



Comhairle Contae
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Roscommon
County Council



MANAGEMENT REPORT



Quarter 2 2018

Roscommon County Council
Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
Management Accounts Summary to 30th June 2018

| | EXPENDITURE | | INCOME | | NET |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Expenditure Incurred up to 30/06/2018 | Adopted Full Year Budget | Income Receivable up to 30/06/2018 | Adopted Full year Budget | Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) |
| | € | € | € | € | € |
| Housing & Building | 2,808,534 | 6,409,640 | 2,631,635 | 6,488,226 | (176,899) |
| Road Transport & Safety | 8,687,180 | 19,881,423 | 2,243,310 | 14,080,462 | (6,443,870) |
| Water Services | 3,233,475 | 7,359,460 | 3,289,513 | 7,279,000 | 56,038 |
| Development Management | 2,859,778 | 5,680,715 | 1,823,400 | 1,516,387 | (1,036,378) |
| Environmental Services | 2,651,109 | 5,703,366 | 480,586 | 849,329 | (2,170,523) |
| Recreation & Amenity | 1,656,702 | 3,643,551 | 315,739 | 572,772 | (1,340,963) |
| Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 215,261 | 760,781 | 121,077 | 283,949 | (94,184) |
| Miscellaneous Services | 2,173,995 | 5,018,665 | 1,273,090 | 1,153,975 | (900,905) |
| Central Management Charges | 1,102,486 | 0 | 55,815 | 0 | (1,046,671) |
| Local Government Fund/General Purpose Grant | 0 | 0 | 5,108,115 | 10,216,000 | 5,108,115 |
| Pension Levy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates | 0 | 0 | 5,973,860 | 12,017,500 | 5,973,860 |
| | 25,388,520 | 54,457,601 | 23,316,140 | 54,457,601 | (2,072,380) |

Note 1;
The Central Management Charge is allocated one month in arrears. The costs included in the Central Management Charge are distributed among Divisions A-H and include costs from Area Offices, Corporate Affairs, Corporate buildings, Finance, human Resources, IT Print & Post Room Services, Pension & Lump Sums.

Summary of Major Collections as at 30th June 2018

| Debt Type | Opening Balance | Accrued | Vacant Property Adjustments | Write Off | Total for Collection | Collected | Closing Balance | Specific Doubtful Arrears | % Collection | % Collection Previous Year |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| Commercial Rates | 2,428,797 | 11,939,008 | 784,559 | 33,190 | 13,550,057 | 5,619,876 | 7,930,181 | 654,464 | 44% | 42% |
| Rents & Annuities | 412,573 | 2,234,102 | | (6,470) | 2,653,145 | 2,182,194 | 470,951 | | 82% | 84% |
| Housing Loans | 140,224 | 66,527 | | | 206,751 | 80,849 | 125,902 | | 39% | 40% |

Recourse to Overdraft;

There has been no recourse to overdraft during the month of June 2018

Note;

Rates invoices issued for the month of June 2018 will be reflected in the July Report.

HOUSING BUSINESS UNIT UPDATE Q2/2018

1.0 Homelessness & Housing Allocations

1.1 Homelessness:

A range of responses to homelessness in accordance with the West Framework Homelessness Action Plan are in place.

19 = homeless cases presenting during Q2 2018

10 = cases requiring short term accommodation

1.2 Housing Assessments & Allocations:

Housing Needs Assessment commenced in March 2018; 275 letters issued to applicants who were not assessed since 20 April 2017.

376 = applicants (excluding transfers) on the approved housing list at end of Q2 2018

285 = applicants are currently in private rented accommodation

28 = offers of accommodation made during Q2 2018

30 = new tenants appointed/allocated in Q2 2018

7 = refusals recorded in Q2 2018

1.3 Refugee Applicants:

Contract for Implementing Partner with Extern could not be executed due to non-compliant pricing within its tender. Contract was awarded to Roscommon Leader Partnership instead. Works to prepare houses suitable for assigned refugees progressed in this quarter.

2.0 Social Housing Rental Accommodation Market

2.1 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS):

Financial support continues via the RAS for those applicants who have a long-term housing need. As of 30 June 2018, there were 417 households receiving support (324 private rented and 93 in voluntary housing).

2.2 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP):

Roscommon County Council is working closely with the Community Welfare Officers in the Department of Social Protection to continue the transfer of Rent Supplement recipients to the HAP Scheme. As of 30 June 2018, there are 277 social housing applicants in receipt of HAP since the scheme was rolled out on 01 December 2016.

2.3 Repair & Lease Scheme (RLS):

50 = applications were received and were assessed since the scheme was rolled out in Q1 2017; the majority of the applications related to properties outside areas of need/demand or were remote rural dwellings in poor condition

5 = applications are under further consideration however, some of these have unresolved planning issues

2 = number of lease agreements RCC has entered into under the RLS (two 1-bed apartments in Roscommon Town)

3.0 Provision of Additional Social Housing Units

3.1 LA Build (including turnkeys & PPP):

Summary of projects in progress:

- Turnkey acquisition of 10 three-bed semi-detached houses at Monksfield Park, Athlone is scheduled for completion in Q3 2018.
- Stage 2 submission to DHPLG for 3 bedroom detached house at Cloonfad on HSE site to be submitted July 2018.
- Turnkey acquisitions of 10 units in Boyle is currently under construction with expected completion Q1 2019.
- Stage 1 approval was granted by the DHPLG on 27th June, 2018 for 7 new social houses at Cluain Fraoigh, Roscommon Town with a budget of €1,231,726. Stage 2 documentation to be submitted by end of Q3 2018.
- Stage 1 submission for three bedroom detached house in Monksland, Athlone to be submitted by end of July 2018.
- Construction phase of PPP Bundle 2 at The Walk (53 units) is scheduled to commence in Q1/Q2 2019; delivery of units in mid 2020.

3.2 Housing Association Activity:

- Cluid CALF purchase of 13 existing units at Monksfield, Athlone expected to be completed mid- July.
- Respond CALF acquisition of 12 units at Riveroaks, Ballaghaderreen is completed – 6 units tenanted to-date.
- Tuath was approved to pursue a CALF scheme for 35 units at Cloongowna, Monksland (expired Cluid CALF scheme); RCC is awaiting a formal application.
- Tuath CALF acquisition of 6 units at Woodstream, Castlerea is completed and refurbishment works are in progress.
- Tuath CAS acquisition of 2 units on the Galway Road, Roscommon is complete.
- Roscara CAS at Millbrook, Bealnamullia (1 unit) is complete & tenanted.
- Co-operative Housing Ireland acquisition of 2 units at Ros Ard, Monksland is complete & tenanted.
- Cooperative Housing Ireland CALF proposal pending for 7 units at Castle Manor, Roscommon
- Cooperative Housing Ireland CALF proposal pending for 18-20 apartments on Castle Street, Roscommon.
- Tuath CALF proposal for 21 units at Riverwalk has been approved (may be reduced to 18 units for technical reasons); conveyance is in progress.
- Tuath CALF proposal for 3 dormer units at Woodstream has been approved; conveyance in progress.
- Tuath CALF proposal for 3 units in Forest Park Manor, Boyle has been accepted; RCC awaiting formal proposal.

3.3 LA Acquisitions (including Buy & Renew):

Approximately 13 acquisitions are progressing or completed in 2018, including:

- Single house purchases at various primary urban locations (some completed)
- 1 CPO acquisition at Henry Street, Roscommon (completed but works required)
- 10 units at Lisroyne Court, Strokestown (unfinished estate)

RCC continuing to monitor the private market for one-off house acquisitions where there is a social housing need.

3.4 Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018:

- 29 specific or standard units have been delivered under the programme to date.
- 6 families have been accommodated via the HAP programme.
- Department approval to proceed with planning and design stage of extensions to 4 traveller-specific units at Saint Patrick's, Torpan Beg, Ballyforan was granted – consultants have been procured to progress the project. Stage 2 Documentation seeking approval for extension of 4 No. Day Units was submitted to DHPLG on 2nd July 2018 with a cost estimate of €579,318

3.5 Sale of Sites and Rural Houses:

- The 15 Rural houses in areas of low demand were put on sale by way of tender and the bids were evaluated during the quarter. The successful bids will come before the Council as disposals in due course. As at 30th June 2018, 6 are sold with 5 more at advanced stage of conveyance.
- Roscommon County Council advertised the sale of 10 developed sites at Forest View, Boyle and 1 developed site at Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon. No applications were received for Forest View, Boyle and one application was received for Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon. A notice has been sent to the Elected Members in relation to the sale of the site at Ardsallaghmore, to be agreed at the July Council meeting.

3.6 Tenant Purchase:

The Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme was published under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014. Information Booklets were sent to approximately 800 potentially eligible tenants in 2017.

97 = applications received
37 = offers made to date
16 = offers accepted
12 = sales completed

4.0 Private Rented Accommodation Standards

Inspections of private rented dwellings continue to be carried out under the Housing (Standards for Private Rented Houses) Regulations 2017.

- 143 inspections were carried out to-date in 2018, 21 of which were follow-up inspections required to address issues arising from previous inspections.

5.0 Management of Existing Housing Stock

5.1 Energy Efficiency Programme (retrofitting existing stock):

The RCC Submission for the 2018 Energy Efficiency Works Programme included for 49 Homes under Phase 1 Works (€44,100) and 52 Homes under the new Phase 2 Works (€102,850).

5.2 Voids Programme:

1 No Void currently being upgraded and brought back into use at North yard, Scramogue with a cost of €20,500. The estimated completion date is August 2018.

5.3 Casual Vacancy Works (pre-letting works)

Up until the end of May 2018 20 units have been refurbished due to normal turn-over of properties (works required between lettings) at a cost of € 150,469.

5.4 Housing Maintenance

RCC Housing received 284 maintenance calls in Q2 2018 and expenditure on maintenance works during the quarter was €141,242.77.

Routine maintenance contracts have been awarded to three contractors to carry out maintenance housing works by MD area with effect from mid-June 2018

5.5 Housing Grants (including Improvement Works in Lieu)

Confirmation has been received from the Department for 2018 allocation (Private Grants) which is €1,039,550, an increase of over € 40,321 on 2017. This comprises of a DHPC&LG contribution of €831,638 and the Council's contribution of € 207,912.

Roscommon County Council received the 2018 grant allocation of €195,692.00 in Q2 towards adaptations & extensions to council housing stock / improvement works in lieu.

Roads and Transportation Report Q2 2018

N5 Ballaghaderreen–Longford: The Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road Project is 33.4km 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 11 December 2017. The application for Development Consent and for confirmation of the CPO was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on 20 December 2017. The closing date for receipt of submissions to An Bord Pleanála was 6 March 2018. An Bord Pleanála made a request for additional information and same was submitted to the Board on 7 June 2018. An Bord Pleanála has required that notice of this additional information be published in newspapers. The closing date for making submissions on this additional information is 23 August 2018. It is anticipated that the Board will hold an Oral Hearing in Q3/Q4 2018.

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 currently ongoing. To date approximately 50% of the land cases have been settled. Irish Archaeological Consultancy Ltd. commenced the Stage (ii) – (iv) Archaeological Resolution Contract in September 2017 and completed site works in April 2018, Stage (iv) reporting is ongoing. The detailed design stage is substantially complete and main construction contract tender documents are being currently being prepared.

N61 Ballymurray to Knockcroghery Road Project: This project comprises the improvement of the N61 National Secondary Road between Ballymurray and Knockcroghery, a length of approx. 7.5km. It will incorporate a bypass of Knockcroghery village. Work has commenced on the initial planning phases of the project. A range of environmental and technical specialists have been appointed and the Concept and Feasibility, and Options Selection phases of the Planning and Design of the project are underway. The Constraints Public Consultation was held in March 2018. It is anticipated that

engineering consultants will be appointed in Q3 2018 to advance the project through the remaining Planning and Design Phases.

N61 Coolteige Phase 1 Road Project involves the realignment and improvement of approximately 2.9km 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., Ballylahan Bridge, Foxford, Co. Mayo on 14 December 2017. Works commenced on site in Q1 2018.

N61 Tusk to Clashaganny Road Realignment Project involves the realignment of approximately 4.5km 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 conception through to the completion of the EIA/EAR & The Statutory Processes. Work is continuing on the initial planning phases of the project, with the preparation of the Constraints Study and Route Options underway.

Pavement Overlay

Pavement Overlay on the N63 Galway Road, Roscommon was completed. Overlay on the N61 Athlone Road Roscommon commenced. Contract documents for additional overlay contracts were prepared.

Roadworks Scheme

The 2018 Roadworks Scheme is ongoing in all Operational Areas on Non-National roads including a macadam overlay on the R446 at Cornafulla, L2018 at Carrowkeeney and L2013 at Caltragh and Lanesboro Street Roscommon.

Footpaths

Funding was received in 2018 from Irish Public Bodies for footpath Repairs. Each Operational Areas received an allocation of €10,000 to carry out suitable repair work. A survey of footpaths continued in Quarter 2 in the county. Surveys are schedule to commence in Ballaghaderreen, Boyle and Castlerea. Sections of footpaths were repaired in Roscommon Town on Lanesboro Street (approx. €30,000), Galway Road (approx. €5,000) and the Athlone Road (approx. €10,000) by Contracted Paving Firms. Accounts have to be finalised on these works. Remedial works have commenced on Church Street and Abbey Street in Roscommon Town by Roscommon Area Staff. A tender for repair works on Castle Street, Roscommon is currently underway and will be undertaken by a Paving Contractor procured by Roscommon Area. These footpath repairs will be carried out as part of the overall pavement contract for Castle Street.

Community Involvement Schemes 2018

The Department Transport Tourism and Sport provided funding of €10m for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) nationally and invited Local Authorities to submit applications for funding under this scheme. Roscommon County Council received an allocation of €595,000 for CIS Scheme applications. Funding was granted over a 2-year period as follows: 2018, €300,000 and 2019, €265,000.

Cemetery Registers Scanning Project 2018

The Roads department commenced a Cemetery Registers scanning project in March 2018 to capture information in Registers of Interment in Roscommon County Council-owned cemeteries. The project is co-funded by Roscommon County Council Roads and Transportation Department, the County Library Service and the Heritage Office. After a tender competition *National MicroMedia*, Dublin was awarded the contract for scanning the existing Registers and *Kennys Bindery*, Galway was awarded the contract for printing new registers. All Registrars for Council-owned cemeteries were contacted to indicate the number of Registers and cemetery maps available, registers were collected and scanned and new registers printed. Phase 1 of the project was completed in June 2018. 74 Registers and 20 maps have been completed. The original Registers were transferred to the Library Archive. Outstanding Registers are due to be completed in Phase 2 of the project which commenced in July 2018.

Road Safety Office

Roscommon County Council Road Safety Officer organised Junior Warden Training for 5 members of An Garda Síochána from Castlerea, Boyle, Ballaghaderreen and Strokestown on 5th June last. This training was held in the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown and was provided by Mr. Noel Gibbons, Road Safety Officer, Mayo County Council and Mr. Declan Keogh, Road Safety Officer, South Dublin County Council. A practical training session was held in the afternoon with the junior wardens from St. Patrick's Boy N.S., Strokestown. All members of An Gardaí found the training very beneficial.

The Regional Junior Warden Competition was hosted by Westmeath County Council and took place in St. Etchen's School, Kinnegad on 8th June last. Junior Warden Teams from St. Paul's Boy's N.S. Castlerea, Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Loughglynn and Scoil na nAingeal Naofa, Boyle participated in the competition.

The results of the competition were:

1st Newtownforbes NS

2nd St. Etchen's Kinnegad

3rd Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Loughglynn

Special Speed Limits Housing Estates Bye-Laws 2018

Roscommon County Council adopted County Roscommon Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits Housing Estates) Bye-Laws 2018 at the Council Meeting held on the 28th May 2018. The purpose of the Bye-Laws is to introduce Special Speed Limits of 30 KPH on designated sections of roads in selected Housing Estates throughout the County of Roscommon. The Bye-Laws will come into effect from the 1st August 2018. The Adopted Bye-Laws together with the accompanying maps may be viewed at www.roscommoncoco.ie

Roll-out of Broadband Services to rural communities

The National Broadband Plan is still at tender negotiations stage. Eir is continuing with its roll out of high speed broadband, predominantly fibre to the home (FTTH), to over 300,000 premises in rural Ireland. During this last quarter, Eir have been installing fibre in Athleague, Kiltoom and Ballaghaderreen. Eir will carry out the remaining planned areas in 2018 and early 2019.

The High Speed Broadband Map (attached) was updated by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

Forward Planning

Vacant Site Levy work arising from the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

Further to the issuing of 'Notices of Proposed Entry on the Vacant Sites Register' in March 2018, (encompassing 175 candidate sites and approximately 260 owners), submissions were received in April (within the 28 day submission period), from a large number of landowners. Following the conclusion of the assessment of all submissions, a total of 30 sites were identified as fulfilling all relevant criteria for inclusion on the Vacant Site Register. The issuing of formal notification to owners took place in June, advising of the entry of the lands on the Vacant Sites Register and setting out the mechanism under which this can be appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

Monksland / Bellanamullia (Athlone West) Strategic Transport Assessment

The Strategic Transport Assessment which had been commissioned for the Athlone West area (i.e. the extent of area included within the Monksland / Bellanamullia LAP and its environs) was completed by consultants in April. A presentation summarising the findings and setting out the key recommendations was given at the Athlone Municipal District Meeting on June 1st.

Development Management (including enforcement activity)

The table below summarises Development Management activity in the Planning Section in Q2. The number of valid planning applications submitted in Q2 increased significantly from the previous quarter – from 119 in Q1 of 2018, to 146 in Q2. This also represented an increase on the number of applications received in the Q2 period in 2017 (132).

A total of 100 decisions were made on planning applications in Q2, of which 8 were refusals.

| Period | Activity | Athlone | Boyle | Roscommon | Totals |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Q2 2018 | Valid App | 56 | 52 | 38 | 146 |
| | Invalids | 8 | 12 | 10 | 30 |
| | Extension of Duration | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| | DED's | 7 | 4 | 5 | 16 |

| | Pre Planning Meeting | 28 | 29 | 26 | 83 | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Enforcement Activity | | | | | | |
| Period | Activity | Athlone | Boyle | Roscommon | Totals | |
| Q2 - 2018 | New enforcement case | 7 | 6 | 9 | 22 | |
| | Warning letter | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | |
| | Enforcement notice | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| | Closed Case | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 | |
| | Legal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Unfinished Housing Developments

Similar to Q1 of 2018, a significant level of activity took place ‘on the ground’ in a number of unfinished developments in Q2. Developers have been undertaking works identified as part of site resolution plans in developments in Ballaghadereen, Strokestown, Rooskey, Loughlynn and Tulsk. Works also continued to be undertaken by contractors engaged by the bondholder in a development in Monksland. Bond monies were further utilised in developments in Frenchpark and Ballinagare, where a range of works were undertaken directly by the Council.

The Taking in Charge process commenced in respect of a number of developments. Schedules were issued to Irish Water for sign off of a development in Boyle in April; a taking in charge application for another development in Boyle was also forwarded to RCC’s Roads Section in April in order to initiate the statutory Taking in Charge process; and a resolution was passed by Members at the May meeting of the Boyle Municipal District to take in charge three developments – in Boyle, Ballaghadereen and Cortober.

Further to the conclusion of a tendering process under RCC’s Framework, tenders received from contractors in relation to the undertaking of site resolution works at two developments (in Boyle and Tarmonbarry) were assessed, with letters of intent being issued to the successful tenderers in June.

Community and Enterprise Function

Diaspora:

- First draft of strategy received. Due to be discussed with Regional group in July and then joint feedback from the four counties will be given in order to get a comprehensive first draft.

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- Successful applications under Measure 1 were announced at end of June.
- Awaiting Letter of Offer.

Town and Village

- Closing date for Expressions of Interest was June 5th.
- Work was carried out in conjunction with towns/villages where projects were assessed as being compatible with scheme guidelines.
- 9 projects submitted to Department on June 30th.

Healthy Ireland

- Health and Well Being Sub Committee met on the 13th June and adopted the draft Healthy Roscommon Plan.
- Launch of the Health Roscommon Plan took place on 26th June with speaker Gerry Duffy giving a presentation entitled 'Hungry for Health'.

Pride of Place

- Judging for the 2018 Pride of Place Competition will take place on Tuesday July 24th and Wednesday July 25th 2018. The judges will conduct a site visit to each of the three community groups put forward for the competition. The visit will consist of a formal presentation by representative of the local community highlighting their achievements and the reason why they deserve a Pride of Place award. The format of the rest of the visit is up to each individual community but usually includes a short tour of the project/display.

The judging schedule is as follows:

| Day | Date | Time | Group | Starting Point | Category |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Tuesday | 24 th July 2018 | 10.30am – 12.30pm | Tulsk Action Group CLG | Rathcroghan Visitor Centre, (Cruchan Ai) | Category 8 Community Tourism Initiative |

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday | 24 th July 2018 | 2.00pm - 5.00pm | Strokestown Town Team | Percy French Hotel, Strokestown | Category 2 Population between 300-1000 |
| Wednesday | 25 th July 2018 | 10.00am - 1.00pm | Ballintubber Tidy Town | Old School House, Ballintubber | Category 1 Population between 0-300 |

Tidy Towns and Amenity Grants

- A total of €60,000 was awarded to 83 groups under this scheme that aims to assist group to carry out small scale capital amenity and local enhancement projects.

Bike Week

- Bike Week 2018 took place from 9th to 17th June. A range of events were held throughout the County during Bike Week facilitated by Roscommon Sports Partnership.

LCDC

- Roscommon LCDC did not meet in June.
- The new Community Enhancement programme (CEP) 2018 was launched. Closing date for receipt of applications to LCDC is July 30th. LCDC will meet on July 31st to approve applications.
- SICAP mid year reports were reviewed by the SICAP Sub-Committee.

Age Friendly

- Attendance at the National Age Friendly Programme Managers meeting in the Mansion House on June 7th. Main discussion items were the draft Age Friendly Ireland Annual Report and a presentation from An Garda Síonchana -National Strategy for Older People.

Arts Programme

- In June the arts office co-hosted the “Bookworms Festival” with Roscommon Arts Centre. The arts office festival programme this year focussed on providing primary school children with opportunities to have artists visit their schools to deliver workshops. In total 7 artists visited 17 schools throughout the county over the three day period.
- The New Roscommon Writing Awards 2018 were announced. This year 55 entries were received and nine awards presented. The overall winner for 2018 was Helen B. Grehan who received a cheque for €500.
- Cruinniú na nOg, an initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme is a new national day of creativity for children and young people. As part of the national celebrations, Roscommon Arts Service in association with Roscommon Childcare Committee organised a hugely successful free family fun event at Lough Key Forest Park.
- Four submissions were received for the Roscommon Chapbook Bursary of €1,000. Author Gerry Boland will select the bursary winner in July.

King House Boyle

- A total of 1,185 people visited King House in June of this year, this included a number of school groups who visited Boyle as part of their school tours. The house was also the venue for the reception for the Roscommon New Writing Awards.

Roscommon Arts Centre

- The highlight of the June 2018 programme was the Bookworms Children's Festival at Roscommon Arts Centre which saw children's author and Ireland's first Laureate na nOg Siobhan Parkinson perform. Other festival events included a scratch performance of "An Ant Called Amy" a new theatre piece for young audiences by Julie Sharkey as part of our "First Edition" Commission, a visual art workshop in clay by artist Nollaig Molloy and performances for both school and pre-school audiences.
- Theatre highlights included Cork Opera House's first performance at Roscommon Arts Centre with "Autumn Royal" and in the gallery the recipient of the Roscommon Visual Artist 2018 award Siobhan O Connor's exhibition "Structural Process and Possibility" opened. Almost 600 people attended events this month at Roscommon Arts Centre.

Heritage

- **The Táin March:** A meeting took place to discuss expansion of the Táin March Festival in 2019 into a 2 day event – details to be finalised in autumn.
- **Built Heritage Investment Scheme & Structures at Risk Fund:** Progress reports on the 14 projects funded were submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht.
- **National Heritage Week:** Over 50 events have now been registered for the county. These are being compiled into a County Event guide for National heritage Week.
- **Funding for Local Authorities in support of National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP)**
Implementation: €8,600 has been sanctioned under the above scheme for 3 x biodiversity projects in the county: 20 schools workshops for schools participating in the Green Schools Biodiversity Flag programme; Pollinator / Biodiversity Workshops for Tidy Towns Groups & Cemetery Committees; and contribution towards a national publication on Swifts.

Local Enterprise Office:

- 116 enquiries were recorded.
- Two Mentor Clinics were held with 16 participants.
- One TOV Information Seminar took place.
- Ongoing one-to-one mentoring for the business community took place.
- A trainer/mentor has been appointed for the 2018 Lean for Business Programme and the recruitment process is underway. A separate budget has been secured from Enterprise Ireland for this initiative.
- A Taste of the Lakelands meeting took place regarding this year's Event in Lanesboro being supported by counties Roscommon and Longford.
- A LEO Network Conference was held on the 14th+15th.
- HoE participated in a 'Think Tank' with LEO's from surrounding counties and the NWRA.
- HoE was one of the judges on the New Frontiers Judging Panel. This is an Enterprise Ireland national entrepreneur development programme for early stage start-ups. It is based in 14 campus incubation centres across the country.
- The Delphi Bootcamp for National Final winners of the Student Enterprise Programme took place, supported by LEO Roscommon.
- A Projects Evaluation Meeting took place with 3 businesses being successful in having their Projects approved for direct financial support.
- A venue was booked for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) and appropriate speakers are being sourced with the theme this year being 'from local to global': This National Event is now run on a Regional basis and the date has been set: **Thursday, 18th October.** LEO Roscommon is taking the Lead for the West Region this year.

Economic Development:

Vacant Sites:

- Three live enquiries being followed through.
- Adverts placed in two local papers promoting the sites.
- Sale provisionally agreed for site 16.
- Sale of lands for site 16 approved at Council Meeting.
- Firm line of enquiry being progressed for sites 3 and 4.

Innovation Centre – Monksland:

- Steering Group meeting held on 12th June.
- Draft proposal of new layout plans unveiled – agreement not yet reached with regards to size of area being made available to Innovation Centre.
- OIM to bring official costing back to Chamber for consideration.
- OIM to meet with Chamber Reps to discuss further funding opportunities before next meeting set for July.
- Advert on Part VIII placed in local paper and draft plans displayed in Aras an Chontae.
- Previous tenants have vacated premises.

- Information collated regarding duties involved in Centre management and circulated to Steering Group.
- Draft marketing materials circulated to steering group for approval.

STEM:

- Attended workshop on Ireland Funds with co-ordinator who is now going to follow up with Midland STEM project to see about learning from their experiences.
- Full time person to co-ordinate project is in place. In the meantime, ongoing work continues and preparatory work to extend what is involved will be put in place, as well as looking at other funding.

Mainstreaming Student Entrepreneurship Conference:

Working with Roscommon LEADER Partnership to host a Conference on 6th July in Council Chamber. This will be the National launch of MASTER in Ireland with the aim of Event to:

1. Demonstrate the importance of mainstreaming entrepreneurship education within VET for the benefit of individual students and wider regional development.
2. Publically recognise the achievements of the alliance.
3. Encourage the formation of other alliances in other Regions.
4. Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor to launch Event.

USEFE:

- Annual contribution of €10,000 approved in April.

Town and Village and Other Funding:

- Prioritised projects from each MD collated.
- Meeting arranged with DOS and MD co-ordinators to agree top projects.
- Update and clarification sought in relation to change of use with Dept.
- 2018 Scheme launched – call for expressions of interest advertised in both local papers. Closing date for entries was the 5th June.
- 17 Expressions of Interest received.
- 2016 & 2017 Funding must be expended by end of June 2018 to allow a town apply for 2018 funding.
- Enterprise section finalising complete applications to Department by 30th of June.
- 9 applications for Town and Village funding 2018 sent to Department, confirmation of approvals expected in August.

Marketing of County:

- Photographer has completed a number of the business photographs, including Aurivo, Trojan, Harmac and Castlemine Farm.
- Tender was prepared and circulated for DVDs to promote county overall as well as different sectors. It was also promoted on both the LEO and RCC social media channels.
- Content prepared on reasons to invest in each town.

Economic Input to Diaspora Strategy:

- Input into the format of the workshop and promotion also provided.
- Workshop held on March 18th with large attendance, particularly with the assistance of Club Rossie.
- Content reviewed and format for strategy agreed with consultants.

Monitoring of Economic Element of LECP:

- Update provided in relation to Economic actions.

Town Teams:

- Boyle and Town Teams are working with Town Centre Planning Units on Town Centre Enhancement Plans 2040 launch.
- Castlerea Town Centre Plan changed to works surrounding swimming pool.
- Works underway to develop Shambles area in Boyle with 2017 Town and Village funding.
- Town Team Committees have now completed Annual returns to CRO.
- All Town Team committees have held AGM's.
- Monksland Community survey in partnership with AIT and LEADER - provisional findings presented to TT on 16th of April. Follow up survey analysis ongoing. TT will work with facilitator to develop integrated action plan based on final findings.
- Monksland Town Team - agreement reached to progress feasibility study for Community Centre with Roscommon LEADER partnership.
- County forum held on the 10th of April – presentations given by Boon Agency and Roscommon Employability Service.
- Colm Kelly & Town Team Representative (Gareth Scahill) made presentation at Irish Walled Towns Network conference in Galway.
- Roscommon Town Team launched Interactive Heritage Tour in Roscommon Arts Centre.

Royal Hotel:

- Town Centre Planning unit presented draft plans for hotel site to Boyle Town Team – highlighting the potential future uses for the site. Site redevelopment plans included in Boyle 2040 plans.
- Royal Hotel works will form the basis for Boyle 2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme €200,000 application.

Tourism Development and Promotion:

- **Regional Projects:**
Destination Athlone: Attended Destination Athlone AGM. Events manager coordinating Athlone Shannon Festival for Sept 2018.

Lough Ree/Mid Shannon: All stake holders submitted their primary projects for developments.

- **County Projects:**

Community Tourism Offices: Roscommon town Tourism Office to be recognised as a Fáilte Ireland Information Centre.

Sliabh Bawn : report on onsite visit complied.

Walks: Meet with Cloonfad, Mote Park and Lough Errit community representatives to view walks.

- **Rebranding :** Invitation to tender re issued, with mid June being the date to submit tender.

- **Publicity & Media:**

Publicity Material/Website: Advertisement development for Go Lakelands and Roscommon people Summer magazine.

Video Stories: Interactive Roscommon Heritage walking tour App launched.

Signage : Casey's Roscommon have offered wall space for advertising. Lough Key, Baysports, Strokestown House and Rathcroghan have all agreed to contribute €100 towards the development of the signs. Design ongoing.

Social Media: Information from attractions and communities being updated on daily bases. Enterprise Department has agreed to coordinate Council Social Media usage for Arts, Heritage, Economic Development, Social Inclusion and Community Section. 3 adverts posted on Facebook with – 6,556 people reached. 6 adverts posted on Twitter.

Events Calendar: Enterprise Department approving events and promoting through numerous channels and contacts. GIS Officer has promoted in Local Authority News publication. Working with GIS Officer to develop more user friendly links before advertising on local print and social media in 2018. Calendar advertised on 2 local papers and also through social media advert during March.

Trade Shows: Attended the 5 day Bloom Festival.

- **Outdoor Recreation:** Castlerea and Athlone engineers contacted in regard to timelines for completion of the Donamon and Castlerea Demesne project under Measure 2 2017.
- **Healthy Ireland:** 30 way finders purchased for walks for Mote. Application submitted for 2018 scheme to develop county booklet on walks and outdoor activities.

WATER & WASTE WATER:

There is an ongoing extensive Infrastructural portfolio, Capital Programme portfolio and Water Networks portfolio in place for Water and Waste Water schemes in the County. The following is a brief summary of works planned and underway.

INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO:

North East DBO Contract:

This project included for the Design/Build and Operation of a new 6,000m³/day water treatment works at Grange Lough, Strokestown on the North-East Roscommon Regional Water Supply Scheme.

The final Account was agreed on 13th February. The defects period has now elapsed therefore retention will be released to the contractor. This final payment is being processed currently with Irish Water .

Roscommon Town Main Drainage:

The key objective of the Roscommon Town Main Drainage project is to address and remove the drivers for the Roscommon Agglomeration being listed on the EU Commission's Letter of Formal Notice 2015 under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive. Tobin Consulting Engineers completed SI tender documentation and these have been assessed by IW. This Site Investigation contract is due to commence in September 2018. The Roscommon Town Network model has been completed by Tobin's in April 2018. A Final Design review report has been recently completed in June which informs of upgrade works, land acquisition and way leaves. Draft way leaves and land acquisition drawings completed. Negotiations with landowners will commence in September 2018. Solicitor and Valuer to be appointed for land negotiations. Estimated construction works Q1 2020.

Boyle WSS Extension to Grangemore RWSS:

This project involves extending the recently upgraded Boyle RWSS supply southward to the Grangemore RWSS and ultimately to allow the decommissioning of the Cavetown WTP. AECOM and Jennings O'Donovan Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the project. Compensation agreed with land owners and legal teams are completing process. CPO process for two land owners has commenced on 10th July. Site investigation contract complete. Design review report completed and IW approval granted to proceed. Tender documents are issued to the market. Closing date for tender submissions is 25th July. Estimated construction start date November 2018 with completion by November 2019.

Castlerea & Environs Phase 2 (Williamstown to Castlerea) Contract:

The long term solution for the Castlerea WSS is that the scheme is ultimately to be supplied from the Lough Mask Water Treatment Plant. This is to be achieved by extending the Lough Mask RWSS eastward from where the Phase 1 contract terminates at Williamstown Water Tower to supply Ballymoe WSS and then northward to ultimately supply the Castlerea WSS, thus allowing the decommissioning of both the Ballymoe and Castlerea WTP's . The Terms of Reference for the appointment of Consulting Engineers has been issued to the Consulting Engineers representing Irish Water on Phase 1 of this project. The fee proposal has been submitted to IW and are awaiting IW approval of same.

Ballaghaderreen WWTP:

The Ballaghaderreen WWTP has been included under the 2017-2021 Investment Plan for assessment of its Primary and secondary treatment processes. The current plant is at risk in terms of UWWTD compliance, overloading and failure to provide adequate capacity for growth. Ryan Hanley has been appointed as Employers Representative for the Project including 4no. WWTP's in Mayo, 2no. In Galway and 1no. In Roscommon (Ballaghaderreen). An asset survey report has been issued from Ryan Hanly which requires revisions. Other Data gathering and monthly progress meetings are on going. Feasibility Study is due in October 2018. Conceptual design will then follow on from the feasibility report..

Monksland and Boyle Drainage Area Plans:

The preparation of a Drainage Area Plan and Wastewater Source Control Study is being undertaken in Monksland and Boyle to accurately estimate the condition of the existing networks and the flow and load arriving to the Wastewater Treatment works.

The manhole and sewer CCTV survey are complete for both Towns and the Flow and Load Survey in Monksland and the Flow and Rainfall Survey in Boyle are also complete. The Model build for the networks on both Towns is complete. A Technical Solution Development Report has been issued for both locations in June 2018. The Process Optimisation Report for Monksland is complete.

The scope of the upgrade works at Monksland includes the provision of new Inlet Works, storm tank and storm water overflow chamber and also includes for a telemetry upgrade. Site Investigation tender documents for the Monksland WWTW was completed in October 2017 and Priority Geotech appointed to undertake the Site Investigation works, this site investigation work is complete and a draft report issued for review. A planning decision for the treatment plant upgrade works in Monksland has been issued. It is anticipated that Main Construction Works for Monksland will commence Q4 2018.

Castlerea Temp. WTP:

Following a review by Asset Strategy (Irish Water), the ultimate solution will be the extension of the new water main from Williamstown to Castlerea. This project is no longer being advanced by IW.

Ballaghadereen Watermain Replacement:

Works on the replacement of an existing 300mm asbestos water main with a new 300mm PE pipe is completed and final account agreed. A Safety file is currently being completed for the project.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PORTFOLIO:

Inlet Works, Sludge & Storm Programme:

Termonbarry WWTP has been included in the programme. JB Barry has been appointed as consulting Engineers. Conceptual Design is on going with technical options report anticipated in Q3 2018.

National Certs of Authorisation Programme (NCAP):

RPS Consulting Engineers appointed and currently gathering data for site assessment and site options report for 15no. Sites in Roscommon. Assessment is based on the impact on the environment rather than plant condition. Lecarrow, Croghan, Bellanagare, Cloonfad & Ballintober WWTP are identified as high impact sites. An upgrade programme of works will be rolled out for these sites from 2018-2021.

Satellite Dewatering Programme:

Jacobs/Tobin has been appointed as Consultants by Irish Water for the Sludge Hub and Satellite Programme: Satellite Dewatering Centre Contract.

Jacobs Tobin prepared the content of the Asset Survey with Irish Water who carried out survey works. Boyle WWTP was identified as one of the 15no. Sites nationally however, following the site survey Boyle WWTP was deemed not suitable. Castlerea WWTP was substituted in its place. A site survey was carried out on 28/11/2017. A Feasibility report was issued on 5th April. Two options are under consideration.

Two options were considered at design review stage. The preferred option is reuse of existing PFT for import sludge thickening. 2no. new mechanical thickeners for indigenous sludge. Additional centrifuge for dewatering. Cost estimate €3,580,606.

Asset planning to prioritise sites nationally for delivery. First three to be tendered during the current investment plan period. Proceeding with planning and detailed design for all sites including Castlereagh WWTP.

Process Optimisation and Control Programme:

North Roscommon WSS:

Process proving for the original contract is completed on North Roscommon WTP. Commissioning Plans have to be agreed and signed off on with IW. A Variation Order for €750,000 for the proposed Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) plant was issued to EPS Ltd on 30/11/2017. Civil works are completed. Mechanical and Electrical works have commenced. Commissioning of PAC due end August.

Coagulation/Flocculation and Control (CFC) Programme.

A Regional Water Treatment programme is underway in the North and West Region. The Commencement meeting took place on 5th April. The overall programmed completion date is June 2020. There are 12no. Sites in the North West Region included in the programme. Mount Talbot – Four Roads Water Treatment Plant is included in the Programme. EPS Ltd have been awarded the contract with a total value of €8million.

Reservoir Cleaning Programme.

10no. Sites were identified for cleaning in Co. Roscommon as part of a regional reservoir cleaning programme. AQS Ltd were appointed by Irish Water to carry out the works. Works commenced on 23/10/2017. The following reservoirs have yet to be cleaned.

- Lisacurkia Reservoir. Enabling works were suspended end of June due to drought conditions.
- Derrinacantha Reservoir. Added to the original programme.
- The Plains Reservoir. Cleaning will be deferred until network contract completed in Q4 2019.
- Ballymore Reservoir. Cleaning will be deferred until network contract completed in Q4 2019.
- Croghan Reservoir. Cleaning will be deferred until network contract completed in Q4 2019.

Water Treatment Programme.

This is an €8million regional programme with 12no. Sites in the programme. Mount Talbot WTP is included in the programme. EPS Ltd have been appointed to carry out the works. Site assessments were carried out in July 11th. Works are expected to commence in Q4 2018.

Advance Investigation Works Programme.

This is a €1.5million regional programme. Mechanism for carrying out investigation works to include as part of upcoming tenders, optimise existing treatment processes, and to gather data which will aid decisions on future treatment plant upgrades.

Coffey Water Appointed for the North West Region.

Commencement meeting held 16th May.

Access to Heights and Edge Protection Programme.

This is a regional programme aimed at addressing medium and high risk items identified in HSQE audits. EPS Ltd have been appointed to carry out the works. Site assessments were carried out on 10th & 12th July. Works are expected to commence in Q4 2018.

WATER NETWORKS PORTFOLIO:

Water Network Framework Programme:

Irish Water is rolling out a new Water Network Portfolio under its Capital Investment Plan 2017 to 2021. Works intended to be rolled out under this programme include:

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Water Networks Rehabilitation Programme.

Water Network Mains rehabilitation and lead services replacement has been completed in Athleague village and Athlone Road. Works were completed on 9th July replacing lead services on Castle Street and the Square. Works commenced in Kiltewan on 16th May laying new water mains to replace an existing problematic water main. Works commenced on 25th June laying a new water main at Carrick, Ballinlough to replace an existing problematic water main. Other areas planned for Water Mains rehabilitation works during 2018 are Ballanacullia, Rooskey and Ballaghadereen. Ongoing programme of works for Lead replacement for Roscommon town and Castlerea.

Find and Fix Programme:

This is a two year programme targeted at DMA's with high UFW figures and has recently commenced (June 2018). The appointed contractor in the North West Region, Farrans, have started work in Ballinlough and surrounding DMA's. Roscommon County Council has also employed a find and fix team to operate in tandem with the Irish water contractor. The team be deployed to the southern half of the county. This team is made up of a leak detection person and two operatives who will be supervised by a resident engineer.

First Fix Programme.

Farrans Construction has been appointed by IW to carry out works under this programme. The duration depends on the take up by customers who will avail of the scheme. Letters have been issued to customers with meter usage <1M3/day. Farrans Construction will undertake the find and fix for customers who wish to avail of the scheme.

Non-Domestic Meter Replacement.

Farrans Construction have appointed by IW to carry out works in the programme Matched meter exchanges have been completed. Surveys of unmatched meters are under way at present.

RURAL WATER MULTI ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2016-2018:

The Rural Water Programme 2018 bid from Roscommon County Council has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government with a proposal for further upgrades on a number of GWS' under Measure 2- Group Water Scheme Network Upgrades/Water Conservation. The bid also includes under Measure 1, for Capital Replacement Costs on the Roscommon DBO bundle and a proposal for the amalgamation of Carane and Carroward GWS with Mid Roscommon Co-operative Society GWS. Under Measure 3 it is proposed to establish Crosshill GWS where a group of houses in Arigna wish to form and connect to the public mains. Under Measure 4, the bid includes for the installation of bulk meters and valves to bring Ballagh/Ballybeg GWS and Dysart GWS up to a standard for Irish Water to take in charge.

Roscommon, in conjunction with the NFGWS and GSI, has also made a submission for a Group Water Scheme Source Protection Phase 11 Pilot Study which involves developing full source protection plans including specific actions to improve the safety and security of Group Water Schemes drinking water. These plans will build on the source protection works completed during phase 1 – delineating and mapping source catchment and zone of contribution (ZOC) areas, by identifying practical measures within each catchment to protect sources from current or future pollution risks. (Circulate copy of proposal)

To date in 2018, an interim allocation of €240,000 has been made by the Department for works under Measure 2- Group Water Scheme Network Upgrades/Water Conservation. A further allocation is anticipated from the Department in due course based on Roscommon County Council's bid for 2018.

The proposed contracts for the Rural Water Programme 2018:-

Measure 1(b) – Rationalisation or Amalgamation of Group Water Schemes

- Amalgamation of Carane GWS with Mid-Roscommon GWS
- Amalgamation of Carroward GWS with Mid-Roscommon GWS

Measure 2 – Enhancement of Existing Group Water Schemes

- Corracreigh GWS Network Upgrade Contract (Mains Replacement)
- Mid-Roscommon GWS Network Upgrade Contract (Mains Replacement)
- Oran-Ballintubber Network Upgrade Contract (Mains Replacement)
- Polecat Springs Network Upgrade Contract (Mains Replacement)
- Gortaganny GWS Upgrade Contract (Installation of UVT and Turbidity loggers)
- Woodbrook GWS Upgrade Contract (Installation of loggers on bulk meters)
- Peake Mantua GWS Upgrade Contract (Installation of loggers on bulk meters)

Measure 3 – Rural Development

- Crosshill GWS (Establishment of a new GWS)

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ASSETS

- Update of Building/Land Assets as of January, 2018 prepared and to forward to OPW for inclusion on National Property Register
- PIR (Property Interest Register) Roscommon for all Building / Land Assets ongoing
- Heritage listing completed
- Members of / contributors to National Property Interest Register Working Group – Business Case in relation to Management System submitted to CCMA for approval
- Ongoing Administrative / Technical involvement with Leases, Acquisitions and Disposals of RCC Assets
- Draft Policy documents for approval prepared for:
 - Disposal of Land/Property
 - Acquisition of Land/Property
 - Property Asset Management Plan

ENERGY

- **Public Sector Energy Partnership Programme –**
 - Agreement signed on 25th April, 2016 - new Partnership Support Manager, Maria Rivas Duarte, assigned to Roscommon County Council
 - Energy Action Plan 2018 – updated per Budget submission
- **Grant Applications –**
 - SEAI Better Energy Communities (BEC) Scheme successful in respect of energy upgrades to:
 - Library HQ, Arts Centre and Leisure Centre (all Roscommon Town)
 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) successful in respect of Public Lighting Upgrades in:
 - Roscommon Town (2 no. – 114 no. PL's)
- **Optimising Power @ Work Programme –**
 - Submission in respect of Aras an Chontae accepted
Monitors installed in June, 2017 and ESB Networks data connection complete / monitoring ongoing – OP@W Mentor, Colm O'hAonghusa, reviewing monthly

Monitors installed to 5 no. Buildings in Roscommon Town and ESB Networks data connection complete / monitoring ongoing with support from ResourceKraft
- **Energy Monitoring & Reporting (M & R) 2017 –**
 - Data for 2017 submitted by 27th April, 2018 - currently at 22.8% (provisional) of targeted 33% energy efficiency improvement by 2020, based on 2017 energy usage

Environment Section – Q2 2018 Report

Mattress Amnesty

Approval to the provision of a maximum grant of €9,000 in respect of a Mattress Amnesty was received from the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment in June 2018. Collection dates of 15th, 16th and 18th June at Castlerea and Boyle Civic Amenity Sites and 22nd June at Roscommon Civic Amenity Site were organised. Over 900 mattresses were collected.

Gum Litter Launch

Minister for Communication, Climate Action and the Environment, Denis Naughten, officially launched the Gum Litter Taskforce's gum litter education campaign in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon on 18th June 2018 which was attended by local schools, tidy towns groups, local residents, local representatives as well as industry representatives

National Spring Clean

Spring Clean Launch organised and promotional video filmed. 40 Schools and 92 Groups registered with An Taisce. The Environment section co-ordinated the distribution of clean up materials to 51 groups and 11 schools and collection of waste from 46 groups.

Green Your Festival

Green Your Festivals initiative was rolled out at number of events during quarter 2 - the Roscommon Lamb Festival, the Fleadh in Castlecoote, the Athleague Fair and also the GAA Connaught Final

Complaints

The Environment Section continues to deal with litter/pollution complaints on a daily basis. All complaints are recorded and every complaint is investigated. In Quarter 2 of 2018 295 complaints were received.

Regional Anti Dumping Awareness Campaign

The launch, by Minister Denis Naughton, of the Regional Anti Dumping Awareness Campaign was held in Aras an Chontae on 22nd June 2018. This event was attended by all Local Authorities in the CU WERLA Region

2018 Anti Dumping Initiative

Approval of a maximum grant in the amount of €53,000 was received for projects submitted under the above initiative. The projects include the development of an Awareness Campaign, the purchase of Equipment, removal of asbestos and the clean-up of a number of sites.

Anti Litter Cinema Add

Roscommon Anti Litter Cinema Ad Competition was held across several Secondary Schools in County Roscommon and a premiere of all ads and awards ceremony was held in Roscommon Cinema. The winning entry was shown before all films for a three-month period at Roscommon cinema and the runner up was rerecorded as a radio ad On I Radio. The ads received over 50,000 views on our

Facebook page and the video for the radio ad campaign received a further 20k view on the I Radio Facebook page.

Master Composting

Master Composting Course was held in Ballyleague over 5 evenings. A demonstration site and hands on practical work was carried out over 3 Saturdays. Official opening was officiated by Minister Denis Naughten and 20 participants were awarded their certificates. Follow up outreach work to develop further demonstration sites and training commenced with participants from across County Roscommon.

Food Waste Prevention

A Food Waste Prevention cookery Demonstration by Catherine Fulvio was organised as part of the Roscommon Lamb Festival. All attendees received a food waste prevention pack.

Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022

The Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 for the county has been prepared. The Strategy is a statement of the strategic priorities for delivering the Creative Ireland vision for Roscommon and it aims to bring coherence to the individual culture-based strategies, align the work of members of the culture team, create an overarching strategy and develop collaborative practice to ensure delivery. It is anticipated that the Strategy will be launched in September 2018.

Crinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg, an initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme at the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, took place on 23rd June 2018 at Lough Key Forest and Activity Park, Boyle. A comprehensive programme of activities was provided for this free family event and part of a national day of creativity for children and young people.

Creative Roscommon Grants 2018

An open call for funding was advertised under this scheme which is funded under the Creative Ireland Programme. This Grant Scheme was open to not-for-profit organisations, local community groups, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and all those involved in the culture and creative sectors. Fifteen community groups/organisations received a grant allocation under the Scheme.

Events

The following events were hosted by Roscommon County Council at Áras an Chontae:

- International Tapestry Festival held on 4th and 5th May
- The launch of the Rindoon Guidebook held on 23rd May
- The launch of County Roscommon Intercultural Project held on 12th May

The Cathaoirleach's Creative Citizenship Award

The inaugural Cathaoirleach's Creative Citizenship Awards was held on 14th June. These awards, which was open to amateurs, aims to highlight the diversity of arts, culture and heritage in County Roscommon. The theme for 2018 was "My Roscommon" communicated through the creative mediums of - Written - poetry, prose or short story; Visual - any medium such as painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, film, video or other digital imaging media; Performing arts - music, song, dance, and theatre. Entries were received in three specified categories.

Freedom of the County

The Civic Honour of Freedom of the Administrative Area of County Roscommon was awarded to the artist Mr. Brian O'Doherty and an award ceremony which took place on 26th April 2018 at the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin.

Register of Electors

The Supplement to the Register of Electors for County Roscommon was compiled and published for the Referendum which was held on Friday 25th May, 2018. 708 electors were added to the Supplement.

Annual Report

The Annual Report 2017 was adopted at the June plenary meeting.