



Roscommon County Council

**Public Spending Code
Quality Assurance Report**

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1. Introduction

Circular 13/13: The Public Spending Code: Expenditure Planning, Appraisal & Evaluation in the Irish Public Service – Standard Rules & Procedures was issued in September 2013 implementing a comprehensive set of expenditure appraisal, Value for Money requirements and related guidance covering all public expenditure.

In July 2019 the Public Spending Code (PSC) was amended to update the central technical references and economic appraisal parameters in the Code. In December 2019 the Public Spending Code was further amended as it applies to capital expenditure, updating the Guidelines for the use of Public Private Partnerships and consolidating PSC guidance on the website of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (which can be found at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/public-spending-code/>)

The requirements in the PSC are based on employing good practices at all stages of the expenditure life cycle. Every organisation needs to assure itself that the expenditure practices it employs are of an acceptable standard, that it consistently maintains these standards and if there are deficiencies that they are identified and addressed. Departments and other public service organisations also need to assure themselves that the expenditure practices employed by organisations reporting to them and to whom they may provide funding are of an appropriate standard.

Local Authorities and all bodies in receipt of public funding are obliged to comply with the requirements of the Code. Each Local Authority is required to complete a self-assessment, PSC Quality Assurance Process and publish an annual report which is signed by the Chief Executive. The PSC was written specifically with Government Departments in mind and some of the terminology is very specific to that sector. Local Authority sector specific Guidance Notes V.4, were prepared and updated by the CCMA Finance Committee in February, 2021, following agreement with Department of Public Enterprise and Reform(DPER). The primary changes in this version of the Guidance notes are:

- Revision to the Project Lifecycle
- Revision to the Capital Checklists No. 2 and No. 6.
- Replacement of Project Inventory to align with DPER version

2. Project Lifecycle

The Project Lifecycle refers to the series of steps and activities which are necessary to take the proposal from concept to completion and ex-post project evaluation. Projects vary in size and complexity but all projects can be mapped to the following project lifecycle structure. There are six stages in the lifecycle. The current version of the PSC Guide reflects a revised lifecycle which better aligns with the realities of project delivery. Previous guidance was focused primarily on the economic appraisal of capital projects. The updated PSC Guide maintains the focus on appraisal but broadens to highlight the importance of rigorous project preparation, earlier engagement with aspects of design and delivery, more informed approaches to costing and fuller consideration of risk. There is also a greater focus on affordability and financial feasibility. Finally, the revised lifecycle will facilitate better central monitoring of public investment delivery and alignment with the Investment Projects and Programmes Tracker:

1. Strategic Assessment
2. Preliminary Business Case
3. Final Business Case (including design, procurement strategy and tendering)
4. Implementation
5. Review
6. Ex-Post Evaluation

3. Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements

The PSC sets out a number of reporting requirements at the various stages of the Expenditure Life Cycle of a project or programme. This paragraph addresses the reporting requirements associated with the Quality Assurance element of the code only. Under the PSC public bodies are required to establish an internal, independent, quality assurance procedure involving annual reporting on how organisations are meeting their Public Spending Code obligations. This current obligation involves a 5 step process as follows:

- **Step 1** - Draw up inventories of projects/programmes at the different stages of the Project Life Cycle. The person responsible for the Quality Assurance process should be satisfied that they have a full and complete inventory.
- **Step 2** - The Organisation should publish summary information on its website of all procurements in excess of €10m, related to projects in progress or completed in the year under review. A new project may become a “project in progress” during the year under review if the procurement process is completed and a contract is signed.
- **Step 3** - Complete the 7 checklists contained in the PSC. Only one of each checklist per Local Authority is required. Checklists are not required for each project/programme. The QA process for verifying the accuracy of responses on the checklist is based on a sample of projects/programmes and is Step 4 of the process.
- **Step 4** - Carry out a more in-depth check on a small number of selected projects/programmes.
- **Step 5** - Complete a short summary report for the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC). The report, which will be generated as a matter of course through compliance with steps 1-4, should be submitted by the end of May in respect of the previous calendar year.

4. Inventory of projects/programmes (Step 1 of QA Process)

The following section details the inventory of Roscommon County Council, compiled in accordance with the “Public Spending Code” requirements. The current and capital projects are categorised in the three stages:

- Expenditure under consideration
- Expenditure being incurred
- Expenditure completed or discontinued

The table at Appendix 1 lists a summary of the number of projects/programmes of the compiled inventory for Roscommon County Council. The table at Appendix 2 details the total inventory listing by anticipated cost and analysed by category and value.

Expenditure being considered

For the purpose of this report, Roscommon County Council has assumed the definition of “Being Considered” as covering all projects that were at the very early stages of inception and where no/very minimal monies have been incurred in progression of the concept/project with anticipated expenditure in excess of €0.5m

Expenditure being incurred

A summary of the inventory projects/programmes, incurring expenditure within the year in question with anticipated expenditure in excess of €0.5m

Expenditure completed or discontinued

Roscommon County Council has defined “recently ended” projects as those where the final account and retentions have been paid and the account is closed.


5. Published Summary of Procurements (Step 2 of QA Process)

Summary details of all procurements (capital and current) where the value exceeds €10m are required to be published under a heading PROCUREMENT/PROJECT PROGRESS. The list must be published by 31st May each year and should include specified information for each project/procurement greater than €10m regardless of its status. All €10m + projects/procurements will remain on the list until they have been reported as completed.

Single Procurement in excess of €10 million

Roscommon County Council had one single procurement in excess of €10 million in place during 2023, in respect of a major roads project. The details to this effect have been uploaded to the Councils Websites and can be accessed through the following link:

Procurement over €10 million - Roscommon County Council




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Procurement over €10 million

Procurements in Roscommon County Council of over €10 million will be published here, pursuant to the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

- [PSC QA Report 2021 details of any single procurement in excess of €10 Million.xlsx \(size 12 KB\)](#)
- [PSC QA Report 2022 details of any single procurement in excess of €10 Million.xlsx \(size 9.6 KB\)](#)
- [PSC QA Report 2023 details of any single procurement in excess of €10 Million.xlsx \(size 12.2 KB\)](#)

The Quality Assurance report for 2023 can be found at the following link:

https://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/download-it/finance-publications/audit_reports/quality-assurance-reports/quality-assurance-report-2023.pdf

Single Procurement in Excess of €10 Million during 2023

Project Details	
Year:	2023
Parent Department:	NRRO
Name of Contracting Body:	Roscommon County Council
Name of Project/Description:	N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road Project
Procurement Details	
Advertisement Date:	22nd July 2022
Tender Advertised in:	OJEU / Etenders - 2022/S 075-197487
Awarded to:	Wills Brothers Ltd
EU Contract Award Notice Date:	24th November 2023
Contract Price:	€259,823,500.00 ex VAT
Progress	
Contract Award Date:	25th October 2023
Start Date (under the contract):	23rd November 2023
Expected Date of Completion per Contract:	19th October 2027
Spend in Year under Review:	€4,995,500 ex VAT (Expenditure in respect to WBL contract only)
Cumulative Spend to End of Year:	€4,995,500 ex VAT (Expenditure in respect to WBL contract only)
Projected Final Cost:	259,823,500.00 ex VAT
Value of Contract Variations:	€0.00
Date of Completion:	NA - Ongoing
Outputs	
Expected Output on Completion (E.G. XX kms of Road, No of units etc)	N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road Project comprises of the construction of a 33.4km Type 1 single carriageway road which by passes the towns/villages of Frenchpark, Bellanagare , Tulsk and Strokestown and all ancillary works.
Output Achieved to date (E.G. X kms of Roads, No of Units etc)	

	Preliminaries, preliminary works including surveys, establishment of site office, accesses, design, H&S works etc.
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6. Assessment of Compliance (Step 3 of QA Process)

There are 7 Checklists and the purpose of the checklists is to provide a self-assessment overview of how compliant Roscommon County Council is with the PSC. As part of the process the following revised high level checklists have been completed:

Checklist 1: General obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.

Checklist 2: Capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes that were under consideration in the past year.

Checklist 3: New current expenditure under consideration in the past year.

Checklist 4: Capital projects/programmes & capital grants schemes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

Checklist 5: Current expenditure programmes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

Checklist 6: Capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes discontinued in the year under review

Checklist 7: Current expenditure programmes that reached the end of their planned timeframe during the year or were discontinued.

Checklist 1 – To be completed in respect of general obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.

	General Obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 1.1	Does the organisation ensure, on an ongoing basis, that appropriate people within the organisation and its agencies are aware of their requirements under the Public Spending Code (incl. through training)?	3	PMDS process facilitates requests for the delivery of job specific training. Specific guidance documents are available on various expenditure i.e. Roads and Housing projects. All staff with involvement in significant expenditure are aware of the requirements of the PSC
Q 1.2	Has internal training on the Public Spending Code been provided to relevant staff?	2	Some Business Unit have provided training on the updated PSC i.e. Relevant NRRO staff has received training on TII Project Appraisal Guidelines (PAG) which are aligned with the PSC. Further internal training would be beneficial. A Procurement Unit is in place and oversees all procurement.
Q 1.3	Has the Public Spending Code been adapted for the type of project/programme that your organisation is responsible for, i.e., have adapted sectoral guidelines been developed?	3	The relevant funding agencies guidance documents are aligned with the PSC
Q 1.4	Has the organisation in its role as Approving Authority satisfied itself that agencies that it funds comply with the Public Spending Code?	N/A	There is no project of this nature experiencing expenditure at this time
Q 1.5	Have recommendations from previous QA reports (incl. spot checks) been disseminated, where appropriate, within the organisation and to agencies?	3	Yes - Any previous recommendations arising from QA reports have been disseminated to the relevant personnel.
Q 1.6	Have recommendations from previous QA reports been acted upon?	3	All projects are progressed in line with funding agencies guidance documents and ongoing recommendations
Q 1.7	Has an annual Public Spending Code QA report been submitted to and certified by the Chief Executive Officer, submitted to NOAC and published on the Local Authority's website?	3	Yes
Q 1.8	Was the required sample of projects/programmes subjected to in-depth checking as per step 4 of the QAP?	3	Yes
Q 1.9	Is there a process in place to plan for ex post evaluations? Ex-post evaluation is conducted after a certain period has passed since the completion of a target project with emphasis on the effectiveness and sustainability of the project.	2	Some sanctioning authorities require ex post evaluation forms. Not all projects are at this stage, or at the value required for this step.
Q 1.10	How many formal evaluations were completed in the year under review? Have they been published in a timely manner?	NA	None

Q 1.11	Is there a process in place to follow up on the recommendations of previous evaluations?	3	Yes based on sanctioning authorities requirement
Q 1.12	How have the recommendations of reviews and ex post evaluations informed resource allocation decisions?	3	Lessons learned are implemented on future projects.

* Checklist 1 was completed using checklist data from main expenditure Areas

Checklist 2 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes that were under consideration in the past year.

	Capital Expenditure being Considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 2.1	Was a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) completed for all capital projects and programmes over €10m?	N/A	No longer relevant
Q 2.2	Were performance indicators specified for each project/programme which will allow for a robust evaluation at a later date? Have steps been put in place to gather performance indicator data?	3	As required (dependent on funding stream)
Q 2.3	Was a Preliminary and Final Business Case, including appropriate financial and economic appraisal, completed for all capital projects and programmes?	3	As required (dependent on funding stream)
Q 2.4	Were the proposal objectives SMART and aligned with Government policy including National Planning Framework, Climate Mitigation Plan etc?	3	As required (dependent on funding stream)
Q 2.5	Was an appropriate appraisal method and parameters used in respect of capital projects or capital programmes/grant schemes?	3	Yes, consultants engaged and relevant funding Department review and recommendations as appropriate
Q 2.6	Was a financial appraisal carried out on all proposals and was there appropriate consideration of affordability?	3	Yes
Q 2.7	Was the appraisal process commenced at an early enough stage to inform decision making?	3	Yes
Q 2.8	Were sufficient options analysed in the business case for each capital proposal?	3	Yes
Q 2.9	Was the evidence base for the estimated cost set out in each business case? Was an appropriate methodology used to estimate the cost? Were appropriate budget contingencies put in place?	3	Yes
Q 2.10	Was risk considered and a risk mitigation strategy commenced? Was appropriate consideration given to governance and deliverability?	3	Yes
Q 2.11	Has the Preliminary Business Case been sent for review by the External Assurance Process and Major Project Advisory Group for projects estimated to cost over €200m?	N/A	
Q 2.12	Was a detailed project brief including design brief and procurement strategy prepared for all investment projects?	3	Yes
Q 2.13	Were procurement rules (both National and EU) complied with?	3	Yes
Q 2.14	Was the Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) properly implemented?	3	Yes
Q 2.15	Were State Aid rules checked for all support?	3	
Q 2.16	Was approval sought from the Approving Authority at all decision gates?	3	Yes
Q 2.17	Was Value for Money assessed and confirmed at each decision gate by Sponsoring Agency and Approving Authority?	3	Yes
Q 2.18	Was consent sought from Government through a Memorandum for Government to approve projects estimated to cost over €200m at the appropriate approval gates?	N/A	

**Checklist 2 was completed using checklist data from main expenditure Areas*

Checklist 3 – To be completed in respect of new current expenditure under consideration in the past year.

	Current Expenditure being Considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 3.1	Were objectives clearly set out?	NA	
Q 3.2	Are objectives measurable in quantitative terms?	NA	
Q 3.3	Was a business case, incorporating financial and economic appraisal, prepared for new current expenditure proposals?	NA	
Q 3.4	Was an appropriate appraisal method used?	NA	
Q 3.5	Was an economic appraisal completed for all projects/programmes exceeding €20m or an annual spend of €5m over 4 years?	NA	
Q 3.6	Did the business case include a section on piloting?	NA	
Q 3.7	Were pilots undertaken for new current spending proposals involving total expenditure of at least €20m over the proposed duration of the programme and a minimum annual expenditure of €5m?	NA	
Q 3.8	Have the methodology and data collection requirements for the pilot been agreed at the outset of the scheme?	NA	
Q 3.9	Was the pilot formally evaluated and submitted for approval to the relevant Vote Section in DPER?	NA	
Q 3.10	Has an assessment of likely demand for the new scheme/scheme extension been estimated based on empirical evidence?	NA	
Q 3.11	Was the required approval granted?	NA	
Q 3.12	Has a sunset clause been set?	NA	
Q 3.13	If outsourcing was involved were both EU and National procurement rules complied with?	NA	
Q 3.14	Were performance indicators specified for each new current expenditure proposal or expansion of existing current expenditure programme which will allow for a robust evaluation at a later date?	NA	
Q 3.15	Have steps been put in place to gather performance indicator data?	NA	

**Checklist 3 was completed on the basis that there was no new current expenditure under consideration in the past year*

Checklist 4 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grants schemes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

	Incurring Capital Expenditure	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 4.1	Was a contract signed and was it in line with the Approval given at each Decision Gate?	3	All projects are progressed in line with sanctioning authorities guidelines and approvals
Q 4.2	Did management boards/steering committees meet regularly as agreed?	3	Yes, where a steering committee is a requirement of the project. For smaller projects bi-weekly/periodic update reports are completed
Q 4.3	Were programme co-ordinators appointed to co-ordinate implementation?	3	Yes where appropriate, in line with relevant guideline documents
Q 4.4	Were project managers, responsible for delivery, appointed and were the project managers at a suitably senior level for the scale of the project?	3	Yes
Q 4.5	Were monitoring reports prepared regularly, showing implementation against plan, budget, timescales and quality?	3	Yes in line with funding authorities requirements for each gate
Q 4.6	Did projects/programmes/grant schemes keep within their financial budget and time schedule?	3	All deviations with regards to budgets and time schedules are agreed with relevant funding agency in line with funding guidelines.
Q 4.7	Did budgets have to be adjusted?	3	Yes – see 4.6
Q 4.8	Were decisions on changes to budgets / time schedules made promptly?	3	Yes
Q 4.9	Did circumstances ever warrant questioning the viability of the project/programme/grant scheme and the business case (exceeding budget, lack of progress, changes in the environment, new evidence, etc.)?	3	Scope of 2 projects had to be adjusted due to demand and budget constraints
Q 4.10	If circumstances did warrant questioning the viability of a project/programme/grant scheme was the project subjected to adequate examination?	3	Yes, the project was assessed for viability and value for money
Q 4.11	If costs increased or there were other significant changes to the project was approval received from the Approving Authority?	3	Yes
Q 4.12	Were any projects/programmes/grant schemes terminated because of deviations from the plan, the budget or because circumstances in the environment changed the need for the investment?	3	Yes, project resubmitted due to significant scope changes

*Check list 4 was completed using checklist data for the relevant expenditure codes

Checklist 5 – To be completed in respect of current expenditure programmes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

	Incurring Current Expenditure	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1-3	Comment/Action Required
Q 5.1	Are there clear objectives for all areas of current expenditure?	3	Corporate Plan, Annual Service Delivery Plan(SDP), Budgets & Monthly management reports
Q 5.2	Are outputs well defined?	3	Yes – SDP, KPI's, SLA's, PMDS, Budgets, Budget Monitoring, Grant requirements etc.
Q 5.3	Are outputs quantified on a regular basis?	3	Yes if relevant
Q 5.4	Is there a method for monitoring efficiency on an ongoing basis?	3	Yes, see 5.2
Q 5.5	Are outcomes well defined?	3	Yes where relevant see 5.2
Q 5.6	Are outcomes quantified on a regular basis?	3	Yes see 5.2
Q 5.7	Are unit costings compiled for performance monitoring?	3	Where relevant
Q 5.8	Are other data compiled to monitor performance?	3	Where relevant
Q 5.9	Is there a method for monitoring effectiveness on an ongoing basis?	3	See 5.2
Q 5.10	Has the organisation engaged in any other 'evaluation proofing' of programmes/projects?	3	PSC QA process Internal Audit assurance Oversight by funding authority Oversight by funding agency Annual Report

*Checklist 5 All current expenditure in excess of €500,000

Checklist 6 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes discontinued in the year under review.

	Capital Expenditure Recently Completed	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 6.1	How many Project Completion Reports were completed in the year under review?	None	Sufficient time has not lapsed for project completion reports
Q 6.2	Were lessons learned from Project Completion Reports incorporated into sectoral guidance and disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and the Approving Authority?	N/A	The relevant funding agency guidance documents are updated on a regular/periodic basis i.e. Project Management Guidelines Project Appraisal Guidelines Cost Management Guidelines Environmental Guidelines to take into account lessons learned at a national level
Q 6.3	How many Project Completion Reports were published in the year under review?	None	
Q 6.4	How many Ex-Post Evaluations were completed in the year under review?	None	
Q 6.5	How many Ex-Post Evaluations were published in the year under review?	None	
Q 6.6	Were lessons learned from Ex-Post Evaluation reports incorporated into sectoral guidance and disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and the Approving Authority?	N/A	See 6.2
Q 6.7	Were Project Completion Reports and Ex-Post Evaluations carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?	NA	
Q 6.8	Were Project Completion Reports and Ex-Post Evaluation Reports for projects over €50m sent to DPER for dissemination?	NA	

**Checklist 6 was completed in respect of Roads General Projects*

Checklist 7 – To be completed in respect of current expenditure programmes that reached the end of their planned timeframe during the year or were discontinued.

	Current Expenditure that (i) reached the end of its planned timeframe or (ii) was discontinued	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 7.1	Were reviews carried out of current expenditure programmes that matured during the year or were discontinued?	NA	
Q 7.2	Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were efficient?	NA	
Q 7.3	Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were effective?	NA	
Q 7.4	Have the conclusions reached been taken into account in related areas of expenditure?	NA	
Q 7.5	Were any programmes discontinued following a review of a current expenditure programme?	NA	
Q 7.6	Were reviews carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?	NA	
Q 7.7	Were changes made to the organisation's practices in light of lessons learned from reviews?	NA	

**Checklist 7 is not applicable as no current expenditure programmes were discontinued in 2023*

Notes:

- (A) Roscommon County Council estimated their compliance on each item on a 3 point scoring scale as follows:
- Scope for significant improvements = a score of 1
 - Compliant but with some improvement necessary = a score of 2
 - Broadly compliant = a score of 3
- (B) For some questions, the scoring mechanism is not always strictly relevant. In these cases, it is appropriate to mark as N/A and provide the required information in the commentary box as appropriate.
- (C) The focus should be on providing descriptive and contextual information to frame the compliance ratings and to address the issues raised for each question. It is also important to provide summary details of key analytical outputs covered in the sample for those questions which address compliance with appraisal/evaluation requirements the annual number of formal evaluations, economic appraisals, project completion report and ex post evaluations.

Overall, these checklists present a good level of compliance with the Code for 2023.

Checklist 1: Provides an overview of the awareness and compliance with the Public Spending Code and its requirements across the Council, which is particularly evident with large scale projects, in all three categories, being considered, being incurred and discontinued/ended, as appropriate.

Checklist 2: Shows broad compliance with the code.

Checklist 3: Shows no new Revenue Project were being considered during the year.

Checklist 4: Shows that Capital Projects are broadly compliant with the code.

Checklist 5: Shows broad compliance with the code.

Checklist 6: Shows broad compliance with the code.

Checklist 7: Not applicable as no revenue code was discontinued/ended.

7. In-Depth Checks (Step 4 of QA Process)

This section covers the in-depth checks that were conducted as part of the Quality Assurance Process.

The aim of the in-depth review is to review a minimum of 5% of the total value of all Capital projects on the project inventory over a 3 year period 2021 - 2023 and a minimum of 1% of the 2023 Revenue projects on the project inventory.

The following tables outline to value of the in-depth reviews:

Table No. 1: Revenue Project Expenditure 2023

Revenue Project Expenditure	Project reviewed - B05: Public Lighting	Overall Revenue Expenditure	% of overall Budget Reviewed
Revenue Expenditure for 2023	€1,338,090	€70,299,107	2%

Table No. 2: Capital Project Expenditure 2020/2022

Capital	Year	Cost of individual projects	Project Cost	Overall Capital Expenditure	% over
Target for review over 3 years					5%
8 No. Housing Construction and Acquisition Programmes	2021		€16,160,671		
URDF- Putting the Spokes back in the hub	2021		€12,264,646	€461,889,029	6%
N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramouge - 2506	2022		€53,334,067	€613,126,576	9%
B02 Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway	2023		€55,000,000	€916,713,855	6%
All Projects subjected to in-depth review for 2023					
Total Capital Expenditure over 3 years 2021 - 2023			€136,759,384	€1,991,729,457	7%

Operation of Public Lighting – In Depth Review

Roscommon County Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of approximately 7,900 lights throughout the county. The purpose of these lights is to enhance road & pedestrian safety and provide social benefits by providing guidance, helping people to detect and identify hazards, reducing anti-social behaviour etc. The budget for Public Lighting is approved on an annual basis at the Councils Annual Budget Meeting and had expenditure in 2023 of €1,338,090 or 2% of the overall revenue budget.

The maintenance contract is currently held by Electric Skyline and covers the period up to the end of April 2024.

The energy supply to all public lights is provided by Energia under an agreement in place until 31st October, 2024.

Roscommon County Council uses the Deadsure Public Lighting Asset Management System to manage details of maintenance schedules, faults, night patrols etc.

The in-depth check included a review of the contracts in place and the monthly reports available to monitor activity and compliance with contract terms. National and regional procurement frameworks have been used to procure the maintenance contract and the supply of energy.

Overall based on the sample reviewed I am satisfied that the provision of Public Lighting in Roscommon for 2023 is *broadly compliant* with the principles of the Public Spending Code.

Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway (Capital Project, being incurred)

In Depth Check Summary (6% of Capital Project Inventory for 2023 and 7% year average 2021-2023)

This capital investment project with expenditure being incurred has an objective of creating a greenway which will link the towns of Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough with an estimated overall project cost of €55,000,000.

At the southern end, it will tie into the Galway to Athlone Cycleway (part of EuroVelo 2 route) at the newly constructed cycleway bridge in Athlone town. At the northern end at Ballyleague/Lanesborough it will tie into the Mid Shannon Greenway - Ballyleague /Lanesborough to Tarmonbarry/Strokestown/Roosky. The Greenway will improve access to East Roscommon and the Lough Ree catchments and entice one to explore its many towns and villages, its unspoilt scenery, connecting them with this natural and historical environment. The Greenway proposed occurs between the urban centres of Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough, it also occurs within a corridor which is being considered for inclusion in the National Cycle Network. The project meets all of the criteria highlighted in the Strategy for Future Development of National & Regional Greenways.

As required by the Public Spending Code the project works appear to be well managed. The overall process and documentation prepared for the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway is consistent with the prevailing guidelines set out in the Public Spending Code.

Based on the findings of the in-depth review on the proposed Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway Capital Project the audit opinion is that Roscommon County Council is *broadly compliant* with the relevant requirements of the Public Spending Code.

8. Conclusion

The inventory outlined in this report lists the current and capital expenditure that is being considered, being incurred and recently ended.

Roscommon County Council had one single procurement in excess of €10 million in 2023 in respect of a major roads project. This contract has been uploaded to the Council website at the following location:

Procurement over €10 million - Roscommon County Council

The checklists completed by the Council show broad compliance with the Public Spending Code.

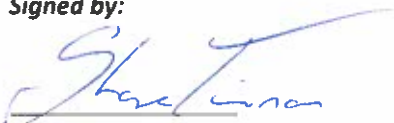
The in-depth checks carried out on a selection of programmes did not highlight any major issues which reflect negatively on the Council's compliance with the code and, overall, there is satisfactory assurance on the level of compliance in the organisation.

The public spending code is now bedded into the Local Government system and processes. In addition, funding agencies provide guidance document and oversight of all major expenditure, with approval required at each gate prior to commencing the following steps of a project. Roscommon County Council has introduced a robust Procurement process, with ongoing scrutiny and oversight, which has further improved the control environment and reduced risk. Budgets are monitored on a monthly basis and all project over-expenditure is managed on a case by case basis. The council is committed to carrying out all its functions in line with best practice, while ensuring that value for money is achieved and the environment is protected. All Areas which require improvement are identified through ongoing monitoring and oversight and communicated as required to the relevant Business Units/teams/individuals, with a view to ensuring continued focus on compliance with the Public Spending Code on an ongoing basis.

9. Certification

This Annual Quality Assurance Report reflects Roscommon County Council's assessment of compliance with the Public Spending Code. It is based on the best financial, organisational and performance related information available across the various areas of responsibility.

Signed by:



Shane Tiernan
Chief Executive

Date: 27th May 2024

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Public Lighting
Detail	Current Expenditure to operate and maintain the Public Lighting systems in Roscommon
Responsible Body	Roscommon County Council
Current Status	Expenditure being Incurred
Start Date	January 2023
End Date	December 2023
Overall Cost	€1,338,090

Project Description

Roscommon County Council are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of approximately 7,900 lights throughout the county. The purpose of these lights is to enhance road & pedestrian safety and provide social benefits by providing guidance, helping people to detect and identify hazards, reducing anti-social behaviour etc.

Energia are the energy supplier for the entire system. Maintenance is carried out by Electric Skyline.

The budget for Public Lighting is approved on an annual basis as part of the Annual Budget. Expenditure on Public Lighting mainly relates to the maintenance of the lights and the supply of electricity and total expenditure for the provision of Public Lighting in Roscommon in 2023 was €1.338 million.

The maintenance contract is currently held by Electric Skyline and covers the period up to the end of April 2024. The contract was procured by Mayo County Council in 2020 on behalf of Sligo County Council, Leitrim County Council, Roscommon County Council, Galway County Council, Galway City Council and Mayo County Council. The contract was for a period of 1 year initially with an option to extend the contract in 6 month intervals up to a maximum of 4 years. A contract extension was agreed between Electric Skyline and Roscommon County Council on April 9th 2024 for a further period of 6 months with effect from 30th April 2024.

The energy supply to all public lights is provided by Energia under an agreement in place until 31st October 2024.

Costs incurred in relation to public lighting on National Primary (NP) and National Secondary (NS) roads are paid by Roscommon County Council with an annual allocation towards the cost of public lighting recouped from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The amount recouped from TII in 2023 was €115k.

Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Internal Audit has completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for the supply and maintenance of Public Lighting. A PLM is a standard evaluation tool and further information on their nature is available in the [Public Spending Code](#).

Objectives	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Maintain a public lighting network in good working order. Identify and achieve energy efficiencies to reduce energy usage	Budget Human resources (1 No. technician, 1 No. assistant staff officer), Fault reports (from members of public, night- time patrols by contractor etc.) New stock & equipment for maintenance	Routine maintenance works carried out by contractor. Site visits to review proposed works and verify works carried out. Receive and review monthly energy bills. Receive and review monthly maintenance invoices. Review and update inventory database.	The provision of efficient and effective public lighting in County Roscommon – 7,900 lights.	Increased energy efficiency leading to reduced energy usage. Continued provision of social, safety & security benefits for members of the public.

Description of Programme Logic Model

Objectives: To provide an effective and efficient public lighting system for the citizens of Roscommon in the most sustainable and energy efficient manner possible.

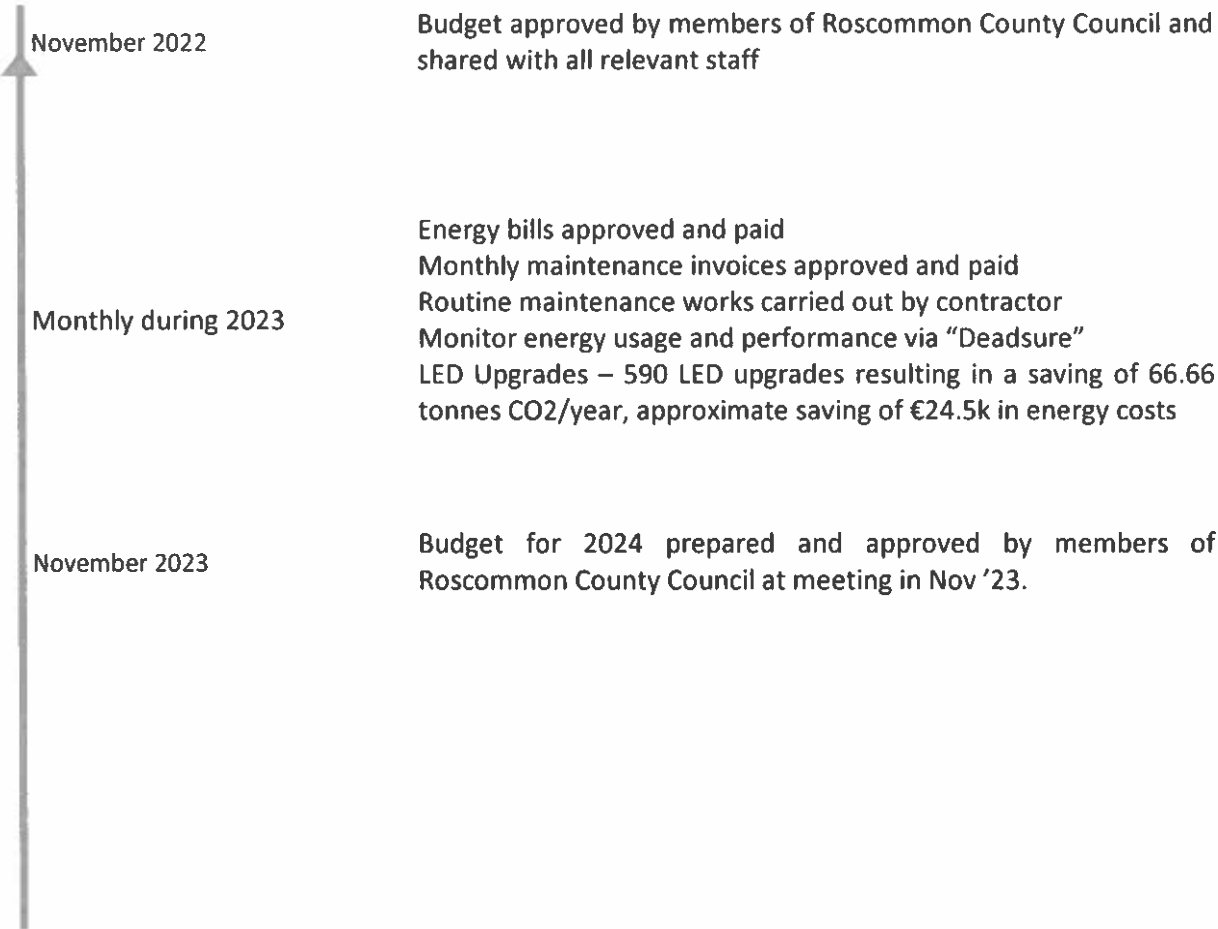
Inputs: The primary input to the project was the Budget of €1.045M for 2023 approved by Roscommon County Council members at their meeting in November 2022.

Activities: The operation and maintenance of 7,900 lights. The energy supply was provided by Energia with maintenance supplied by Electric Skyline. Costs incurred in relation to public lighting on National Primary and National Secondary roads are borne by Roscommon County Council with an annual allocation towards this cost recouped from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Outputs: The provision of public lighting throughout County Roscommon.

Outcomes: Enhanced public safety through the provision and maintenance of public lighting whilst continuously striving to identify and achieve energy efficiencies to reduce energy usage

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme



Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis and evaluation for the provision of Public Lighting.

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
Annual Budget 2023	Details of the approved amount for Public Lighting for 2023.
Contracts/ Chief Executive Orders	Contracts for the maintenance of Public Lighting are on file. CE Order for original maintenance contract is on file. Contracts for the supply of electricity from Energia are on file.
Financial Reports	Reports from the Agresso system are reviewed on a regular basis to monitor expenditure.
Monthly activity reports	Reports from the DeadSure system are issued to the engineer responsible for Public Lighting on a monthly basis. Information available includes faults reported, job ticket numbers and works activity.

Key Document 1: Annual Budget 2023

The budget is a reserved function of the Members of Roscommon County Council. It was approved at the Annual Budget Meeting in November 2022. The Budget document is available on Roscommon County Council's website https://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/Download-It/Finance-Publications/Annual_Budget/Annual-Budget-2023.pdf

Key Document 2: Contract Documents / Chief Executive's Orders

Mayo County Council was the Lead Contracting Authority which procured on its own behalf and on behalf of; Galway County Council, Galway City Council, Roscommon County Council, Leitrim County Council and Sligo County Council a contract for the repair, service/maintenance of its Public Lighting. Information on the tenders is available on the e-tenders website <http://etenders.gov.ie/> Tenders were invited by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) for the Supply of Unmetered Electricity to the Public Sector. All suppliers under the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) were invited to participate. Following the completion of the evaluation process Energia were awarded the contracts. Contract documents and Chief Executive Orders for the agreements were reviewed.

Key Document 3: Financial Reports

Reports from the Agresso Financial Management System and CCAS are available to monitor income and expenditure.

Key Document 4: Monthly activity reports

Monthly reports from the DeadSure system are reviewed by the engineer responsible for Public Lighting to ensure compliance with all key KPI's.

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the provision of Public Lighting. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project/programme.

Data Required	Use	Availability
No. of faults reported	To monitor works carried out by contractor	Yes, through the IT system - DeadSure
Timeline between fault report and repair	Assess if delays, reason for them and if necessary review contracts	Yes, through the IT system - DeadSure
Financial analysis	To monitor value for money and compliance with contract	Yes, through the Financial management system - Agresso
Contracts	Ensure contracts are in place and are procured in accordance with legislation, policy and procedures.	Yes, in Assets & Energy section
Performance Reports	To demonstrate efficiencies achieved and savings made	Yes, contractors progress reports and from Deadsure

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps: Roscommon County Council uses the DeadSure Public Lighting Asset Management System to manage the public lighting system and monthly reports are issued. It keeps an inventory of all lights, tracks faults reported and the progress on reports. All work carried out by the Contractor are recorded on Deadsure. The public can report faults directly to Electric Skyline by phone, text, e-mail, app or website. Roscommon County Council's website outlines the different methods for reporting a fault [https: MyServices - Roscommon County Council Online Services \(achieveservice.com\)](https://my-services-roscommon-county-council-online-services.achieveservice.com)

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for the operation of Public Lighting based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

The operation of Public Lighting is revenue in nature and therefore does not fit neatly into the public spending code criteria. Contracts were procured and are available for inspection. Monitoring is carried out via Deadsure system which produces reports capturing all the KPI's relating to the provision of Public Lighting as required. Having reviewed the Public Lighting process and viewed sample documents it is my opinion that there is general compliance with the Public Spending Code.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

Data from the DeadSure system and Agresso system is available to enable evaluation of the programme.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

The DeadSure Public Lighting Asset Management System is being developed on a continuous basis to facilitate improved analysis and greater insight into the management of the Public Lighting System. All Local Authorities are consulted during the development process and invited to contribute on the direction of future enhancements. This will lead to greater control and improved decision making in the future.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the provision of Public Lighting.

Summary of In-Depth Check

Roscommon County Council is responsible for the provision of public lighting throughout the county which currently consists of 7,900 public lights. The budget for Public Lighting is approved on an annual basis as part of the Annual Budget. The maintenance contract is currently held by Electric Skyline and covers the period up to the end of April 2024. The energy supply is provided by Energia under an agreement in place until 31st October, 2024. Roscommon County Council uses the DeadSure Public Lighting Asset Management System to manage details of maintenance schedules, faults, night patrols etc.

The in-depth check included a review of the contracts in place and the monthly reports available to monitor activity and compliance with contract terms. National and regional procurement frameworks have been used to procure the maintenance element and the supply of energy. The provision of Public Lighting in Roscommon for 2023 as reviewed complies with the broad principles of the Public Spending Code.

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway
Detail	The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway will be a recreational trail with a 3m wide paved surface providing circa 40-50 km of greenway with the potential to link with the Dublin to Galway Greenway and also with the proposed Mid Shannon Greenway
Responsible Body	Roscommon County Council
Current Status	Capital Project Expenditure being incurred
Start Date	The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTS) provided an allocation in 2020 of €100,000 to progress the scheme.
End Date	The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project is being progressed in line with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) guidelines. They operate a phased approach and progression to each phase is subject to TII funding and approval through gate review statements. An indicative timeline would be 2028/2029 end date.
Overall Cost	Approximately €55 Million

Project Description

The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough greenway will be a recreational trail with a 3m wide paved surface providing circa 40 - 50km greenway.

The proposed Greenway is to the west of Lough Ree which is the second largest lake on the River Shannon system.

The greenway will link the towns of Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough. At the southern end, it will tie into the Galway to Athlone Cycleway (part of EuroVelo 2 route) at the newly constructed cycleway bridge in Athlone town. At the northern end at Ballyleague/Lanesborough it will tie into the Mid Shannon Greenway - Ballyleague /Lanesborough to Tarmonbarry/Strokestown/Rosky.

The Greenway will improve access to East Roscommon and the Lough Ree catchments and entice one to explore its many towns and villages, its unspoilt scenery, connecting them with this natural and historical environment.

The Greenway proposed occurs between the urban centres of Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough, it also occurs within a corridor which is being considered for inclusion in the National Cycle Network. The project meets all of the criteria highlighted in the Strategy for Future Development of National & Regional Greenways .

Figure 1-1 presents the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway study area.

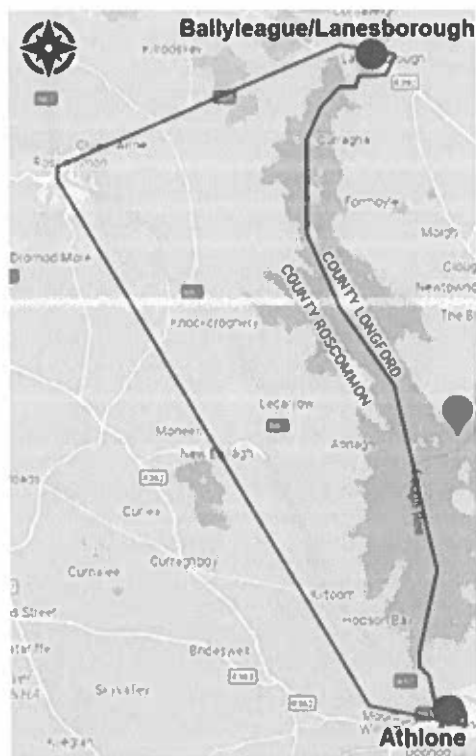


Figure 1-1 presents the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway study area.

History of the Scheme

No other dedicated greenway project preceded the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway scheme, and as such there is no previous scheme history. There are a number of existing trails in operation within the study area including Rindoon Castle Loop walk and Cloonlarge Loop which allows one to explore the flora and fauna of the Kiltievan Peatland area.

The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway forms an integral part of the strategic role out of National Greenways. This Greenway will be delivered in accordance with the Department of Transport Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways. A Greenway is defined as a recreational or pedestrian corridor for non-motorised journeys, developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area.

Greenways are not simply a means of getting from one point to another, they are an experience in and of themselves. The Greenway will be required to be Scenic, Sustainable, Substantially Segregated of Shared Use, Strategic, and can offer lots to see and do. It will provide an excellent experience for all visitors and will be developed to be a significant tourist attraction for international and local visitors. The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway is to commence at the junction with the proposed Dublin to Galway Greenway in Athlone Town & end at Kilnacarrow Shannon River Bridge where it will join the proposed Longford Mid Shannon Wilderness Park Greenway.

Where Greenways are planned in areas of private land, they should be designed to transverse field boundaries and hedge lines to avoid severance where possible and in line with an agreed code of practice. The preferred model for Greenways is to use lands already in the undisputed ownership or control of the State, either through Government Agencies, Government Departments or Local Authorities. This is tempered by the requirement that the Greenway meets the requirement to be a significant tourist attraction. Where greenways traverse land that is in private ownership, it is essential in those cases that proposals and routes are developed in a consultative and proactive manner with the potentially affected landowners, that is sensitive to their needs, that maximises their support for, and goodwill towards the proposed Greenway.

A key facet of this project is to safeguard our environment for future generations to come. Bringing about substantial environmental benefits whilst enhancing the quality of life in the area, this pioneering project will deliver an alternative and sustainable pathway for cyclists and walkers to commute in the Upper Shannon area.

Strategic Value/ Value to the Region

National

The Route will link into Galway to Athlone Cycleway - part of the EuroVelo 2 (Capitals Route)

Regional

The Greenway will promote active travel and sustainable transport in the region. The Greenway has high tourism potential given its location in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and its linkage with the Galway to Athlone Cycleway. The Greenway would showcase County Roscommon and in particular its history, culture & heritage & its peatlands, hills, rivers, lakes, and bays.

Local

The Greenway will provide a safe facility for users of all ages, all abilities and be family orientated. The Greenway will also provide a key amenity for local communities, encouraging modal shift toward active travel and sustainable transport options.

The Greenway will provide an important addition to tourism infrastructure within the county and especially from Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough and the surrounding rural areas expected to benefit from increased visitor numbers and a significant boost to the local economy.

Scheme Reference Data

Project Name: Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough

TII Project Reference: RN2025823

Local Authority: Roscommon County Council

Approving Authority: Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Greenway Length: TBC – potentially 40-50km

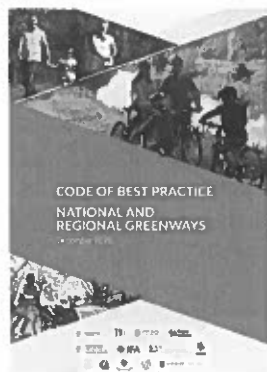
Greenway Guidance & Policy Documents



Project Manager's Manual for Greenway Projects PE-PMG-02047 July 2022



Project Manager's Manual for Greenway Projects PE-PMG-02047 May 2023



Code of Best Practice National and Regional Greenways – December 2021



Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways (DTTAS, July 2018)

Approvals to Proceed-Gate Review Statements

The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project is being progressed in line with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) guidelines and Phase 0 & Phase 1 are complete. At the completion of each phase a Gate Review Statement is issued to TII, seeking approval to progress to the next phase. Figure 1-2 & Figure 1-3 presents Phase 0 Gate Review Statement information. Figure 1-4 & Figure 1-5 presents Phase 1 Gate Review Statement information.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Parkgate Business Centre
Parkgate Street
Dublin 8
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Date: 30th January 2023
TII Ref: RN/20/25823
ANRRO Doc Ref: RN2025823-01-36830
Re: Lough Ree Greenway – Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough
Subject: Phase 0 Gate Review Statement

Attn: Mr. Kieran Kelly, TII Regional Manager

A Dhúine Uaisle,

We refer to the above referenced Greenway Project

Roscommon County Council hereby confirm the following:

1. Roscommon County Council have completed in full all of the processes required in the TII Project Management Guidelines for Phase 0 (Scope and Pre Appraisal).

Accordingly, Roscommon County Council request Transport Infrastructure Ireland approval to the following:

1. Progression of the above referenced Greenway Project from Phase 0 (Scope and Pre Appraisal) to Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

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Mr. Greg O'Donnell
A/Director of Services, Road & Transportation

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Figure 1-2 Phase 0 Gate Review Statement

From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>

Sent: Monday 13 February 2023 11:44

To: Roads Department <roads@roscommoncoco.ie>

Subject: FAO: Mr Greg O'Donnell. TII Ref: TII23-121903 - Phase 0 Gateway Approval - Lough Ree Greenway - Athlone to Ballyleague Lanesborough. Your Ref: RN2025823-01-36830.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

TII confirms approval to proceed from Phase 0 (Scope and Pre-Appraisal) to Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) for the Lough Ree Greenway – Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough project.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Moore
Regulatory and Administration Executive

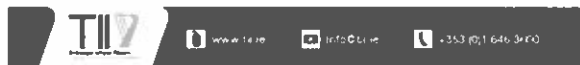


Figure 1-3 TII Approval to proceed to Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility)

Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Parkgate Business Centre
Parkgate Street
Dublin 8
D08 DK10

Date: 21st November 2023
TII Ref: RN/20/225823
RNRO Doc Ref: RN2025823-01-37662
Re: Lough Ree Greenway – Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough
Subject: Phase 1 Gate Review Statement

Attn: Mr. Kieran Kelly, TII Regional Manager

A Dhuine Uaisle,

We refer to the above referenced Greenway Project.

Roscommon County Council hereby confirm the following:

1. Roscommon County Council have completed in full all of the processes required in the TII Project Management Guidelines for Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility).
2. The Feasibility Report has been prepared and submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for your records.
3. The Project Execution Plan has been prepared and submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for your records.

Accordingly, Roscommon County Council request Transport Infrastructure Ireland approval to the following:

1. Progression of the above referenced Greenway Project from Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) to Phase 2 (Option Selection) of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

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Mr. Greg O'Donnell,
A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.

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Local Enterprise Office

Figure 1-4 Phase 1 Gate Review Statement

RE: RN2025823-01-37662 Athlone to Ballyleague Greenway Phase 1 Gate Review Statement

 Jonathan Noonan <Jonathan.Noonan@tii.ie>
To: Niall Morrissey; Kelly Kieran
You forwarded this message on 13/12/2023 12:36.

Niall

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) confirm approval to proceed to Phase 2 (Options Selection) for the Athlone to Ballyleague Greenway.

Jonathan

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Figure 1-5 TII Approval to proceed to Phase 2 (Options Selection)

Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Internal Audit have completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) on the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project. A PLM is a standard evaluation tool and further information on their nature is available in the [Public Spending Code](#).

Objectives	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective of this scheme is to deliver a new Greenway route which can provide a fully accessible Greenway between Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough. To provide a safe recreational outdoor activity for end users. Create a tourist attraction that can contribute to the economic development of the local communities and the wider region. To support the use of a more sustainable mode of transport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The primary input to the programme is the capital funding from TII. Roscommon County Council's staffing and technical resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The key activities to date included appointment of a consultant for Technical Consultancy Services and completion of Phase 0 and Phase 1. Phase 0 Key Deliverable – Strategic Assessment Report Phase 1 Key Deliverable – Feasibility Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final output from Phases 0-4 will be planning permission for a new Greenway route designed to the relevant standards between Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough. When the project is completed : Creation of a new high quality greenway to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Improved recreational outdoor activity. Improve accessibility, social inclusion, integration and physical activity. Provide new pedestrian and cycling facilities. 	<p>The outcome of the project is a new Greenway route between Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough which when completed will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote a healthier lifestyle and increase the options for physical activity. Support and promote diversification of economic activities in rural areas. Improved pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to attract more visitors to the region.

Activities:

The Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project is being progressed in line with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) guidelines and the project will initially progress through Phases 0-2. Phase 0 (Scope and Pre-Appraisal) & Phase 1 (Concept and Feasibility) are complete, TII have approved progression to Phase 2 – Options Selection. These works will include management of the Technical Advisors, reporting, meetings, Public Consultations and selection of a Preferred Route.

Figure 3-1 below presents TII project phases.



On completion of phases 0 – 2 the following activities/phases will be necessary to advance the completion of the proposed project when the various planning stages are sanctioned and funded by TII as the approving authority.

- **Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation**
- **Phase 4 – Statutory Processes**
- **Phase 5 – Enabling and Procurement**
- **Phase 6 – Construction and Implementation**
- **Phase 7 – Close out and Review**

Outputs:

The project will:

- Create a high quality recreational greenway of 40 to 50 km in length with a 3m wide paved surface.
- Improve recreational outdoor activity
- Improve accessibility, social inclusion, integration and physical activity
- Provide new pedestrian and cycling facilities

Outcomes:

The project will:

- Promote and encourage a healthier lifestyle.
- Support and encourage economic diversification in rural areas.
- Support greater physical activity in the local and wider community.
- Improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to attract more visitors to the region.

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks the **Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project** from inception to date in terms of major project/programme milestones

Carbon Tax 2020 - Allocation by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTS)

2020

Allocation by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTS)
Tender for Technical Consultancy Services managed by Regen Section, RCC

2021

Scheme management is moved to RNRRO
Phase 0 – Scope and Pre-Appraisal

June 2022

- Aug 2022 – Permission to start
- Jan 2023 – Phase 0 Gate Review Statement
- Feb 2023 – TII Approval to proceed to Phase 1

Phase 1 – Concept and Feasibility

2023

- Wednesday 22nd March 2023 Public Consultation Event No. 1
- Nov 2023 – Phase 1 Gate Review Statement

Phase 2 – Options Selection

2024

2024 – 2028/29 Phases 3 - 7 – Estimated completion date difficult – Funding Dependant

Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis and evaluation for the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project.

Project/Programme Key Documents		
Title	Details	
Carbon Tax Greenway Funding Application	Prepared by Roscommon County Council and made to Department of Transport July 2020. Revised application made May 2021.	
Funding Allocation Approval/Grant Terms & Conditions – Dept. of Transport Tourism & Sport	Department of Transport allocate €100,000 to progress project Phase 0 – 2	
Multi-Disciplinary and other Specialised Consultancy Services Tendering Documentation Tender Evaluations, Chief Executive Order, Letter of Appointment & Consultancy Services Contract to progress project through Phases 0 – 2 of the project	E-tender Ref 192166 Tender Date 10/6/21 Submission date 15/7/21 Tender Assessment Report dated 24/9/21 Letter of Acceptance dated 28/10/21 Chief Executive Order dated 3/11/21 All supporting documentation available on file.	
Strategic Assessment Report prepared as per Public Spending Code Decision Gate 0, DOT require SAR	Report prepared by RPS Consulting Engineers in conjunction with Roscommon County Council and published Jan '23	

Key Document 1: Carbon Tax Funding Application prepared by Roscommon County Council and made to Department of Transport in July 2020. A revised application was made in May 2021. This application outlined the Council's proposal to develop the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway in line with the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways and Roscommon's County Development Plan.

Key Document 2: Evidence of the Greenway Funding Allocation from Department of Transport of €100,000 dated May 2021 together with the relevant terms and conditions for the grant award to progress scheme through Phases 0 – 2. This Funding was awarded to a number of local authorities following the assessment by the Department of proposals received under the Carbon Tax 2020 Funding Call for project phases up to but not including the construction of greenway infrastructure i.e. Phases 0 to 5.

Key Document 3: Multi-Disciplinary and other Specialised Consultancy Services Tendering Documentation, Tender Evaluations, Chief Executive Order, Letter of Appointment & Consultancy Services Contract. An invitation to tender was issued on 10th June 2021 with a final submission date of 15th July 2021. Three valid tenders were submitted to Roscommon County Council by the closing date of 15th July 2021. All Tenderers complied with the 'Instructions to Tenderers' and passed the Suitability Assessment. Following the Tender Evaluation of both Price and Quality ratio the Tenderer with the highest score was awarded the contract valued at €1,598,000 ex vat. The appropriate Chief Executive Orders dated 3rd Nov 2021, Letters of Appointments, Unsuccessful Letters and Acceptance and Service Contact / Conditions of Engagement were issued accordingly and available for audit purposes.

Key Document 4: SAR (Strategic Assessment Report) as per Public Spending Code Decision Gate 0, DOT require SAR. The report was prepared by RPS Consulting Engineers in conjunction with Roscommon County Council and was submitted to TII on 24th Jan '23 for approval. The Strategic Research and Analysis division conducted a technical assessment of the appraisal to determine its compliance with PSC and the associated Departmental Greenways guidance and on 30th Jan 2023 the TII concluded that the SAR report was conducted in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project/programme.

Data Required	Use	Availability
Carbon Tax Funding Application/ Project Execution Plan prepared by Roscommon County Council & submitted to Department of Transport in May 21	Initial Application for funding for the Proposed Project	NO – “The funding application for this project proceeds my time with RCC. Having reviewed the file held within Regen we cannot source a copy of the funding application”.
Greenway Funding Allocation and DOT/ TII Approval Letters	Evidence of relevant funding approval of €100,000 from the sanctioning authority to progress scheme to Phase O	Yes
Multi-Disciplinary and other Specialised Consultancy Services Tendering Documentation, Tender Evaluations, Chief Executive Order, Letter of Appointment & Consultancy Services Contract	Evidence that the correct procurement process was applied in line with PSC Guidelines to ensure value for money is achieved in awarding the Consultancy Contract	Yes
SAR (Strategic Assessment Report)	The content of the SAR report ensures conformity with the Project Appraisal Guidelines for National Roads Unit. SAR also outlines the tasks involved in the first stage of a greenway project, which is the Strategic Assessment Stage including	Yes

	1. Identification of existing issues or opportunities, and the need for the Greenway 2. Developing project objectives and produce a list of potential alternatives and options that could address the existing issues or opportunities present.	

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

Yes, with the exception of the first Carbon Tax Funding application all supporting documentation relating to Phases 0 – 1 of this project are available. Route selection options are currently being reviewed by the consultants RPS Consulting Engineers in conjunction with Roscommon County Council.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesboro Greenway project based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

The initial appraisal phases 0 – 2 of the project lifecycle of the proposed project is near completion including the Strategic Assessment Report. These appear to have been done in line with the TII Project Management Guidelines and the required standards set out in the PSC. A review of the preferred route selection is ongoing at present in consultation with Roscommon County Council

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

Yes, all necessary data with the exception of the first Carbon Tax Funding application is available for a full evaluation at a later date.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

At this stage in the project it appears that the NRRO and TII have all the relevant documentation available to a standard that is required for evaluation and inspection. All documentation except the original Carbon Tax Funding application is available – for all future projects it is recommended that all documentation is securely filed and accessible so as to facilitate a full Audit trail.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the **Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway project**

Summary of In-Depth Check

This capital investment project with expenditure being incurred has an objective of creating a greenway which will link the towns of Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough with an estimated overall project cost of €55,000,000.

At the southern end, it will tie into the Galway to Athlone Cycleway (part of EuroVelo 2 route) at the newly constructed cycleway bridge in Athlone town. At the northern end at Ballyleague/Lanesborough it will tie into the Mid Shannon Greenway - Ballyleague /Lanesborough to Tarmonbarry/Stroketown/Rosky. The Greenway will improve access to East Roscommon and the Lough Ree catchments and entice one to explore its many towns and villages, its unspoilt scenery, connecting them with this natural and historical environment. The Greenway proposed occurs between the urban centres of Athlone and Ballyleague/Lanesborough, it also occurs within a corridor which is being considered for inclusion in the National Cycle Network. The project meets all of the criteria highlighted in the Strategy for Future Development of National & Regional Greenways.

In 2020 an application was submitted to the Department of Transport for Carbon Tax funding to progress the proposed Greenway. The application was successful receiving an allocation of €100,000 from the DOT. The current commission is to progress the project through Phases 0 – 2 of the Project Management Guidelines. At this stage the overall completion date is difficult to predict, an indicative timeline of 2029 as it is very much funding dependant. At present the proposed project has expenditure incurred of €270,259 with the consultants appointed in accordance with procurement regulations to progress the project from Phase 0 to Phase 2 (Route Selection). A Strategic Assessment Report was prepared and submitted to TII as required under the PSC and Project Management Guidelines. This was approved by TII in Jan 2023. The consultants are currently preparing route options for public consultation which is due to take place in 2024.

As the various phases are sanctioned by the Approving Authority, TII, all necessary stages of the proposed Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway will be undertaken in accordance with the Public Spending Code regulations and the Capital

Management Framework Guidelines. To date all necessary project assessments/reports and sanctions by the approving authority on the proposed project appear to have been strategically managed with the view of achieving the prime objectives of the scheme and maximising the proposed outcomes and objectives.

As required by the Public Spending Code the initial project appraisal works appear to be well managed. The overall process and documentation prepared for the Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway is generally consistent with the prevailing guidelines set out in the Public Spending Code.

Based on the findings of the in-depth review on the proposed Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway Capital Project the audit opinion is that Roscommon County Council is ***broadly compliant*** with the relevant requirements of the Public Spending Code.

Acknowledgement: Internal audit in Roscommon County Council would like to thank all relevant staff for their assistance during the course of this review.

Appendix 2							
Expenditure being Considered - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline	Projected Lifetime Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Housing & Building							
Lisnamult, Roscommon - 26 units	Social Housing	€	-	€	-	€	-
Castle Street, Roscommon 10 Units - CALF	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2025	€ 12,000,000	
Old Tuam Road, Athlone - 8 units - EOI	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2023	€ 410,017	100% Government Funded
Ardanagh, Roscommon - 3 Units - EOI	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2024	€ 2,000,000	100% Government Funded
The Paddocks, Athleague - 10 Units - EOI	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2024	€ 810,354	100% Government Funded
Lisroyne, Strokestown - 6 Units - EOI	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2024	€ 3,686,900	100% Government Funded
Killerney, Roscommon - 5 Units	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2024	€ 1,974,109	100% Government Funded
Torpan Beg, Ballyforan - 3 unit extensions	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2024	€ 1,967,568	100% Government Funded
Shannon Valley, Ballaghaderreen (13 units)	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2025	€ 5,000,000	100% Government Funded
Meadowbank, Boyle (CHI - 4 units)	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2025	€ 1,200,000	100% Government Funded
Cherryfield, Knockroe, Casterea - 4 unit	Social Housing	€	-	€	31/12/2025	€ 636,694	100% Government Funded
Milner Tarraville St Patricks Street, Castlereagh	Refurbishment of 2no. Units	€	-	€		€607,111	Single Stage - Department Approved
Greenfields, Roscommon (2 Units) Job 1674	Development of 2 units at Green	€	-	€	31/12/2025	€644,915	Single Stage - Department Approved
Total A Housing and Building		€	-	€	-	€ 31,887,668	
Road Transportation and Safety							
N5 Frenchpark to Bellanagare	Pavement Overlay				2023	€ 1,400,000	TII (100%)
N61 Shankill to Cladagh Cross	Pavement Overlay				2023	€ 408,000	TII (100%)
N63 Clonyourish to Balinagard Road	Pavement Overlay				2023	€ 650,000	TII (100%)
Total Road Transportation and Safety		€	-	€	-	€ 2,458,000	
Environmental Services							
E10 Civil Defence Head Quarters construction programme	Civil Defence Head Quarters construction programme	€	-	€			
Total Environmental Services		€	-	€	-	€	
Recreation & Amenity							
F01 - Boyle Library Rebuild	Rebuilding of Boyle Library	€	1,377	€	Jun-26	€6,976,472.68	80% Grant Funded
F02 Library & Archival Services	Renovation of Ballaghaderreen Library incorporating installation of 'My Open Library' service.						Funding received under Small Scale Capital Works 2020 and My Open Library funding from DRCD totalling €155,249.40. Balance from RCC including potential 'Pathfinder' Energy Upgrade funding not yet confirmed.
Rathcroghan (ORIS)	Rathcroghan Archaeological Looped Trails	€	14,760		2024	€ 509,876	confirmed.
	Indoor Recreation and Outdoor Sports Facilities - Planning and Design				Jul-24	€533,400.00	90% Grant Funded
Total Recreation & Amenity		€	16,137			€ 8,790,719	
Overall Expenditure		€	16,137	€	-	€ 43,076,387	

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)									
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline	Cumulative Expenditure to-date	Projected Lifetime Expenditure (Capital Only)	Explanatory Notes	
Housing & Building									
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	€ 1,987,503	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	-	Revenue Budget	
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation & Transfer	A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation & Transfer	€ 992,459	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	-	Revenue Budget	
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme	A07 RAS and Leasing Programme- Rental properties provided by private landlords	€ 3,395,198	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	-	Dept refund RAS landlord rents nett of Tenants Differential Rent & 100% of Lease payments	
A09 Housing Grants	A09 Housing Grants	€ 648,094	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	-	RCC fund 20% of Private Grants from own resources (€ 252,263) Remainder is Salaries and Service Supports Costs	
A01 - Void Derecits & Prelets - 1393	A01 Void Derecits & Prelets - 1393	€ 1,002,908	€ 1,002,908	€ -	-	€ -	-	Revenue Budget	
A01 - Energy Efficiency Retrofitting - Job 1627	A01 - Energy Efficiency Retrofitting - Job 1627	€ 308,391	€ 308,391	€ -	-	€ -	-	100% Government Funding	
A06 3 Housing Units at Cloonfad - 150E	Development of 3 Housing Units at Cloonfad - 150E	€ -	€ -	€ -	Q2 2022	€ 460,887	470047	100% Government Funding	
A06 7 Housing Units at Cluain Fraoigh - 153C	Development of 7 Housing Units at Cluain Fraoigh - 153C	€ -	€ -	€ -	Q2 2022	€ 1,944,349	€ 1,944,349	100% Government Funding	
A06 18 Units at Ballyleague/Meadowbrook Phae 2 - 1559	Development of 18 Units at Ballyleague/Meadowbrook Phae 2 - 1559	€ -	€ 1,968	€ -	Q1 2023	€ 3,185,807	€ 3,239,703	100% Government Funding	
A06 10 Units at Elphin St, Strokestown -156E	Development of 10 Units at Elphin St, Strokestown -156E	€ -	€ 88,465	€ -	Q1 2023	€ 1,990,744	€ 1,991,229	100% Government Funding	
A06 4 Units Lakeview Hts, Boyle 1597	Development of 4 Units Lakeview Hts, Boyle 1597	€ -	€ 1,130,537	€ -	2024	€ 1,664,635	€ 1,595,414	100% Government Funded Stage 4 costs Approval 03/11/2021	
A06 13 Units Ardnagh, Roscommon 1595	Development of 13 Units Ardnagh, Roscommon 1595	€ -	€ 1,446,690	€ -	2024	€ 1,984,530	€ 3,219,848	100% Government Funded Stage 3 costs Approval April 2022	
14 Units Curlew View, Boyle - Job 1619	Development of 14 units at Curlew View, Boyle 1619	€ -	€ 89,855	€ -	31/12/2024	€ 135,118	€ 3,757,785	100% Government Funding	
4 Units at Corrober, Carrick on Shannon - Job 1601	Development of 4 units at Corrober 1601	€ -	€ 81,195	€ -	31/12/2024	€ 211,800	€ 1,107,404	100% Government Funding	
27 Units at Esker Lawns, Monksland - Job 1610	Development of 27 units at Esker Lawns, Athlone 1610	€ -	€ 3,362,295	€ -	31/12/2023	€ 3,822,865	€ 9,113,025	100% Government Funding	
Buy and Renew - Patrick Street, Crea Job 1616	Patrick Street, Castlereia (formerly Glynn's) - 6 units 1616	€ -	€ 1,237	€ -	31/12/2025	€ 143,500	€ 1,300,000	100% Government Funding	
Construction of 10 units at Windmill Road (Job 1606)	Development of 10 units at Windmill Park, Elphin 1606	€ -	€ 1,618,755	€ -	31/12/2023	€ 1,823,091	€ 2,448,140	100% Government Funding	
Tuath Housing 35 units Job 1554	Development of 35 units at Clongowina, Athlone 1554	€ -	€ 1,576,282	€ -	10/11/2023	€ 1,576,282	€ 1,876,893	100% Government Funding	
Buy & Renew - Elphin Street, Strokestown (3 units 1617)	Old Barracks Strokestown 1617	€ -	€ 41,986	€ -	31/12/2024	€ 129,121	€ 782,980	100% Government Funding	
Sli an Choiste, Athlone (50 units) - 1574	Development of 50 Units Sli an Choiste, Athlone	€ 105,590	€ 105,590	€ -	31/12/2026	€ 535,184	€ 15,152,166	Stage 1 approved in July 22 - Stage 2 approved	
The Meadows, Castlereia (6 units - CAS) Job 1626	Development of 6 units The Meadows Castlereia	€ 3,112	€ 3,112	€ -	31/12/2025	€ 268,852	€ 1,700,000	CAS - Stage 2	
Elphin - Vacant Courthouse - 4 units Job 1620	Development of 4 units at Elphin Courthouse, Elphin	€ 137,862	€ 137,862	€ -	31/12/2025	€ 138,145	€ 1,250,463	Stage 4 will be submitted to the Department this month	
Green St, Boyle (9 Units) Job 1622	Development of 9 units at Green St Boyle	€ 163,671	€ 163,671	€ -	31/12/2026	€ 163,671	€ 3,000,000	Pre- Stage 1	
Total A Housing and Building		€ 7,023,254	€ 11,160,799	€ -	-	€ 20,141,082	€ 53,949,446		
Road Transport & Safety									
B01 NP Road - Maintenance & Improvement N1-N50	B01 National Primary Roads N1 to N50- Maintenance & Improvement	€ 625,262	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B02 NS Road - Maintenance & Improvement N51-N99	B02 National Secondary Road N51-N99 - Maintenance & Improvement	€ 923,356	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B03 Regional Road-Maintenance and Improvement	B03 Regional Roads -Maintenance and Improvement works	€ 5,609,371	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B04 Local Road - Maintenance & Improvement	B04 Local Roads - Maintenance & Improvement works	€ 19,641,646	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B05 Public Lighting	B05 Public Lighting	€ 1,338,090	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement works	€ -	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	B11 Agency works & Recoupable Services	€ 1,846,714	€ -	€ -	-	€ -	€ -		
B02 - NS Ballaghdereen to Longford RN14 - Job 2506	B02 - NS Ballaghdereen to Longford RN14 - Job 2506	€ -	€ 7,664,967	€ -	Q4 2030 (P7)	€ 67,118,244	€ 462,400,000	100% Government Funding	
B02 NS Frenchpark to Bellanagare Job Code 2701	N5 Frenchpark to Bellanagare Pavement Overlay	€ 865,193	€ 865,193	€ -	2024	€ 865,193	€ 1,600,000	100% NTA	
B02 NS1 Shankill to Cladagh Cross Job Code 2703	N61 Shankill to Cladagh Cross Job Code Pavement Overlay	€ 1,782,834	€ 1,782,834	€ -	2024	€ 1,791,976	€ 2,484,000	100% NTA	
B02 NS3 Athleague to Ballinagard Road/Clonyourish to Ballinagard Road Job Code 2741	N63 Athleague to Ballinagard Road/Clonyourish to Ballinagard Road Pavement Overlay	€ 1,606,689	€ 1,606,689	€ -	2024	€ 1,606,689	€ 2,020,000	100% NTA	
B02 - N61 Athlone North Bogganfin to Barrymore Phase 2RN/22/27200 - Job 2734	B02 - N61 Athlone North Bogganfin to Barrymore Phase 2RN/22/27200 - Job 2734	€ 201,935	€ 201,935	€ -	€ 2,024	€ 1,269,210	€ 1,338,210	100% TII	
B02 N60 Oran Road Project- 2426	N60 Oran Road Project- 2426	€ -	€ 3,987	€ -	Q4 2023 (P7)	€ 13,809,519	€ 15,150,937	100% Government Funding	

B02 N61 Tulsk to Gortnacranagh - 2704	N61 Tulsk to Gortnacranagh Road Project - 2704	€	477,219	€	941,081	€	56,500,000	100% Government Funding
B02 N61 Coolteige Phase 1 realignment - 245C	N61 Coolteige Phase 1 realignment roads project- 245C	€	19,557	€	11,016,171	€	13,710,192	100% Government Funding
B02 N61 Tulsk to Claghanny - 253E	N61 Tulsk to Claghanny Roads Project - 253E	€	148,841	€	752,821	€	19,951,423	100% Government Funding
B02 N61 Ballymurray to knockcroghery -2539	N61 Ballymurray to knockcroghery Roads Project -2539	€	67,497	€	1,296,401	€	79,600,000	100% Government Funding (Note: Scheme development suspended in 2021. Exp. in 2022 & 2023 relates to N61 Roscommon-Athlone Strategic Study.)
B02 Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway - 2714	B02 Athlone to Ballyleague/Lanesborough Greenway - 2714	€	97,437	€	270,259	€	55,000,000	100% Government Funding
B02 Mid Shannon Greenway - 2715	B02 Ballyleague/Lanesborough, Strokestown, Rosky & Ternonbarry - 2715	€	12,802	€	46,426	€	30,000,000	100% Government Funding
B02 Lough Key to Carrick on Shannon Greenway - 2716	B02 Lough Key to Carrick on Shannon Greenway - 2716	€	170,602	€	190,641	€	18,000,000	100% Government Funding
B02 TII Active Travel Frenchpark	Active Travel project 2718	€	25,504	€	42,804	€	2,200,000	100% Government Funding
B02 TII Active Travel Bellanagare	Active Travel project 2719	€	25,461	€	37,293	€	2,139,500	100% Government Funding
B02 TII Active Travel Tulsk	Active Travel project 2721	€	27,773	€	39,864	€	2,233,000	100% Government Funding
B02 TII Active Travel Strokestown	Active Travel project 2722	€	49,929	€	57,223	€	1,300,750	100% Government Funding
B02 TII Active Travel Tulsk To Rathcroghan	Active Travel project 2720	€	87,967	€	119,141	€	9,355,500	100% Government Funding
Total B Roads Transport & Safety		€ 25,984,439	€ 13,336,194	€	€ 101,270,956	€ 774,983,512		
Water Services								
C01 Operation & Maintenance of Water Supply	C01 Operation & Maintenance of Water Supply	€	3,847,833	€	-	€	-	Revenue Budget
C02 Operation & Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	C02 Operation & Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	€	1,251,320	€	-	€	-	Revenue Budget
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	€	1,158,766	€	-	€	-	Revenue Budget
Total C Water Services		€ 6,257,919	€	€	€	€	€	
Development Management								
D02 Development Management	D02 Development Management	€	1,516,085	€	-	€	-	
D06 Community & Enterprise Function	D06 Community & Enterprise Function	€	4,518,575	€	-	€	-	
D09 Economic Development & Promotion	D09 Economic Development & Promotion	€	3,429,818	€	-	€	-	
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	€	615,448	€	-	€	-	
D09 - URDF Roscommon A - 4377	D04 - URDF Roscommon A - 4377	€	-	€	-	€	-	
D09 - RRDF Boyle A - 4379	D04 - RRDF Boyle A - 4379	€	-	€	804,674	€	5,394,710	75% Government Funding
D09 - RRDF Castlereagh Food Hub - 4380	D09 - RRDF Castlereagh Food Hub - 4380	€	-	€	959,668	€	3,182,770	75% Government Funding
D09 RRDF 2020 Category 2 Project for Ballaghaderreen (4430)	Development of detailed design for public realm in Ballaghaderreen	€	-	€	1,155,708	€	2,538,399	75% Government Funding
D09 RRDF 2019 Category 1 for Monksland Innovation Centre (4434)	Development of Life Sciences Hub Monksland	€	-	€	49,292	€	387,884	75% Government Funding
D09 Destination Towns (4453)	Enhancement of tourism infrastructure	€	-	€	1,456,286	€	1,873,179	75% Government Funding
RRDF Putting Heart in Monksland (4524)	Public Realm Enhancement Scheme	€	-	€	220,192	€	535,231	75% Government Funding
RRDF Reenergising King House (4523)	Community Centre & Public Realm	€	-	€	143,070	€	224,102	80% Government Funding
URDF Car A 2020- Putting spokes back in the Hub (4534)	Enhancing King House and Public Realm	€	-	€	73,911	€	74,311	80% Government Funding
TVR Monksland Park (4526)	Urban Renewal Project	€	-	€	861,346	€	1,038,206	90% Government Funding
	Public Park	€	-	€	-	€	387	75% Government Funding
	all-inclusive Recreational and Educational Park developed around the theme of Energy and Coal Mining and connecting to Arigna Village via a Looped Miners Trail (which forms part of the Arigna Miners Way/Beara Breifne Way)	€	-	€	5,675	€	555,555	90% Government Funding
The Arigna Energy Inclusive Discovery Park(4522)		€	40,244	€	60,347	€	557,000	90% Government Funding
Arigna Sports Park - Town & Village (4579)	The proposal is the three phase development of the village to include a public sports park; a pedestrian Plaza and ancillary works to put the Heart back into this historical village of Arigna.	€	32,108	€	32,108	€	555,500	90% Government Funding
Total D Development Management		€ 10,079,926	€ 5,802,174	€	€ 15,347,309	€ 40,291,505		
Environmental Services								
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities	E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities	€	801,238	€	-	€	-	
E05 Litter Management	E05 Litter Management	€	530,392	€	-	€	-	

E10 Safety of Structures and Places	E10 Safety of Structures and Places	€	1,041,283	€	555,307		2024	€	1,236,332	€3,170,000	100% RCC Funded
E10 Civil Defence Head Quarters construction programme 5531	Civil Defence Head Quarters construction programme 5531			€				€			
E11 Operation of Fire Services	E11 Operation of Fire Services	€	3,195,930	€	-	€	-	€	-		
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	€	578,692	€	-	€	-	€	-		
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	E15 Climate Change and Flooding	€	856,844	€				€			
Total E Environmental Services		€	7,004,379	€	555,307	€	-	€	1,236,332	€	3,170,000
Recreation & Amenity											
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	€	1,170,937	€	-	€	-	€	-		
F02 Library & Archival Services	F02 Library & Archival Services	€	2,319,411	€	-	€	-	€	-		
F04 Community Sport & Recreational Development	F04 Community Sport & Recreational Development	€	680,821	€				€			
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	F05 Operation of Arts Programme	€	1,694,309	€	-	€	-	€	-		
Total F Recreation & Amenity		€	5,665,478	€	-	€	-	€	-	€	-
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare											
G04 Veterinary Service	G04 Veterinary Service	€	503,399	€							
Total G Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare		€	503,399	€	-	€	-	€	-	€	-
Miscellaneous Services											
H03 Administration of Rates	H03 Administration of Rates	€	1,779,615	€	-	€	-	€	-		
H09 Local Representation/Civil Leadership	H09 Local Representation/Civil Leadership	€	1,191,826	€	-	€	-	€	-		
H10 Motor Taxation	H10 Motor Taxation	€	608,872	€							
Total H Miscellaneous Services		€	3,580,313	€	-	€	-	€	-	€	-
Overall Expenditure		€	70,299,107	€	30,854,474	€	-	€	137,995,679	€	872,394,463

Projects/Programmes Completed or discontinued in the reference year - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)									
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Completion Date	Final Outturn Expenditure	Explanatory Notes		
B02 - NS Money/ea to Carrowntoosan - Job 2668	B02 - NS Money/ea to Carrowntoosan - Job 2668	€	61,823	-	2024	€ 1,243,005	100% TII Funded		
		€	-	€	-	€	-		
		€	-	€	-	€	-		
Total Road Transportation and Safety		€	-	€	-	€	-		
Overall Expenditure		€	-	€	-	€ 1,243,005	-		

Expenditure being Considered - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)						
Appendix 1	Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure In Reference Year by number of Projects/Programmes*	Capital Expenditure In Reference Year (Non Grant) by number of Projects/Programmes	Capital Expenditure in Reference Year (Grant) by number of Projects/Programmes	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline. Capital Projects.
Housing & Building						
	Lisnault , Roscommon - 26 units	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2025
	Castle Street, Roscommon 10 Units - CALF	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2023
	Old Tuam Road, Athlone - 8 units - EO1	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2024
	Ardnagh, Roscommon - 3 Units - EO1	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2024
	The Paddocks, Athleague - 10 Units - EO1	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2024
	Lisroyne, Strokestown - 6 Units - EO1	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2024
	Killierney, Roscommon - 5 Units	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2024
	Torpan Beg, Ballyforan - 3 unit extensions	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2024
	Shannon Valley, Ballaghaderreen (13 units)	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2025
	Meadowbank, Boyle (CHI - 4 units)	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2025
	Cherrylea, Knockroe, Castlereagh (Roscara - 4 units	Social Housing		1.00		31/12/2025
	Miner Tarraville St Patricks Street, Castlereagh	Refurbishment of 2no. Units		1.00		
	Greenfields, Roscommon (2 Units) Job 1674	Development of 2 units at Greenfields, Roscommon		1.00		31/12/2025
	Total A Housing and Building		0	13	0	
Road Transportation and Safety						
	N5 Frenchpark to Bellanagare	Pavement Overlay			1	Q4 2023
	N61 Shankill to Cladagh Cross	Pavement Overlay			1	Q4 2023
	N63 Clonyourish to Ballinagard Road	Pavement Overlay			1	Q4 2023
	Total Road Transportation and Safety		0	0	3	
Environmental Services						
						2025
	Total Environmental Services		0	0	0	
Recreation & Amenity						
	F01 - Boyle Library Rebuild	Rebuilding of Boyle Library		1		Jun-26
	F02 Library & Archival Services	Renovation of Ballaghaderreen Library incorporating installation of 'My Open Library' service.		1		2024
	Rathcroghan (ORIS)	Rathcroghan Archaeological Looped Trails		1		Jul-24
	IROS Planning and Design (Job Code TBC)	Indoor Recreation and Outdoor Sports Facilities - Planning and Design		1		
	Total Recreation & Amenity		0	4	0	
	Overall Expenditure		0	17	3	

*In line with the Local Government issued "Guidance Note for the Local Government Sector V.4", current expenditure is included where service level expenditure is greater than €0.5m in the year. In counting the number of projects/programmes for current expenditure, each individual service level entry is counted as "1".

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)					
Short Description	Short Description	Reference Year by number of Projects/Programmes*	Capital Expenditure in Reference Year (Non Grant) by number of Projects/Programmes	Capital Expenditure in Reference Year (Grant) by number of Projects/Programmes	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline
Housing & Building					
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	1			2023
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation & Transfer	A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation & Transfer	1			2023
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme	A07 RAS and Leasing Programme- Rental properties provided by private landlords	1			2023
A09 Housing Grants	A09 Housing Grants	1			2023
A01 - Void Derelicts & Prelets - Job 1393	A01 Void Derelicts & Prelets - 1393		1		2023
A01 - Energy Efficiency Retrofitting - Job 1627	A01 - Energy Efficiency Retrofitting - Job 1627		1		
A06 3 Housing Units at Cloonfad - 1503	Development of 3 Housing Units at Cloonfad - 1503		1		Q2 2022
A06 7 Housing Units at Cluain Fraoigh - 1530	Development of 7 Housing Units at Cluain Fraoigh - 1530		1		Q2 2022
A06 18 Units at Ballyleague/Meadowbrook Phase 2 - 1559	Development of 18 Units at Ballyleague/Meadowbrook Phase 2 - 1559		1		Q1 2023
A06 10 Units at Elphin St, Strokestown - 1566	Development of 10 Units at Elphin St, Strokestown - 1566		1		Q1 2023
A06 4 Units Lakeview Hts, Boyle 1597	Development of 4 Units Lakeview Hts, Boyle 1597		1		2024
A06 13 Units Ardnahagh, Roscommon 1595	Development of 13 Units Ardnahagh, Roscommon 1595		1		2024
14 Units Curlew View, Boyle - Job 1619	Development of 14 units at Curlew View, Boyle 1619		1		31/12/2024
4 Units at Corrober, Carrick on Shannon - Job 1601	Development of 4 units at Corrober 1601		1		31/12/2024
27 Units at Esker Lawns, Monksland - Job 1610	Development of 27 units at Esker Lawns, Athlone 1610		1		31/12/2023
Buy and Renew - Patrick Street, C'rae Job 1616	Patrick Street, Castlereagh (formerly Glynn's) - 6 units 1616		1		31/12/2025
Construction of 10 units at Windmill Road (Job 1606)	Development of 10 units at Windmill Park, Elphin 1606		1		31/12/2023
Tuath Housing 35 units Job 1554	Development of 35 units at Cloongowna, Athlone 1554		1		30/11/2023
Buy & Renew - Elphin Street, Strokestown (3 units 1617)	Old Barracks Strokestown 1617		1		31/12/2024
Sill an Choiste, Athlone (50 units) - 1574	Development of 50 Units Sill an Choiste, Athlone		1		31/12/2026
The Meadows, Castlereagh (6 units - CAS) Job 1626	Development of 6 units The Meadows Castlereagh		1		31/12/2025
Elphin - Vacant Courthouse - 4 units Job 1620	Development of 4 units at Elphin Courthouse, Elphin		1		31/12/2025
Green St, Boyle (9 Units) Job 1622	Development of 9 units at Green St Boyle		1		31/12/2026
		4	19	0	
Road Transport & Safety					
B01 NP Road - Maintenance & Improvement N1-N50	B01 National Primary Roads N1 to N50- Maintenance & Improvement	1			2023
B02 NS Road - Maintenance & Improvement N51-N99	B02 National Secondary Road N51-N99 - Maintenance & Improvement	1			2023
B03 Regional Road-Maintenance and Improvement	B03 Regional Roads -Maintenance and Improvement works	1			2023
B04 Local Road - Maintenance & Improvement	B04 Local Roads - Maintenance & Improvement works	1			2023
B05 Public Lighting		1			2023
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	B11 Agency works & Recoupable Services	1			2023
B02 - NS Ballaghderreen to Longford RN14 - Job 2506	B02 - NS Ballaghderreen to Longford RN14 - Job 2506		1		Q3 2023
B02 NS Frenchpark to Bellanagare Job Code 2701	NS Frenchpark to Bellanagare Pavement Overlay		1		Q4 2030 (P7)
B02 NS1 Shankill to Cladagh Cross Job Code 2703	NS1 Shankill to Cladagh Cross Job Code Pavement Overlay				2024
B02 N63 Athleague to Ballinagard Road/Clonyourish to Ballinagard Road Job Code 2741	N63 Athleague to Ballinagard Road/Clonyourish to Ballinagard Road Pavement Overlay		1		2024
B02 - N61 Athlone North Bogganfin to Barrymore Phase 2RN/22/27200 - Job 2734	B02 - N61 Athlone North Bogganfin to Barrymore Phase 2RN/22/27200 - Job 2734		1		2024

			4	13	0	
Environmental Services						
E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities	E02 Recovery & Recycling Facilities		1			2023
E05 Litter Management	E05 Litter Management		1			2023
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	E10 Safety of Structures and Places		1			2023
E10 Civil Defence Head Quarters construction programme	Civil Defence Head Quarters construction programme S531		1			2023
E11 Operation of Fire Services	E11 Operation of Fire Services		1			2023
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution		1			2023
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	E15 Climate Change and Flooding		1			Q4 2025
			7	0	0	
Recreation & Amenity						
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities		1			2023
F02 Library & Archival Services	F02 Library & Archival Services		1			2023
F04 Community Sport & Recreational Development	F04 Community Sport & Recreational Development		1			2023
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	F05 Operation of Arts Programme		1			2023
			4	0	0	
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare						
G04 Veterinary Service	G04 Veterinary Service		1			2023
			1	0	0	
Miscellaneous Services						
H03 Administration of Rates	H03 Administration of Rates		1			2023
H09 Local Representation/Civil Leadership	H09 Local Representation/Civil Leadership		1			2023
H10 Motor Taxation	H10 Motor Taxation		1			2023
			3	0	0	
Overall Expenditure			32	50	0	

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Projects/Programmes Completed or discontinued in the reference year - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)					
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current expenditure in reference year by number of Projects/Programmes	Capital expenditure in reference year (Non Grant) by number of Projects/Programmes	Capital expenditure in reference year (Grant) by number of Projects/Programmes	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline
B02 - N5 Money/lea to Carrowntoosan - Job 2668	B02 - N5 Money/lea to Carrowntoosan - Job 2668			1	2023
Total Road Transportation and Safety		0	0	1	
Overall Expenditure		0	0	1	

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