



Comhairle Contae  
Ros Comáin  
Roscommon  
County Council



# MANAGEMENT REPORT



## Quarter 1 2018

# Provisional Revenue Account Activity up to 31/3/2018

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		NET
	Expenditure Incurred up to 31/3/2018	Adopted Full Year Budget	Income Receivable up to 31/3/2018	Adopted Full year Budget	Actual Overall Surplus/(Deficit)
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	1,214,556	6,409,600	1,141,077	6,488,300	(73,479)
Road Transport & Safety	2,855,804	19,881,700	436,668	14,080,400	(2,419,136)
Water Services	1,351,865	7,359,500	1,626,120	7,279,000	274,255
Development Management	1,167,582	5,680,800	1,266,848	1,516,500	99,266
Environmental Services	924,316	5,703,300	163,718	849,300	(760,598)
Recreation & Amenity	688,364	3,643,600	92,937	572,800	(595,427)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	73,927	760,800	41,329	284,000	(32,598)
Miscellaneous Services	598,538	5,018,600	323,209	1,153,900	(275,329)
Central Management Charges	878,369	-	93,560	-	(784,809)
LPT/PRD	-	-	3,405,410	10,216,000	3,405,410
Rates	-	-	2,995,240	12,017,700	2,995,240
	<b>9,753,321</b>	<b>54,457,900</b>	<b>11,586,117</b>	<b>54,457,900</b>	<b>1,832,795</b>

## 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.

**Provisional Capital Account Balances by Programme as at 31/3/2018**

<b>Programme Group</b>	<b>01/01/2018</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31/03/2018</b>
<b>Housing &amp; Building</b>	784,656	(1,134,320)	1,611,094		1,261,431
<b>Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	2,100,393	(2,304,143)	7,989,714		7,785,964
<b>Water Services</b>	(323,033)	(127,711)	108,231		(342,514)
<b>Development Management</b>	5,438,899	(679,713)	383,693		5,142,878
<b>Environmental Services</b>	137,101	(65,713)	7,360		78,747
<b>Recreation and Amenity</b>	652,092	(98,942)	8,067		561,217
<b>Agriculture, Education, Health &amp; Welfare</b>	91,183	-	-		91,183
<b>Miscellaneous Services</b>	6,495,339	(209,303)	37,283		6,323,319
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,376,630</b>	<b>(4,619,846)</b>	<b>10,145,441</b>		<b>20,902,225</b>

**Debt Collection %'s as at 31/3/2018 with comparatives.**

<b><u>Debt Type</u></b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Accrued</b>	<b>Vacant Property Adjustments</b>	<b>Write Off</b>	<b>Total for Collection</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>Specific Doubtful Arrears</b>	<b>% Collection</b>	<b>% Collection Previous Year</b>
<b>Commercial Rates</b>	2,428,797	11,971,045	17,558	(9,432)	14,391,716	1,081,309	13,310,407	725,224	8%	13 %
<b>Rents &amp; Annuities</b>	412,573	1,107,103	-	(3,970)	1,523,646	1,066,532	457,115	-	70%	71%
<b>Housing Loans</b>	140,224	39,000	-	-	179,224	43,364	135,860	-	24%	26%

**Recourse to Overdraft:**

There has been no recourse to overdraft in the first quarter of 2018

	2018 €	2017 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Operational	226,112,804	226,112,804
Infrastructural	1,615,664,454	1,615,664,454
Community	11,549,030	11,549,030
Non-Operational	1,555,000	1,555,000
	<b>1,854,881,288</b>	<b>1,854,881,288</b>
<b>Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses</b>	<b>8,545,679</b>	<b>7,683,791</b>
<b>Long Term Debtors</b>	<b>6,299,793</b>	<b>6,294,422</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stock	-	-
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	15,433,063	4,078,019
Bank Investments	1,265,651	1,315,977
Cash at Bank	18,149,990	21,715,016
Cash in Transit	49,412	171,879
	<b>34,898,115</b>	<b>27,280,891</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Creditors & Accruals	3,389,747	12,109,308
Finance Leases	-	-
	<b>3,389,747</b>	<b>12,109,308</b>
<b>Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)</b>	<b>31,508,368</b>	<b>15,171,584</b>
<b>Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)</b>		
Loans Payable	29,673,838	29,673,838
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable Deposits	1,264,490	1,316,577
Other	-	-
	<b>30,938,329</b>	<b>30,990,415</b>
<b>Net Assets / (Liabilities)</b>	<b>1,870,296,799</b>	<b>1,853,040,669</b>
<b>Represented By</b>		
Capitalisation	1,854,881,288	1,854,881,288
Income WIP	7,853,143	6,561,136
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	-
General Revenue Reserve	11,001,883	183,369
Other Balances	(3,439,515)	(8,585,124)
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>1,870,296,799</b>	<b>1,853,040,669</b>

**Provisional Balance Sheet as at 31/3/2018**

## Roads and Transportation Report Q1 2018

Roscommon County Council Road Works Scheme 2018 was adopted at the Municipal District meetings in March. The 2018 programme is summarised in Table 1 below.

*Table 1: Roscommon County Council Road Works Scheme 2018 as adopted*

Grant Description	National Primary	National Secondary	Regional Roads	Local Roads	Low Cost Safety Measures	Contingencies	Lighting/Other Works	Total
Ordinary Maintenance - NRA Grant	152,273	178,833						331,106
Winter Maintenance - NRA Grant	117,736	126,792						244,528
Route Lighting- NRA Grant	58,367	51,484						109,851
LA Eng. Support-Maintenance Schemes- NRA Grant	51,000							51,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Discretionary Grant			850,000	1,710,600			165,400	2,726,000
Surface Dressing - Restoration Maintenance Grant			29,250	1,937,750				1,967,000
Winter Maintenance Grant-ex Discretionary Grant			100,000					100,000
Training Grant							52,000	52,000
Maintenance & Contingencies - Own Resources				1,266,900		30,000		1,296,900
Public Lighting -Own Resources							502,851	502,851
<b>TOTALS - MAINTENANCE WORKS</b>	<b>379,376</b>	<b>357,109</b>	<b>979,250</b>	<b>4,915,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>720,251</b>	<b>7,381,236</b>
Improvement Works - NRA Grant	2,005,085	8,639,312						10,644,397
LA Eng. Support Improvement Schemes-NRA Grant	1,962,723							1,962,723
Bridge Rehabilitation Grant			290,000					290,000
SR/RR - Restoration Improvement Grant			2,359,350	5,453,650			50,000	7,863,000
Speed Limits				10,200				10,200
Low Cost Safety Improvement Grant					282,000			282,000
Drainage Grant							410,500	410,500
<b>TOTALS - IMPROVEMENT WORKS</b>	<b>3,967,808</b>	<b>8,639,312</b>	<b>2,649,350</b>	<b>5,463,850</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>460,500</b>	<b>21,462,820</b>
<b>TOTALS - ALL WORKS</b>	<b>4,347,184</b>	<b>8,996,421</b>	<b>3,628,600</b>	<b>10,379,100</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>1,180,751</b>	<b>28,844,056</b>
<b>Roads Allocations</b>								
National Road Grants - Revenue	736,485							
National Road Grants - Capital	12,607,120							
Non-National Road Grants	13,700,700							
Council Resources ex Revenue Budget Roads	1,296,900							
Council Resources ex Revenue Budget Public Lighting	502,851							
	<b>28,844,056</b>							

## **Local Improvement Scheme 2018**

In January 2018 Roscommon County Council advertised for expressions of interest in relation to Local Improvement Schemes for the improvement of local non-public roads in anticipation of funding by the Department of Rural and Community Development, DRCD. Over 200 applications were received. The Grant Allocation of €370,290 for Roscommon County Council was announced in February.

Eligible Roads under the scheme must be:

- Non-public roads open to the public and serve two or more landholders.
- Non-public roads providing access to parcels of land or access for harvesting purposes (including turf) for two or more persons.

Roscommon County Council will ensure as far as practicable that priority is given to projects most requiring attention in the county as a whole. The existing LIS Scheme of Priorities was approved by the members in 2010 and updated in 2011. The *Draft SPC LIS Policy 2018 for the selection of Projects on a Priority Basis* outlines the basis upon which the list of projects will be selected for County Roscommon was adopted at Plenary meeting in March. The 2018 LIS list of projects within the allocation of €370,290 was returned to the DRCD in line with the Department's memo before 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. In addition, Roscommon County Council compiled a second list of suitable roads projects which could be undertaken should additional funding become available later in the year or where substitution may become necessary if, for any reason, roads on the primary list cannot go ahead.

The Roads and Transportation Section are in the process of writing to all selected applicants. LIS guidelines specify the local contribution from the landowners / local residents of between 10% and 20% of the overall cost due before work commences. All works must be completed and funding claimed from the Department by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## **Community Involvement Schemes 2018**

The Department Transport Tourism and Sport have 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 invited Expressions of Interest from householders and land owners on Regional and Local Public Roads who wish to participate in the CIS. The scheme 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. Roscommon County Council submitted approval for 19 applications to the DTTAS totalling over €565, 000 in March 2018.

## **Cemetery Maintenance and Improvement Grants 2018**

Roscommon County Council allocated €35,000 in the 2018 budget for the maintenance of burial grounds in county Roscommon. 91 applications were received from voluntary groups with requests for funding of €190,000 for ongoing maintenance and improvements of burial grounds in county Roscommon. The list of grants awarded was presented to the members at the March Municipal District meetings.

## **Roll-out of Broadband Services to rural communities**

The National Broadband Plan is at tender negotiations stage. Siro, the joint venture of ESB and Vodafone, withdrew from the procurement process on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Eircom Limited (eir), withdrew on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The remaining bidder in the procurement process, the consortium comprising of Granahan McCourt, enet, SSE, John Laing Group plc, reaffirmed its commitment to the successful conclusion of the NBP process. When the procurement process reaches a satisfactory conclusion for Government, a contract will be awarded and the network rollout will commence. Siro have installed fibre in Monksland. Eir is continuing with it's roll out high speed broadband, predominantly fibre to the home (FTTH), to over 300,000 premises in rural Ireland, subject to a binding agreement. As part of this, Eir have installed fibre in Ballyfarnon, Cotehall, Cornafulla, Croghan and Knockcroghery. Eir will carry out the remaining planned areas in 2018. Indecon have been awarded the Contract to assist Roscommon County Council in the prepare a Digital Strategy.

The High Speed Broadband Map was updated by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment showing premises covered by the Intervention Area (Amber), commercial operators (Blue) and premises to be covered by planned commercial rural deployment (Light Blue). See comparison of figures in Table 2 below.

*Table 2: High Speed Broadband*

		Original Map Q1 2017	Updated map Q4 2017
<b>Total no. of premises</b>		<b>39,117</b>	<b>38,969</b>
<b>State intervention Area</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Commercial Deployment</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Commercial Planned Deployment</b>	<b>Light Blue</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>



## Forward Planning

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

Following on from the body of work which was undertaken in the preceding 12 months, work culminated in the finalisation of candidate sites to be included on the Vacant Site Register. This included the identification of owners and the issuing in March of 'Notices of Proposed Entry on the Vacant Sites Register.' Notices were issued in relation to 175 potential sites (involving approximately 260 owners), providing owners with 28 days to make a submission in respect of the proposed entry on the register.

### Vacant Homes Action Plan

The *Vacant Homes Action Plan* was finalised in January and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The plan focuses on the main settlements (Roscommon town, Monksland / Bellanamullia, Boyle, Castlerea, Ballaghaderreen, Cortober, Strokestown, Elphin and Hodson Bay / Barrymore). It outlines local authority led mechanisms which are already in place and can be further utilised to bring about an uptake in vacant properties as well as setting out a number of further detailed actions in relation to resolving the issues of vacant homes. The identified actions are intended to assist in achieving a range of strategic objectives, including reducing the number of privately owned and Council owned vacant homes in the county, as well as working with private property owners to in an effort to bring their vacant properties back into use.

### County Roscommon Rural Design Guidelines

The final stages of work on the preparation of the *County Roscommon Rural Design Guidelines* concluded in Q1. The document is a fulfilment of an objective of the *Roscommon County Development Plan (RCDP) 2014 – 2020* and is an informative companion document, giving expression to the design principles already set out in written form in the *RCDP*. A brief presentation on the Design Guidelines was delivered to the Planning SPC in March. Plans are also in preparation for a series of workshops which will be held in the coming months, for Elected Members and planning agents, at which the guidelines will be introduced and discussed.

### Town Centre Planning Unit Activity

The Town Centre Planning Unit finalised the town centre regeneration plan for Boyle in February. The plan, entitled *Boyle 2040*, has been developed in close collaboration with Boyle Town Team. It presents a detailed analysis of tangible solutions to assist in the regeneration of the core area of Boyle town centre, in order to deliver the Town Team's targets for 2040 of the town becoming "a great place to live; an accessible place; a vibrant tourism and commercial hub; and a place to take pride in." *Boyle 2040* was unveiled to Boyle Town Team and a wider audience of interested parties at a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Development Management (including enforcement activity)

The table below summarises Development Management activity in the Planning Section in Q1. Consistent with trends over the previous quarters, the number of valid applications submitted continued to show an increase (119 in Q1 2018, in comparison to 95 in each of Q3 and Q4 of 2017).

A total of 89 decisions were made on planning applications in Q1, of which 9 were refusals.

Period	Activity	Athlone	Boyle	Roscommon	Totals
Q1 2018	Valid App	41	35	43	119
	Invalids	9	12	8	29
	Extension of Duration	1	2	2	5
	DED's	2	5	11	18
	Pre Planning Meeting	21	22	23	66

#### Enforcement Activity

Period	Activity	Athlone	Boyle	Roscommon	Totals
Q1 - 2018	New enforcement case	7	4	3	14
	Warning letter	2	0	0	2
	Enforcement notice	0	1	0	1
	Closed Case	0	19	0	19
	Legal	0	0	0	0

#### Unfinished Housing Developments

As was evident throughout much of 2017, the work of the Unfinished Housing Development team in Quarter 1 2018 resulted in significant activity 'on the ground' in a number of unfinished developments.

Substantial progress was made in several developments, with a wide range of works on-going throughout the three month period – developers have been working in developments across the county, including in Roscommon town, Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea, Strokestown, Tarmonbarry, Rooskey, Tulsk, Croghan and Loughglynn. Works were also carried out by contractors engaged by bondholders in developments in Monksland, Ballaghaderreen, Boyle, Cootehall and Lisacul, with a number of those reaching the snag list or final completion stage.

In addition site resolution works were deemed substantially complete or entirely complete at developments in Roscommon town, Boyle, Strokestown, Tarmonbarry, Barrymore and Ballinameen, which enabled the UHD team to issue schedules to Irish Water for their sign off, as part of the overall taking in charge process.

#### Building Control<sup>1</sup>

	Submitted	Valid (CN) or Determined (DAC)
Commencement notices (CN)	18	14
Disability Access Certs (DAC)	0	2

<sup>1</sup>Statistics have been provided for all of Quarter 1 2018. Responsibility for Building Control transferred from the Planning Section to Fire Services on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### Local Enterprise Office:

- 204 enquiries were recorded.
- One Mentor Clinic was held with 7 participants.
- Ongoing one-to-one mentoring took place for the business community.
- TOV Mentoring took place with 18 participants.
- Local Enterprise Week took place from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> with 16 Events on the LEO Roscommon calendar including:
  - The County Enterprise Awards - won by Black Donkey Brewing Ltd who will attend an interview on 19<sup>th</sup> April for a place at the National Final with the National Awards Event taking place in the Mansion House on 24<sup>th</sup> May.
  - The Student Enterprise Programme Awards were held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March with 'Curlew Mountain Forge' from Elphin Community College the county winners. They will represent Co. Roscommon at the National Final on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. LEO organised publicity for the winners on Shannonside (aired on 20/03/ between 8pm – 9pm), the local press and national media.
  - Mentor clinics were held in Monksland, Boyle, Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea and Roscommon, together with 2 Regional Events and a variety of training workshops including one on the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation changes taking place on May 25<sup>th</sup>. A total of 337 clients were catered for throughout the week.
- Lean for Business training and mentoring programme has been completed by 5 of the 7 signed up businesses. It is expected that the remaining 2 will finalise by mid-April.
- Going North Regional Programme commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> March with 5 Roscommon businesses engaged. This initiative will centre around one-to-one prospecting in the NI market.
- LEO staff represented the LEO and spoke of the supports available to the business community at Roscommon Leader Partnership Breakfast Briefings in Monksland, Boyle, Castlerea and Roscommon.
- A LEO staff member attended the Network Ireland Roscommon Branch meeting on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- A LEO staff member attended the Launch of the 2018 Lamb Festival held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- Ireland West International Trade Centre, Rhode Island: A delegation, including Head of Enterprise, travelled to Rhode Island in March to coincide with the Cathaoirleach's visit to the Centre. This is a joint initiative organised by a number of Western Local Authorities aimed at providing a soft landing space for businesses in the USA - for the general promotion and development of this region's enterprise and economy and for the forging of linkages where relevant opportunities present. Business is being done by a diverse range of small businesses from the Region and very significant linkages have been forged with key political figures and economic development organisations in Rhode Island.

### Economic Development:

#### Vacant Sites

- Three live enquiries being followed through.
- Adverts placed in two local papers promoting the sites.

#### Innovation Centre – Monksland

- ☞ Two Steering Group meetings held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with agreement reached on a number of next steps.
- ☞ Advert on Part VIII placed in local paper.
- ☞ Communication with existing tenant re Tenancy end date.
- ☞ Information collated regarding duties involved in centre management and circulated to Steering Group.

## **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 will be in place in May and in meantime ongoing work continues and preparatory work to extend what is involved will be put in place as well as looking at other funding.

## **USEFE**

- ☞ Next USEFE Meeting is in late 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.

## **Town Teams – Economic Aspect**

- ☞ Potential Economic Focused event being planned to showcase options with Town Teams. This will be arranged for early May.

## **Marketing of County**

- Photographer has completed a number of the business photographs including Aurivo, Trojan, Harmac and Castlemine Farm.
- Tender prepared for DVDs to promote county overall as well as different sectors was prepared and circulated. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Town Team awarded contract for Scattered Hotel Feasibility Study to Bane Mullarkey consultants. Study complete, findings sent to Council and Town Team. It does not look favourably on scattered hotel concept for Boyle. Sub group of property owners have held meeting with RCC Town Centre Planners to get advice on possibility of progressing with scaled down version of concept.
- Boyle and Castlereagh Town Teams are working with Town Centre Planning Units on Town Centre Enhancement Plans.
- Town Centre Planning Unit presented draft plans to Boyle Town Team. Shambles area to be

rejuvenated with 2017 Town and Village funding.

- Town Team Committees have now completed Annual returns to CRO. Town Teams in Boyle, Strokestown and Castlerea have held AGM's. Dates to be confirmed for Ballaghaderren and Monksland AGM's.
- Monksland Community survey in partnership with AIT and LEADER due to be presented to TT on 16<sup>th</sup> of April
- Next County Forum Meeting set for April 10<sup>th</sup> in Strokestown.

### **Royal Hotel**

- Public consultation re: development of Royal Hotel site opened on Council Website, closing date for submissions was 17<sup>th</sup> of November - advertised in both local papers and also on local radio and social media. Over 117 submissions received; draft Chief Executive's report on submissions has been completed and published. Report was put before members of Boyle Municipal District and shared with the Boyle Town Team committee during January. 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.

### **Tourism Development and Promotion:**

#### **Regional Projects**

**Beara Breifne Way:** The launch of the Beara Breifne Way Heritage Stamp will take place in April in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon. Roscommon County Council is facilitating and funding the event. Minister Ring will be in attendance.

**USEFE (Upper Shannon):** Meeting in April to review Angling progress in regard to tourism.

**Destination Athlone:** Continue to meet with Westmeath Co Co who is assisting the development of a committee to run the proposed Athlone Festival which will be held next September in the weekend preceding the World Canal Conference in Athlone in Sept 2018.


#### **County Projects:**

**Strokestown House:** Working with Heritage Department, Strokestown Park House, Strokestown Town Team and Town Planning Unit to develop application for Historic Towns grant from Heritage Council of Ireland. Application submitted on 22<sup>nd</sup> of Feb.

**AIT:** potential to apply for funding for project with AIT under Erasmus Programme – RLP taking lead on this.

**Community Tourism Offices:** Applications were submitted to Fáilte Ireland for funding for 2 Community Tourism Offices within the county – Lough Key and Roscommon town.

**Tourism App:** Meet with GIS Officer to discuss the development of a Roscommon Tourism App over the coming weeks.

-  **Roscommon Tourism Network:** Met on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Meeting agreed to the rebranding of Roscommon Tourism over the coming months. Attendance at potential trade shows in 2018 was updated. Next meeting due to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

#### **Festivals and Events Grant**

29 applications were approved in the scheme and notified.

#### **Publicity & Media:**

**Publicity Material/Website:** Additional photos uploaded to the Tourism Kiosk in Casey's. *Go West* editorial agreed. New pop up banner ordered. Development of new tourism website was awarded to JDK Design, but developer has agreed to hold contracted price until the rebranding process complete during 2018.

**Video Stories:** Final drafts of Castle in Communities videos developed including four short videos for social media publication – presented to Council SPC in March and delivered to Betty and Pat Garvey to bring on St Patrick's trip to America. Ballintubber to host official launch due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> April. C.E. and Director to be invited from RCC.

**Social Media:** Agreed Social media plan with Michelle Fallon. 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:** List of Trade events to attend was agreed by RTN – next Event in May. The winners of the competitions (at the Dublin and Belfast events) were forwarded their prizes.

## Library Management Quarterly Report Q1 2018.

- Roscommon County Council Library Service continued to maintain its' library service through the network of Branch Libraries and the Mobile Library, with staff from HQ providing relief at branch libraries as needed.
- Roscommon Library hosted the launch of the Energy Monitoring kits in conjunction with the SEAI in January; the kits were launched by Minister Denis Naughten and are available to borrow through the entire countywide branch/mobile library network.



- RCC Library Services continued with the implementation of the national Healthy Ireland in Library initiative with events at all branch libraries. They included a very well attended series of talks in Roscommon Library





**Children's Yoga in Castlereagh Library:**



**Blood pressure monitoring at Roscommon Library:**





- January also saw the launch of the Library's latest collaboration with the HSE with the launch of two new Roscommon Healthy Reading booklists; sets of the books are available in Roscommon and Boyle libraries and may be requested through any branch library in the County.



- Libraries throughout the County participated in Seachtain na Gaeilge with a poetry workshop in Ballaghaderreen Library





**A musical performance in Roscommon Library:**



**And a reading in Castlerea Library:**



☞ **Micheál Martin, Leader of Fianna Fail, visited the Mobile Library at Monksland in March**



# HOUSING BUSINESS UNIT UPDATE Q1/2018

## 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.

- 15 = homeless cases presenting during Q1 2018
- 4 = 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.

- 470 = applicants (excluding transfers) on the approved housing list at end of Q1 2018
- 345 = applicants are currently in private rented accommodation
- 39 = offers of accommodation made during Q1 2018
- 20 = new tenants appointed/allocated in Q1 2018
- 13 = refusals recorded in Q1 2018

### 1.3 Refugee Applicants:

Processing of up to 90 Syrian refugees is scheduled to commence in Q2 2018. The refugees will be housed in phases as 18 family groups in Monksland, Roscommon Castlereagh, Ballaghaderreen and Boyle. Group size ranges from 2 to 7 family members. An inter-agency working group (RIAWG) will coordinate the integration process and provide support services. Contract for support services (support worker and translator for 18 months) in Roscommon was tendered by RCC/Housing and has been awarded to Extern Group.

## 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 31 March 2018, there were 420 households receiving support (332 private rented and 88 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 31 March 2018, there are 210 social housing applicants in receipt of HAP since the scheme was rolled out on 01 December 2016.

### 2.3 Repair & Lease Scheme (RLS):

Departmental guidance was received for the RLS under the *Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan* which is aimed at encouraging property owners to refurbish vacant residential properties in order to provide them by way of lease for the benefit of those on the housing waiting list.

- 48= 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
- 7 = 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 Q2 2018.
- Direct build of 2 units at Cloonfad on HSE site acquired by RCC has Department approval and is at tender stage for consultancy planning and design services.
- Negotiation of turnkey acquisitions of 10 units in Boyle is at an advanced stage and other turnkey prospects are being pursued subject to housing demand and market/developer interest.
- 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 is at snagging stage
- Cluid CALF application to purchase 40 units at Cloongowna, Monksland has expired – RCC open to considering a new proposal at this location (construction not started and not likely to start in 2018)
- Tuath CALF acquisition of 6 units at Woodstream, Castlerea– 3 of the 6 units have been acquired with remainder in progress
- Tuath CAS acquisition of 2 units on the Galway Road, Roscommon is complete and Roscommon County Council has issued nominations from the approved housing list
- Roscara CAS at Millbrook, Bealnamullia (1 unit) is at advanced stage of the conveyance
- Cooperative Housing Ireland acquisition of 4 units in Roscommon is completed and Roscommon County Council has issued nominations from the approved housing list for 2 units (2 at Saint Ciaran's Park are being held for refugee allocation)
- 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
- Several other CALF proposals are under consideration but involve external dependencies at this stage and will be subject to housing demand (under continuous review)

### 3.3 LA Acquisitions (including Buy & Renew):

Approximately 22 acquisitions are progressing, including:

- 1 CPO acquisition at Henry Street, Roscommon (completed but works commenced)
- 1 Part V at Lios na hAbhainn, Roosky is progressing through conveyance stage.
- Other group acquisition projects are being progressed in Boyle (10) and Strokestown (10)

### 3.4 Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018:

- 29 traveller families have been allocated social housing, including traveller-specific social housing, under the programme to date
- 7 traveller families have been accommodated via the HAP programme
- Extensions to 4 traveller-specific units at Saint Patrick's, Torpan Beg, Ballyforan is at planning/design stage – consultants appointed

### 3.5 Sale of Sites and Rural Houses:

Roscommon County Council advertised the sale of 10 developed sites at Forest View, Boyle and 1 developed site at Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon. The closing date for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on Thursday 15 February 2018. No applications were received for Forest View, Boyle and one application was received for Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon.

### 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.

91 = applications received  
33 = offers made to date  
16 = offers accepted  
11 = 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. New Regulations entitled the Housing (Standards for Rented houses) Regulations 2017 came into force on the 01 July 2017. The main changes to the 2009 Regulations are contained in the provisions dealing with structural condition, heating facilities and fire safety.

24 = total number of inspections carried out in Q1 2018  
12 = number of RAS inspections in Q1 2018  
12 = number of HAP inspections in Q1 2018

## 5.0 Management of Existing Housing Stock

### 5.1 Energy Efficiency Programme (retrofitting existing stock):

Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Works (deep retro-fit) are not being carried out by RCC in 2018 as there is no Department-funded programme for these works (application via SEAI scheme and only partially funded).

### 5.2 Voids Programme:

Application for 1 void submitted in 2018 (other unused stock are designated for sale or secured against vandalism/damage).

### 5.3 Casual Vacancy Works (pre-letting works)

Pre-let works were carried out on 10 houses in Q1 2018 at a cost of approximately € 67,500.

### 5.4 Housing Maintenance

RCC/Housing received 434 maintenance calls in Q1 2018 and expenditure on maintenance works during the quarter was € 108,980.71.

Maintenance works contract is at award stage but union consultation required in advance.

### 5.5 Housing Grants (including Improvement Works in Lieu)

#### (a) Private Houses

Notifications of the 2018 funding allocations to local authorities will issue soon in respect of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability (private houses).

Ahead of the notification of these allocations, work in respect of these programmes can continue. All local authorities may commit up to 65% of their 2017 allocation (€999,000) in approving applications for 2018. It is expected that this interim funding provision will comfortably allow local authorities to advance the work for the early part of this year, pending full year allocations for 2018 being confirmed shortly. The scheme will continue to

prioritise those works that best meet the aim of improving overall living conditions in the dwelling while including the replacement of windows and doors as a qualifying work.

**(b) Local Authority – Housing Adaptations including Improvement Works in Lieu**

In recent years, the Department has provided capital funding to Local Authorities to undertake adaptations and extensions to their existing social housing stock. The scheme applies to extensions that are needed to address over-crowding (families who outgrow their current dwelling) and the needs of older people or people with a disability, who may require stair lifts or the installation of a downstairs bedroom or bathroom. However, please note that RCC as far as possible, will use their existing stock of vacant properties to meet such need (downsizing as well as upsizing).

The funding for these works will be based on the provision of 90% funding by the Department with the remaining 10% to be funded by the Local Authority. Local Authorities may undertake works up to a maximum value of 65% of their final 2017 allocation (€157,412) in advance of specific approval of the 2018 allocation which has not yet been received.

## **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 6,000m<sup>3</sup>/day water treatment works at Grange Lough, Strokestown on the North-East Roscommon Regional Water Supply Scheme.

The final Account was agreed on 13<sup>th</sup> February and final payment is being processed.

#### **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 are being assessed by IW. Site Investigation to commence in Q3 2018. Roscommon Town Network model to be completed by Tobin's in April 2018. Final Design review report to be completed and inform of upgrade works, land acquisition and way leaves. Draft way leaves and land acquisition drawings completed. Solicitor and Valuer to be appointed for land negotiations. Estimated construction works Q3 2019.

#### **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. Following a tender competition Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the project. Pressure survey and model build completed. Compensation agreed with land owners and legal teams completing process. CPO process for two land owners being advanced. Site investigation contract complete and waiting on site investigation report. Design review report received and IW approval to proceed has been granted. Contract documents are drafted using major civil engineering documents. 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 prepared and are with the IW procurement team for advancement. Revised terms of reference, pricing document and RFT for the Williamstown to Castlerea Section were forwarded to IW on 15/12/2017. Quote for the appointment of consultant due in April 2018.

#### **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 1 no. in Roscommon (Ballaghaderreen). Data gathering and monthly progress meetings are on going. Feasibility Study is due in Q3 2018.

#### **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 ongoing.



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 were completed in October 2017 and Priority Geotech appointed to undertake the site investigation works. A planning decision for the treatment plant upgrade works is due shortly. It is anticipated that Main Construction Works will commence Q3 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. 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 15 no. 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 15 no. 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 5<sup>th</sup> April. Two options are under consideration.

Option 1. Involves the use of the PFT for imported sludges and a new mechanical thickening plant for indigenous sludges.

Option 2. Involves two new mechanical thickening plants – one for indigenous sludges and one for imports.

A concept design workshop is scheduled to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **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 plant was issued to EPS Ltd on 30/11/2017. All designs have been submitted to the Employers Representative for review. Procurement and fabrication of plant and materials is underway. Civil works due to commence in May.

##### **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 5<sup>th</sup> April. The overall programmed completion date is June 2020. There are 12 no. 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 €8 million.

### **Reservoir Cleaning Programme.**

10 no. 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 to be carried out to facilitate cleaning.
- 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 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:

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.**

Water Network Mains rehabilitation and lead services replacement has been completed in Athleague village and Athlone Road. Works are on going on replacing lead services on Castle Street and the Square and is due to be completed on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Works are due to commence in Kiltewan on 1<sup>st</sup> May laying new water mains to replace an existing problematic water main. Other areas planned for Water Mains rehabilitation works during 2018 are Toberdan, Cornamaddy, Ballanacullia, Rooskey and Ballaghaderreen.

#### **Find and Fix Programme:**

This is a two year programme targeted at DMA's with high UFW figures and is currently under consideration by RCC.

#### **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 been 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.

An interim allocation of €240,000 has been made by the Department of Housing, Community & Local Government to Roscommon County Council for works under Measure 2 Group Water Scheme Network Upgrades/Water Conservation for 2018. A further allocation is anticipated from the Department in due course based on Roscommon County Council's bid for 2018.

**Retrospective Restoration of Maximum Subsidies:**

A reduction in maximum subsidies payable to Group Water Schemes came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015 to reflect the new domestic water charging regime introduced at the time for customers of public (Irish Water) services. Following on from the suspension of water charges and subsequently the refund of these charges to Irish Water customers, the payment of the subsidies to pre 2015 rates has been restored. A review of all subsidies paid since 2015 was undertaken by Water Services staff in Roscommon County Council and revised payments totalling €29,396 has been paid to the Group Water Schemes in Q1 2018 as per Circular L8/17.

**Revision of Subsidy towards the Operational Costs of Group Water Schemes:**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in consultation with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes has carried out a review of existing subsidies and with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, the subsidies have been increased, streamlined and new incentives introduced for smaller schemes. This is intended to bring greater equity and fairness to ensure that domestic users on group water schemes receive comparable benefits to those receiving their water supply from Irish Water. An explanatory memorandum is being revised by the Department and will be issued to Local Authorities in 2018.

**Individual Well Grants**

The funding for Individual Well Grants is demand led and applications continue to be processed for those who do not have access to an alternative water supply in their area. The maximum grant available is €2,031.58 or 75% of the cost of the work, whichever is the lesser. In Q1 2018 a total of 4 applications for the upgrade of individual wells have been approved for financial assistance.

## **RMCEI**

Roscommon County Council, on an annual basis, prepares and submits to the EPA a plan relating to its functional area. This Inspection Plan encompasses routine environmental inspections carried out by Roscommon County Council. It includes monitoring and inspecting the Council's own activities and ensuring compliance by the public, the farming community and the commercial and industrial sector with environmental legislation. The RMCEI Plan for 2018 was submitted to the EPA in Qtr. 1

## **Annual Environmental Reports (AER's)**

AER's were completed and submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency for Ballaghaderreen and Roscommon Landfills.

These landfill facilities have ceased accepting waste for landfill disposal but Waste Licences still remain in place and as per the conditions set out in the Licences Roscommon County Council are obliged to continuously monitor environmental risks associated with the closed facilities (eg landfill gas, groundwater quality, surface water quality).

Roscommon County Council currently operates Civic Amenity Sites at these sites and the waste collected here is reflected in the AER return.

## **Licensed Landfills**

Quarter 1 sampling was undertaken at Ballaghaderreen Landfill.

Roscommon Landfill is sampled only twice per year and sampling has yet to commence for Roscommon Landfill.

## **CUWERLA**

The Environment Department continued to engage with CUWERLA with an emphasis in quarter 1 on the rationalising of conditions attached to of the Waste Facility Permits and Certificates of Registration.

## **Anti Dumping Initiative 2018**

2018 Anti Dumping Initiative was announced by Denis Naughton, T.D. in February. 15 projects were submitted to CUWERLA for inclusion. These projects included a number of clean ups, purchase of equipment and development of an awareness campaign. Confirmation of approval of a grant in the amount of €53,000 has been received, with all projects to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and all claims to be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## **Complaints**

The Environment Section continues to deal with litter/pollution complaints on a daily basis. All complaints are recorded and every complaint is investigated. 248 complaints were received in the First Quarter.

## **Green Schools**

Green Flag Assessments were carried out in 30 schools in the First Quarter. These schools will receive their new Green Flags at an awards ceremony to be held on 23rd May in Hodson Bay Hotel.

## **Tidy Towns Seminar**

A Tidy Towns Seminar was held in March and was attended by 35 people. There was an engaging and informative selection of speakers on the day including Ann O’Leary Tidy Towns Adjudicator and Emlyn Cullen, Programme Manager, National Spring Clean Programme. The seminar concluded with the launch of National Spring Clean in Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon.

## **Green Team**

The Training of staff to actively participate in an internal Green Team to introduce a range of energy saving and waste prevention initiatives across RCC buildings in RoscommonTown was completed in Q1. Members are now participating in the OPW campaign on optimising energy at work and are also in the process of rolling out improved recycling scheme in a selection of buildings.

## **Greener Cleaning Campaign**

The Greener Cleaning campaign culminated with a feature on the RTE programme EcoEye on 27<sup>th</sup> February. This campaign has been hugely impressive with a reach of 123,734 people and 32,642 views of the online video tutorial series.

# **Q 1 2018 Assets & Energy Management**

## **ASSETS**

- All Buildings / Total no. of Social Housing stock / Land Assets as per PRA (Property Registration Authority) data forwarded to OPW and listed on National Property Register
- Land Assets updated in January, 2018 and forwarded to OPW for inclusion on National Property Register
- PIR ( Property Interest Register ) Roscommon for all Building / Land Assets in progress
- Members of / contributors to National Property Interest Register Working Group – Business Case in relation to Management System submitted to CCMA
- Administrative / Technical involvement with Leases, Acquisitions and Disposals of RCC Assets

## **ENERGY**

- **Public Sector Energy Partnership Programme –**
  - Agreement signed on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and Partnership Support Manager, Liam Tolton, assigned to Roscommon County Council
  - Energy Management Action Plan (Energy MAP) Team formed, training complete and meetings taking place
  - Energy Policy prepared and signed off by CE
  - Energy Action Plan 2018 – Budget submission prepared
- **Grant Applications –**
  - SEAI Better Energy Communities (BEC) Scheme in respect of energy upgrades to: - Library HQ, Arts Centre and Leisure Centre (all Roscommon Town)  
Decision due April, 2018
  - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in respect of Public Lighting Upgrades in:  
-Knockcroghery, Ballinlough, Roscommon Town (2 no.), Tulsk and Frenchpark

Decision due in May/June, 2018

- Hodson Bay Junction (N61) completed in 2017

- **Optimising Power @ Work Programme –**

- Submission in respect of Aras an Chontae accepted  
Monitors installed in June, 2017 in 5 no. Buildings in Roscommon Town and ESB Networks data connection completed in Q1. Monitoring has now commenced

- **Energy Monitoring & Reporting (M & R) 2017 –**

- All MPRN data submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 for 2017 energy usage – currently at 19.05% of targeted 33% energy efficiency improvement by 2020, based on 2016 energy usage
- Balance of data for 2017 to be submitted by 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

## **CORPORATE AFFAIRS Q1 2018**

### **Register of Electors**

Following the publication of the Draft Register of Electors for 2018/2019 on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, the Live Register came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

Work is currently underway for the compilation of a supplement to the Register in advance of the Referendum which will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### **Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022**

Work has commenced on the Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 for the county. 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.

### **Delegation Visit to New York**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Orla Leyden, the Deputy Chief Executive Majella Hunt and Meetings Administrator Patricia Bohan travelled to New York to represent the Council and the people of Roscommon St. Patricks weekend. The Cathaoirleach also travelled to the International Trade Centre in Providence Rhode Island. During the visit to New York, the delegation attended a fundraising concert by the Solstice Choir, New York Roscommon Association Annual Dinner, the St. Patricks Day Parade and met with the I.D.A. and Tourism Ireland.

### **Events**

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

- The launch of Roscommon Drama Festival took place on 21<sup>st</sup> February
- “Art School Takeover” – an exhibition of sculptures and drawings by the students of Tisrara National School was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February
- “A Celtic Past” an exhibition of ceramics and prints inspired by Celtic art of the past by students from Roscommon Community College was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March

### **Freedom of the County:**

At the January Plenary Meeting, it was agreed to award the Freedom of the County to Mr. Brian O’Doherty and the award ceremony will take place in April.

### **Meetings Management System**

The Plenary meetings of Roscommon County Council became paperless from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February with the Agenda and Minutes sent electronically. The Agenda and Minutes are also coordinated with the live webcasting on the Roscommon County Council website.