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Roscommon
County Council



MANAGEMENT REPORT



FEBRUARY 2020

Roscommon County Council
Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
Management Accounts Summary to 29th February 2020

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		NET
	Expenditure Incurred up to 29/02/2020	Adopted Full Year Budget	Income Receivable up to 29/02/2020	Adopted Full year Budget	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	744,458	6,640,134	1,128,834	7,294,094	384,376
Road Transport & Safety	1,591,240	24,288,076	129,341	17,645,706	(1,461,899)
Water Services	616,312	7,639,343	969,121	7,510,258	352,809
Development Management	319,435	7,126,358	374,905	1,631,071	55,470
Environmental Services	292,124	6,001,605	66,208	937,131	(225,916)
Recreation & Amenity	371,590	4,126,824	83,820	607,634	(287,770)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	10,572	679,748	62,495	258,556	51,923
Miscellaneous Services	436,596	4,785,214	242,175	1,932,252	(194,421)
Central Management Charges	1,536,399	0	118,061	0	(1,418,338)
Local Government Fund/General Purpose Grant	0	0	1,802,935	10,817,200	1,802,935
Pension Levy	0	0	0	0	0
Rates	0	0	2,091,104	12,653,400	2,091,104
	5,918,727	61,287,301	7,068,999	61,287,301	1,150,272

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 29th February 2020

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	1,358,169	12,546,623	183,029	21,752	13,700,012	1,136,552	12,563,459	79,006	8%	7%
Rents & Annuities	474,685	862,552		(68)	1,337,306	855,664	481,641		64%	59%
Housing Loans	120,379	30,393			150,772	54,513	96,259		36%	35%

Recourse to Overdraft;

There has been no recourse to overdraft during the month of February 2020.

PLANNING SECTION

Forward Planning

Roscommon County Development Plan (RCDP) 2021-2027

Work continued internally within the Planning Section in February, preparing for the commencement of the statutory process of the making of the *Roscommon County Development Plan 2021 – 2027*. Activity included work on developing aspects of a new website dedicated to the RCDP, the assessment of tender proposals received from environmental consultants for the undertaking of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) as required during the plan making process, and preparation for a workshop with Elected Members and RCC's Management Team (scheduled for early March).

Proposed Amendments to the Development Contribution Scheme 2014

Following a public consultation on *Proposed Amendments to Roscommon County Council's Development Contribution Scheme 2014* (which ran from 13th December 2019 to 4th February 2020), the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was prepared and circulated to Members. The proposed amendments and the Chief Executive's Report were formally considered at the Plenary meeting on 24th February 2020. The proposed amendments were agreed and the amended scheme is effective from that date.

Development Management and Planning Enforcement Activity

The table below summarises Development Management activity in the Planning Section in February. A total of 29 valid applications were received, which is broadly similar to the number received in January. A total of 32 decisions were made, of which 3 were refusals.

Period	Activity	Roscommon North	Roscommon South	Totals
February 2020	Valid app	9	20	29
	Invalid app	3	1	4
	Extension of Duration	0	0	0
	Refusal	2	1	3
	DED	5	0	5
	Pre-planning meeting	12	13	25

Enforcement Activity

Period	Activity	Countywide Totals
February 2020	New enforcement case	7
	Warning letter	1
	Enforcement notice	1
	Closed case	6
	Legal proceedings	0

7 new planning enforcement complaints were received in February, with the majority originating from members of the public.

Unfinished Housing Developments

A range of activity continued to be undertaken in February as part of the on-going initiative to resolve unfinished housing developments. Developers were working on two sites in Roscommon town and another in Lisacul. Semi-skilled workers employed directly by Roscommon County Council were engaged in works at developments in Barrybeg, Knockcroghery and Monksland.

Two developments were referred to the Roads Section for Taking in Charge - Ascaill Eoghain, in Lisnamult and Elm Close in Barrybeg.

ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION

Local Enterprise Office:

- 182 enquiries were recorded.
- 2 Business Advice Clinics were held with 12 participants.
- 15 people availed of the TOV Information Session.
- Promotion of Brexit supports continued.
- Ongoing one-to-one mentoring for the business community continued.
- On-site mentoring continued as part of the Lean for Business Programme.
- 2019/2020 Student Enterprise Programme: All 9 second level schools have received support and the Programme continues, with the County Final scheduled to take place on 12th March.
- Primary School Enterprise Awareness Workshop: 16 School visits in total have taken place. The closing date for the Enterprise Slogan is 14th February.
- The Spring training programme was set out with online bookings put in place - all being promoted on social media.
- Planning for Local Enterprise Week commenced, with 17 Events scheduled.
- All LEO supports are being promoted on the LEO website and on various social media platforms.
- 5 businesses were supported in exhibiting at Showcase 2020 held in the RDS 19th to 22nd January.
- A Projects Evaluation Meeting took place on the 30th. Two projects were recommended for funding approval to Enterprise Ireland's Investment Committee. Awaiting outcome.
- USEFE FabLab & Operational Group Meetings were held on the 21st attended by HoE.

Vacant Sites: Ongoing advertising of available sites continues.

Enterprise Development Plan to 2020: Strategic Objective 4 "Enhancing the Growth Potential of Ag Tech in the West". The report has been completed.

IDA: HoE has had a meeting with Rikki Conneely, IDA Regional Executive, IDA re: attracting investment to Roscommon. A portfolio of lands is currently being prepared.

The IDA and LEO are hosting an Event during Local Enterprise Week in the Roscommon Arts Centre on Tuesday, 3rd March at 7.30pm, ie Remote Working – Grow Remote.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT

Healthy Ireland

- Final document and addendum received;
- All applications submitted were successful;
- Awaiting monies from Pobal;
- Interviews to be held for HI Co-ordinator position Feb 2020.

LEADER:

- 53 payments made to promoters totaling €1,593,188.14;
- 26 Projects paid in full;
- Monthly Admin Returns and payments to LEADER Co. are ongoing;
- Article 48 checks are ongoing.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Local Action Group meeting held 29th January 2020 and following agenda items dealt with:

- Financial report;
- LEADER Programme Implementation Update;
- LEADER Sub-Committee Meeting Report;
- Update on Expressions of Interest;
- Consideration of recommendations of LEADER Evaluation Committee.

Social Inclusion

National Age Friendly Coordinators meetings:

- Managers meeting taking place at the end of the month.

Integration Strategy:

- Development of strategy to commence in conjunction with LEADER and CYPSC.

SICAP:

- SICAP Annual Plan 2020 and 2019 Annual Performance Review have been completed and are being presented for approval to LCDC Meeting 26/02/2020.

Heritage

Heritage Plan Funding- Application to Heritage Council

- Two projects:
 - Field Monuments adviser for Farming Rathcroghan EIP;
 - Conservation Report of 3 RCC owned Church Ruins.
 - Anticipate hearing in March.

Arts

- Received letter from Arts Council confirming funding for 2020 of €49200;
- Advertised for the Artist Bursary Programme and Tyrone Guthrie Scholarship. Closing date for applications 14th Feb 2020.

Tourism

- Meetings with –
 - Archivist in Strokestown House to review his working for first year of employment contract;
 - RRO Eilish Canty to agree the final elements of the Green Heartlands Cycle way project;
 - IHH in regard to Commercial Tourism Trade Network development;
 - IAAT – to discuss the development of Adventure Activities in IHH;
 - Coillte RCC Steering Group – to review the Coillte and RCC projects for coming months.
- Application submitted to Dept. Transport Tourism and Sport for funding for feasibility for potential Greenway from Tarmonbarry to Athlone.
- Trade Show – Attended the 3-day Holiday World Show in RDS Dublin.
- Creative Ireland – With Nollaig Feeney (Heritage) agreed to look at developing an Eco tourism/Bio Diversity project which will encourage local children to visit lough Key, through funding national school visits.
- Website/Social media – New Social media Instagram account created, all social media now reflecting the visitrosocmmon title. Continual update of events page.