executive at the Official Re-opening of Roscommon Arts Centre.

## Roscommon Arts Centre

**This year saw the completion of the renovation work at Roscommon Arts Centre, with the centre officially re-opening in June 2019. The building project was funded by Roscommon County Council with the support of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.**

The newly renovated and extended centre has a 194 seat auditorium with the addition of two new purpose built spaces, a ground floor gallery and a first floor workshop space along with an extension to and re-development of both the foyer and bar areas which were designed to improve and enhance the visitor experience. Backstage, capacity has been increased with an extended Green Room and the addition of a third dressing room facility while existing spaces have been re-imagined with the development of two new artist studios in the old gallery space.

The re-opening of the centre marked an exciting time for the centre, with in excess of 15,000 people attending and participating in events in 2019.

Programme highlights included *Coming Home* an exhibition of work by the internationally renowned artist Brian O'Doherty in association with Creative Ireland which took place to co-incide with the official opening of the new gallery space.

The exhibition was part of a wider programme entitled *8 Degrees West* designed to celebrate Roscommon artists and included exhibitions in the gallery space by the Roscommon WAR artists' collective, Anthony Keigher and Susan Mannion; a



Members of Roscommon County Council's staff pictured with Minister Josepha Madigan at the Official Re-opening of Roscommon Arts Centre.



Rope Drawing from Brian O'Doherty's *Coming Home* - Opening Exhibition at new Gallery Space in Roscommon Arts Centre.

talk by Druid Theatre Company's Gary Hynes and a performance of *Furniture*. The *8 Degrees West* programme also provided residency opportunities for both Fregoli Theatre Company and aerialists Ronan Brady and Aishling Ni Cheallaigh.

Artist supports were provided to independent theatre artists Maisie Lee and Fionnuala Gygax and hatch participants Manueala Corbari and Karl Quinn. Bombinate Theatre Company was awarded the *First Editions* commission for 2019.



Gareth Lombard and Niall Buggy in the Druid Theatre Company's '*Furniture*'.



Roscommon aerial artist Ronan Brady and Aishling Ni Cheallaigh in '*How to Square a Circle*', Roscommon Arts Centre, July 2019.

A new visual art education programme, *Primary Colours*, aimed at primary school students was introduced and the '*Gallery X:Ed*' programme for secondary schools was re-launched. The new workshop space provided a host of new opportunities for the public to participate in classes and workshops while the *Lollipops Children's Festival* was re-imagined as a more family focussed event.

The annual *Roscommon Drama Festival* and *Bookworms Literary Festival* both took place again in 2019 and a programme of events to coincide with both the nationwide *Bealtaine Festival* and *Culture Night* also took place at Roscommon Arts Centre.





Celebrating World Wetlands Day in Kiltieven.

## Heritage

The Heritage Office, in conjunction with the County Roscommon Heritage Forum, works to implement the *County Roscommon Heritage Plan 2019-2021* which sets out the strategic heritage goals for the county.

### World Wetlands Day

This year's event took place in Kiltieven on the Cloonlarge Loop. It was hosted by Kiltieven Tidy Towns in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Waters and Communities Office.

### Heritage Research Bursary

This bursary was awarded to Frank J. Hall, Galway Doctoral Scholar in Archaeology - NUI, Galway for his PhD research on *Strong Houses and Fortified Houses* including twelve in County Roscommon.

### Notice Nature @ Roscommon Lamb Festival

This involved displays from Inland Fisheries Ireland; National Parks and Wildlife Service; Communities and Water Office and Geological Survey of Ireland and a *Make a Bug Hotel* children's workshop presented by Martina Butler.



Notice Nature  
@ Roscommon  
Lamb Festival.

### Táin March Festival

In celebration of the great literary epic tale, the Táin Bó Cúailnge, events took place in Roscommon town and continued in Rathcroghan and Strokestown, crossing Sliabh Bawn and ending with a feast fit for the great Queen Medb. Fifteen school workshops were carried out by *Heritage in Schools Scheme* expert Chris Thompson. There was also a production of a poetry anthology and exhibition, ceremonial events at Rathcroghan mound, re-enactments, talks and performances. Over 380 school children participated in this project which was supported by Creative Ireland.

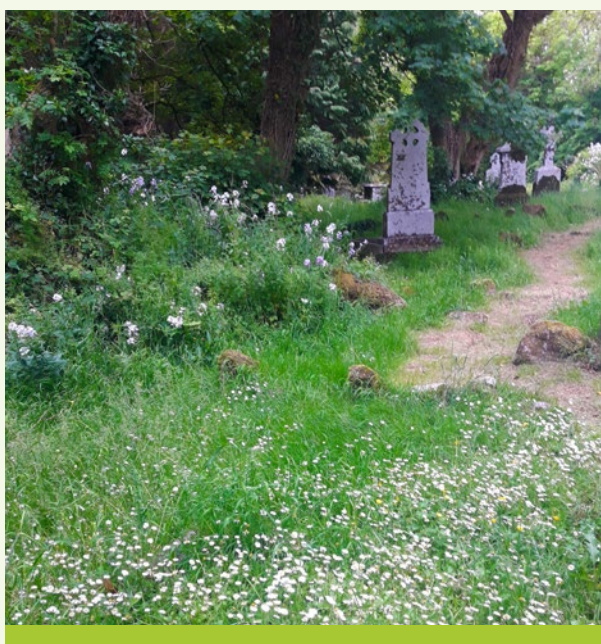
### Farming Rathcroghan European Innovation Partnership (EIP)

John Cronin & Associates were appointed to support the Farming Rathcroghan project team and operational group with archaeological elements of the project design and development. This project is funded by the Heritage Council and Roscommon County Council.





Táin March 2019 at Rathcroghan Mound.



Let's Get Buzzing Pollinator Award Winner, Kilrooan Old Graveyard.

### 'Let's Get Buzzing' Pollinator Awards

Heritage expert, Éanna Ní Lamhna delivered workshops to seventeen schools and ten graveyard committees who entered the awards competition. She also mentored all on how they can build on their work for pollinators, judged the entries and presented the awards. Schools winners were: First - Lisaniskey NS; Second - Ballintieva NS and Third - Keadue NS. Cemeteries winners were: First - Kilrooan Old Cemetery, Lisacul; Second - Ballintubber Cemetery and Third - Cloontuskert Cemetery. This project was supported by the *National Biodiversity Action Plan* fund which is operated by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

### Suck Valley Way Bioblitz

The *Suck Valley Way Bioblitz* took place in Athleague. Over 400 nature and wildlife records were submitted to the National Biodiversity Data Centre with over 250 different species recorded within the 24 hours of the Bioblitz.

### National Biodiversity Action Plan

In support of actions from the *National Biodiversity Action Plan*, a wetlands project was developed as part of the Neighbourhood Scheme in Elphin. Forty biodiversity workshops were funded in over twenty schools participating in the *Green Schools Biodiversity Flag Programme* reaching 1,000 pupils around the county. The Pollinator Awards were also supported. These projects were funded by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

### The Care and Conservation of Historic Graveyards

A seminar took place and over forty people attended. Expert speakers delivered talks on caring for historic graveyards, biodiversity, recording and memorials. This project was funded by the Heritage Council.



**For Information on Cemeteries in County Roscommon**

Visit  
[www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries)

Location of Register of Burials,  
Historical Information,  
Headstone Inscriptions etc.  
where available

Scan with your phone or go to  
[www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries)

If you know of any information we can add or link to  
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please email [heritage@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:heritage@roscommoncoco.ie)

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**Cemeteries Mapviewer**  
[www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries)

**Recording Historic Graveyards:**  
The Recording Team for Oran Cemetery with John Tierney, Eachtra Archaeology.

**Built Heritage Investment Scheme**  
- Emergency Conservation Works at Kiltullagh Church of Ireland, Ballinlough.

**National Heritage Week 2019:** Enjoying the Wild Child Exhibition in Strokestown Park

## Launch of [www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/cemeteries)

A new cemeteries map viewer was launched. This will serve as a central portal for all information relating to cemeteries in County Roscommon. This project was funded by the Heritage Council.

## Recording Historic Graveyards

In conjunction with Eachtra Archaeology, three graveyards were selected for Historic Graveyards Recording Training Workshops from which an additional three graveyards are being recorded and uploaded to [www.historicgraves.ie](http://www.historicgraves.ie). The graveyards being recorded consist of Oran, Athleague Church of Ireland, Assylinn Old, St. Josephs Castlerea, Holy Trinity Castlerea and Caldragh Old. This project was funded by the Heritage Council.

## Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Essential conservation works on nine protected structures were carried out. Total project expenditure amounted to €127,233.

## Historic Structures Fund 2019

Essential conservation works were carried out on three projects. The scheme generated a total spend of €74,331.

## National Heritage Week

Over twenty community groups, organisations and individuals organised more than forty events around County Roscommon to celebrate the rich and diverse heritage that is there for all to enjoy.



## Tourism

### Roscommon Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2019-2022.

The *Roscommon Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017-2022* sets out tourism priorities within the county over a five-year period. It has a clear focus on enabling private sector investment and supporting key initiatives that provide sustainable benefits for the county, both socially and economically. The strategy identifies the strengths of tourism within the county which consist primarily of water-based experiences, our heritage and our communities.

### Roscommon Tourism Brand and website [visitroscommon.ie](http://visitroscommon.ie)

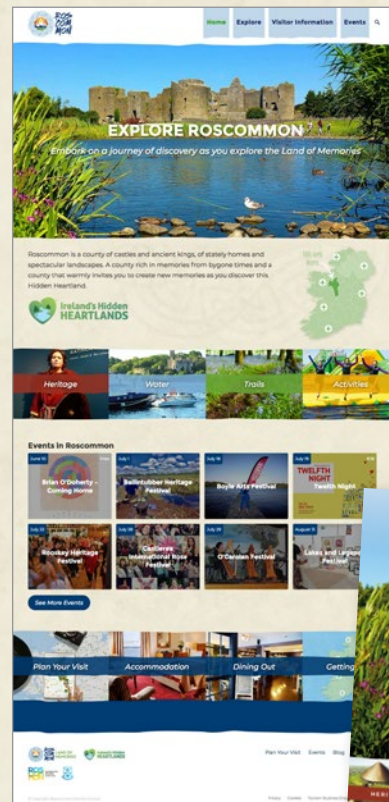
2019 saw the launch of the new *Roscommon Tourism Brand* and website [visitroscommon.ie](http://visitroscommon.ie). This resource provides full details of all tourism attractions, activities, accommodation and eateries within the county. It also provides up to date information on upcoming events. The development of this easily identifiable brand and a modern easily navigated website will enable Roscommon county to become a recognisable tourism location for the tourist from both home and abroad. In addition, a new tourism brochure was produced. 13,000 copies of the brochure were distributed to all tourism trade within the county together with over 30,000 tourism maps.

### Trade Expo and Marketing

During 2019 Roscommon Tourism attended eight Trade Expo Events to show case County Roscommon to potential domestic tourists. These included events such as the *Holiday World Show* and the *National Ploughing Championship*. Editorial advertisements highlighting Roscommon's tourism offerings were produced in *Go West* (Ireland West Airport Magazine), *Hotpress*, *Irish Rail* and *Roscommon People Magazine*.

### Social Media

As part of the *Roscommon Tourism Brand*, social media sites were updated to reflect and connect with [visitroscommon.ie](http://visitroscommon.ie). New Instagram and Twitter sites were also established. The sites have seen a continual increase in users, with an increase of 10% on 2018 figures.



Launch of Roscommon Tourism Brand and website - Eiméar Dowd, Tourism Officer, Majella Hunt, Director of Service, Louise and Jeff Kay (JDK Design - website designers), Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive and Breata Coyle, Roscommon County Council.





5km Healthy Ireland Community Walk in Cloonfad.

## Roscommon Walks Book

Through funding secured from Healthy Ireland the first edition of Roscommon Walks was produced to encourage the general public of all ages to get active and explore our beautiful walks. 30,000 copies were distributed throughout the county via the local papers, public bodies and tourism stakeholders. The book details the eighteen walks within the county by informing the reader of their location, facilities along the walks, how difficult the walk is together with a map. In addition, there is a children's activity page and a listing of all outdoor gyms and playgrounds in the county.



Two successful community 5km walking events (Cloonfad and Kiltewan) were also held to highlight the walks and encourage people to get walking and improve their physical and mental health.

## Tourism Trade Events

- **Tourism Networking:** The first *Tourism Trade County Networking Event* was held in April 2019 in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Tourism stakeholders throughout the county attended the event which was addressed by Roscommon County Council's Chief Executive, Eugene Cummins; Tara Kerry, Approved Accommodation Manager for Fáilte Ireland; Sarah McCarthy, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and Eiméar Dowd Tourism Officer.



County Tourism Network Event: Sarah McCarthy, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands; Breata Coyle, Roscommon County Council; Majella Hunt, Director of Services; Jean Smyth, Fáilte Ireland; Eiméar Dowd, Tourism Office; Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive; Tara Kerry, Registrar and Hospitality Development Manager.

### ➤ Tourism Trade International Delegation:

As part of Fáilte Ireland Meitheal 2020, King House welcomed a group of overseas Tour Operators, as part of their Ireland's Hidden Heartlands visit.

## Strokestown Park

As part of Roscommon County Council's investment in tourism it has committed to the employment of an Archivist in Strokestown Park. In October 2019, Minister of State for Tourism, Brendan Griffin announced funding of €3.9m for a new state of the art National Famine Museum at Strokestown Park House. The new National Famine Museum will use cutting-edge technology including projections and soundscapes to immerse visitors in the culture and day-to-day life of Ireland in the years before, during and after the Great Famine.

## Festival and Events Scheme

In January 2019, Roscommon County Council issued an open call to all communities for the newly established *Festival and Events Scheme*. A total of forty-two applications were approved for events which took place during 2019.



## Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

*Ireland's Hidden Heartlands* was launched to the international buyers' market at the *Fáilte Ireland Meitheal* event in City West, Dublin in April 2019. Twenty-nine tourism businesses from Ireland's Hidden Heartlands were represented at the event, including eight from County Roscommon. Their national marketing campaign involved the continual roll out of their TV and radio advertisements over the peak summer season.

*Taste the Island* was launched in Summer 2019 and ran for a 12-week period from September to November. This provided an opportunity for local food producers to showcase the products.

The Ireland's Hidden Heartlands *Website Improvement Programme* was launched in June 2019. This will see over forty visitor attractions and activity providers receive training and investment to significantly improve the content and performance of their websites which will help them to grow their businesses in 2020.

Tourism, Heritage and Rural Recreation Officers from across all nine counties in the Hidden Heartlands completed the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands *Regional Tourism Management Programme*. The programme ran over eight days and focussed on developing skills in marketing, strategy development, forecasting for capital projects and developing visitor experiences.

*A Sustainable Tourism Event*, looking at community tourism in Rathcroghan and Strokestown Park was held in July 2019.



**UPPER SHANNON ERNE**  
FUTURE ECONOMY PROJECT  
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## Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy (USEFE) Project

As part of the USEFE Tourism project, working with Waterways Ireland, Longford, Cavan and Leitrim County Councils, there was a focus by Roscommon County Council on developing angling tourism within the region. This included the hosting of angling trade workshops and an investment in the attendance at angling trade events.

## Lough Ree/Mid Shannon

As part of the inter-agency development of the region from Athlone to Rooskey, Roscommon County Council is committed to the development of inter-agency projects which increase the tourism potential of the Lough Ree region, including walking, cycle routes and its potential development under UNESCO status. This regional approach will enable optimal access to funding and mirror the development of the new Fáilte Ireland theme *Ireland's Hidden Heartlands*.

## Ireland West Airport Knock

During the summer of 2019, Ireland West Airport, with the assistance of Roscommon County Council and the six other Local Authorities in the region, employed two additional Tourist Information Staff at the Discovery Centre arrivals area of Ireland West Airport, Knock, County Mayo.

## Douglas Hyde Interpretative Centre

The burial place of Dr. Douglas Hyde, first President of Ireland, continues to be an important historic and cultural landmark in County Roscommon which attracts many visitors, including school tours and visits from local community groups and historical societies. In 2019, the Centre continued to develop as a cultural hub within the county, with large numbers of visitors on *Culture Night*.

## King House

King House is one of four historical houses in County Roscommon. 2019 was another busy year in King House with 15,684 people visiting it over the course of the year. Open to the public from April to September, the house functions as a museum, cultural venue and a gallery. It is home to a number of collections of significance including the story of its former owners the King Family, the Connaught Rangers Museum, the Mary MacAleese Collection and the Boyle Civic Art Collection.

King House is used throughout the year as a venue for performances, recitals and meetings and as such fulfills an important function for the local community. It is also one of the main venues used during the annual Boyle Arts Festival.

The King House Tea Rooms and Una Bhan Tourism co-operative are both located in the grounds of the house, alongside the Harrington Studios which are designated as artist studios. Boyle Library is located in the lower courtyard of the house. All of these remain open year round.





Honest Bakery – Ploughing Championships 2019.

## Local Enterprise Office

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) acts as a *'First Stop Shop'* for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business. The role of LEO

Roscommon is to drive the development of local enterprise, putting local micro and small business at the heart of job creation. LEO supports business start-ups and works to increase the job potential of new and existing micro and small businesses with information, advice, training, mentoring, seminars and selective financial support.

2019 was a very busy year for LEO Roscommon. 172 businesses employing 897 people were supported as a direct result of grants approved to new and existing businesses employing additional staff in County Roscommon. Over 1,800 enquiries were dealt with by the LEO and 2019 saw an increase in participants in training courses, mentoring assignments and mentoring clinics. All of these supports were promoted to, made available for and tailored specifically towards the needs of small, micro and start-up businesses in Roscommon.

LEO engaged with eight second level schools and sixteen primary schools to sow the seed of entrepreneurship at a local, county and national level. 2019 also saw forty-eight participants from Roscommon in *Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur* (IBYE) competition.



Wayne Auchmuty, Scaled Rigs, IBYE Roscommon Overall Award 2019.

Dedicated programmes which included *Social Media* and *Lean for Micro* were designed and run to support target groups. LEO Roscommon had a strong focus on getting businesses Brexit-ready in 2019 and provided Brexit mentoring, workshops and seminars. A total of eighty-three businesses participated. As part of its Brexit response the LEO had an increased focus on helping businesses identify and compete in alternative export markets, including participating in Ireland West Trade, a LITTUS initiative supporting businesses to export to North America. The LEO also had a strong focus on growing the Agtech sector in 2019 and participated in a regional review of the sector as well as supporting three Roscommon businesses to attend *Agritechnica*, the world's largest agricultural technology show in Germany.

The LEO continues to excel in customer care and aims to build on this and continue to deliver high quality and varied services and supports to its ever expanding customer and client bases throughout County Roscommon. Engagement with Enterprise Ireland and the IDA continued throughout 2019 promoting Roscommon as a location for business and inward investment. Roscommon County Council was successful in a funding competitive process under the *Rural Regeneration Programme* to develop an Innovation Hub in Monksland for micro and small businesses to set up and grow in the area. Industrial sites in Roscommon town are attracting investors into the region and continue to develop. Phase 2 of the Micro Food units in Castlerea is underway.

# Corporate Services

The functions of the Corporate Services Department include providing support services to Council Management; organising and servicing meetings of the Council and its sub-committees; register of electors; insurances; facilities management; veterinary functions; dog control services; civic receptions; events; customer services; customer complaints; freedom of information and data protection.

**Table 1 Register of Electors**

Dáil Constituency	Presidential Electors	Dáil Electors
Roscommon - Galway Constituency Electors	46,854	48,615
Midlands - North - West European Parliament Constituency Electors		48,777
Local Electoral Areas Electors		49,883
Athlone Local Electoral Area		14,997
Boyle Local Electoral Area		17,804
Roscommon Local Electoral Area		17,082

## Register of Electors

Under the Electoral Acts 1992 and 1997 and Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001, two versions of the Register, the Edited Register and the Full Register, came into force on 15th February 2019. A supplement to the register was prepared for the Local Elections in May 2019 with 570 constituents added.

## Receptions and Events

Roscommon County Council is proud to host receptions, events and awards ceremonies for persons in its administrative area who have distinguished themselves and brought pride and honour to their community through their achievements. Citizens may be nominated by Members of Roscommon County Council. The Council also, as the occasion arises, hosts civic receptions for visiting dignitaries to the area and hosts events at Áras an Chontae to mark specific occasions.





Civic Reception 2019: Award Recipients and Attendees.



Civic Reception 2019: Jack Carty, Rugby Fly Half, Connaught and Ireland being presented with his award by the Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council, Cllr. Pascal Fitzmaurice and the Chief Executive Mr. Eugene Cummins in recognition of his success on the National and International stage in the past year.

## Civic Reception

A Civic Reception took place on 4th December, 2019 in the newly refurbished Arts Centre to honour the success of people from Roscommon on the national and, in some cases, the international stage. This event provides an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of talents, dedication and enthusiasm which lead to the excellent achievements of the recipients in the areas of sport, music, drama, education and science. A total of twenty-two awards were presented by the Cathaoirleach to celebrate over thirty-five different achievements.



Launch of '100 Years of Women in Politics and Public Life, from 1918 to 2018' Exhibition.

## Exhibition '100 Years of Women in Politics and Public Life, From 1918 to 2018'

Roscommon County Council hosted the exhibition *'100 years of Women in Politics and Public Life, from 1918 to 2018'*, for a three-month period commencing in July 2019. This significant national exhibition shined a spotlight on the stories of women, who have contributed significantly to Irish political and public life over the past century, the challenges they faced and the obstacles they overcame. The exhibition not only portrayed their national contribution but also the contribution made by women locally in politics and public life.

The exhibition, which was launched by former President Dr. Mary McAleese on 17th July 2019, comprised of over 100 panels of artefacts and memorabilia telling the story of a century in a clear, vibrant and interactive way. The exhibition was curated by historian Sinéad McCoole and supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Commemorations Unit as part of the *'Decade of Centenaries'* programme. A series of structured guided tours and lectures took place as part of the promotion and public awareness raising for the exhibition.

## Events

The following events and exhibitions were hosted by Roscommon County Council in Áras an Chontae during the year:

- Explore and Restore (Town Team) Launch
- Launch of Roscommon Drama Festival
- Environment – Tidy Towns Event
- Minding our Well-being Exhibition - Convent of Mercy
- Launch of Roscommon Drama Festival
- Launch of ArtSchool Takeover
- Heathy Ireland Information Evening - Lecture on Urology by Mr. Eamon Rogers, Consultant Urologist
- The Cathaoirleach's Creative Citizenship Award 'My Roscommon'
- The Launch of the Táin March
- The Launch of County Roscommon Historical and Archaeological Journal
- Energy Awareness Information Day
- Mental Health Association Information Evening
- Launch of Roscommon Youth Theatre Exhibition
- Exhibition to Commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the First Local Elections
- Exhibition – Learning from Group Water Schemes

## Delegation Visit from Chartrettes, France

A reception to welcome a thirty-one strong delegation from Chartrettes, France to mark the 21st anniversary of its twinning with Roscommon Town was held on 3rd May 2019. To mark the visit, the new walkway between the square and the new carpark was named 'Rue Chartrette'. The event celebrated friendship and cultural exchange over twenty-one years and was attended by French Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Stéphane Crouzat, President De Jumelage, Chartrettes, Linda Lauro and Deputy Mayor Pascale Gros.

## Delegation Visits from Shanxi Province, China

A delegation from the Shanxi Province of China visited the county on 9th December 2019 accompanied by Mr. Mark Zhang of Ireland China Friendship Association in Dublin. As part of the visit, the delegation also visited Lough Key Forest and Activity Park.

## Representative Trips Abroad - USA

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ivan Connaughton travelled to New York to attend the Roscommon Society of New York Annual Dinner on 28th February 2019. The Cathaoirleach and Mr. Martin Lydon, Director of Services travelled to New York for the St. Patricks Day celebrations from 13th to 19th March 2019.

## Dermot Earley Bursary

The annual sports bursary established by Roscommon County Council in honour of the late Dermot Earley offers financial assistance to successful candidates from the county (one male and one female) attending their first year in third-level education with an accomplished background in sport. The recipients for the academic year 2019/2020 were Ciara Corcoran and Jack Lohan.

## Social Media

The use of corporate social media enhances and improves communication and contributes to the promotion and awareness of the Council. Social media allows the Council to expand its communications network, disseminate information in an efficient manner and to engage more effectively with the public.

## Casual Trading Bye Laws

Bye-Laws for Casual Trading in the towns of Roscommon, Boyle, Castlerea, Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown were adopted by the Council at its Plenary Meeting on 22nd July 2019.

## Local Elections

The Local Elections took place on 24th May 2019. Eleven candidates sought election to six seats in each of the three Municipal Districts of Athlone, Boyle and Roscommon. Following the Local Elections, the Annual Meeting of the new Council took place on 7th June 2019.

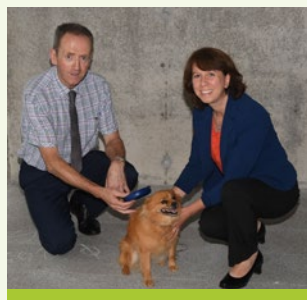
## Veterinary Functions

Roscommon County Council operates a service contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) to oversee food safety in nine slaughterhouses and six stand-alone meat manufacturing plants. The supervision of slaughter is carried out by the Council's Veterinary Officer and temporary Veterinary Inspectors. All animals are inspected ante-mortem and post-mortem to ensure that meat is fit for human consumption. Traceability of all animals is also verified. 3,092 cattle, 7,645 sheep and 255 pigs were slaughtered in 2019 in Council supervised slaughterhouses in County Roscommon.



## Dog Control Services

Under the Control of Dogs Act 1986, responsibility for the control of dogs within the county is undertaken by Midland Animal Care under a service contract with Roscommon County Council.



**Michael Leyden, Veterinary Officer and Cllr. Orla Leyden at the Council's Microchipping of Dogs event.**

Dog owners are required by law to have a current dog licence. In July 2018, the National Dog Register was introduced by An Post enabling online purchasing of dog licences. Licences can also be purchased from any Post Office.

In 2019, expenditure on Dog Control Services amounted to €186,866 while the total income in respect of licences and fees was €72,256.

In September 2019, a free 'microchipping of dogs day' was organised by the Council to encourage microchipping. The event was a great success and forty-six dogs were microchipped on the day.

The Dog Breeding Establishments Act, 2010 requires premises to apply for inclusion on the Local Authority Register of Dog Breeding Establishments. Two establishments were included on the Council's register at the end of 2019.

## Freedom of Information (FOI)

Roscommon County Council received 133 FOI requests in 2019. A breakdown of the outcome of these requests is outlined in the table below.

**Table 2 Freedom of Information**

No. of requests undetermined at 1st January 2019	4
No. of requests received during 2019	133
No. of requests granted	67
No. of requests part-granted	29
No. of requests refused	28
Number of FOI requests transferred, withdrawn or dealt with outside of FOI	3
No. of requests undetermined at 31st December 2019	10

## Access to Information on the Environment (AIE)

Fourteen AIE requests were received by the Council in 2019. Details of the outcome of these requests are presented in the table below.

**Table 3 AIE Requests**

Number of AIE requests undetermined at 1st January 2019	0
Number of AIE requests received during 2019	14
Number of AIE requests granted	12
Number of AIE requests part-granted	2
Number of AIE requests refused	0
Number of requests undetermined at 31st December 2019	0

## Data Protection

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into effect on 25th May 2018 and the Data Protection Act 2018 impose obligations on Roscommon County Council to protect all personal data under its control. The Council continued its development of policies, procedures and practices in 2019 in order to discharge its data protection responsibilities. Ten Subject Access Requests (SARs) were received and granted by the Council in 2019.

## Irish Human Rights and Equality

Roscommon County Council, in the performance of its functions, has, in accordance with Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, had regard to the need to -

- Eliminate discrimination,
- Promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and
- Protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

## Garda Síochána Act 2005

Roscommon County Council, in the performance of its functions, has, in accordance with Section 37 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, had regard to the importance of steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behavior within its area of responsibility.

# Assets, Climate Action and Energy Management

The Assets, Climate Action and Energy Management Department, including Public Lighting, which operates under the Directorate of Governance and Corporate Affairs has responsibility for a number of specific areas.

## Assets

The overall primary purpose of this function is to manage and record all assets of the Council including buildings, land, houses, etc. in a consolidated Asset Register and comply with the Council's associated statutory reporting obligations. To date, details of all buildings and lands owned by the Council together with the total number of social housing stock have been forwarded to the Office of Public Works (OPW) on a yearly basis for inclusion in the *National Property Register*. Roscommon County Council is also working towards achieving a standardised inventory of all public body assets on a national basis.

## Climate Action

Roscommon County Council is committed to the *Climate Change Agenda* with climate action included as a specific responsibility within the Assets, Climate Action and Energy Management Department. Following on from the establishment of Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) under the *National Adaptation Framework* Roscommon County Council is aligned with the Midlands sub-region of the Eastern and Midlands CARO.

Roscommon County Council adopted the *Roscommon County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024* in September, 2019. This strategy is being actioned by a Climate Action Team representative of all Departments/Business Units of the Council.

## Energy Management

The primary function of this function is to facilitate the Council's role as a public body to achieve a target of 33% energy efficiency improvement by 2020 in the context of Ireland's EU and national commitments and wider climate change goals and comply with the Council's associated statutory reporting obligations.

The *Public Sector Energy Partnership Agreement* was signed on 25th April 2016 as a joint obligation between the Council and Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) in achieving this target with appropriate mentoring and training put in place to assist this programme. As part of the energy monitoring and reporting obligation, all data for 2018 energy usage was submitted by May, 2019. Roscommon County Council is currently at a reduction of 27.7% of the targeted 33% energy efficiency improvement required by 2020 based on energy usage up to 2018.

Work continues on targeting the primary energy users of the Council which include primarily public lighting energy costs, electricity usage and transport fuel with a view to achieving further energy efficiency improvements.

## Public Lighting

Roscommon County Council entered into a contract with Energia for the unmetered supply and Airtricity for the metered supply of energy to illuminate the public lighting network throughout the county.

The Council, in conjunction with the other local authorities in the Connaught region, entered into a Regional Maintenance Contract in 2015 with Electric Skyline Limited for the general repairs to the system resulting in competitive rates for the maintenance and repair of the public lighting inventory.

Based on a public lighting survey carried out in 2016 and also the commencement of national public lighting upgrades to LED, works were carried out by the Council at a large number of locations throughout the county in 2019. It is hoped that further upgrades, including those funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), will be carried out in 2020.



## Declaration in accordance with S.I. 542 of 2009

### Overview of Energy Usage

In 2019, Roscommon County Council spent €1.41m on energy-related charges with the main categories consisting of:

- Public lighting energy and maintenance charges;
- Electricity charges for lighting and space heating;
- Transport fuel.

### Actions Undertaken

Since 2010 Roscommon County Council has undertaken a range of initiatives to improve its energy performance, including:

- Energy related training;
- Awareness campaigns;
- Driver training;
- Consolidation of various Council offices in Roscommon Town into a single purpose-built Civic Headquarters with consequent energy saving benefits;
- Energy efficiency upgrades to:
  - Buildings
  - Public lighting.

In 2019 Roscommon County Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve its energy performance which included:

- Completion of secondary glazing in Roscommon Library Headquarters;
- LED retrofit of public lighting to:
  - Various national primary and secondary roads throughout the county
  - Regional roads and estates throughout the county.

Altogether, these and other energy saving measures are contributing to significant annual energy-related savings for the Council with a current (usage up to 2018) 27.7% energy reduction based on a 2009 baseline with a view to achieving a target of 33% by 2020.

### Actions Planned

Roscommon County Council intends to further improve its energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

- Multi-annual *Energy Action Plan*;
- Monitoring and energy audits of significant energy users with consequent upgrade works, as resources allow;
- Awareness campaigns involving all staff;
- LED upgrades to existing public lighting stock to national primary and secondary roads and local roads. Roscommon County Council has signed up as participants in the *National Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project* coordinated by the Road Management Office (RMO) which is due to commence nationally in 2020.

# Emergency Services

Fire Service, Emergency Management, Building Control and Civil Defence

## Fire Services and Emergency Management

Roscommon County Council provides a range of fire safety, enforcement and emergency management services and manages the delivery of a 24-hour emergency fire and rescue service for County Roscommon.

### Fire Service Operations

Fire service operations are delivered through an NSAI accredited OHSAS 18001:2007 Occupational Health and Safety Management System.

Fire brigade units employing a total of forty-six part-time retained fire-fighters from Roscommon Town, Ballaghaderreen, Boyle, Elphin and Strokestown were mobilised 254 times during 2019. Brigades from Ballinasloe and Athlone were also mobilised fifty-eight times to incidents in South Roscommon. Fire brigade units from Mountbellew, Claremorris, Ballyhaunis, Charlestown, Drumshanbo, Carrick-on-Shannon and Lanesboro also attended emergency incidents in County Roscommon during 2019.

Roscommon Fire Station took delivery of a new Class B fire engine in 2019.



Roscommon Fire Brigade Members pictured with New Class B Fire Engine.



## Commercial and Community Licensing of Places of Entertainment

Notice of applications for licences or Certificates of Registration is provided for under fire services and licensing legislation. Roscommon Fire Service received sixty licensing applications for 2019. It is required to provide fire safety reports following inspection for Circuit and District Court licence applications for public entertainment premises.

## Community and Enterprise Fire Safety

Fire safety inspections were carried out on a range of premises types including licensed premises, residential care facilities, pre-schools, community centres, petrol stations and other commercial enterprises.

Planning referrals for commercial developments, registration of fire arms and explosives stores and dangerous substances regulations licenses (petrol stores) were also dealt with.

Roscommon Fire Service was also active in promoting community fire safety. Personnel from each fire brigade unit facilitated visits to their fire stations during the year. Requests from voluntary groups to provide fire safety talks were also accommodated.

## Emergency Planning

The Fire Service and Civil Protection Units facilitate the preparation of the Major Emergency Plan and associated response by Roscommon County Council in cooperation with other response agencies (Gardaí and HSE Ambulance Service).

## Building Control

Roscommon County Council is the statutory Building Control Authority for County Roscommon. The Building Control Regulations 1997 to 2015 provide for matters of procedure, administration and control for the purposes of securing the implementation of and compliance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. The regulations apply generally to new buildings and to existing buildings which undergo an extension, a material alteration or a material change of use.

## Commencement Notices

In 2019, the Building Control Unit processed 224 Commencement Notices for County Roscommon for 288 new buildings. These commencement notices are submitted in four different types (depending on the works) which are:

- Opt Out Commencement Notices
- Commencement Notice with Documentation
- Short Form Commencement Notices, and
- 7-Day Notices

The level of one-off dwelling houses 'opting out' of the opportunity to register a Certificate of Compliance on Completion with the Building Control Authority is very high at 133 (60% of all commencement notices).

## Fire Safety Certificates

Roscommon County Council as a Building Control Authority processed forty-eight new applications for Fire Safety Certificates under building control legislation during 2019, up 23% on 2018 figures.

## Disability Access Certificate

A Disability Access Certificate is a certificate granted by the Building Control Authority which certifies compliance of the design of certain works [e.g. new buildings (except dwelling houses), some extensions to and some material alterations to buildings (except dwelling houses)] with the requirements of Part M of the Building Control Regulations.



L-R Fergal Conroy, Civil Defence Officer, Maura Donnellan, Margaret Regan, Aisling Finan and Andrew Fox.

A Disability Access Certificate is required in respect of certain prescribed works to buildings other than dwellings (but including apartment buildings), in so far as the requirements of Part M of the Building Control Regulations apply and which commence or take place on or after 1st January 2010. Where a Fire Safety Certificate is required for any works, a Disability Access Certificate is also required.

Roscommon County Council received thirty-three applications for Disability Access Certificates during 2019, up 38% on 2018.

### Other Enforcement Activity

In addition to Roscommon County Council's statutory function under building control legislation, it is also the designated enforcement authority for the purposes of ensuring compliance with other legislation as follows:

- Marketing of Construction Products in line with European Union (Construction Product) Regulations 2013 (SI No. 225 of 2013); Appendix I;
- Building Energy Rating Certificates for buildings in line with the European Union (Energy Performance of Buildings) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 243 of 2012); Appendix II;
- Registration of multi-storey buildings for the purposes of the Local Government (Multi-storey Buildings) Act 1988.

## Civil Defence

The Roscommon Civil Defence Development Plan 2017 – 2019 sets out Roscommon County Council's strategic objectives for Civil Defence. This plan identifies the various programmes and activities of the Civil Defence Services Unit and how its volunteers will continue to support communities and organisations in County Roscommon.

Roscommon Civil Defence volunteers assisted at many community and sporting events throughout 2019 providing medical support. It also continued to provide weekly waterways patrols and assistance to an increasing number of boating incidents on the River Shannon.



Civil Defence Boat Crew Members.



# Development Incentives and Control

**This service covers the following functions of the Planning Department under the Planning and Development Acts:**

1. **Development Management** – the Council's regulatory role in relation to its planning function. Key areas of work include the planning application process, declarations on exempt development and protected structures and certificates under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
2. **Planning Enforcement** – the taking of enforcement action against persons engaged in unauthorised development and unfinished housing developments;
3. **Forward Planning** – the policy role of the Council's planning function. It includes the making and adoption of Plans, and undertaking a range of work in response to national policy initiatives.

## Development Management

671 Planning applications were received by Roscommon County Council in 2019. Details of the outcome of these applications are presented in Table 1:

**Table 1 Planning Applications 2014-2019**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Applications Received	508	453	511	526	665	671 <sup>1</sup>
Decisions to Grant	323	275	333	340	433	410
Decisions to Refuse	34	43	33	32	34	46 <sup>2</sup>
Refusal Rate	10%	9.5%	9%	8.6%	7.8%	11.2%
Number of Appeals	8	9	7	16	13	16
Appeals upheld by An Bord Pleanála	6	5	4	7 <sup>3</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>5</sup>

1 Includes valid and invalid planning applications; excludes S.42 Extension of Duration applications and Roscommon County Council Part 8 development proposals.

2 Excluding S.42 Extensions of Duration

3 Figures for 2014 – 2017 are as per previous Annual Reports and reflect the number of decisions upheld at the time of Annual Report preparation. Decisions were awaited from An Bord Pleanála on a number of files at that time.

4 Updated to reflect appeal decisions on all 13 decisions which were the subject of an appeal in 2018.

5 11 appealed decisions have been determined to date. 7 is the number of the 11 determined appeals which have been upheld. Decisions are awaited on 5 appeals.

A total of 224 pre-planning meetings were held in 2019.



## Planning Enforcement

Planning enforcement encompasses enforcement activity, resolution of unfinished housing developments and collection of development contributions.

### Enforcement Action

It is an offence to carry out unauthorised development. The information below reflects the various stages of enforcement activity pursued in 2019 in relation to alleged unauthorised development, in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

- **Warning Letter:** Roscommon County Council served forty three Warning Letters;
- **Enforcement Notice:** Roscommon County Council served twelve Enforcement Notices;
- **Legal Action:** Legal action was initiated by Roscommon County Council in one enforcement case.

### Resolving Unfinished Housing Developments

There were approximately 149 housing developments in County Roscommon which had not been taken in charge in 2019, with the majority of those being unfinished to some degree.

The Unfinished Housing Developments Team has been working to resolve unfinished housing developments in the county through on-going engagement with relevant parties to agree and implement site resolution plans. Relative to previous years, there was a noticeable increase in the resumption of works in several developments. Site resolution works were undertaken by developers, contractors engaged by bondholders, contractors engaged under Roscommon County Council's Framework and also by semi-skilled workers employed directly by the Council.

Seventeen housing developments were taken in charge in 2019. The developments were at various locations throughout the county including Roscommon town, Boyle, Castlerea, Ballaghadereen, Monksland, Strokestown, Barrymore, Ballinlough, Ballinameen, Bealnamullia, Cootehall and Tarmonbarry.

## Collecting Development Contributions

Development Contributions are levied on planning applications in accordance with the adopted *Development Contribution Scheme 2014*. Details for 2019 are presented in Table 2.

**Table 2 Development Contributions 2018 and 2019**

Development Contribution Scheme	2018	2019
Contributions invoiced	€647,345	€1,023,710.55
Contributions received	€810,226	€714,676.65



## Forward Planning

### Athlone Joint Retail Strategy

Following agreement with Westmeath County Council in the final quarter of 2018 in relation to the process for adopting the *Athlone Joint Retail Strategy*, the public consultation commenced in the first quarter of 2019 on the *Draft Variation No. 2 of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 - 2020* and *Draft Variation No. 2 of the Monksland / Bellanamullia (Athlone West) Local Area Plan 2016 - 2022*. Further to consideration of the Chief Executive's Reports on submissions received in respect of both draft variations, the elected Members agreed to make *Variation No. 2 of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 - 2020* at the Council's plenary meeting held on 29th April 2019. Members of the Athlone Municipal District agreed to make *Variation No. 2 of the Monksland / Bellanamullia (Athlone West) Local Area Plan 2016 - 2022* at their meeting on 7th May 2019.

### Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) – Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032

The preparation of a *Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)* by the NWRA was on-going in 2019. Roscommon County Council engaged extensively in the consultation process and made detailed submissions at various stages. Roscommon County Council worked with Westmeath County Council in the preparation of submission content relating to the Regional Growth Centre of Athlone, which is partially located within the Northern and Western Region and the Eastern and Midlands Region.

### Joint Activity with Westmeath County Council

A range of work was on-going with Westmeath County Council in 2019. Initial work commenced as part of the initial preparatory phase of the future *Urban Area Plan for the Regional Centre of Athlone*, as designated in the National Planning Framework. The Plan will be jointly prepared by the two authorities.

In order to both inform the plan making process in the short term and to provide a framework for the economic development of Athlone over the longer term, tenders were sought in 2019 for the preparation of an *Economic Strategy*. The *Economic Strategy* is intended to serve as a blueprint for the future development of Athlone to 2040. Its overarching purpose will be to inform and drive the economic, social and physical development of Athlone. It is intended to promote increased employment and enterprise opportunities in Athlone and its hinterland, and is expected to deliver an ambitious, distinct and wholly achievable vision for the regional centre over the next twenty years. The tender was awarded in the final quarter of 2019.

Work was also on-going between the two authorities in relation to the preparation of a tender for the undertaking of a *Strategic Transportation Assessment* for Athlone and its surrounds. The tender was advertised on e-Tenders in the final quarter of 2019.

Both of the above bodies of work are being jointly procured by Roscommon County Council and Westmeath County Council, with Roscommon County Council being the Contracting Authority for the *Economic Strategy* and Westmeath County Council being the Contracting Authority for the *Strategic Transport Assessment*.





# Environmental Protection

**Roscommon County Council's Environment Department covers a diverse range of functions and services. The principal areas are:**

- › **Pollution Control and Water Quality Management**
- › **Waste Management and Enforcement**
- › **Landfill Management**
- › **Civic Amenity Site and Bring Bank Management**
- › **Litter Management**
- › **Environmental Awareness.**

## Pollution Control and Water Quality Management

Pollution control legislation covers areas such as water pollution, air pollution, nuisance and noise. Specific activities undertaken in relation to pollution control include investigation of water pollution incidents, licensing and monitoring of discharges to waters and sewers, licensing emissions to air, monitoring drinking water, urban wastewater treatment plant performance and monitoring of rivers and lakes. A workshop was held in 2016 with the Catchment Management Unit of the EPA to characterise the status of catchments in County Roscommon in accordance with the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Six water bodies have been prioritised in Roscommon for further action in the current cycle of the WFD programme. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) Catchment Assessment Team has commenced work on the Clooneigh, Jiggy/Hind and Lough Key catchments.

## Laboratory

The laboratory continued to provide a shared sampling and testing service to five other local authorities. This entailed sampling and testing of drinking waters, wastewaters, trade effluents, landfill leachates, surface waters, groundwater etc. In 2019 the laboratory began offering a testing service to the public for water samples. Also, towards the end of the year, two new auto analysers were received in the laboratory which will be commissioned early in 2020. These will be used for the testing of nutrients, ions and metals in a variety of matrices.

## National Inspection Plan

The purpose of the registration and inspection system for domestic wastewater treatment systems (DWWTS) is to protect ground and surface water quality (particularly drinking water sources) from the risks posed by malfunctioning systems. With effect from 26th June 2012 all owners of premises connected to a domestic wastewater treatment system were required to register their systems. The fee for registration is now €50. Under the Water Services Act 2007 as amended, a minimum of thirty-five sites were required to be inspected by Roscommon County Council in 2019. Thirty-six sites were inspected in 2019. 72% (twenty-six) failed the inspection and Advisory Notices issued to the property owners.

## EPA Research Programme

A member of staff from the Environment Department formed part of the steering committee of the EPA funded research programme *Assessing the Potential of Drones to take Water Samples and Physico-Chemical Data from Open Lakes*. This research programme aims to assess the application of unmanned aerial vehicles for open lake water sampling; evaluate the data collected; determine whether this technology can be deployed for use on unmonitored (remote) lakes and to assess the cost effectiveness of such operations.



## Waste Management & Enforcement

A grant of €136,373 was allocated to Roscommon County Council from the Environment Fund to support dedicated and measurable enforcement initiatives. The Enforcement Unit continues to operate and this has resulted in a significant increase in enforcement of the Waste Management and Water Pollution Acts.

## Connacht-Ulster Waste Region

Roscommon is part of the Connacht-Ulster Region in terms of waste management. The Connacht-Ulster Waste Plan 2015-2021 was published in May 2015. The region appointed Mayo County Council as the regional lead, to act on behalf of the other authorities with responsibility for the successful implementation of the plan. In addition, Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA) were selected in each region. Leitrim and Donegal County Council are the joint lead authorities for Connacht-Ulster. This Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority has responsibility for coordinating waste enforcement actions within the Connacht-Ulster Region, setting responsibilities, priorities and common objectives for waste enforcement, ensuring consistent enforcement of waste legislation, while still having local authority personnel as first responders on the ground to specific breaches of waste legislation.

## CUWERLA

The Environment Department continued to engage with the Connacht-Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CUWERLA) on national priorities. A multi-agency checkpoint was carried out for breaches of the Waste Management Act at a site identified by An Garda Síochána.

## Landfill Management

Roscommon County Council continues to monitor and maintain two closed licensed landfills at Ballaghaderreen and Roscommon. An application for a Certificate of Authorisation in respect of Castlerea Historic Landfill was made to the EPA in 2019.

## Recycling Centres

The Council continues to operate four recycling centres located at Boyle, Roscommon, Ballaghaderreen and Castlerea. There are thirty-nine bottle banks located throughout the County with textile banks located at twenty-nine of these sites.

## National Litter Pollution Monitoring System

The Litter Pollution Monitoring System provides an accurate picture of litter pollution countrywide and accurately measures changes over time. The system was developed by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Tobin Consulting Engineers in consultation with local authorities. Under the system the Council carried out twenty-four Quantification Surveys and eighty-two Litter Pollution Surveys. These were forwarded to Tobin Engineering in the final quarter of 2019 for analysis and report.

## Bye-Laws for the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste 2019

At its meeting of 22nd July 2019 Roscommon County Council made Bye-Laws to regulate and control the segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste within its functional area. These Bye-Laws repeal the Council's Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household Waste Bye-Laws, 2008. There is a provision for the imposition of a fixed payment of €75 in respect of a contravention of the new Bye-Laws. The Bye-Laws came into effect on the 1st November 2019 and an awareness campaign, funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019, was rolled out which included the filming of a Waste Presentation Bye-Law video, civic amenity site promotional videos and a social media campaign.



Mattress Collection  
at Castlereagh Civic  
Amenity Site.

## Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) 2019

A grant of €95,972 was received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) under the ADI for seven projects in 2019. Projects carried out under this initiative included *Bulky Goods Collections* which were held at each of our four civic amenity sites and at Hodson Bay, Athlone. 77.82 tonnes of bulky goods were collected over five collection dates together with 894 mattresses and 299 bed bases. A number of clean ups were also completed together with a *Waste Bye Law Awareness Campaign*, a *Roadside Anti-Dumping Campaign* and an *Anti-Dumping Cinema Advert*. As part of the *Anti-Dumping Cinema Advert*, students were asked to write, act and produce an anti-dumping advertisement. The winning advertisement will be shown in local cinemas.

## National Spring Clean

*National Spring Clean* was held during the Month of April 2019 with the launch of the campaign being held in Kiltreevan. 141 groups including 40 schools registered for this event. Roscommon County Council assisted groups with gloves, litter pickers, hi-vis jackets and the removal of waste collected by the groups.



Launch of National Spring Clean 2019 – Kiltreevan, Roscommon.

## Green Schools Programme

Ninety three Green Flags have been awarded to date, seven to secondary schools, eighty five to primary schools and one to a crèche. 98% of primary schools and 100% of secondary schools are registered with the *Green Schools Programme*. Awarded schools must renew their Green Flag every two years. Twenty two schools successfully renewed their green flag in 2019 and received their flags at a ceremony held in Hodson Bay Hotel. Roscommon County Council supports the *Green Schools Programme* in the county through organising workshops for schools, teacher seminars and assessment of applications



as well as advice and mentoring.

## Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN)

Funding in the amount of €11,628 was awarded under the LAPN Grant 2019. This grant was used for the delivery of repair workshops. Also, with a view to assisting people to plan their wardrobe better and reduce the amount of textile waste, four *Fashioning for the Future* events were organised and held during Reuse Month (October) 2019.

## Dog Microchipping Event

Roscommon County Council, in an effort to promote responsible dog ownership offered a free microchipping service for 200 dogs in the county. This event took place at the Civil Defence Building, Lanesboro Road, Roscommon on 21st September 2019. A *Responsible Dog Ownership Guide* was published which also includes information on the *Green Dog Walker* Initiative which is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. These leaflets are available at public libraries and on Roscommon County Council's website.

## Annual Environmental Competitions

The incredible work of volunteers and community groups across County Roscommon is recognised through our *Annual Tidy Competitions* which includes categories such as *Tidy Estate Competition*, *Tidy Cemetery Competition*, *Tidy Schools*, *Best Presented Street*, *Best Shop Front* and *Pollinator Awards for Schools and Cemeteries*. Éanna Ní Lamhna presided as judge of the *Pollinator Awards for Schools and Cemeteries*. Whilst carrying out her judging duties, she took the opportunity to educate and inform schools and cemetery groups of the importance of pollinators and how they could implement further pollinator friendly initiatives. Éanna Ní Lamhna also presented the awards at the Council's *Awards Ceremony* which was held in November 2019.



Dog Microchipping Event.



Lisaniskey National School, Donamon – Winners of Schools Pollinator Award 2019.

## Food Waste Aware Pilot Project

Funding was approved from DCCAE and the EPA for a pilot project to carry out food waste audits. This service was offered to all eat-in food businesses in County Roscommon and nineteen audits were completed by Profit Watch. Based on the results of this pilot project, Profit Watch have been successful in securing €100,000 funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) to roll the project out nationally.

## Food Waste and You

The launch of *Food Waste and You* - a resource pack for Home Economics teachers to complement the Junior Certificate curriculum was launched at the *Association of Teachers of Home Economics (ATHE) Conference* in Athlone. This project was undertaken in conjunction with Galway City, Galway County and Mayo County Councils and was funded by the EPA.

# Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the following;

- › **Financial Management and Oversight.**
- › **Accounts Receivable including Motor Tax.**
- › **Accounts Payable and Procurement.**
- › **Internal Audit.**
- › **Production and Publication of Financial Information including the Annual Budget and the Annual Financial Statement.**

## Financial Management

The County Council operates a Revenue Account for day to day current income and expenditure and a Capital Account for longer term project related income and expenditure such as the provision of infrastructure and assets, including roads, housing schemes, land and buildings. The level of expenditure for the Revenue Account for 2019 was €60.2m while for the Capital Account the expenditure was €40.8m.

**Key points in relation to financial activity for 2019 were;**

- › A surplus of €11.9k was delivered on the Revenue Account.
- › The Capital Account reported a cumulative credit balance of €22m.
- › The cumulative general reserve at the end of 2019 stands at €201.7k.
- › A combined total of €101m for Revenue and Capital was expended on delivering services to the citizens of Roscommon.
- › 97% of invoices from suppliers were paid within 30 days during 2019 which is in line with the previous year.

## Revenue Collection

The table below summaries revenue collection performance since 2014:

**Table 1 Revenue Collection 2014-2019**

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Rates</b>	89%	86%	83%	91%	93%	80%
<b>Rent</b>	91%	92%	91%	92%	89%	93%
<b>Housing Loans</b>	76%	55%	56%	58%	75%	53%

Percentage collection in relation to rates and housing loans increased when compared to the previous year. Roscommon County Council is committed to working with all customers to resolve issues in relation to the payment of Council charges.



## Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) for Year Ended 31st December 2019

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

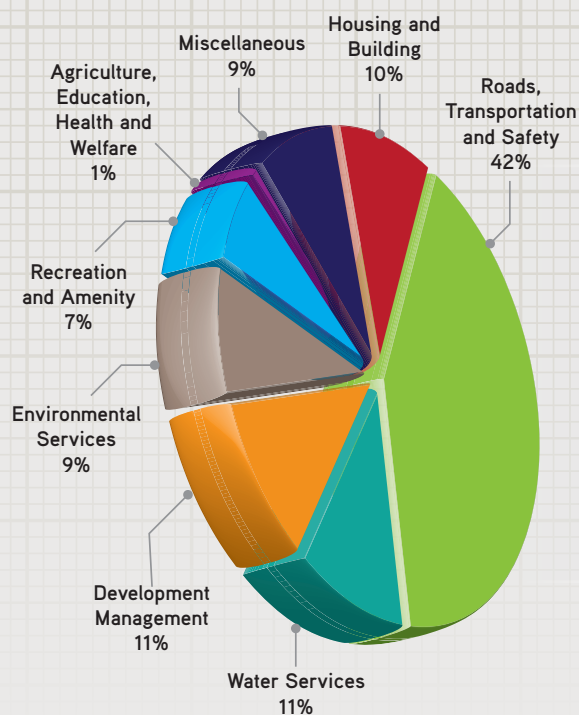
Expenditure by Division	Gross Expenditure 2019 €	Income 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2018 €
Housing and Building	6,279,929	8,076,520	(1,796,591)	(876,277)
Roads, Transportation and Safety	25,525,064	18,732,812	6,792,252	6,131,652
Water Services	6,597,212	6,708,553	(111,341)	(303,483)
Development Management	6,628,880	3,261,911	3,366,969	4,046,025
Environmental Services	5,389,098	840,304	4,548,794	4,595,844
Recreation and Amenity	3,985,674	848,380	3,137,294	3,287,923
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	692,234	362,812	329,422	468,937
Miscellaneous Services	5,161,875	3,357,975	1,803,900	1,471,220
<b>Total Expenditure/Income</b>	<b>60,259,967</b>	<b>42,189,268</b>		
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax			18,070,699	18,821,841
Rates			11,653,614	11,724,326
Local Property Tax			10,216,228	10,216,232
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers</b>			<b>3,799,143</b>	<b>3,118,717</b>
<b>Transfers from/(to) Reserves</b>			<b>(3,787,237)</b>	<b>(3,112,252)</b>
<b>Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>			<b>11,906</b>	<b>6,465</b>
<b>General Reserve at 1st January 2019</b>			<b>189,834</b>	<b>183,369</b>
<b>General Reserve at 31st December 2019</b>			<b>201,740</b>	<b>189,834</b>

## Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31st December 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Operational	235,735,117	231,700,563
Infrastructural	1,615,664,454	1,615,664,454
Community	13,058,803	11,547,611
Non-Operational	1,311,287	1,431,971
	<b>1,865,769,661</b>	<b>1,860,344,599</b>
<b>Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses</b>	<b>7,387,308</b>	<b>5,792,763</b>
<b>Long Term Debtors</b>	<b>7,655,511</b>	<b>7,158,838</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stocks	-	-
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5,484,196	7,138,852
Bank Investments	22,487,368	18,798,012
Cash at Bank	255,037	54,414
Cash in Transit	156,058	134,484
	<b>28,382,659</b>	<b>26,125,763</b>
<b>Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)</b>		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6,305,631	7,289,741
Finance Leases	-	-
	<b>6,305,631</b>	<b>7,289,741</b>
<b>Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)</b>	<b>22,077,028</b>	<b>18,836,022</b>
<b>Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)</b>		
Loans Payable	29,021,716	29,014,576
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable Deposits	960,875	1,280,080
Other	1,356,124	1,016,940
	<b>31,338,715</b>	<b>31,311,596</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,871,550,793</b>	<b>1,860,820,626</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
Capitalisation	1,865,769,661	1,860,344,599
Income WIP	6,525,993	5,338,198
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	-
General Revenue Reserve	201,740	189,834
Other Balances	(946,601)	(5,052,004)
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>1,871,550,793</b>	<b>1,860,820,626</b>

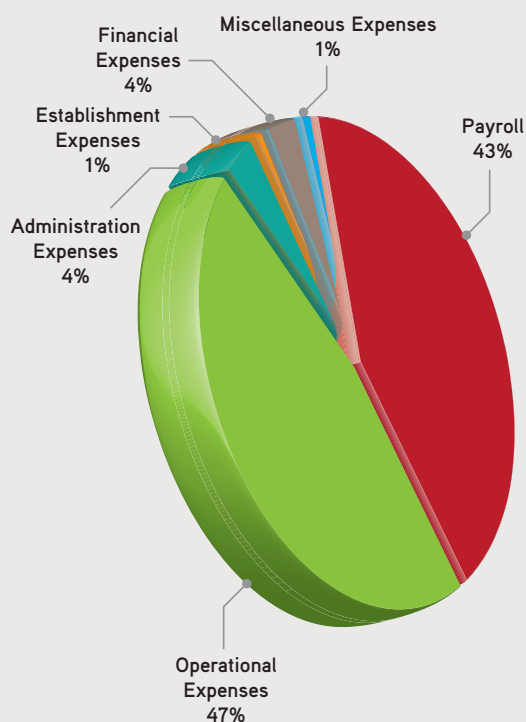


## Revenue Budget Expenditure



### Spend by programme

	2019 €	2019 %
Housing and Building	6,279,929	10%
Roads Transportation and Safety	25,525,064	42%
Water Services	6,597,212	11%
Development Management	6,628,880	11%
Environmental Services	5,389,098	9%
Recreation and Amenity	3,985,674	7%
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	692,235	1%
Miscellaneous	5,161,875	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,259,967</b>	<b>100%</b>



### What money was spent on

	2019 €	2019 %
Payroll	25,774,245	43%
Operational Expenses	28,357,338	47%
Administration Expenses	2,548,762	4%
Establishment Expenses	366,250	1%
Financial Expenses	2,397,237	4%
Miscellaneous Expenses	816,135	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,259,967</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Housing and Building



Social Housing at Lisroyne Court, Strokestown.



Official Opening of Cnoc an Ráille, Station Road, Boyle.

## Acquisition and Construction Programme

The Housing Department is committed to delivering the actions set out under the *Social Housing Strategy 2020* and *Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness*. In 2019, Roscommon County Council completed the purchase of 28 single dwellings in various locations and the turnkey construction of 10 units at Station Road, Boyle and 10 units at Lisroyne Court, Strokestown under the *Housing Acquisition and Construction Programme*.

**Rebuilding  
Ireland**



## Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

Approved Housing Bodies have a key role in the delivery of social housing and the CALF is one of the main capital funding streams for the supply of social housing. The scheme allows Approved Housing Bodies to access funding for the purchase or construction of housing units which are made available to local authorities for social housing under a Payment and Availability Agreement. Approved Housing Bodies delivered 16 houses under this scheme in 2019.





## Leasing Options

### Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS)

Despite pursuing a number of leads, the interest in the *RLS* remains low. In many cases where leads were pursued to an advanced stage, the owner eventually decided to rent on the open market. This is not surprising given the shortage of rental properties in areas of high demand. Roscommon County Council currently has 3 properties in Roscommon Town on the *RLS*.

### Long-term Leasing

This form of social housing provision widens the options for increasing the supply of social housing. Roscommon County Council currently leases 8 properties from private owners and a further 17 units are provided under *RAS (Rental Accommodation Scheme)* - type lease agreements that began in 2018 and 2019.

### Mortgage to Rent (MTR)

Activity under the *MTR Scheme* has intensified in 2019. 17 applications for *MTR* support were processed between Roscommon County Council and the Housing Agency in 2019. Departmental approval was granted for 6 applications. To date 3 *MTR* applications have been fully processed by Roscommon County Council via Approved Housing Bodies.

### Enhanced Leasing

Due to current market conditions and the effectiveness of other housing delivery mechanisms, the private sector led enhanced leasing model has not featured in the county to date.

Figure 2: Private Rented Tenancies



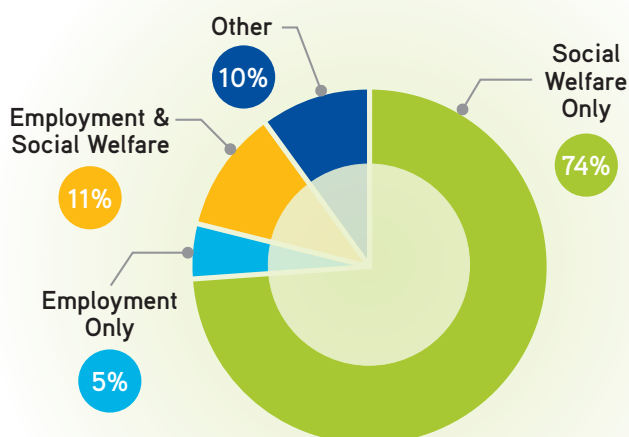
## Assessments and Allocations Housing

The *Annual Social Housing Needs Assessment* which counts the total number of households qualified for social housing each year, was carried out on 21st June 2019. At that time there were 323 applicants (excluding transfers)



on the approved housing list. There were 470 transfer applicants on the list as of 31st December 2019, the majority of which are accommodated in private rented accommodation via *HAP (Housing Assistance Payment)* and *RAS (Rental Accommodation Scheme)*. 166 properties were offered to qualified social housing applicants in 2019 resulting in 122 new local authority tenancy agreements.

Figure 1: Sources of Household Income for Social Housing Applicants



## Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Roscommon County Council continues to provide private rented accommodation financial support to those who have a long-term housing need through *RAS*. At the end of 2019 there were 391 households receiving support through this scheme. 291 households were in private rented accommodation and 100 in accommodation provided by Approved Housing Bodies.

## Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP)

The *HAP Scheme* continues to provide housing support to people with a long-term housing need. Rent Supplement recipients who qualify for social housing support are being transferred from Rent Supplement to the *HAP Scheme* on a phased basis. 162 applicants were accommodated via the scheme in 2019. This brings the total number of applicants accommodated through the *HAP Scheme* to 516 since the scheme was introduced in December 2016.

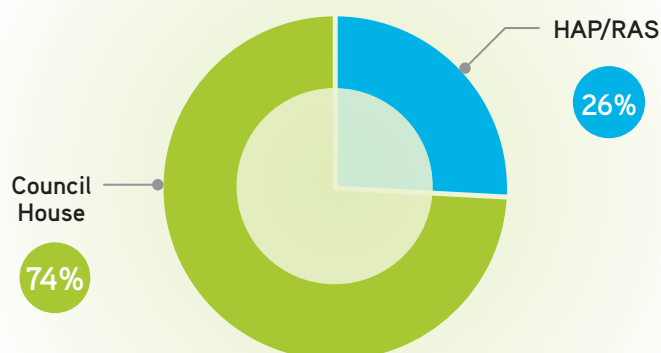
## Standards for Rented Residential Property

Inspections of private rented dwellings continue to be carried out under the Housing (Standards for Private Rented Houses) Regulations 2017. 492 inspections were carried out in 2019, 222 of which were follow-up inspections required to address issues arising from previous inspections. 103 dwellings inspected were deemed compliant in 2019 and 277 Improvement Letters were issued to landlords.

## Homelessness

Roscommon County Council provides a range of responses to homelessness in accordance with the *West Region Homelessness Action Plan*. A total of 97 households presented as homeless in 2019, 47 of which required short-term accommodation. 21 households availed of social housing support through local authority and Approved Housing Body housing, and through the *HAP* and *RAS* Schemes.

Figure 3: Social Housing Support for Homeless



## Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme

Settlement support services provided by Roscommon Leader Partnership on behalf of Roscommon County Council for the 20 families settled under this programme concluded successfully in November, 2019.

## Tenant Purchase Scheme

The *Tenant Purchase Scheme* was published under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014. 29 applications were received in 2019 and are at various stages of the process. 23 offers of sale were made in 2019 and 13 sales have been closed.

## Housing Loans

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is targeted at first time buyers who wish to own their own home, have access to an adequate deposit and have the capacity to repay a mortgage, but who are unable to access a mortgage from a commercial lender sufficient for them to purchase their first home. Roscommon County Council received 33 loan applications in 2019. 21 loan applications were approved during 2019 and 12 loans were drawn down from the Housing Finance Agency.

## Sale of Private Sites

The last available site in Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon was sold in 2019. 11 sites at Forest View, Boyle were re-advertised in July, 2019 at a reduced price of €10,000. No applications to purchase sites at Forest View were received by year end.

## Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

The *Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024* was adopted at the June 2019 Plenary Meeting of the Council. Demand research conducted in the county indicated a low interest in Traveller-specific accommodation and an emerging preference for standard social housing. However, an alternative narrative has been put forward at national level by a Traveller Expert Review Group. Subject to local agreement, the Council intends to strategically up-grade a number of existing Traveller-specific accommodation units in the hope of maintaining an interest in Traveller-specific accommodation and encouraging the productive use of same. 11 Traveller families were accommodated in standard social housing in 2019.



## Housing Maintenance

Roscommon County Council's Housing Department received 1,288 maintenance calls and spent €446,557.56 on response maintenance works in 2019. This equates to an average of €346.70 per call out.

## Voids Programme

2 units were funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under the 2019 *Voids Programme* in the amount of €30,368. Approximately 96.5% of local authority stock is tenanted at any given time and a further 2% accounts for natural turn-over (percentage of stock between tenancies). The remaining 1.5% of the housing stock is not likely to return to productive use as these units are intended for sale (deemed to be derelict and in areas of low demand).



## Housing Grants

€1,105,411 was allocated towards *Housing Aid for Older People and Housing Adaptations for People with a Disability* in 2019, which was an increase of €18,245 on 2018. The Council's contribution to this scheme was 20% of the allocation amount. The programme continues to improve the living conditions of the more vulnerable members of the community as well as providing an economic stimulus to the local construction sector.

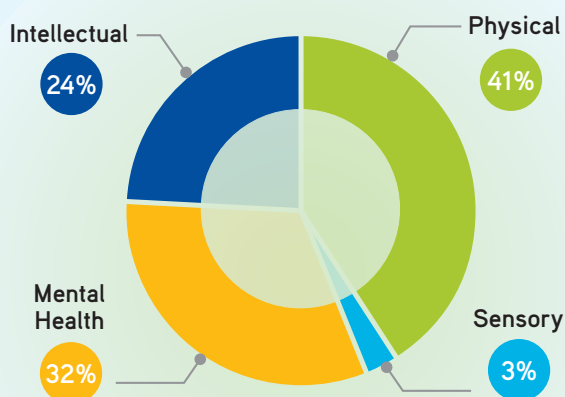
**Table 1: Housing Grants Breakdown**

	Total Grants Approved	Value of Grants Approved
Housing Grant for People with a Disability	74	€745,759
Housing Aid for Older People	68	€359,652

## National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2015-2019 (extended)

A Housing and Disability Steering Group for County Roscommon was established in 2014. The purpose of this group is to facilitate integrated and timely responses to the housing needs of people with physical, intellectual, mental and sensory disabilities by the various statutory and voluntary organisations working with the disability sector in Roscommon. The *Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with Disabilities* was prepared by the Housing Department and the plan is consistent with the *National Strategic Plan for Housing Persons with Disabilities*. The Disability Steering group held four meetings in 2019. A total of 59 people with a disability received social housing support through local authority housing, Approved Housing Body housing, *HAP* and *RAS* in 2019.

**Figure 4: Disability Allocations Breakdown 2019**



## Estate Management

The Housing Department continues to promote good estate management practices which encourage pride of place and result in vibrant sustainable communities. The following took place in 2019:

- › Two resident's associations were set up to address issues in their local areas;
- › Junior Litter Warden training took place on two Traveller sites;
- › The Housing Liaison Officer together with the Litter Warden carried out waste bye-law inspections on local authority estates;
- › Anti-social behavior complaints in respect of 14 local authority households were received and matters resolved;
- › Two Possession Orders were granted on the grounds of anti-social behavior (1 was appealed to the circuit court).



# Human Resources

The Human Resources Department promotes and supports a culture of quality customer service through workforce planning; recruitment and selection of staff; training and development; performance management; leadership development; staff welfare; development and delivery of agreed Human Resources policies and procedures; maintenance of a stable industrial relations environment and the creation of an equitable, consultative and supportive working environment.

## Workforce Planning

Roscommon County Council recognises that its employees are the most valuable resource within the organisation. They play a crucial role in the achievement of its corporate and business objectives and are a key resource fundamental to the delivery of change. The Human Resources Department deploys, develops and manages its workforce to meet the challenges of an evolving working environment and to provide an efficient and effective service to the public. The total number of staff employed by the Council at 31st December 2019 was 481.

## Performance Management

The cornerstone of the Council's *Integrated Performance Management System* is its Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan is the foundation for generating *Annual Service Delivery Plans*, *Unit Plans* and *Individual Performance Plans*. These plans establish goals, targets and timeframes to ensure that every employee in the organisation contributes effectively to delivering a quality service to the public.





## Staff Training and Development

Roscommon County Council is committed to the training and development of staff through a diverse range of training and development opportunities, leadership development programmes and further education opportunities to ensure that employees have the knowledge, expertise, competencies and skills to achieve the Council's goals and objectives. A comprehensive and equitable training and development programme was delivered by the Human Resources Department during 2019.

## The Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020

The *Public Service Stability Agreement (PSSA)* is an extension of the Lansdowne Road Agreement and governs pay and related matters (including the former 'pension levy'). It came into effect on 1st January 2018 and runs until 31st December 2020.

Public service reform is a key priority for Government. Ongoing change is critical to ensuring that the public service can adapt to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing environment. This next phase of public service reform will focus on ensuring that strategy and policy formulation is robust, forward-looking and joined-up. Recognising that the success of our public service begins with our people, it will look to develop our people within strengthened organisations. There will be a strong emphasis on improving outcomes for citizens, improving engagement with customers and working to improve accessibility of services and the quality of services. To support the delivery of more efficient and cost-effective services, new approaches to services and also the better use of our data will be embedded. Evaluation skills in policy making will be strengthened and value for money in spending decisions supported.

## Industrial/Employee Relations

The Human Resources Department works with unions and staff representatives to achieve and maintain positive employee relationships and is committed to the promotion of a good industrial relations environment.

## Attendance Management

The Council's *Attendance Management Policy* helps to provide for a working environment which maximises and motivates employee attendance. The policy aims to reduce absenteeism and results in improved service delivery and reduced costs. The percentage of working days lost to sickness absenteeism in 2019 was 4.28%.

## Labour Activation Measures

The Council has facilitated one graduate under the *Graduate Recruitment Programme* in the areas of Economic, Enterprise & Business Development and Communications & Marketing. A second graduate is employed in the Local Enterprise Office by Enterprise Ireland. The aim is to ensure that at the end of the programme each of the graduates will have enhanced their skills and competencies in their chosen area of expertise.

# Information and Communication Technologies

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

**The Information Systems and Digital Transformation (ICT) Department is headed up by the Head of information Systems and is supported by the ICT Operations Team and Digital Transformation Team.**

The ICT Operations Team provides the service delivery platform and technical support for all other Council departments. It ensures that the necessary equipment and information is readily available to provide an efficient service to the Council's citizens.

Internally the ICT Operations Team continued in 2019 to enhance the service delivery network platform with the roll-out of Microsoft 365 Office applications and the procurement of new desktop computers for Microsoft Windows 10 operating system upgrades.

The ICT Operations Team also built on bandwidth upgrades to all wide area network (WAN) connections in 2018 by introducing Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone connections for all offices, thereby routing all voice calls to the Council's central system. This has provided the ability to roll out more integrated customer service solutions and reduce costs with the elimination of standalone voice units.

The Digital Transformation Team is dedicated to identifying business process improvements that will contribute to resource optimisation and the delivery of efficient and effective internal and public online services. It is responsible for the delivery of a digital transformation programme of works for the organisation, with the aim of providing quality and accessible online services, that are efficient, engaging and meet citizens' expectations.

The Digital Transformation Team has introduced a new case management system for all Area Offices and Municipal District staff. This new system is called '*Report It*' and was designed to digitize the way all citizen's complaints and queries are captured and managed in the organisation. The system was rolled out to thirty users across the six Area Offices. All cases reported are logged, mapped and automatically assigned to the relevant staff based on type and location. Customers receive automatic updates on the progress of their issue by text or email.

The GIS unit also developed a bespoke application that allows the Housing Department to carry out mobile housing conditional surveys on the Council's social housing stock. This paperless solution provides efficiencies in terms of resources and management of data for budgetary decision making.



# Library Services

Roscommon County Council Library Service Headquarters.

Roscommon County Council's Library Service provides a range of resources and services throughout a network of branch libraries in Roscommon, Boyle, Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea, Strokestown and Elphin and through a Mobile Library Service. Provision of administrative and other operation support services including stock, local studies, archives, technology, online resources and events management are also catered for at the County Library Headquarters.

## Service Provision

In 2019, library users continued to have access to books, media, local studies materials, computer facilities, study facilities, events, online resources, printing and photocopying. Through their local library, users enjoyed access to items from public libraries throughout Ireland through a national delivery system. The Mobile Library served set service points throughout the year together with visiting rural schools, crèches and nursing homes and attending events including *Cruinniú na nÓg* and *Play Day*.

The provision of administrative and operational support services including acquisitions, financial management, local studies, archives, ICT and events management were administered from the County Library Headquarters. Library opening hours continued to be sustained where possible through the ongoing support and assignment of headquarters staff to cover branch libraries. A number of technological upgrades also took place in 2019.

## Library Development Strategies

The delivery of library services in 2019 was in the context of the core services strategies and recommendations as contained in *Our Public Libraries 2022: Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities*. A new *Library Development Plan 2020 – 2024* will be delivered in 2020.

Discussions regarding service delivery structures utilising collaborative strategies for public libraries were outlined in the *Managing the Delivery of Effective Library Services (MDELS)* report in 2014 and a 2016 proposal *An Alternative Collaborative Approach* continued in 2019.

## Information Communication Technologies (ICT)

ICT plays a key part in the delivery of an innovative, modern, user-driven library service. 2019 saw the implementation of significant upgrades in ICT resources. Supported by grant aid from the Department of Rural and Community Development, the library service expanded the services available to users. Roscommon Branch Library installed a self-service tablet lending system for use within the library. Many of the public access computers were upgraded and the IT suite in Roscommon Branch library received a 3D printer and a large, mobile interactive touch screen. Library users continued to have access to nationally provided eResources including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and language courses.

## Work Matters

The Work Matters service offers business and employment supports to library users. The Library Service worked in conjunction with the Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRET B) and the Local Enterprise Office in delivering events.

Mr Seán Canney TD, Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development presented Melliosa McIntyre, Acting Assistant Librarian, Roscommon County Council, with the Right to Read Champion Award at a ceremony in Dublin on 17th October 2019. The awards were presented to local authorities in recognition of their ongoing efforts to support literacy development through the library service.

Summer Prize Stars  
Celebration Event



## Right to Read

Supports for literacy development for children, parents and adults were delivered as part of the *Right to Read Programme*. The annual programme of events which includes *Spring into Storytime*, *Summer Stars*, *Ros na nÓg* and *Family Time at Your Library* was delivered through all service points. Participation in *Summer Stars* increased by more than 50% on last year with more than 1,300 children taking part. The Library Service works in partnership with agencies such as the GRETB, Roscommon Childcare Committee, Foróige and TUSLA to ensure that the *Right to Read Programme* complements and enhances existing local literacy programmes.

## Healthy Ireland at Your Library

*Healthy Ireland at Your Library (HIAYL)*, a Government-led initiative with the aim of responding to the health literacy needs of the community, facilitating individuals to engage more directly with health information and supporting them to achieve greater understanding and application of healthy lifestyles, continued throughout 2019. An extensive programme of events was delivered throughout the six libraries in Roscommon covering topics such as stress, mindfulness and health screening. Events were delivered in conjunction with partners including Arthritis Ireland, Irish Red Cross, Roscommon Sports Partnership and Regari Recovery College. In addition to events, the extensive range of resources, including a collection of books and digital resources was expanded in 2019.

## Local Studies and Archives

The Library Service continued to make accessible a substantial Archives and Local Studies, reference and research service based at the County Library headquarters.

## Library Activities and Exhibitions

A substantial programme of events, festival supports, activities and initiatives for people of all ages was delivered during 2019. These events form an integral part of the strategy to encourage public engagement with the service. Other cultural and arts events were delivered as part of cross departmental working with the County Council's Arts Office, Community and Enterprise Department etc. Highlights of the year included *Heritage Week* and the *Siarscéal Festival* which was delivered in conjunction with the Sligo Library Service.

Two exciting projects were delivered in Ballaghaderreen in 2019 supported by the Dormant Accounts Fund. *123, Read with Me* was a multi-agency early literacy project and *Discover Your Library* was a project involving teenagers who developed their digital literacy skills while exploring the services of local library in a video production and editing project.



Launch of Siarscéal Festival 2019

## Performance Measures

In 2019, there were a total of 140,158 visits or footfall to branch libraries/mobile library for a variety of purposes reflecting continued public support. More than 124,000 items were borrowed by library users.



# Roads, Transportation and Safety

The Roads and Transportation Department is responsible for the delivery of programmes including National and Non-National Road Maintenance and Road Improvement Schemes; Road Safety Programmes; Bridge Maintenance and Improvement Works; Maintenance of Arterial Drainage; Flood Alleviation Works; Burial Grounds; Abnormal Loads Permits; Declaration of Public Roads; Extinguishment of Rights-of-Way; Local Improvement Schemes; Community Involvement Schemes; Temporary Road Closures; Approval of Bus Stop Locations; Speed Limits; Fleet and Machinery; Road Opening Licences and Parks and Amenities.

## Road Network

Roscommon County Council is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the road network in the county. Works in 2019 included road construction and maintenance; bridge rehabilitation; drainage works; the carrying out of safety and traffic management measures; the implementation of community involvement and local improvement schemes; footpath repairs and the provision of public lighting. Funding for these works was received from Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and Roscommon County Council's own resources.

**Table 1 County Roscommon Road Class and Length (M)**

Road Class	Length (M)
Motorway	20,220
National primary	85,680
National secondary	147,705
Regional	373,897
Local Roads	3,380,479
<b>Total all roads</b>	<b>4,009,981</b>

**Table 2 County Roscommon National and Non-National Roads funding 2019**

Funding Source	Works	2019 Funding
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport	Regional and Local Road Reconstruction and Maintenance, Bridges, Drainage Works, Safety Schemes, Community Involvement Schemes	€15,901,650
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	National Primary and Secondary Routes	€14,375,895
Department of Rural and Community Development	Non-Public Roads Local Improvement Schemes	€355,100
Roscommon County Council's own resources	Regional and Local Roads / Public Lighting	€1,939,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>€32,572,245</b>

## National Road Projects

The **N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road Project** is approximately 34km in length and extends from the east tie-in point of the N5 Ballaghaderreen By-pass to Scramoge and bypasses Frenchpark, Bellanagare, Tulsk and Strokestown. The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) was made on 11th December 2017. The application for Development Consent and for confirmation of the CPO and associated documentation was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on 20th December 2017. The closing date for receipt of submissions to ABP was 6th March 2018. ABP made a request for additional information and same was submitted to it on 7th June 2018. Following an Oral Hearing convened by ABP in October 2018 it approved the scheme and confirmed the CPO in January 2019. CPO notices have been served on all persons listed in the CPO and land negotiations are progressing. Land and property valuation services and legal services to assist with land acquisition have been procured. Various works and services contracts have been procured in advance of the main construction contract including archaeology, asbestos survey, fencing, tree felling and hedgerow removal and geotechnical investigations and are ongoing. Technical consultants have been appointed to assist in progressing the project through the tender and construction stages. A topographical survey contract was awarded in December 2019. In addition, an Independent Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage (PSCS) was appointed for the duration of the advance / enabling works and services contracts. TII approval to commence the procurement process in respect of the main construction contract was received in September 2019.

The **N60 Oran Road Realignment Project** involves the realignment of approximately 3.4 km of the N60 National Secondary route including 1.7 km of offline construction and 1.7 km of online widening to Type 1 single carriageway standard. The land acquisition process is ongoing and to date approximately 85% of the land cases have been settled. In 2019, Irish Archaeological Consultancy Limited continued the Stage (iv) Reporting with reports completed on two of the five sites identified. The main construction contract was tendered in November 2018 and was awarded to Wills Bros. Ltd. in April 2019. Main construction site works commenced in April 2019 and to date approximately 70% of the contract works have been completed. Roughan O' Donovan, Consulting Engineers, were appointed in January 2019 to administer the main construction contract and supervise the works on behalf of Roscommon County Council. A Part 8 planning application was prepared and advertised in October 2019 to facilitate the reconfiguration of the N60/L1629 Dunamon Road junction post completion of the project. Planning approval was granted by the elected members of Roscommon County Council at its Plenary meeting held in December 2019.

**Signing of the contract for the N60 Oran Road Project:**  
**Charles Wills, Managing Director, Wills Bros. Ltd. (centre)**  
 pictured with Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive, Roscommon County Council and Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ivan Connaughton.  
 Back, from left: Alan Mulryan, acting Senior Executive Engineer, NRRO; Kevin Geoghegan, Executive Engineer, NRRO; Shane Tiernan, Director of Services, Roscommon County Council; Trevor Wills, Legal Counsel, Wills Bros. Ltd. and Martin Curley, Senior Engineer, NRRO.





The scope of the **N61 Ballymurray to Lecarrow (Knockcroghery) Road Project** comprises the realignment and improvement of approximately 13km of the N61 National Secondary Road extending from Newtown townland north of Ballymurray to Killiaghan and Gort townland south of Lecarrow. The project will involve the bypass of Knockcroghery village and is likely to involve either the avoidance of or grade separation from the Dublin to Westport/Ballina railway line. Following a procurement process Roughan and O' Donovan – AECOM Alliance (ROD-A) Consulting Engineers were appointed in January 2019 to advance the project through Phases 1 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. ROD-A have progressed the project through the constraints and option selection phases with the second public consultation on Stage 2 Route Options held in November 2019. Work is ongoing in relation to the detailed assessment of the route corridor options with a view to identifying a preferred route corridor during 2020.

The **N61 Coolteige Phase 1 Road Project** involves the realignment and improvement of approximately 3km of a section of National Secondary Road on the northern outskirts of Roscommon Town predominately to Type 1 single carriageway standard. The land acquisition process is ongoing on foot of the approved CPO. Archaeological resolution field works were completed in November 2016. Post excavation archaeological works are ongoing. The main construction contract was awarded to Wills Bros. Ltd. on 14th December 2017. Works commenced on site in quarter one of 2018 and are complete. The Defects Period extends to April 2020.

The **N61 Tusk to Clashaganny Road Realignment Project** involves the realignment of approximately 4km of the N61 National Secondary route from north of Tusk village to Clashaganny. Various environmental specialists have been procured in order to assist in the development of the project from concept through to the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment and the statutory processes. All constraints have been mapped and a number of route corridor options have been identified. A public consultation event was held in quarter three of 2019 informing the public of the constraints and route corridor options. Following this public consultation, the design team are currently assessing the options taking feedback from the consultation process into account with a view to identifying a preferred route corridor in 2020.

## National Road Pavement Projects

Works were completed on the N61 Mullymucks to Coolteige Cross scheme in March 2019, on the N5 Frenchpark West scheme in April 2019 and on the N63 Athleague scheme in May 2019. The N5 Tusk Surface Replacement scheme commenced in April 2019 with pavement works east of the N61 Junction completed in 2019. The N60 Castlerea Pavement Overlay (Phase 1) pavement works were completed in December 2019. Tender documentation for the N5 Carrowtoosan to Tusk and N60 Castlerea South to County Boundary pavement schemes was prepared in 2019.



Caption – Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice, Cathaoirleach Roscommon County Council, Elected Members and staff pictured at the official handover of the newly purchased Velocity Patchers.

## Roads Works Programme – Non-National Roads

Over 400 separate projects on regional and local roads were completed in all engineering areas under the *Road Works Scheme 2019* with funding from the DTTAS and the Council's own resources.

In 2019 the Council purchased three Velocity Patchers at a total cost of €906,420 which was funded by a combination of grant funding from DTTAS and from the Council's own resources.

## Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The DTTAS provides for grant assistance which must be matched by a minimum 15% from the community for eligible works including general maintenance, drainage works, pavement works and footpaths on public roads. An allocation of €358,650 for CIS from DTTAS was granted over the two-year period 2019/2020.

## Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) 2019

In 2019, €355,104 in LIS funding was received from the DRCD and allocated to twenty-one schemes on non-public roads. The local contribution is an integral part of the LIS. The DRCD proposed a contribution of 10% for eligible roads with up to and including five residents and 15% for those with six or more residents. At the end of 2019 there were an additional fifty-two LIS applications on file totalling in excess of €750,000. These will be dealt with in line with the Scheme of Priority as agreed by the Strategic Policy Committee subject to additional funding allocations from the DRCD.

## Footpath Repairs Programme

As part of the Risk Mitigation Measures, funding was received from Irish Public Bodies in 2019. Defects and hazards are being continually recorded and the defective footpaths throughout the county are being repaired on an ongoing basis. The Roads Department is coordinating with utility providers identifying defective chambers etc.

In 2019, paving contractors were engaged to replace defective footpath sections and install tactile paving where required along the N5 Frenchpark pavement overlay scheme and along the N60 as part the Castlerea Town pavement overlay scheme. Sections of the N5 as part of the Tusk pavement overlay have been improved with a further programme of work planned for 2020. In the Boyle Municipal District, footpath repair works were also carried out in Ballyfarnon, Keadue and Cortober as part of this scheme.

## CFRAM (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme)

The objective of the CFRAM Programme is the identification and design of flood relief schemes to alleviate the risk of flooding. Under the programme, Athlone, Roscommon, Athleague, Castlerea, Boyle and Cortober were assessed for flood risk. Works are proposed at all the towns with the exception of Castlerea.

On the Westmeath side of Athlone works are under construction. Consultants have been appointed to consider flood defence works at Bogganfin, Athlone on the County Roscommon side.

Leitrim County Council is the lead authority for works proposed in Carrick-On-Shannon and Cortober and consultants have been appointed to progress the design of the flood defence works.

Roscommon, Boyle and Athleague were not included in the first tranch of drainage schemes being progressed by the Office of Public Works.

## Burial Grounds

### Cemetery Capital Works

Works on the extension to Fairymount Cemetery commenced in 2018 and were ongoing in 2019. Works included construction of a boundary wall and an internal road.

### Cemetery Registers Scanning Project

The Roads Department commenced a Cemetery Registers Scanning Project in March 2018 to capture information in Registers of Interment in 100 Roscommon County Council owned cemeteries. The project is co-funded by the County Library Service and the Heritage Office. After two tender competitions the contracts for scanning the existing registers and for printing new registers were awarded. Phase 1 of the project was completed in June 2018. Eighty registers and twenty-five maps have been scanned and reprinted. The original registers were transferred to the Library Archive. The next phase of this project is being planned.





Annual Road Safety Poster Competition 2019: Moira Delaney, Ballintleva National School, overall winner in the Road Safety Poster Competition 2019, pictured at Roscommon Arts Centre with Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive. Also in picture are: Parents Maura and Mark Delaney, Cllr. Orla Leyden, Sergeant Ronan O'Meara, Garda John O'Connor, Superintendent Fran Nicholson, Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher, Leas Cathaoirleach, Roscommon County Council and Garda Donna McKeogh.

## Abnormal Load Permits

Operators transporting a vehicle or load that falls outside of the limits allowed by the Road Traffic (Construction Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003 must obtain a permit for its movement. Local Authorities operate a permit system for abnormal loads where conditions regarding weight, height and dimensions apply on all or part of journeys not on routes covered by An Garda Síochána Scheme. 116 Abnormal Load Permits were issued in 2019.

## Road Opening Licences

Every excavation made in a public road or footpath requires a Road Opening Licence. All applications for licences to open the public road are lodged through the central portal with the Road Management Office ([www.rmo.ie](http://www.rmo.ie)). The Roads Department processes the licenses for County Roscommon from this portal and attaches conditions and fees to the licence. The total number of new licence applications submitted to Roscommon County Council in 2019 was 397. The majority were EIR (210) and Irish Water (93), with the utilities making up a combined 85% of licence applications.

## Road Safety Programme

### Low Cost Safety Improvement Works

In 2019, eleven Safety Improvement Schemes were completed on regional and local roads throughout the county from a specific DTTAS grant of €282,266 for Low Cost Safety Measures. The Council also receive additional funding for specific schemes on national routes.

## Road Safety Office

### Annual Road Safety Poster Competition

In May 2019 the Annual Road Safety Poster Competition Awards took place in Roscommon Arts Centre. This is a joint initiative between the Road Safety Office of Roscommon County Council and the Community Policing Unit of Roscommon Garda District. The aim of the competition is to promote and create awareness of road safety among primary school children. 5th and 6th class students from twenty-four primary schools in the Roscommon Garda District participated in the competition with the best three entries from each school receiving prizes.

### Junior School Warden Competition

The Regional Final of the Junior School Warden Competition took place at St. Mary's National School in Drumlish on 13th June 2019. Six schools from counties Longford, Westmeath and Roscommon participated: - Scoil Mhuire, Newtownforbes; St. Mary's National School Drumlish; St. Etchens National School, Kinnegad; Coralstown National School, Mullingar; Loughlynn National School, Roscommon and Scoil na Naingeal, Boyle. The overall prize winner was Loughlynn National School Roscommon, 2nd Prize - Coralstown National School Mullingar and 3rd Prize - St. Mary's National School-Drumlish.

### Virtual Reality Headsets

In September 2019, Aviva Insurance financed the roll-out of the Virtual Reality Headsets initiative to each Road Safety Officer in every county in Ireland. This initiative aims to promote road safety particularly among younger drivers. The virtual reality units have been preloaded with an eight-minute video which simulates a fatal road collision from the perspective of a front seat passenger. The Road Safety Officer is working closely with An Garda Síochána visiting numerous schools in delivering this valuable tool.

## Broadband Office

### National Broadband Plan:

In May 2019, National Broadband Ireland (NBI), a consortium led by US-based private investment firm Granahan McCourt, was appointed the 'Preferred Bidder'. On 19th November 2019 the Government signed off on the €3 billion National Broadband Plan (NBP) Contract. Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) will be set up in each county within the first year.

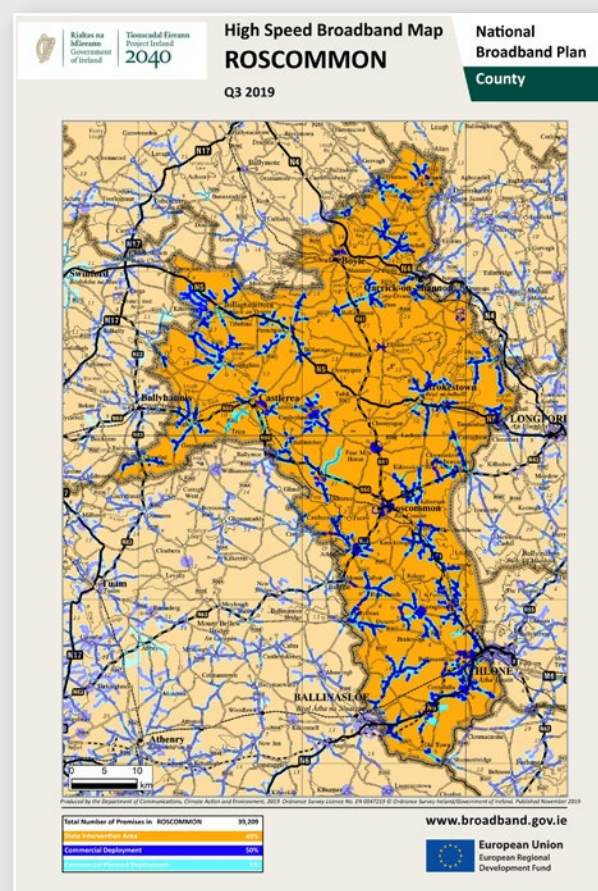
### Eir Rollout

Eir has now almost completed its 300K rollout of high speed fibre broadband in County Roscommon, light blue on NBP Map (blue when complete), having passed 5,746 premises. This includes 434 additional premises. Eir is currently in Boyle town as part of their €0.5 billion fixed network investment programme. The High Speed Broadband Map, updated by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment in quarter three of 2019, is summarised in Table 3 below.

### Digital Strategy

A *Digital Strategy* is being prepared for County Roscommon. Questionnaires were completed by businesses, non-profit organisations and the general public. A joint business workshop took place on 22nd October 2019 to cover all USEFE (Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy) counties, namely Roscommon, Longford, Leitrim and Cavan. The key note speaker was Mr. Sean Canney, T.D. Minister of State for Natural Resources, Community Affairs and Digital Development.

**WiFi4EU:** Roscommon was successful in receiving approval for four vouchers of €15,000 under the *WiFi4EU initiative*, with matched funding by DRCD. The vouchers will be used to install Wi-Fi equipment in various public spaces throughout the county. The installation will take place in 2020.



### Rural and Regional Development Fund (RRDF):

Funding was received under the RRDF as part of a joint scheme led by Western Development Commission, working with Donegal, Sligo and Mayo, to create Digiwest – a Western Region Network of Rural Digital Working Hubs. Roscommon's location is a vacant unit in Meadow Brook, Tusk and is currently under refurbishment.

**Table 3 High Speed Broadband**

		Original Map Q1 2017	Updated Map Q3 2019
Total no. of premises		39,117	39,209
State intervention Area	Amber	48%	49%
Commercial Deployment	Blue	33%	50%
Commercial Planned Deployment (remaining)	Light Blue	19%	8%



## Health and Safety

The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 2005 requires employers, their representative management and employees alike to consider health and safety as a joint responsibility. The 2019 work programme included:

- Continual monitoring of the Safety Management System by the Health and Safety Officers by completing ongoing inspections of works completed by direct labour and client inspections;
- Development and revision of the Council's existing Safety Management System documentation;
- Awarded the OHSAS 18001 (formal Safety Management System) Certification for the Fire Services;
- Ongoing monitoring of the Council's Fire Safety programme;
- Development and delivery of an Occupational Health, Welfare and Staff Wellbeing Programme;
- Attendance at Regional and National Health and Safety Meetings;
- Continual co-operation with external parties such as the Health and Safety Authority and Irish Water;
- Monitoring of existing contractor control procedures;
- Continuous improvement in the Council's communication and cooperation process e.g. Safety Management Committee meetings, Municipal District Coordinator meetings and liaison with Safety Representatives;
- Continued development of the Manual Handling and Health and Safety Induction training programme and delivery of such training;
- Development of Event Safety Procedures;
- Continued compliance with regard to statutory duty for third party inspections of Council owned lifting equipment and work equipment.



# Water Services

On 1st January 2014 public water and wastewater functions were transferred from local authorities to Irish Water. Roscommon County Council now acts as an agent of Irish Water to deliver public water and wastewater services under a Service Level Agreement (SLA).

## Annual Service Plan

An *Annual Service Plan* with performance targets is agreed each year. The 2019 Annual Service Plan contained performance targets for the operation and maintenance of existing water and wastewater schemes and the delivery of capital projects, as agreed in late 2018 as part of the staff headcount and budget negotiations. The total budget allocated to Roscommon was €8.8m. The plan contains seventy-seven key performance indicators.

## Capital Schemes

The planning and construction of all capital schemes is now carried out under the direction of Irish Water. There is an ongoing *Capital Programme* underway in the county.

## INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO

### Roscommon Town Main Drainage

The key objective of the Roscommon Town Main Drainage project is to address the drivers for the Roscommon Agglomeration listed on the EU Commission's Letter of Formal Notice 2015 under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive. This key objective is to be achieved by:

- Abandoning existing storm water overflows where possible;
- Upgrading existing storm water overflows where necessary as a relief in extreme storm flow conditions;
- Provision of upgraded sewers throughout the wastewater collection system;
- Provision of upgraded and new pumping stations;
- Provision of stormwater storage at key pumping stations and at the wastewater treatment plant.

A site investigation contract was completed in the second quarter of 2019. The planning applications for additional tanks and pumping stations were submitted in the third quarter of 2019 and granted in the final quarter of 2019. The project went out to tender in December 2019. It is anticipated that a contract will be signed in the final quarter of 2020 with construction work to commence in January 2021. This €16.3 million investment will be another major investment by Irish Water in County Roscommon in recent years.





Official opening of the Boyle Extension to Grangemore.

## Monksland and Boyle Drainage Area Plans

A *Drainage Area Plan* and a *Wastewater Source Control Study* was undertaken in Monksland and Boyle to ascertain the condition of the existing networks and the flow and load arriving to the Wastewater Treatment Works in 2017.

One major outcome of the above study was to provide upgrade works to the Monksland Wastewater Treatment Plant which included the provision of new inlet works, storm tank and new control panels to the plant together some minor upgrades to the sludge dewatering process including odour control. The construction contract was awarded in December 2018 with the construction works commencing in February 2019. The upgrade work was substantially completed in 2019 with the new inlet works being brought into operation on the 5th December 2019.

## Boyle Water Supply Scheme - Extension to Grangemore

The existing Grangemore Scheme (Cavetown Water Treatment Plant) was originally on the EPA Remedial Action List arising from Trihalomethane exceedances in 2013. The water treatment plant itself was also at high risk due to an insufficient cryptosporidium barrier and an inadequate process for the removal of high concentrations of Total Organic Carbon. This project involved

extending the Boyle Regional Water Supply Scheme southward to the Grangemore Regional Water Supply Scheme and ultimately the decommissioning of the Cavetown Water Treatment Plant. The project was awarded to Source Civil Ltd. With works commencing in February 2019 the project was substantially completed in November 2019 bringing compliant water into circulation to the people of Grangemore and surrounding areas. The scope of the work included:

- A new pumping station at Carrickmore brownfield reservoir site to forward Boyle Water Supply Scheme water to the Grangemore Water Supply Scheme network;
- Approximately 4,680m of new rising mains and distribution mains, network connections, public road improvements and associated development works;
- Associated civil and mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, control and automation (MEICA) works at 3 existing reservoir sites namely Plains reservoir, Ballymore reservoir and Croghan reservoir;
- Decommissioning of the existing Cavetown Water Treatment Plant.

The project was completed on time at a cost of €1,324,227 exclusive of VAT.

## Ballaghaderreen Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Ballaghaderreen Waste Water Treatment Plant is included under the *Capital Investment Plan 2017-2021* for assessment of its primary and secondary treatment processes. The current plant is at risk in terms of Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive compliance, overloading and failure to provide adequate capacity for growth. A feasibility study report for Ballaghaderreen Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade was approved in 2019 and a design report is complete. A review of Irish Water projects took place in the final quarter of 2019 and as a result has pushed the Ballaghaderreen Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade into the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Regional contracts. This new contract involves an appointed contractor working closely with the client and Roscommon County Council earlier in the process and coming up with a common approach to the solution before the project commences on the ground eliminating delays and claims to the project. The appointed contractor is involved in the design process with the goal of agreeing a suitable design for the client.



Reservoir Cleaning Works at Ardcarne Reservoir.

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME PORTFOLIO

### Water Treatment Programme

A *Regional Water Treatment Programme* is being rolled out by Irish Water. EPS Ltd is appointed as contractor. Mount Talbot Water Treatment Plant is one of fifteen sites included in the programme. Monitoring equipment was installed and analysis of the raw water is on-going. A design for source protection works was prepared and it is intended this will be constructed in 2020.

### Lead Mitigation Programme

The following water treatment plants have been identified under the programme:

- North Roscommon Water Treatment Plant;
- Rockingham Water Treatment Plant;
- Ballinagard Water Treatment Plant;
- Killeglan Water Treatment Plant;
- Longford Springs Temp. Water Treatment Plant.

North Roscommon Water Treatment Plant has been prioritised. Based on the repeat plumbosolvency test carried out the indications are that plant will be moved down the priority list unless the total dissolved lead figures indicate otherwise. Analysis of total lead will be carried out in 2020.

### Reservoir Cleaning Programme

The following reservoirs were cleaned as part of Irish Water's *Regional Reservoir Cleaning Programme*:

- Carrickmore
- Ardcarne
- Lissacurkia (old)
- Derrinacantha
- Correal.





Fairymount Reservoir.

## Water Treatment Advance Works Investigations Works Programme

Castlerea Temporary Water Treatment Plant has been identified for inclusion in this €1.6m regional programme. Coffey Water was appointed as contractors by Irish Water. The works consists of installation of water monitoring and recording equipment. This data will enable future design decisions to be made for future upgrade works. Filter assessments were carried out and a report has been submitted to Irish Water.

## Access to Heights and Edge Protection Programme

Twelve sites have been identified in the county for inclusion in this €4.0m regional programme. The programme has been developed to address high-risk items identified during Health, Safety, Quality and Environment (HSQE) inspections. EPS Ltd was appointed as contractor by Irish Water. Works have been completed at Boyle Waste Water Treatment Plant, Fairymount reservoir, Elphin reservoir, Ballyfarnan Waste Water Treatment Plant, Kiltrusten intermediate and main reservoirs, Ballyfeeney reservoir, Ballinameen Waste Water Treatment Plant, Ballinagare Waste Water Treatment Plant, Croghan Waste Water Treatment Plant and Granlahan reservoir.

## Reservoir Refurbishment Programme

Following investigations carried out by Roscommon County Council, Lissacurkia reservoir was identified with significantly high leakage. AQS Ltd. was appointed by Irish Water and major refurbishment of the reservoir was carried out. These works have resulted in a saving of 1,500m<sup>3</sup>/day and a 20% reduction in water treatment operations costs.



Lissacurkia Reservoir.

## Waste Water Below Ground Telemetry Programme

The *Waste Water Below Ground Telemetry Programme* provides for installation of telemetry outstations at waste water pumping station sites in order to allow early warning in case of spills to sensitive waters and to obtain data for future upgrades, connection requests, etc. All sites covered under this programme will be connected to the interim National Telemetry System (iNTS). A survey of Boyle bridge waste water pumping station has been carried out and a report has been submitted to Irish Water.

## Storm Water Overflow Assessment Programme

Surveys on eight storm water overflows have been completed. Design workshops will be carried out. It is intended that the current phase of the programme will be delivered during 2020.

## Waste Water Pumping Stations and Rising Mains Capital Maintenance Programme

300 nominated pumping stations have been nominated countrywide. The top 100 will be visited, surveyed and a concept design report produced. Nine prioritised waste water pumping stations have been identified in Roscommon under the programme. Surveys will commence in March 2020.

## National Water Resources Plan

Irish Water is currently developing the first *National Water Resources Plan (NWRP)*. The NWRP sets out the strategy of how we will move towards environmentally sustainable, secure and reliable drinking water over the next 25 years. The plan also provides a framework for developing new water supply assets that will improve reliability, sustainability and resilience of the water supply over future investment cycles. All water supplies in Roscommon have been divided into water resource zones. Water availability, safe yield and sustainable production at the existing supplies are part of the process and are being assessed. Current demands and projections for water use over the next twenty-five years are also being assessed.

## Leakage Management System

The new *Leakage Management System (LMS)* 'Netbase' has been successfully rolled out in Roscommon. This is an important milestone as for the first time there is a system in place at a national level that calculates leakage figures in a consistent and rational way across all local authorities using the most up-to-date data from Irish Water Enterprise Systems (Maximo, GIS, CC&B etc.).

## Drinking Water Compliance

The total overall compliance with the European Union Drinking Water Regulations for Roscommon was 98.77%. There were a total of 146 check and audit samples taken on public water supplies in 2019.

There were no Boil Water Notices issued in 2019. There were no Directions associated with Roscommon Water Treatment Plants in 2019. There is one public Water Supply Zone in Roscommon (Grangemore Water Supply Zone) on the EPA Remedial Action List.

A verification-monitoring programme was undertaken from September 2018 to January 2019 at North Roscommon Water Treatment Plant, the findings of which were submitted to the EPA in support of this schemes removal from the Remedial Action List. The scheme was successfully removed from the Remedial Action List on 31st January 2019.

## Waste Water Compliance

All Waste Water Treatment Plants in Roscommon for 2019 were in compliance with the Urban Waste Water Regulations. Seven Waste Water Treatment Plants in Roscommon were in compliance the Waste Water Discharge Licences while five plants were non-compliant with Waste Water Discharge Licence requirements. Compliance investigations are on-going to address these non-compliances. Roscommon Town Waste Water Treatment Plant is listed on the EPA Priority Areas List. This site is at tendering phase at present. There were seventeen waste water incidents reported in 2019, all of which were reported by specified deadlines. There were four EPA audits conducted in 2019. Audit recommendations are being addressed.

## WATER NETWORKS PORTFOLIO

### Water Network Framework Programme

The Water Network Portfolio is under Irish Water's *Capital Investment Plan 2017 to 2021*. Works intended to be rolled out under this programme include:

- New mains and service laying;
- Below ground network rehabilitation work;
- Back yard lead replacement;
- DMA establishment;
- PRV works;
- Minor works to include leak repair;
- Public side lead works and metering.

### Water Networks Rehabilitation Programme

#### Emmoo to Ballanacullia:

This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 2.4Km of existing 75mm and 100mm diameter water main including valves, fittings and associated assets. The new main was upsized to a 125mm OD HDPE main. The horizontal directional drilling technique and open cut method was utilised.



Emmoo to Ballanacullia Rehabilitation Scheme.





Roscommon Town Rehabilitation Scheme.



## Roscommon Town

This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 861m of existing cast iron and asbestos water main including valves, fittings and associated assets. The new main was upsized to a 180mm and 125mm OD HDPE main. The pipe bursting technique and open cut method was utilised. A total of 147 lead services were replaced with new Polyethylene services.

## Find and Fix Programme

A year and a half of this 2-year programme of targeting District Metering Areas with high unaccounted for water figures has now elapsed. This work commenced late in the second quarter of 2018 using a regional contractor (Farrans Construction) appointed by Irish Water and a direct labour crew. The *Find and Fix* programme involves the verification of highlighted District Metered Areas with pressure zero testing initially proving the supply areas, step testing of these areas with a view to isolating areas of high unaccounted for usage and then the finding and fixing of leaks.

Pressure Reducing Valve  
and Associated Pipework at  
Cloonbunny District Metered Area,  
Ballinlough Water Supply Zone



## First Fix Programme

Farrans Construction has been appointed by Irish Water to carry out works under this programme. The duration depends on the take up by customers who will avail of the scheme.

## Non-Domestic Meter Replacement

Farrans Construction have been appointed by Irish Water to carry out works under this programme. From 30th September 2017, Roscommon County Council has ceased providing support to the non-domestic sector. Any works under this programme are being supervised by Irish Water. Farrans Construction has commenced surveys as a first phase of the meter replacement.

## Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021

The 2019-2021 funding cycle of the *Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme* consists of 8 measures. These measures reflect the key challenges currently facing the rural water sector in respect of funding support. In particular, the measures have been more expressly focused around a ‘multiple barriers’ approach, from catchment to consumers (source – treatment – distribution), to prevent contamination and ensure that drinking water is safe and meets quality parameters of the Drinking Water Regulations on a consistent long-term basis.

A funding allocation of €643,563 for 2019 was advised by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government and allocated as follows:

- **Measure 1: Source Protection – Group Water Scheme Sector – Budget €129,450.** Improvements on Group Water Schemes in order to achieve compliance with the quality parameters of the Drinking Water Regulations. These works are to continue in 2019.
- **Measure 2: Public Health Compliance – Group Water Scheme Sector.** This measure is aimed at improving water quality in existing group water schemes through upgrading of their treatment facilities so that the schemes can sustainably achieve compliance with the parameters of the Drinking Water Regulations on a consistent long-term basis. Total costs of €148,608.98 were 100% recouped from the Department in 2019.
- **Measure 3: Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation – €271,000.** This measure supports projects to make existing group water schemes more efficient in their operation (e.g. water conservation and network upgrades, including storage) and contributing to good water quality on a consistent sustainable long-term basis. €194,268.07 costs were paid to group water schemes in 2019.
- **Measure 5: Transition of Existing Group Water Schemes and Group Sewerage Schemes to the Public (Irish Water) Water Sector: Funding approval for 2019: €22,000.** This measure enables existing group water schemes and existing group sewerage schemes, where they wish to do so and with the agreement of Irish Water, to transition to the public water sector (Irish Water).

- **Measure 6: Community Connections (Water and Wastewater).** This measure facilitates the continued expansion of the coverage of piped water supplies and central wastewater collection systems by extension off the public (Irish Water) network. €21,791 costs were paid to a group water scheme in 2019.

Financial support in the sum of €396,334.18 was paid to group water schemes under the *Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme* in 2019.

### Subsidy towards the Operational Costs of Group Water Schemes Providing Water for Domestic Use:

With effect from 1st January, 2018, the subsidies have been increased and new incentives introduced for smaller schemes.

- **Annual Subsidy:** An annual subsidy per house is available to group schemes for the operational cost of providing domestic water. The sum of €411,631.43 was paid in 2019 to fifteen group water schemes.
- **Operational and Maintenance Subsidy:** This subsidy is payable towards operational and maintenance costs associated with “bona fide” design/build/operate (DBO) contracts for group schemes that have their own water treatment facilities. The sum of €412,863.39 was paid in 2019 to four DBO group water schemes.

### Individual Well Grants

- The funding for individual well grants is demand led and applications continue to be processed. The maximum grant available is €2,031.58 or 75% of the cost of the work. Grants amounting to €16,394.96 were paid on ten completed applications in 2019.

### Lead Remediation Grant

- In order to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water, a grant scheme is available to assist households to replace lead services within their homes. This grant scheme has been established in line with the *National Lead Strategy*.



# Local Community Development Committee Report

The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has primary responsibility for coordinating, planning and overseeing the implementation of the *Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021*.

Eight LCDC Meetings were held on the following dates in 2019:

Date	Attendance
30th January	74%
27th February	63%
17th April	68%
29th May	58%
31st July	68%
11th September	63%
6th November	68%
11th December	58%

The expenses paid to sectoral members in 2019 totalled €2,724.50.

The following is an overview of items progressed by the LCDC in 2019:

- Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 End of Year Report approved. 2019 SICAP Annual Plan approved. 2019 SICAP Mid-term review approved.
- Presentations provided to the LCDC in relation to the SICAP Programme.
- LCDC Annual Report 2018 adopted at April 2019 LCDC meeting.



- Approved €133,301 for funding under the Community Enhancement Scheme 2019. Grants were awarded to 39 projects.
- Approved €11,189 for funding under the Men's Shed Scheme 2019. Grants were awarded to 8 projects.
- €10,000 was approved for 24 Communities under the National Community Weekend (The Big Hello) on the May Bank Holiday weekend, 4th to 6th May 2019.
- Ongoing monitoring of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).
- Sub-committees continued their work in the areas of SICAP, LEADER and assessment of grant scheme applications.
- Approved €246,050 for funding under the Healthy Ireland (HI) Fund – Strand 3 – 2019-2021. This included funding for HI Coordinator. 6 No. Actions are being carried out by 14 groups through various initiatives.
- Consideration and approval of LEADER Administration funding and LEADER project funding. The LCDC approved a total of €3,092,547.35 for LEADER projects in 2019.
- LEADER sub-committee established to oversee delivery of the Local Development Strategy continued working throughout 2019.
- SICAP sub-committee continued its work in 2019.

## Membership of LCDC at 31st December 2019

Pillar	Agency / Nominating Body	No. of Nominees	Name of Nominee
<b>Statutory Interests 9</b>			
<b>Local Government</b>	Roscommon County Council Members	3	Cllr. Laurence Fallon Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice Cllr. Donal Kilduff
<b>Local Authority Officials</b>	Roscommon County Council Executive	2	Mr Eugene Cummins CE Ms Louise Ward, Head of LEO
<b>State Agency</b>	Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board	1	Ms. Lynne Keery
<b>State Agency</b>	Department of Social Protection	1	Ms. Antoinette Ryan
<b>State Agency</b>	Health Service Executive	1	Mr. Eamon Hannan
<b>State Agency</b>	Teagasc	1	Mr. Tom Kellegher
<b>Non Statutory Interests 10</b>			
<b>Local &amp; Community Development</b>	Roscommon Leader Partnership Company	1	Ms Martina Earley
<b>Social Inclusion College</b>	Public Participation Network (PPN)	1	Ms. Nora Fahy
	PPN	1	Mr. Michael Frain
<b>Community &amp; Voluntary College</b>	PPN	1	Mr. Maurice Gannon
	PPN	1	Mr. Mike Carty
<b>Environmental College</b>	PPN	1	Mr. Alan Moran
<b>Social, Economic &amp; Community Interests</b>	Farming & Agriculture	1	Mr. Donal Greene
<b>Social, Economic &amp; Community Interests</b>	Business Representative	1	Mr. Benny O'Connell
<b>Social, Economic &amp; Community Interests</b>	Trade Union Representative	1	Mr. John Tansey
<b>Social, Economic &amp; Community Interests</b>	Brothers of Charity Services	1	Ms. Jodie Healy
<b>Total Number of Members:</b>		<b>19</b>	

## LEADER Programme Summary

Theme	Sub-Theme	Original Project Budget (€)	No. of Projects approved to year end 2019	Value of Projects approved to year end 2019 (€)
<b>Economic Development</b>	Rural Tourism	€700,000	7	€302,799.63
	Enterprise Development	€1,900,000	8	€752,247.93
	Rural Towns	€750,000	8	€1,085,290.96
	Broadband	€250,000	0	€0.00
<b>Social Inclusion</b>	Basic Services	€1,981,282	7	€493,493.43
	Rural Youth	€400,000	1	€379,701.10
<b>Rural Environment</b>	Water Resources	€200,000	0	€0.00
	Biodiversity	€200,000	4	€52,014.30
	Renewable Energy	€200,000	1	€21,500.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>€6,581,282</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>€3,087,047.35</b>



# Corporate Plan Report

**Roscommon County Council's *Corporate Plan 2015-2019* was prepared in accordance with statutory provisions prescribed in Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 49 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. It was formally adopted at the January 2015 meeting of the Council.**

The Corporate Plan is at the core of the Council's business framework. The Plan was prepared on the basis of an organisational wide strategic approach encompassing the various activities of the Council. It presents a broad framework for action by Roscommon County Council over a five-year period.

The Plan was prepared through an extensive consultation process with staff, elected members, the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Public Participation Network (PPN). Its vision is clear and inclusive of three high level objectives as follows:

- Leading the economic development of County Roscommon;
- Improving the quality of life and well-being for all in County Roscommon;
- Building a modern and innovative organisation through continuous improvement.

A key purpose of the *Corporate Plan* is to provide a framework within which Annual Service Plans are formulated. Roscommon County Council's *Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019*, translated the objectives of the *Corporate Plan* into detailed supporting strategies and strategies for service delivery which link with annual departmental activities.

Reporting on the *Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019* was carried out by way of Monthly and Quarterly Management Reports to the elected members, internal and external audit processes and by measurement through the Performance Indicator process under the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) guidelines. Particular aspects of the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019 were delivered through the 2019 *Schedules of Municipal District Works* developed by each Municipal District.

Implementation of the *Corporate Plan*, in consultation with the Corporate Policy Group, the Strategic Policy Committees and the LCDC was progressed during 2019. A summary of progress for 2019 is outlined below:



## Outlined below is a summary of the service delivery for 2019:

- *Annual Service Delivery Plan 2019* prepared and adopted.
- Plenary Meetings, Corporate Policy Group Meetings, Municipal District Meetings and Strategic Policy Committee meetings were held throughout the year.
- Eight LCDC Meetings were held in 2019.
- One meeting of the Joint Policing Committee was held in 2019.
- The *Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024* was adopted in June 2019.
- *Roads Works Scheme 2019* was adopted.
- The Elected Members agreed to make *Variation No. 2 of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 - 2020* in April 2019.
- In July 2019, the Council made Bye-Laws to regulate and control the segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste within its functional area.
- The *Roscommon County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024* was adopted in September 2019.
- Bye-Laws for Casual Trading in the towns of Roscommon, Boyle, Castlerea, Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown were adopted in July 2019.
- The *Annual Social Housing Needs Assessment* was carried out in June 2019.
- In 2019 the Council completed the purchase of twenty-eight single dwellings in various locations and the turnkey construction of ten units at Station Road, Boyle and ten units at Lisroyne Court, Strokestown under the *Housing Acquisition and Construction Programme*.
- Works carried out to the road network in the county in 2019 included road construction and maintenance; bridge rehabilitation; drainage works; the carrying out of safety and traffic management measures; the implementation of community involvement and local improvement schemes; footpath repairs and the provision of public lighting.
- The main construction contract for the N60 Road Realignment Project was awarded in April 2019.
- The Council continued to act as an agent of Irish Water to deliver public water and waste water services under a Service Level Agreement.
- The extension of the Boyle Regional Water Supply Scheme to Grangemore was substantially completed in November 2019 at a cost of €1,324,227 exclusive of VAT.
- The total overall compliance with the European Union Drinking Water Regulations for Roscommon was 98.77%.
- All Waste Water Treatment Plants in Roscommon were in compliance with the Urban Waste Water Regulations.
- 671 Planning applications were received by the Council in 2019.
- The Council's Environment Department continued to carry out an extensive range of functions and services in the areas of pollution control; water quality management; waste management and enforcement; litter management and environmental awareness.
- Energy saving measures contributed to significant savings for the County Council. A 27.7% energy reduction was achieved based on a 2009 baseline.
- The level of expenditure for the Council's Revenue Account for 2019 was €60.2m while for the Capital Account the expenditure was €40.8m.

**A full report on Service Indicators for 2019 is provided in  
Appendix 1 to this Annual Report.**



# Appendix 1: Service Indicators 2019

## C: CORPORATE

### C1: Total number of wholtime equivalent

A. The whole time equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2019	401.21
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### C2: Working days lost to sickness

A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2019	3.80%
B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2019	0.28%

### C3: Local authority website and social media usage

A. Total page views of the local authority's website in 2019	847,324
B. Total number of followers at end 2019 of the local authority's social media accounts	24,752

### C4: Overall cost of information and communications technology provision per wholtime equivalent

A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019, divided by the WTE number supplied under the C1 indicator	€3,045.62
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## E: WASTE / ENVIRONMENT

### E1: Number / % of households with access to a 3 bin service

A. The number of households, based on 2016 Census, in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2019	4,212
B. The % of households within the local authority (as per 2016 Census) that the number at A represents	17.58%

### E2: Number of environmental pollution complaints closed

A1. The total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2019.	670
A2. The number of pollution cases closed from 1/12/2019 to 31/12/2019	704
A3. The total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2019	166

### E3: % of LA area within the 5 levels of litter pollution

A. The % of the area within the local authority that when surveyed in 2019 was: 1) unpolluted or litter free 2) slightly polluted 3) moderately polluted 4) significantly polluted or 5) grossly polluted	* not available at time of print
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### E4: Green Flag Status

A. The % of schools that have been awarded the green flag status	65.31%
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### E5: Energy Efficiency

A. The cumulative % of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2019 relative to baseline year (2009)	29.41%
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**F: FIRE SERVICE****F1: Cost per capita of the Fire Service**

A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2019 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports	<b>€62.38</b>
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**F2: Service mobilisation**

A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in full-time stations in respect of fire	<b>0 - No Full-Time Fire Stations in County Roscommon</b>
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in part-time stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	<b>6.55 minutes</b>
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in full-time stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	<b>0 - No Full-Time Fire Stations in County Roscommon</b>
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in part-time stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents	<b>6.24 minutes</b>

**F3: Percentage attendance times at scenes**

A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	<b>25.17%</b>
B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	<b>50.33%</b>
C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	<b>24.50%</b>
D. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	<b>23.08%</b>
E. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	<b>50.96%</b>
F. % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	<b>25.96%</b>

**H: HOUSING****H1: Social housing stock**

A. The overall total number of dwellings provided by the local authority in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019; comprising:	<b>1,336</b>
B. The number of dwellings added to the local authority owned stock during 2019 (whether constructed or acquired)	<b>48</b>
C. The number of local authority owned dwellings sold in 2019	<b>14</b>
D. The number of local authority owned dwellings demolished in 2019	<b>0</b>
E. The number of dwellings in the ownership of the local authority at 31/12/19	<b>1,370</b>
F. The number of local authority dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	<b>0</b>

**H2: Housing vacancies**

A. The percentage of the total number of local authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2019	<b>4.23%</b>
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**H3: Average re-letting time and cost**

A. The time taken from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date in 2019 when a new tenancy had commenced in the dwelling, averaged across all units re-let during 2019	<b>24.15 weeks</b>
B. The cost expended on getting the units re-tenanted in 2019 ready for re-letting, averaged across all units re-let in 2019	<b>€9,297.16</b>

**H4: Housing maintenance cost**

A. Expenditure during 2019 on the maintenance of local authority housing compiled from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019, divided by the number of dwellings in the local authority stock at 31/12/2019	<b>€339.20 per unit</b>
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**H5: Private rented sector inspections**

A. Total number of registered tenancies in the local authority area at end of June 2019	<b>2,998</b>
B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2019	<b>328</b>
C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2019 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	<b>84.45%</b>
D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant in 2019	<b>103</b>

**H6: Long-term homeless adults**

A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2019	<b>16.67%</b>
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**J: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****J1: Number of jobs created**

A. The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019	<b>64</b>
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**J2: Trading Online Vouchers**

A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2019	<b>29</b>
B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2019	<b>9</b>

**J3: No of Mentoring Recipients**

A. The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	<b>355</b>
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**J4: Tourism**

A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	<b>Yes</b>
B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	<b>Yes</b>

**L: LIBRARY / RECREATIONAL SERVICES****L1: Library visits and issues**

A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the local authority area as per 2016 Census	<b>2.17</b>
B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	<b>124,122</b>
C. Library Registered members per head of population	<b>0.09</b>

**L2: Cost of operating a Library Service**

A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2019 divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2016 Census	<b>€27.05</b>
B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 1/01/2019 to 31/12/2019	<b>€1.24</b>

**M: FINANCE****M1: 5 Year summary of revenue account balance**

A. The cumulative surplus balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS)	€150,145
B. The cumulative surplus balance at 31/12/2016	€172,692
C. The cumulative surplus balance at 31/12/2017	€183,369
D. The cumulative surplus balance at 31/12/2018	€189,834
E. The cumulative surplus balance at 31/12/2019	€201,740
F. The cumulative surplus at 31/12/2019 as a percentage of Total Income in 2019 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	0.31%
G. Revenue Expenditure per Capita in 2019	€933.63
H. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2019 excluding significant out of county/shared service expenditure	€932.31

**M2: 5 Year summary of % collection levels for major revenue sources**

A. The individual % figures in the final column of Appendix 7 of the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for 2015 for; Rates Rent & Annuities Housing Loans	93% 89% 75%
2016: Rates Rent & Annuities Housing Loans	91% 92% 58%
2017: Rates Rent & Annuities Housing Loans	83% 91% 56%
2018: Rates Rent & Annuities Housing Loans	86% 92% 55%
2019: Rates Rent & Annuities Housing Loans	89% 91% 76%

**P: PLANNING****P1: New buildings inspected**

A. Buildings Inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	14.24%
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**P2: Number / % of Planning decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála**

A. Number of local authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2019	16
B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the local authority	56.25%

**P3: % of Planning Enforcement cases closed as resolved**

A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019 that were investigated	58
B. Total number of cases that were closed during 2019	46
C. % of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	73.91%
D. % of the cases at B that were resolved to the local authority's satisfaction through negotiations	8.70%
E. % of the cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	17.39%
F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2019	130

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**P4: Cost per capita of the Planning Service**

A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the local authority area per the 2016 Census	<b>€34.32</b>
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**P5: Application for Fire Safety Certificates**

A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of receipt	<b>51.85%</b>
B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2019 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	<b>37.04%</b>

**R: ROADS****R1: Ratings in Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI)**

A. The % of	
(a) Regional	<b>98.8%</b>
(b) Local Primary	<b>82.5%</b>
(c) Local Secondary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24-month period prior to 31/12/2019 and	<b>80.7%</b>
(d) Local Tertiary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period to 31/12/2019	<b>80.3%</b>
B. The % of total (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary, (c) Local Secondary and (d) Local Tertiary road kilometres represented by the numbers of kilometres at 31/12/2019 rated in each of the following 4 groupings of the 10 PSCI rating categories; 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10 for each road type.	
(a) Regional Road	
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 1-4	<b>6.5%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 5-6	<b>18.8%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 7-8	<b>17.6%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 9-10	<b>56.4%</b>
(b) Local Primary Road	
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 1-4	<b>2.6%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 5-6	<b>48.0%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 7-8	<b>23.6%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 9-10	<b>25.6%</b>
(c) Local Secondary Road	
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 1-4	<b>9.7%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 5-6	<b>52.5%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 7-8	<b>22.5%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 9-10	<b>13.5%</b>
(d) Local Tertiary Road	
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 1-4	<b>23.1%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 5-6	<b>35.7%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 7-8	<b>9.5%</b>
At 31/12/2019, the % at PSCI rating categories; 9-10	<b>11.9%</b>

**R2: Regional road grants works**

A. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2019 and the amount expended on that work and the average unit cost of such works in Euro per square metre (€/m²).	<b>13.2km</b> <b>€2,481,684</b> <b>€29.33</b>
B. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2019 and the amount expended on that work and the average unit cost of such works in Euro per square metre (€/m²).	<b>0.10km</b> <b>€2,754</b> <b>€3.78</b>
C. Kilometres of local road (i.e. total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2019 and the amount expended on that work and the average unit cost of such works in Euro per square metre (€/m²).	<b>146.9km</b> <b>€6,896,111</b> <b>€11.55</b>
D. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2019 and the amount expended on that work and the average unit cost of such works in Euro per square metre (€/m²).	<b>103.9km</b> <b>€1,576,085</b> <b>€3.89</b>

**R3: % of Motor tax transactions conducted online**

A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued)	58.13%
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**W: WATER****W1: % Drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements**

% Drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	98.60%
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**W2: % of registered schemes monitored**

The number of registered schemes monitored by each local authority as a percentage of total schemes registered	100%
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**Y: YOUTH / COMMUNITY****Y1: Participation in Comhairle na nÓg scheme**

A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	88.89%
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**Y2: Groups associated with the Public Participation Network (PPN)**

A. The number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2019 (129) and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College (16) within the PPN	12.40
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\* The non-availability of service indicator data at the time of print was due to the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.





## Appendix 2: Councillors' Conferences and Training Events 2019

Conferences/Seminars attended in Ireland by Roscommon County Council in 2019				
Date	Organiser	Conference Name	Venue	Number of Cllrs attended
11th-13th January	Celtic Conferences	Finance Act 2018	Carlingford, Co. Louth	1
17th January	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Module 1 Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies – A Briefing for Elected Members	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	6
18th-20th January	Celtic Conferences	Understanding the Asylum Process in Ireland	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	1
19th January	AILG	Module 1 Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies – A Briefing for Elected Members	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	6
25th-27th January	Institute of Professional Training (IPT)	Insolvency Services in Ireland	Gold Coast Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	8
15th-17th February	IPT	Local Elections 2019	Radisson Blu, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	10
21st-22nd February	AILG	Annual Training Conference 2019	Longford Arms Hotel, Longford	10
7th-8th March	Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA)	Spring Training Seminar	The Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim	9
22nd-24th March	IPT	Register of Electors and Boundary Change	Whitford Hotel, Co. Wexford	11
28th March	AILG	Module 2 - The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy and Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities	Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo	6
30th March	Countess Markievicz Shool	The Annual Countess Markievicz School	Liberty Hall Theatre, Eden Quay, Dublin	1
11th July	AILG	Module 3 - Induction Training for Elected members	Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	6

Conferences/Seminars attended in Ireland by Roscommon County Council in 2019				
Date	Organiser	Conference Name	Venue	Number of Cllrs attended
11th-12th September	AILG	Autumn Training Seminar 2019	The Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan	9
26th September	Co-Operation Ireland	Rural Society in Transition	Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk, County Louth	1
4th October	IPT	Autumn Planning Conference	The Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin	1
10th October	AILG	Module 4 - The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator	Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick	1
12th October	AILG	Module 4 - The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	3
11th-13th October	Celtic Conferences	A Practical Guide to Budget 2020	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	2
17th-19th October	LAMA	Autumn Training Seminar 2019 (Bio Diversity and Sustainability)	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	10
25th-27th October	Celtic Conferences	Ireland and Plastic Waste	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	3
8th-10th November	Celtic Conferences	Emerging Threats and Persistent Conservation Challenges for Freshwater Biodiversity	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	1
15th-17th November	Celtic Conferences	Entitlement to Health Services	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	11
21st November	AILG	Module 5 - Climate Action The Local Authority Response	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	7

The total expenditure for members' attendance at training and conferences was €43,365



# Appendix 3: Councillors' Committees 2019

List of External Bodies on which Roscommon County Council was formally represented by Councillors in 2019		
Committee Title	Purpose of the Committee	Elected Members representing Roscommon County Council
Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann	This association organises a programme of meetings which help members give voice to current issues in Council life. The AILG is a networking, policy development and training resource for the elected members of Ireland's thirty-one County and City Councils.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Connaughton, Dineen and Callaghan
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Connaughton, Leyden and Fallon
Northern and Western Regional Assembly	Managing and monitoring the EU funded operational programmes in the North and West Region.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Dineen and Murphy
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Leyden and Naughten
Heritage Forum	An advisory body to oversee and advise on the preparation and implementation of the County Roscommon Heritage Plan.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillor Murphy
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillor Murphy
Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board (ETB)	This committee is responsible for the governance of all educational and administrative services provided by Galway Roscommon ETB.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors P. Kilduff, Shanagher and Mulligan
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors, Shanagher, McDermott and Fallon
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited (IPB)	Committee required as IPB is a mutual Company.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillor Keogh
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillor Keogh
Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)	Represents members of the Councils at county, city and borough level. An association for the betterment of conditions, education and training for members.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillor Ward
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillor Cummins
Library Association of Ireland	To attend the Annual Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillor Shanagher
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillor Callaghan

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Committee Title	Purpose of the Committee	Elected Members representing Roscommon County Council
Library Association of Ireland	To attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland as a delegate	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Shanagher, Leydon and Creaton
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Callaghan, McDermott and Waldron
Local Community Development Committee	To co-ordinate, plan and oversee local and community development funding and bring joined-up approach to the running of local and community development programmes and interventions	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Dineen, P. Kilduff and Fallon
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors D. Kilduff, Fitzmaurice and Fallon
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)	To advise on the provision and management of Traveller accommodation.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Connolly, Cummins and Shanagher
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Shanagher, Cummins and Crosby
Regional Health Forum West	To ensure that local elected representatives continue to have an opportunity to exercise oversight of the health and personal social services provided by the HSE.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Ward, Creaton and Dineen
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Ward, Cummins and Crosby
River Suck Joint Drainage Committee	To oversee the ongoing maintenance of the River Suck Drainage District.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Connaughton, Dineen, Fitzmaurice, Kilduff and Naughten
Road Safety Together Committee	To make the roads in County Roscommon a safer place for all road users.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Connolly, Dineen and Doherty
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Waldron, Murphy and Naughten
Roscommon Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	Local youth council, which supports children and young people to be heard in the development of local services and policies. The steering committee helps young people to access and engage with the local authority and with decision making bodies in the county.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors P. Kilduff and Shanagher
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors McDermott and Crosby



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Committee Title	Purpose of the Committee	Elected Members representing Roscommon County Council
Roscommon County Council Audit Committee	Advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters, promoting good accounting practices, ensuring better and more informed decision-making, and improving the focus on value for money throughout the organisation.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Cummins and Ward
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Cummins and Fallon
Roscommon County Council Joint Policing Committee	To serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Connaughton, Connolly, Creaton, Dineen, Doherty, Fallon, Fitzmaurice, Callaghan, P. Kilduff, Murphy, Naughten, Shanagher and Ward
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors Waldron, D. Kilduff, Shanagher, Dineen, Ward, Naughten, Fitzmaurice, Callaghan, Cummins, Fallon, Crosby, Leyden, and Murphy
Rural Water County Monitoring Committee	To advise on the operation of and to monitor the implementation of the Rural Water Programme locally.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillors Cummins, Dineen and Callaghan
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillors D. Kilduff, Cummins and Callaghan.
Údarás na hOllscoile Governing Authority, National University of Ireland, Galway	Responsible for managing and controlling all of the affairs of the University and is composed of members of the academic staff, the student body and several external members.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillor Cummins
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillor Keogh
Western Inter-County Rail Committee	This committee is committed to the reopening of the Western Rail Corridor.	<b>Jan – May 2019</b> Councillor Dineen, Callaghan and P. Kilduff
		<b>June – Dec 2019</b> Councillor Crosby

# Appendix 4: Local Election Results 2019

LOCAL ELECTION – 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF ATHLONE LEA, ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL			TOTAL ELECTORATE 15,168 INVALID BALLOT PAPERS 138 VALID POLL 9,883 NUMBER OF SEATS 6 QUOTA 1,412		CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED - TONY WARD (NON-P.) IVAN CONNAUGHTON (NON-P.) JOHN NAUGHTEN (F.G.) JOHN KEOGH (F.F.) LAURENCE FALLON (NON-P.) DONAL KILDUFF (NON-P.)		
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes Outgoing Member)	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count
	Number of Votes	Transfer of Ward, T's Surplus and Result	Transfer of McCabe, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of Connaughton, I's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Harney, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of Grehan, G's Votes and Result	Transfer of Hand, M's Votes and Result
*Connaughton, Ivan (NON-P)	1,591	- 1591	- 1591	-179 1,412	1,412	1,412	1,412
*Fallon, Laurence (NON-P.)	815	+113 928	+13 941	+80 1,021	+42 1,063	+96 1,159	+148 1,307
Grehan, Ger (F.G.)	447	+22 469	+2 471	+8 479	+17 496	-496 -	-
Hand, Malachy (F.F.)	563	+89 752	+4 756	+24 780	+24 804	+42 846	-846 -
Harney, Joe (S.F.)	379	+26 405	+5 410	+6 416	-416 -	-	-
Kelly, Seamus (F.F.)	704	+30 734	+3 737	+13 750	+18 768	+167 935	+123 1,058
*Keogh, John (F.F.)	1,010	+86 1,096	+6 1,102	+18 1,120	+77 1,197	+65 1,262	+221 1,483
*Kilduff, Donal (NON-P.)	879	+76 955	+17 972	+30 1,002	+96 1,098	+36 1,134	+130 1,264
McCabe, Derek (Non-P.)	66	+10 76	-76 -			-	-
*Naughten, John, (F-G.)	1,465	- 1,465	- 1,465	- 1,465	- 1,465	- 1,465	- 1,465
*Ward, Tony, (NON-P.)	1,864	-452 1,412	1,412	1,412	1,412	1,412	1,412
Non – transferable papers not effective	-	-	+26 26	- 26	+142 168	+90 258	+224 482
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>9,883</b>	<b>9,883</b>



LOCAL ELECTION – 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF BOYLE LEA, ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL			TOTAL ELECTORATE 18,037 INVALID BALLOT PAPERS 201 VALID POLL 10,359 NUMBER OF SEATS 6 QUOTA 1,480		CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED - JOHN CUMMINS (F.F.) VALERIE BYRNE (NON-P.) MICHAEL PATRICK MULLIGAN (S.F.) LIAM CALLAGHAN (F.G.) TOM CROSBY (NON-P.) JOE MURPHY (F.F.)		
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes Outgoing Member)	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count
	Number of Votes	Transfer of Cummins, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Byrne, V's Surplus and Result	Transfer of O'Donnell, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of Sampey, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of Hussain, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of Reynolds, A's Votes and Result
*Byrne, Valarie (NON-P.)	1,641	- 1,641	-161 1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480
*Callaghan, Liam (F.G.)	1,000	+66 1,066	+37 1,103	+11 1,114	+172 1,286	+86 1,372	+154 1,526
Crosby, Tom (NON-P.)	1,017	+37 1,054	+28 1,082	+27 1,109	+30 1,139	+104 1,243	+178 1,421
*Cummins, John (F.F.)	2,124	-644 1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480
Hussain, Sajjad (Saj) (Non-P.)	527	+25 552	+10 562	+30 592	+51 643	-643 -	-
Mulligan, Michael Patrick (S.F.)	1,431	+46 1,477	+12 1,489	- 1,489	- 1,489	- 1,489	- 1,489
* Murphy, Joe (F.F.)	803	+134 937	+28 965	+5 970	+106 1,076	+37 1,113	+115 1,228
O'Donnell, Mary (Non-P.)	119	+18 137	+11 148	-148 -	-	-	-
Reynolds, Andrew (F.G.)	584	+34 618	+25 643	+9 652	+13 665	+38 703	-703 -
Sampey, Aidan (F.F.)	491	+63 554	+2 556	+5 561	-561 -	-	-
Suffin, Keith (F.G.)	622	+221 843	+8 851	+19 870	+27 897	+58 955	+121 1,076
Non – transferable papers not effective	-	-	-	+42 42	+162 204	+320 524	+135 659
TOTAL	10,359	10,359	10,359	10,359	10,359	10,359	10,359

LOCAL ELECTION – 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF ROSCOMMON LEA, ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL		TOTAL ELECTORATE 17,450 INVALID BALLOT PAPERS 165 VALID POLL 10,330 NUMBER OF SEATS 6 QUOTA 1,476		CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED - PASCAL FITZMAURICE (F.F.) ANTHONY (TONY) WALDRON (NON-P.) KATHLEEN SHANAGHER (NON-P.) NIGEL DINEEN (NON-P.) ORLA LEYDEN (F.F.) MARTY MCDERMOTT (F.F.)	
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes Outgoing Member)	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count
	Number of Votes	Transfer of Fitzmaurice, P's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Groarke, J's and Morris P's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'Brien, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of Connolly, D's Votes and Result
Coffey, Gerry (F.G.)	843	+49 892	+42 934	+44 978	+96 1,074
*Connolly, Domnick (Non-P.)	634	+13 647	+26 673	+53 726	-726 -
*Dineen, Nigel (NON-P.)	1,002	+157 1,159	+44 1,203	+211 1,414	+128 1,542
*Fitzmaurice, Paschal (F.F.)	1,962	-486 1,476	1,476	1,476	1,476
Groarke, John (Non-P.)	76	+5 81	-81 -	-	-
*Leyden, Orla (F.F.)	1,199	+42 1,241	+6 1,247	+40 1,287	+182 1,469
McDermott, Marty (F.F.)	1,173	+22 1,195	+8 1,203	+31 1,234	+160 1,394
Morris, Pdraig (Non-P.)	185	+25 210	-210 -	-	-
O'Brien, Seamus (S.F.)	463	+71 534	+51 585	-585 -	-
*Shanagher, Kathleen (NON-P.)	1,460	+9 1,469	+13 1,482	- 1,482	- 1,482
Waldron, Anthony (Tony) (NON-P.)	1,333	+93 1,426	+67 1,493	- 1,493	- 1,493
Non – transferable papers not effective	-	-	+34 34	+206 240	+160 400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>10,330</b>	<b>10,330</b>



# Appendix 5: Management Structure 2019

## Chief Executive

Eugene Cummins	Chief Executive
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## Management Team

Liam Bergin	Director of Services Water Services, Environment, Governance and Corporate Affairs and Athlone Municipal District.
Majella Hunt	Director of Services Community and Enterprise, Special Projects and Regeneration, Arts and Libraries.
Martin Lydon	Director of Services Housing, Planning, Head of Finance and Roscommon Municipal District.
Shane Tiernan	Director of Services Roads and Transportation, Emergency Services, Building Control, Human Resources and Boyle Municipal District.

## Senior Officers

Caitlin Conneely	Head of Human Resources
Martin Curley	Senior Engineer, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Regional Office
Eugene Dwyer	Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation
Mary Grier	Senior Planner
Frank Guckian	Head of Information Systems
John Keane	Chief Fire Officer
Michael Leyden	Veterinary Inspector
Kieran Madden	Senior Engineer, Environment and Assets and Energy Management
Sean Mullarkey	Financial Management Accountant
Pat Murtagh	Senior Executive Officer, Water Services
Fiona Ni Chuinn	Senior Executive Officer, Community and Enterprise
Greg O'Donnell	Acting Senior Executive Officer, Housing
John O'Rourke	Senior Engineer, Water Services and Special Projects
Sandra Turner	County Librarian
Louise Ward	Head of Local Enterprise Office





Preserves

COOPERS  
DIPPING  
POWDER

BLACK SWAN  
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REG NO C.355  
EIRE  
DISH CREAMERY  
BUTTER  
28 LB. NET

WILLIAMS EGAN LTD  
TULLAMORE  
DEPOSIT CHARGED 1972

SOAP

Jacob & Co  
CURRANT BATH  
BISCUITS



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COMPANY

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CASTLEBAR BACON CO. LTD.  
CASTLEBAR  
BARCASTLE BRAND

O'MARA'S  
LARD, SAUSAGES  
AND PUDDINGS  
LIMERICK

SMOKE  
BENDIGO  
CIGARETTES

THE IRISH GLASS BOTTLE CO. LTD  
TRAY CHARGED 8/- (GB) 1941



Player's Pleasure

KEELY'S  
MINERAL WATER WORKS  
ATHLONE

CLARK



JOHN POWER & SON  
LIMITED  
DUBLIN WHISKY  
DISTILLED & BOTTLED BY IRELAND DUBLIN  
ESTABLISHED 1791  
PURE POT STILL



WILLIAM P...  
WHOLESALE G...  
Bottles, Seals & Sp...  
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Don't forget  
GUINNESS  
is good  
as a mixer too



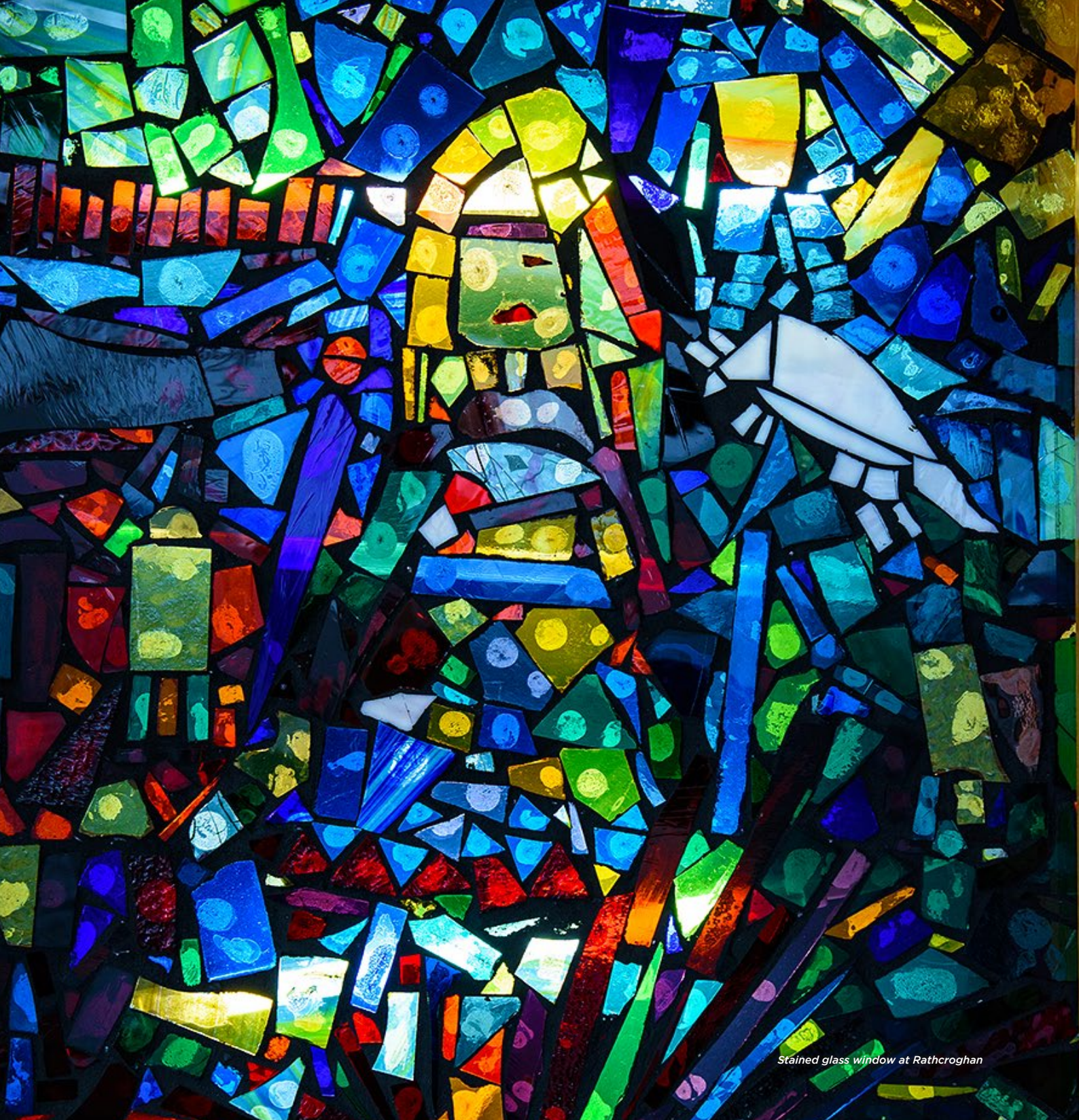
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