



# Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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## This month:

### ➤ **144 Housing Scheme Launched**

144 houses officially opened in Rathnew by Co-Operative Housing Ireland in partnership with Wicklow County Council.

### ➤ **Contract Signed for Wicklow's Fitzwilliam Square Scheme**

A contract for the Fitzwilliam Square Improvement Scheme in Wicklow Town was signed by Wicklow County Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

The scheme involves the creation of a multi-functional space within Wicklow that will improve accessibility, enhance the presentation and public realm of the historic town core at Fitzwilliam Square.

The renewal of the Square will be of major benefit to the town centre, improving pedestrian access, creating a more attractive public realm and a more commercially vibrant town.

### ➤ **Contract Signed for Bray Harbour Improvements**

RPS Group Ltd appointed by Wicklow County Council to provide Engineering Consultancy Services for Bray Harbour Improvements.

### ➤ **All Ireland Community & Council Awards**

Wicklow County Council has received seven nominations in the All Ireland Community & Council Awards for projects throughout the county.

Under the Best Tourism Initiative category, Wicklow Gaol's "Gates of Hell virtual reality" project and the Wicklow Eco-trail are short-listed finalists while the Glen Turn Beach Cliff Walk in Wicklow town is a short-listed finalist in the Best Community Health Initiative section.

A further three nominees from the Wicklow Local Sports Partnership are also short-listed finalists.

Bray Sailing Club "Inclusion in Sport" programme is a finalist in the Best Disability Access & Inclusion initiative.

Wicklow Warriors inclusive club with Wicklow Rugby is a finalist in the Best Community Sports Team/Club. Power for Parkinsons Physical Activity programme is also a finalist in the Best Community Health Initiative.

The Council's library service is also a finalist in the Best Education/Training initiative for its library community literacy supports project.

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

### 1. Social Housing Support

	<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS and HAP)	4360	4026
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	347	429
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	1662	976
No. in Long Term Leasing accommodation	10	7
No. in Short Term Leasing accommodation	11	10

### 2. Allocation of Social Housing

	<b>Dec 2019</b>	<b>Dec 2018</b>
<i>WCC Social Housing</i>	203	117
Approved Housing Bodies	117	20

### 3. Social Housing Stock

	<b>Dec 2019</b>	<b>Dec 2018</b>
Tenancies occupied	4429	4329
Total weekly rental accrual	€303,271.15	€235,744.79
Arrears	€1,355,377.79	€947,219.03

#### **Casual Vacancies/Relets 64**

	<b>Dec 2019</b>	<b>Dec 2018</b>
<b>Municipal District</b>		
Arklow	15	12
Baltinglass	18	11
Bray	5	7
Greystones	6	3
Wicklow	20	13

### 4. Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

#### **Social Housing Supply Programme**

3 schemes completed in 2018	28 Units
3 scheme completed 2019 so far	20 units
10 schemes currently on site in 2019	307 Units
further schemes to commence on site in 2020	<u>220 Units</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>575 Units</b>



<b>SCHEMES COMPLETED</b>	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>PART 8 APPROVAL</b>
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completed and allocated	Yes
Old Library Arklow	7	Completed and allocated	Yes
Avondale Heights Rathdrum	20	Completed and allocated	Yes
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Completed and allocated 2019	Yes
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Completed and allocated 2019	Yes
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Completed and allocated 2019	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>		
<b>SCHEMES ON SITE</b>	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>PART 8 APPROVAL</b>
Whitehall, Baltinglass RAPID BUILD	34	Completion anticipated December 2019 and January 2020.	Yes
Kilbride Lane Bray (Murphy's Lands)	42	Completion anticipated August 2020	Yes
FCA Hall Wicklow Town	8	Completion anticipated October 2020	Yes
Kilmantan Place Bray	4	Completion anticipated September 2020	Yes
Farrenkelly Greystones Phase 2	24	Completion anticipated April 2020	Yes
Sugarloaf View, Kilmacanogue	20	Completion anticipated August 2020	Yes
Convent Lands	51	Completion anticipated August 2020	Yes
Rathnew RAPID BUILD	47	Completion anticipated September 2020	Yes
Carnew RAPID BUILD	30	Completion anticipated November 2020	Yes
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completion anticipated April 2021	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>307</b>		
<b>PIPELINE SCHEMES</b>	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	<b>PART 8 APPROVAL</b>
Avondale Phase 2 RAPID BUILD	20	Site start anticipated May 2020	Yes
Ard na Greine RAPID BUILD	30	Site start anticipated May 2020	Yes
Greenhills Road Wicklow RAPID BUILD	36	Site start anticipated July 2020	Part 8 approval by Wicklow M.D. required
Ashtown Lane RAPID BUILD	40	Site start anticipated June 2020	Yes
Mountainview NTMK RAPID BUILD	26	Site start anticipated September 2020	Yes
Old Fire Station Arklow	7	Site start anticipated September 2020	Part 8 approval Arklow M.D. Required.
Cedar Court Bray RAPID BUILD	9	Site start anticipated October 2020	Part 8 approval by Bray M. D. required.
Three Trouts Greystones RAPID BUILD	32	Site start anticipated November 2020	Part 8 approval Gstones M.D.required
Shillelagh RAPID BUILD	20	Site start anticipated November 2020	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>		



## 5. Part V

### 2019

- 2 units (Rathdrum) - Department approval received. Acquisition into Council stock completed 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- 2 Units Part V (Newtownmountkennedy) Acquisition completed into Council stock 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 2 Units (Rathnew) Acquisition completed into Council stock 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 7 units (Greystones) Acquisition completed via CALF 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. 4 further units expected delivery Q4 2019.
- 4 units (Greystones) Acquisition completed via CALF 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.
- 6 units (Ashford) Acquisition completed via CALF completed December 2019.
- 4 units (Kilcoole) Acquisition completed via CALF 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019. 2 further units expected delivery Q4 2019.
- 2 units (Kilcoole) acquisition completed by CALF 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- 1 unit (Kilcoole) Agreement purchase into Council stock completed 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- 1 Part V Unit (Ashford) acquisition into Council stock completed 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- 4 Part V Units in Rathdrum acquisition by AHB via CALF due Q 3 2019.
- 2 Part V units in Greystones closed December 2019.
- 4 Part V units in Newtown closed December 2019.
- 3 Part V units (Wicklow) purchased in December 2019.
- 2 Part V units in Bray purchased in December 2019.

### **Potential units**

Negotiations ongoing with a number of developers at preplanning and planning stage. There are over 100 Part V units with planning permission but it's difficult to determine whether they will all proceed or even on what timescale.

### **Turnkey**

- 2 turnkey units purchase completed and have been allocated in Rathnew.
- 1 turnkey unit (Tinahely) acquisition into Council stock completed 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- Remaining 1 turnkey unit Tinahely completed and purchased into Council stock on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.
- 2 Turnkey units (Greystones) purchased in December 2019.
- 3 Turnkey units (Ashford) purchased via CALF in December 2019.
- (Construction is ongoing on turnkey project at Vale Road, Arklow – 10 units acquired into Council stock in June 2019 -10 further units purchased into Council stock in July 2019. 13 further units acquired to end of November with the remaining 7 closed in December 2019.
- Construction ongoing on a turnkey project at Bollarney Woods, Wicklow – 14 units purchased into Council stock by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 with a further 13, including 3 Part V units purchased in 2019.
- Negotiations are ongoing with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units





## 6. PPP Social Housing Project

### [Bundle 1)

Development Site at Convent Lands, Wicklow for 51 Social Housing units commenced on site in March 2019. The project is progressing well and is currently on programme. The Department of Housing has dedicated €300 million towards delivery of housing through the public, private partnership model in the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. The Convent Lands site in Wicklow has been included as a project in Bundle 1.

### Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

The Approved Housing Bodies are actively pursuing a number of potential CALF projects and are liaising closely with the Council on a regular basis. The members will be kept updated.

- Acquisition by AHB of 73 turnkey units via CALF in Rathnew completed 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- Acquisition by AHB of residual 56 units via CALF in Rathnew completed December 2019.
- Construction ongoing on a 40 unit CALF Turnkey in Dunlavin .

### Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)

Wicklow County Council is continuing to support acquisitions under the Capital Assistance Scheme with Dublin Simon, Circle Housing, Ark Housing and Peter McVerry Trust.

### Expressions of Interest – Social Housing on Council lands

A preferred proposal has been identified.

## 7. Housing Schemes Remediation

### Glending, Blessington – Remediation

**Stage 2 and Stage 3 Phase 3A – No 1 to No. 12 Glending Road** have been completed.

**Stage 3 Phase 3B** – Glending phase 3b is complete as of 18th December 2018.

**Phase 4** - to commence by end Q.2 2019

## 8. Home Improvement/Adaptation

### Mobility Aid Grants / Housing Adaption Grants / Housing Aid for Older People

- › Grant funding for private houses - €1,768,217 (€1,765,111.36 spent to date)
- › Grant funding for social house - € 500,000 (€724,545.02, spent to date)



## House Purchase Loans – Rebuilding Ireland

### December 2019

- **141 received up to 31/12/2019**
- 42 approvals.
- 51 declined
- 19 either incomplete, ineligible
- 3 expired
- 26 Further information, with HA

### December 2018

- **158 to 31/12/2018**
- 68 approvals
- 76 declined
- 9 further information
- 5 with H. A.

## 2016 Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

### December 2019

- **68 applications to 31/12/2019**
- 4 sale completed
- 12 declined.
- 52 remaining various stages – incomplete, with L.A., withdrawn.

### December 2018

- **46 applications to 31/12/2018**
- 12 completed.
- 34 various stages, incomplete etc.

## 9. Addressing Homelessness

10. Addressing Homelessness		31/12/2019	
31/12/2018			
<b>Period 1/12 to 31/12</b>			
No of Presentations	38		29
No. of Repeat Presentations	3		2
No. of Households (Families)	18		17
No. of Adults (Individuals)	46		12
No. of Children	35		36
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	8		4
Family Circumstances	18		0
Leaving Prison Hospital Care	0		0
Sofa Surfing	5		0
Rough Sleeping	2		2
Squatting	0		2
<b>Own Door Temporary Accommodation</b>			
		<b>31/12/2019</b>	<b>31/12/2018</b>
Families	13		8
Adults	26		20
Children	31		21
Singles	4		1



<b>BED &amp; BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION</b>								
<b>No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements &amp; Duration @ 31st December, 2019</b>								
	<b>No. of Households</b>	<b>No. of Adults</b>	<b>No. of Children</b>	<b>&lt; 3 mths</b>	<b>3-6 mths</b>	<b>6-9 mths</b>	<b>9-12 mths</b>	<b>&gt;12mths</b>
<b>Household breakdown</b>	7	12	13	4	1	0	0	2
<b>Children Only</b>				6	3	0	0	4
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<b>Household breakdown</b>	7	13	12	3	1	1	1	1
<b>Children Only</b>				5	2	1	1	3

## Cold Weather Initiative

The Cold Weather Initiative, a partnership arrangement between the Council and the Dublin Simon Community, with the assistance of Five Loaves Homeless Services, opened on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, in Bray to provide emergency night shelter for homeless individuals.

Referral protocol is through Wicklow County Council, Dublin Simon, Five Loaves and the Gardai.

## Homeless HAP

The Homeless HAP Placefinder provides assistance in:

- seeking out potential properties suitable for households currently identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- liaising with specific households to establish their specific needs;
- establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords; and,
- supporting those homeless households to (a) prevent the necessity to enter emergency accommodation or (b) to exit emergency accommodation and secure a tenancy.

To date, 193 households (149 families & 44 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

101 homeless cases and 92 prevention cases to date. 69 properties were sourced by WCC.

## Sonas Facility, Wicklow - Transition to Family Homeless Hub.

Following the advice that Sonas was withdrawing services from Wicklow, the operation of the facility was tendered out to Approved Housing Bodies to operate and manage the facility as a Family Homeless Hub.



The successful tenderer was Dublin Simon Community, who will be in a position to commence operations and management of the facility pending finalisation of the legal handover.

Refurbishment work has commenced and it is intended to be fully operational by quarter 2 2020..

## **Other Temporary Supported Accommodation**

Wicklow County Council owned properties in Wicklow, Bray and Arklow, leased to AHBs, provide 22 units of low to medium supported accommodation targeted to the particular support needs of the clients. There has been a significant number of move ons from these properties, signalling the success of this model.

## **Housing First**

With Housing First, the priority is to support a person who has experienced homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible, without any preconditions around sobriety or mental health treatment. Then, continue working intensively with them on these issues once they are housed. Housing First recognises that a stable home provides the basis for recovery in other areas.

Peter McVerry Trust has been appointed as the Housing First Programme Implementer for the Mid East Region and Wicklow County Council is committed to working with them to achieve the targets identified in the programme. Properties will be provided by both Wicklow County Council and Peter McVerry Trust for the programme.

Wicklow County Council successfully accommodated its first Housing First client with Peter McVerry Trust in Wicklow Town in December 2019 – this was the first client to be accommodated under the programme in the Mid East Region. Other clients proposed for Housing First have been assessed by the team and are availing of key support work pending completion of accommodation.



## 10. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Both Local Development Companies (LDC's), namely Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership met the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January for submitting their 2018 End of Year Reports. The LCDC's SICAP Sub-group will review and assess these reports over coming weeks and will bring a recommendation in relation to approval to February LCDC meeting.

Both LDC's have commenced implementation of their 2019 Annual Plans.

SICAP payments for January and February have been made to both LDC's; Bray Area Partnership - €118,682 and Co. Wicklow Partnership - €100,371.

### Public Participation Network (PPN)

*Wicklow PPN have appointed Gráinne Quinn as its new PPN Support Worker.*

New PPN reps elected in November have taken up their positions on Committees and structures throughout the county and have begun attending meetings.

## 11. Community Awards Schemes and Community Pride Scheme

The Community Awards Scheme and Community Pride Scheme applications are available for the year 2019 funding. The closing date for receipt of these applications is noon on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## 12. Wicklow Library Service

### BOOK OF KELLS REPLICA

*Thanks to the Ashford Heritage Centre and the generosity of one of their benefactors, Mr. John de Paor, Wicklow County Council is currently displaying a beautifully produced replica of the Book of Kells at Arklow Library.*

*The display of this beautiful item was launched on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January at Arklow Library and included an informative talk by Professor Ciaran Brady, History Department, Trinity College Dublin.*

### 2018 STATISTICS

Wicklow County Council Library Service issued a record figure of 602,408 items in 2018. This has increased from 574,657 in 2017. Wicklow performed 6<sup>th</sup> highest out of 30 local authorities re items borrowed per head of population. This equated to 4.23 items per head of population versus a national average of 3.57 items per head of population.

A total of 559,097 visits were made to our libraries and 71,968 IT/Wi-Fi sessions were availed of, which held steady with the 2017 statistics.

### WICKLOW LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

Stage 3 approval is now with the Department of Community & Rural Development. Construction tender will now be issued. It is anticipated that builders will be on site in April 2019 and the building will open to the public in April 2020 approx.



## **RATHDRUM LIBRARY**

A decision has been made to purchase, rather than lease, a new library for Rathdrum. This will be in the new Market Square development, also the location of the new HSE Primary Care Centre. The matter is currently with Wicklow County Council Law Section. Construction is likely to commence in March 2019, and the building should be completed and open to the public, in early 2020.

A number of meetings have now taken place between Wicklow County Council staff and the architect.

## **13. County Wicklow Local Sports Partnership (LSP)**

### **OPERATION TRANSFORMATION 2019**

The Nationwide Operation Transformation walks took place in County Wicklow on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in three locations. These were The Bandstand Bray Seafront, Baltinglass GAA and McGreals Primary Care Centre Blessington. Each venue was well represented with 150 people participating in each location. Following on from the success of the Nationwide Operation Transformation Walks, a Walking Group is continuing to meet on a Saturday at 11.00 a.m. in Bray and on a Saturday at 10.00 a.m. in Blessington. Also, as RTE's Operation Transformation returns to our screens for its 12<sup>th</sup> series, Ireland Lights Up encourages GAA clubs to switch on their floodlights/lighting systems every Thursday between 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. for a 5 week period (17<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019) to make exercise more accessible on the dark winter nights. 7 clubs in County Wicklow have registered for this. They include Annacurra GAA, Arklow Geraldines, Baltinglass GAA, Bray Emmets GAA, Kilbride/Lacken GAA, Newtown GAA and Shillelagh GAA.

### **BUGGYFIT**

Rolling on from the success of last year's Buggyfit Programme, a new Programme is starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 2 mornings a week in Purelight Studio, Shoreline Leisure Bray. This is a fun exercise Programme where mums can bring their baby along to their workout sessions.

### **TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership provided two Safeguarding 1 Child Protection Courses in January. They were held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in The Glenview Hotel. 29 people benefitted from these 2 Courses.

### **SPORT CAPITAL 2018**

An announcement was made from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to allocations for resubmitted applications under the 2018 Sports Capital Programme. Congratulations to the 5 clubs in Wicklow who will receive allocations.

- Wicklow Enniskerry Youth Club AFC for Enniskerry YC Ground upgrade - €47,700
- Wicklow Roundwood & District Athletics Club for Club Facility - €83,400
- Wicklow County Council for improvement to running track at Seaview Avenue, Arklow - €49,700
- Wicklow RFC Wicklow for Dressing Room & Gym Upgrade - €96,300
- Wicklow Triathlon Juniors for Equipment - €6,600

### **SPORT IRELAND CORE FUNDING 2019**

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership has retained their funding of €35,000 for one Community Sports Development Officer for 2019. They have also been allocated an additional €35,000 for a Sports Inclusion Disability Officer.



## Sport Ireland Funding

Wicklow Sports partnership has been allocated €228,103 in CORE Funding from Sport Ireland to cover staffing, Sport Ireland national programmes, education and training, Women in Sport initiatives and Wicklow specific activity programmes.

## Healthy Ireland Funding Allocation

Wicklow LCDC and CYPSC have been awarded €374,100 to roll out the Healthy Wicklow Strategy.

- The following projects will be included in the programme of Events;
  - Heathy Town (Blessington)
  - Meet, Eat and Outreach'. Nutrition and mental wellbeing for older people with cognitive impairment
  - Social Prescribing BAP
  - Health & Wellbeing Programme in Bray area DEIS Schools
  - Physical Activity For All
  - Teenage and Young people Urban Outdoor Recreation Initiative
  - Community Kitchen- Healthy Families Programme
  - Supporting children and young people to engage in a programme of activities
  - Fostering Health & Well Being for Families & Young People Community Engagement Activities
  - Social Prescribing CWP
  - Supporting Community Mental Health Initiatives
  - CMHF Small Grant Scheme

## Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (Stream 2)

Wicklow County Council has been successful in their applications for grant assistance for two projects under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund which were announced on the 10th January 2020 by Shane Ross T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, and Brendan Griffin T.D., Minister of State for Tourism and Sport.

The project allocations are as follows;

- Wicklow Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre is **€864,177**
- Charlesland Athletics Track Scheme, Co Wicklow is **€309,642**



## 14. Local Community Development Committees (LCDC's)

### LECP UPDATE DECEMBER 2019

**Goal 1: Develop community capacity in disadvantaged communities and engage in urban and rural regeneration**

#### Rural Regeneration Development Fund 2020

The Department of Rural and Community Development has announced the second call for Category 2 of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### Urban Regeneration and Development Fund 2020

Calls for this fund will open on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. The closing date for applications is 12 noon 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**Goal 3: Strategic Direction – Develop high quality integrated services, available to all communities, in particular, disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups**

1. Healthy Wicklow Strategy - Round 3 of Programme has been approved.

- Recruitment of Co-ordinator

2. Migrant Integration Strategy – The procurement process is underway for a consultant to develop the Migrant Integration Strategy for the County

**Goal 4: Develop a vibrant and innovative community and social enterprise sector**

The Social Enterprise Development Fund (SED) is now open. This year will again support up to 16 Social Enterprises with funding and business supports. In addition the **Genesis Programme** will provide support to Social Enterprises who do not receive a cash grant. The participants for the programme will be selected across Ireland, ensuring that the Social Enterprise Development Fund offers support to social enterprises in **every Local Authority** area. The Genesis Programme will be an intensive two-day residential workshop that will focus on building the skills and knowledge needed to develop a sustainable social enterprise and to be successful in future funding opportunities. The aim is to help these Social Enterprises be successful in future applications.





## Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

### 1. Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) Action Plan Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) (Economic)

The Economic Development Unit of the Enterprise and Corporate Services Directorate is charged with implementing the economic actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Many of the 142 actions listed in the LECP have come from the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) Action Plan. The CWETT which was initiated in 2013 was a collaborative project initiated by Wicklow County Council and involved the business community from across the county and the County Enterprise Board (now LEO Wicklow).

#### Film

##### **Regional Enterprise Development Fund**

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphreys TD, this month announced the results of the third call of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF), an open national competitive call to support regional projects that drive sustainable job creation in the regions. 26 successful applicants representing all regions of the country have been approved for funding of over €40 million for their collaborative projects. A content creation hub planned for the Wicklow County Campus in Rathnew was one of the successful applicants and secured funding of €1.43m under the Government's Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF).

Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, said: "We welcome the announcement by the Minister of the approval of our application. This is a really positive development for Wicklow County Campus. It's also positive for the future growth of a strong local screen industry. Stakeholders and development agencies as well as training providers in this sector have been widely consulted and are extremely supportive of this innovative project. We're aiming to start construction this year in order to open the hub in 2021".

This development will provide over 10,000 sq. ft of private and co-working spaces in a dynamic and synergetic environment for creative/media cross-fertilisation. It will offer specialised and customised, sector specific business supports that drive start-ups, growth and the internationalisation of the Irish content creation sector in the Mid East and surrounding regions.

The Part VIII application in respect of this development is due before the elected members of the February meeting of Wicklow County Council.

#### Retail

##### **Bray Town Centre**

Work is continuing on the Florentine Site but due to a number of factors such as weather, practical completion has been delayed. A revised timetable indicates that practical completion is due in Q2 2020 with fit-out estimated to take 3-4 months thereafter.

Interest by potential tenants has been very positive; negotiations with anchor tenants are ongoing.



## Town Teams

Town Teams in Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow continue to meet on a monthly basis and to progress various projects.

### Arklow Town Team

The Arklow Town Team is pleased to announce the launch of Arklow, Ireland Ancient Town Project on January 29th January at 5.00pm in Arklow Library. LEADER funding was sought from County Wicklow Partnership for the project. The project presents the heritage in the evolution of the town from its inception as a Viking camp to its current modern status of an urban town. A timeline graphic is hanging permanently in the lobby of the library. In addition to the time line graphic there is a leaflet strolling map linked to the time line map, and detail on the features to be observed.

Preparations are underway by Arklow Town Team to host their 3rd International Women's Day Lunch. The event will take place in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Sunday 8th March 2020.

### Blessington Town Team

The next Blessington Town Team is scheduled to take place on the 28th January 2020 in the Civic Offices Blessington. In 2019 Future Analytics were employed to undertake a Blessington Town Health Check a revised report has been circulated to members for their consideration with a view to adopting the Blessington Town Health Check at the January meeting. The Blessington Town Health Check reports were submitted by the Town Team as our submission to the preparation of the County Development Plan 2021 – 2027. At the December meeting one of the main issues highlighted was the importance of upgrading the N81 and the completion of the Blessington Town relief road. It was noted that while the upgrading of the N81 is a long term aim and will require significant national funding the completion of the relief road should be prioritised. Members pointed out that this should be the main County Council infrastructural project for the town as the completion of other projects will flow from it. The completion of the relief road will require a partnership between Wicklow County Council and Kildare County Council.

### Bray Town Team

The Town Centre Health Check Report has been examined and the actions recommended are being reviewed. The next step is to create working groups to deal with the actions.

### Greystones 2020

Greystones 2020 held their first meeting for the New Year on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The team are currently reviewing the final draft of the Public Realm Plan which they hope to launch in February. In the meantime the short term projects identified in the Public Realm Plan are being considered to identify and prioritise those which could be completed in 2020.



## Wicklow Town Team

Wicklow Town Team together with Wicklow Municipal District sponsored a “Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition”. The winner Butlers Chemist and runner-up Shoe Box received a Christmas Hamper and Wicklow Town Vouchers. The winners were announced at the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting on Monday, 16th December.

A successful meeting took place with the Town Team, Officials of Wicklow County Council and the National Transport Authority in December on the need for road improvements on the N11 M11 corridor. Consideration on how the N11/M11 route could be enhanced to facilitate public transportation and the assessment of bus priority and park and ride measures were discussed.

## URDF/RRDF Funding

In 2018 Wicklow County Council applied for funding for nine projects under the Urban Regional Development Fund. The following three projects were awarded funding in the first round; Arklow Historic Town Core €1,645,000, Wicklow Library/Fitzwilliam Square €1,626,000, Bray Public Transport Bridge €3,450,000. Final approval has now been received from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government to proceed with these projects and arrangements for reporting and drawdown are in place. Additional funding has been allocated to the Wicklow Town project (Fitzwilliam Square and the Library) following submission of revised costings.

Work on Wicklow Library is underway and Council officials are engaging with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in advance of awarding contracts for the remaining projects.

Tenders have been issued for construction and work is due to commence in the coming months.

## Tourism

### Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

The strategy sets out a number of challenging but achievable priorities along with a series of detailed actions to be implemented over the next 5 years

The Key Priorities are:

1. Develop New Accommodation
2. Develop Key Towns as Visitor Hubs
3. Develop a Masterplan for Glendalough
4. Grow Thematic Experiences
5. Market our County by Developing A Common Narrative

A Tourism Implementation Group has been established to oversee these actions and drive all sectors towards helping Wicklow achieve the target of **€200m in tourism revenue by 2023**.

Key stakeholders including industry experts, representatives of local businesses and Town Teams, along with staff and elected representatives, were designated to the following Tourism Implementation groups:

- Accommodation
- Towns as Visitor Hubs
- Thematic Experiences & Marketing
- Glendalough



Each group will host a series of meetings throughout the year with a view to implementing the recommendations contained in the Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan.

## Glendalough

The Chief Executive is chairing a working group consisting of representatives of Failte Ireland, NPWS, Coillte and OPW, aimed at progressing the development of Glendalough as one of Ireland's premier visitor destinations. The aim is to enhance the visitor experience through improved interpretation, signage, facilities and access.

The work of this group is enhanced by the recent adoption of a report by the elected members of Wicklow County Council in relation to Laragh – Glendalough Visitor Access Infrastructure Improvements, in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2006, as amended.

This is further supported by the recent application made under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund in relation to Regenerating Gateways to Glendalough. This application was made stronger by the collaboration of local statutory agencies working together to improve the visitor experience to Glendalough.

## Failte Ireland

### Platforms for Growth

Failte Ireland announced a new funding stream for large scale capital projects, Platforms for Growth. The first round of funding focuses on 'Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions'.

Wicklow County Council applied for funding for two projects; Coolattin House and the Arklow Pottery and Heritage Museum. Unfortunately Wicklow County Council was unsuccessful in this application.

### Destination Towns

Failte Ireland also announced an investment of €15.5 million available through local authorities to boost the attractiveness and tourism appeal of towns across the country. Funding of between €250,000 and €500,000 will be available to local authorities to develop towns in their area which have the potential to become a 'destination town' for tourists. The 'destination towns' will need to demonstrate their capacity and appeal to attract more international visitors to stay overnight.

Failte Ireland has set aside up to €500,000 in Destination Town Funding for County Wicklow.

## Maritime

### Maritime Strategic Review for County Wicklow

The Strategic Review will identify ways in which the economic base of County Wicklow could be strengthened through its ports and harbours and formulate recommendation for Wicklow County Council.

Work has begun by Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions who were awarded the contract to prepare the Maritime Strategic Review for County Wicklow. The first draft of the Strategic Review has been prepared and was considered by the Maritime Business Development Group in September.



The final version of the Maritime Strategic Review was presented to the MBDG in November. The Maritime Strategic Review was also circulated to the Economic Development and Economic Support Strategic Policy Committee and will be sent to the full council meeting to be considered by the elected members thereafter.

## **Maritime Business Development Group**

The MBDG continues to meet on a regular basis. An Aquaculture working group has been established to work with industry experts and investigate the proposal to restore natural oyster reefs off the coast of County Wicklow.

An application for funding for a feasibility study on regeneration of the oyster banks was submitted to BIM in February under the Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) Programme 2016 – 2023. An allocation of €20,000 has been awarded to this project.

NORRI have been appointed to carry out a study in line with the FLAG funding received. This first phase of the project will include examination of sustainable sourcing of native Irish seed, consultation with stakeholders, and environmental impact/displacement of habitats. A workshop will be held in the Spring of 2020 to publicise this project.

## **Food & Beverage Strategy**

Wicklow County Council's Economic Development Unit and Community, Cultural and Social Development section, along with LEO Wicklow supported the development of a Food and Beverage Strategy for County Wicklow. The strategy was launched in April at Killruddery during the first Wicklow Food Producer's Showcase. The implementation of the strategy will be industry led.

County Wicklow Partnership with the support of Wicklow County Council, have been awarded LEADER funding for the implementation of the Food & Beverage Strategy. Following a procurement process, Jonathan Birnie Associates (JBA) were awarded the contract and are engaging with the Food and Beverage steering group.

Working groups have been established to progress actions from the Strategy viz:

1. Tell the Wicklow Story
2. Develop a Food Activity Calendar
3. Get Local Food to Local Consumers
4. Provide Appropriate Business Supports

The consultants JBA are currently engaging with stakeholders in order to deliver the actions identified.

Some of the key decision points agreed at the most recent food strategy meeting included:

- 1) The drafting of a definition for Wicklow Food.
- 2) The creation of a website and social media feed dedicated to the food strategy.

Members of the Steering Group representing the Food & Beverage sector have worked with brand specialists to develop the Wicklow Food Brand – this will be launched in the coming weeks.



## 2. Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

<b>LEO Objectives</b>
<p>To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion of the enterprise message at local level.</li> <li>- Working with the relevant stakeholders in the county to foster entrepreneurship.</li> <li>- Delivering appropriate enterprise training and mentoring to entrepreneurs.</li> <li>- Providing funding options to entrepreneurs, early stage promoters and viable businesses to support growth and development of micro enterprises.</li> <li>- Developing a progression pathway for clients to Enterprise Ireland</li> <li>- Acting as a 'First Stop Shop' for business information and referral</li> </ul>

<b>METRICS: Grants</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Grants Approved (number/ value)</b> - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	- 24/€476,558.50 - 14/€26,219.06	- Meet Demand - Meet Demand	33/€888,954.62 08/€11,427
NB: Ability to meet demand is influenced by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO			
<b>METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	52	52	45
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	72	70	73
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	876	850	730
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	6	6	6 (as at 04/12/19)



<b>METRICS: Business Advice &amp; Mentoring</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
Number of new clients added to database *criteria have been amended for this metric	623	470*	546
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	446	430	458

<b>METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	
<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
No. of Secondary Student Participants	1606	1150	1134

<b>METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	
<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Year to Date 2019</b>
Number of Applications	N/A	44	57

<b>Trading Online Voucher</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	
<b>No of Trading Online Vouchers approved</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Year to Date 2019</b>
Trading Online Vouchers	66	50	39

<b>Lean For Micro Project</b>	<b>HISTORICAL</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	7	8	11

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## January 2020 Activities

The new Training programme for Spring/Summer 2020 has been launched and information booklets have been circulated directly to LEO Clients and to the general Public via Wicklow County Council Offices, Libraries, Citizens Information offices and social welfare offices throughout the county.

The first Trading Online Seminar of 2020 will take part on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at Wicklow County Campus with guest speaker Noel Davidson. Over 50 participants have registered to attend.

The first of 5 Start Your Own Business Course will commence on Tuesday 28th January with 10 participants booked on to date.

LEO Wicklow staff members continue to assist Clients concerned by the impact of Brexit by providing information and supports. A one day interactive customs workshop is planned for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January in Wicklow County Campus, Rathnew. A number of businesses are registered to attend.

The Business Advice Clinics continue to run every Tuesdays and Thursday in Wicklow County Campus, every Monday evening in the Glenview Hotel on and in Blessington civic offices on the first Thursday every month. Extra Afternoon clinics were added in January to cope with the demand.





## 3. Planning and Development

### Forward Planning

#### County Development Plan Review

Stage 1 public consultation completed, with 7 public meetings held and 157 written submissions received (compared to 93 for same stage of current plan).

Meetings held with all internal stakeholders, MD teams, and key external agencies (Regional Assembly, Planning Regulator, DHPLG, NTA, TII, Dept of Education, DLR, Eirgrid, Failte Ireland, HSE).

### Heritage

#### Biodiversity Plan Actions:

Brittas Bay Biodiversity project: Year 1 works complete, year 2 actions in planning stage. Project nominated as a finalist under Best Ecological/ Environmental Protect in LAMMA Awards, due to be announced on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

#### Heritage Plan Programme:

New ICAN Network for Wicklow: People and Place project supported by Wicklow's Creative Ireland programme. Redevelopment of Wicklow's online community heritage archive to facilitate six additional local community archives in the new multi-platform site. Groups are; Delgany Tidy Towns, Glens Of Lead, Greystones Tidy Towns, Medieval Bray Project, Glendalough Heritage Forum, The Glen/ Donard Heritage Group. New sites in development, two day community training held on 16<sup>th</sup> + 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.

#### Protected Structures Grants:

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund are both advertised and applications sought by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. €60,000 allocation for county Wicklow under the BHIS, HSF is based on applications received and national budget allocation.

### Planning Applications

A total of 104 applications were received during December, these include applications as follows:

Type of Development	Number Received
Individual Houses	31
Housing Developments	3
Agricultural Structures	3
Commercial	8
Other Developments*	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

\*Other Developments include, Porch/Sunroom, Extensions, finger sign post, Well, change of use, Hoarding, relocation of vehicular entrance, extend the appropriate period of permission, various amendments/modifications to previous planning permission, conversion, retention, boundary screen wall, attic conversion, reclamation of land, effluent treatment system & percolation area.

Decisions issued in respect of 62 applications in December, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	7
Individual Houses	16
Other Developments	39
Other Developments Requiring EIA	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>



With regard to decisions issued between January and December 2019, the comparison to the same period for 2018 is included in the table below:

	30/12/2018	30/12/2019
Total Number of decisions issued	993	948
Total Number of decisions to grant	816	800
% Grant Rate	82%	84%

### **No. of Applications withdrawn**

November 15

\*Withdrawals may not have been lodged in the month of December.

### **Planning Enforcement**

#### **Vacant Sites**

- 31 no. sites stand on the Register.
- 04 no. sites are currently on appeal to ABP.
- 06 Section 12(4) Notices issued
- 06 Market Valuations received
- 01 Referred to Debt Collection

Sites on the Register are currently being inspected to ascertain if they fulfil the vacant site criteria.

#### **Derelict Sites**

- 04 No. of sites on Register
- 00 No. of Inspections
- 00 No. of Notices issued
- 00 Site removed from the register

#### **Enforcement**

- 09 New Files were opened
- 28 Advisory letters issued
- 09 Warning letters issued
- 02 Enforcement Notices served
- 16 Files have been closed
- 00 Files referred for legal action

#### **Court Activity**

- 2 Cases came before the District Court in December both cases adjourned to February 2020
- 1 Case is due before the High Court in January 2020

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## 4. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

### Public Lighting

	27th November 2019	2nd December 2019	10th December 2019	16th December 2019	2nd January 2020	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Access Issues (Attended)	18	19	16	16	13	13
Cable Fault (Attend)	52	41	28	28	21	27
ESB Required (Attended)	24	25	25	25	26	26
Knock Down (Attended)	3	3	4	4	4	4
Materials required	4	4	4	4	4	4
No Supply	27	27	27	27	26	26
On Hold	2	2	2	2	0	0
Submitted	419	465	476	519	450	433
Traffic Management Required	12	10	14	14	13	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>546</b>

	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)	3	1	5		4	13
Cable Fault (Attend)	2	2	5	9	9	27
ESB Required(Attended)	1		6	1	18	26
Knock Down (Attended)	1		1		2	4
Materials required			3		1	4
No Supply	4	3	3	11	5	26
Submitted	48	119	115	45	106	433
Traffic Management Required	2	1	6	4		13
Grand Total	<b>61</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>546</b>



## Transportation Statistics (General)

	November	December
<b>Solicitors Queries</b>	61	61
<b>Road Closure Applications</b>	2	2
<b>Road Opening Licences</b>	95	67
<b>Abnormal Load Applications</b>	4 single	2

### Winter Maintenance

The winter maintenance programme commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and monitors conditions for the winter season of October 2019 to April 2020. The Weather in December was quite variable with a cold spell in mid December. In total, 164 salting calls outs over the 9 gritting routes and 565 tonnes of salt was used.

### M11/N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme aims to improve safety, accessibility and journey time reliability along this strategic southeast corridor.

As detailed in the recent public consultation, and in order to achieve these objectives, a number of transportation options are currently being considered including road-based measures and sustainable transport solutions.

These measures may be provided independently or in combination and an examination of the viability of interim solutions to the transportation problems along the corridor will also be undertaken.

As part of the current Option Selection stage, we are collaborating with the National Transport Authority to assess future public transport proposals under the “Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area (2016 – 2035)” and their impact on the need for road improvements on the corridor.

Consideration on how the N11/M11 route could be enhanced to facilitate public transportation is underway, including an assessment of bus priority and park and ride measures.

In conjunction with the development of feasible options, assessments are also ongoing to determine whether these options should be deployed along the existing N11/M11 corridor, or along new routes away from the current roadway.

In addition to the existing roadway, new corridors are being considered where specific deficiencies exist along the existing route. Multiple transportation options and suggested corridors are publicly available for review and comment on the project website: [www.n11m11.ie](http://www.n11m11.ie).

We are at the start of a lengthy public consultation process which seeks to be both informative and collaborative. We understand that interested parties have their views and concerns and we welcome all input into the process.

Ultimately, through collaborative engagement with all parties, our aim is to achieve a rational and practical outcome so that the optimum solution is achieved on this strategic and critical southeast corridor.



## N81 Knockroe Bends

Work is progressing on the N81 Knockroe Bends realignment scheme just south of Hollywood and for safety reasons a roadwork's speed limit of 60km/h on all public roads has been introduced. These special speed limits to apply from Thursday 12th December 2019 to Friday 31st July 2020.

## Kilmacanogue Parallel Service Road

A contract for the construction of the N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue was signed on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 by Wicklow County Council with SIAC Construction Ltd.

The contract provides for the construction of a parallel service road to segregate traffic entering and exiting the residential and commercial properties on the southbound carriageway at Kilmacanogue as well as traffic exiting the mainline traffic at Junction 8.

The scheme seeks to enhance traffic safety on this section of the N11 by providing for safer traffic movements to and from the mainline traffic at Kilmacanogue. The service road will have a speed limit of 50kph.

The proposed scheme is approximately 1.6 km in length between southbound Junctions 7 and 8. The parallel service road will commence approximately 600 metres north of the Junction 8 diverge and will incorporate the existing exit ramp for Junction 8. Construction of the service road will require widening of the carriageway into the central reserve.

Site works will commence in the coming weeks and it is anticipated that the main works contract will take between six and nine months to complete. It is anticipated that two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions during construction, apart from isolated night-time closures.

The scheme is being funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

## Parking Income

<b>Parking Income by Municipal District December 2019</b>	<b>EURO</b>
INCOME FLORENCE ROAD CARPARK BRAY MD	40,439
INCOME HERBERT ROAD CARPARK BRAY MD	277,763
INCOME NORTH BEACH CAR PARK - STRAND ROAD BRAY MD	42,921
INCOME RESTRICTED PARKING BRAY MD	768,581
INCOME PARKING FINES BRAY MD	257,225
INCOME RESIDENTIAL/SPECIAL PARKING DISCS BRAY MD	61,089
<b>BRAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>1,448,019</b>
INCOME GREYSTONES PAY PARKING SCHEME	421,499
<b>GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>421,499</b>
INCOME PARKING CHARGES WICKLOW MD	348,962
INCOME RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISK WICKLOW MD	2,520
INCOME TRAFFIC FINES WICKLOW MD	11,931
<b>WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>363,413</b>
INCOME PARKING TRAFFIC FINES ARKLOW MD	8,680
INCOME PAY PARKING FEES AND PERMITS ARKLOW MD	240,242
<b>ARKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>248,922</b>
<b>WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	<b>2,481,852</b>

## Building Control

### December 2019

- **Commencement Notices**

22 Commencement Notices Submitted

Of which:

- 8 were Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 1 Seven day Notice
- 11 Opt Out Declarations
- 2 were Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents

### Statistics

Opt Out rate => 50% of Commencement Notices for December

85 new build units;

- 9 of which are one off houses

- **Certificates of Compliance on Completion (CCC) for December**

19 No. CCC Submitted in December

- 24 No. Certificates of Compliance on Completion validated in December
  - Relevant to 96 new build units of which, 02 are one off houses

BCA not notified on completion of opt out development

- **Non-Compliance, this period**

- By Desk Top Assessment, Pre-validation
  - 0No. Commencement Notices deemed Invalid
- By Site Inspection, Pre-Validation
  - 1 No. Submission, Works commenced without Valid Commencement Notice,
- By Site Inspection, Post Validation
  - 1No. Commencement Notices significant Non-Compliance identified

- **Inspection Rate, this period**

21% Inspection Rate for all Notices received in December



## Water Services

In 2019 WCC continued to provide Water and Wastewater Services under the current Service Level Agreement (SLA).

### Upgrading Projects:

Throughout 2019 upgrading works continued across Water Services. These projects included, replacing over 14 kilometres of water mains throughout the county under the Water Network Programme. Including the following projects:

- Back yards complete are:- Old Russian Village, Kilpedder; New Road, Kilcoole; Wicklow Town; Arklow; Rathdrum.
- Replacement of Asbestos mains in Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim 160 m.
- Replacement of 4inch cast iron main Tinoran, Baltinglass 620m.
- Aughrim extension to Hazel Hill and Killyballowen 450m Hazel Hill boil water notice removed after 10 years.
- Replacement of Asbestos main on Vevay Road 1000m.
- Replacement of old 8 cast Iron main & 6 upvc at Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow before road improvement scheme 250m.
- Bellard Manor, Glenealy removal of old tank and piping.

There were also continuing works to upgrade the filtration systems at the Vartry Water Treatment plant which services the Greater Dublin Area and County Wicklow.

### Sustainability:

Sustainability continues to be a key concern of both Wicklow County Council and Irish Water, one of the projects rolled out in 2019 in this area was the Leakage Management System (LMS). Wicklow County Council plays a key role in locating and managing leaks throughout the county and have located over 900 leaks in 2019. This and ensuing repairs means that Unaccounted For Water (UFW) in our daily demand has continued to decrease to 28% in December 2019.

### Key Performance Indicators (KPI's):

This year a Performance Management Tracker was developed by Irish Water to track Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) under the Annual Service Plan with Irish Water. This is a SharePoint based tool intended to be used as a collaborative platform for real-time communications between Irish Water and the Local Authorities to analyse performance trends. The overall score for Wicklow County Council is comprised of a range of KPI scores over the year, including:

- A score of 100% was achieved for microbiological compliance in the drinking water supply.
- A score of 98.50% was achieved for chemical compliance in the drinking water supply.
- A score of 100% was achieved for the number of compliant assessments taken at Waste Water Treatment Plants meeting mandatory UWWTD effluent quality standards.
- A score of 96.30% was achieved for the notification of interruptions.
- A Score of 100% was achieved for a timely response to Workflow Queries.
- A Score of 96.60% was achieved for Financial – Operations Expenditure Control.

(Note: Scores based on Quarter 4 Trend from November 2019 data.)

## Fire Service

### Operational Fire Statistics December 2019

	TOTAL	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baltinglass	Carnew	Tinahely
Callsign		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
<b>Two Stations Mobilised</b>											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	4	1	1	1	1						
Fire Domestic	22	5	6	3	3	3		1	1		
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	19	3	4	4	4		1	1	1		1
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	2			1	1						
Hazardous Materials Incident	2			1	1						
Fire Industrial / Commercial	4	1	2	1							
<b>Single Station Mobilised</b>											
Fire Alarm or CO <sub>2</sub> Activation	21	5	7	3	2	3			1		
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	3	1	1	1							
Fire Chimney	15	3	4	4		1	1		1		1
Fire Small / bin / skip	9	2		2		3				1	1
Fire Vehicle	3	3									
Fire Barn	0										
Flooding	0										
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	4	4									
Ambulance Assist	7	1	4		1	1					
Garda Assist	2	1	1								
Electrical Incident	4	1	2		1						
Gas Leak	0										
River Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	0										
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	1			1							
Lock Out	1						1				
Mobilised into other County	8						2	5	1		
Times Stations mobilised	131	31	32	22	14	11	5	7	5	1	3

There were 104 incidents attended during the month of December 2019. Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of 131 occasions. On no occasion during the month did an Incident Commander request an additional crew above what has been predetermined for the incident type to deal with the incident.

Operational activity for the month December was the same as the preceding month (November – 128 mobilisations). Activity for the month was up 36% on December 2018, mainly due to an increase in domestic fires (+100%), alarm activations (+33%), chimney fires (+100%).





## Sample Incidents (December 2019)

- 07/12/2019 Rathdrum and Wicklow Town attended a 2-car RTC in Glenealy with 3 casualties.
- 07/12/2019 Greystones and Bray Fire Stations attended a kitchen fire in Kilcoole with possible persons reported in building.
- 09/12/2019 Bray and Greystones attended a house fire in Kilpeddar with 3 persons reported in house.
- 09/12/2019 Dunlavin and Baltinglass Fire Stations attended a domestic house fire in Donard.
- 10/12/2019 Wicklow Town and Arklow attended an extensive house fire at Blainroe.
- 12/12/2019 Rathdrum and Tinahely attended a single car RTC near Aughrim with one casualty trapped.
- 22/12/2019 Arklow Fire Crew provided assistance to 2 casualties who fell from upper level of harbour pier having been struck by a wave.
- 25/12/2019 Bray, Wicklow Town and Baltinglass Fire Stations were mobilised to routine incidents on Christmas Day.

## Incidents mobilised outside county Wicklow (December 2019):

### Kildare (8-incidents)

- 04/12/19 Blessington Fire Crew were mobilised to an alarm activation at Glending on the Naas Road, County Kildare.
- 09/12/19 Blessington Fire Crew were mobilised to support Naas Fire Crew at an RTC at Donode, Ballymore Eustace, County Kildare.
- 15/12/19 Dunlavin Fire Crew were mobilised to support Naas Fire Crew at an RTC at Hacklow Cross, on the N78, County Kildare.
- 16/12/19 Dunlavin Fire Crew were mobilised to support Athy Fire Crew at an RTC at Timolin, Ballytore, County Kildare.
- 16/12/19 Dunlavin Fire Crew were mobilised to a chimney fire at Halverstown, Kilcullen, County Kildare.
- 19/12/19 Dunlavin Fire Crew were mobilised to support Naas Fire Crew at a domestic house fire at Kilgowan, County Kildare.
- 23/12/19 Baltinglass Fire Crew were mobilised to a petrol / oil fire at Bolton Hill, Moone, County Kildare.
- 29/12/19 Dunlavin Fire Crew were mobilised to support Athy Fire Crew at a domestic house fire at Ballytore, County Kildare.

## General

- All Fire Service personnel were presented with “1916” commemorate medals by elected representatives at ceremonies in every Fire Station in the county.
- Wicklow County Fire Service has reached 1,200 followers on Twitter.
- Emergency Services Driving Standard (ESDS) is continuing to be rolled out.
- The Primary Schools Programme has commenced, all schools in the County will be visited with nationally developed programme.
- Preparations took place for the Major Emergency Management Exercise scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Fire Prevention Statistics December 2019

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	6	0	1	0	4
Regularisation Certificates	1	0	1	1	1
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice	0	0	0	0	0
Disability Access Certificates	6	0	0	0	9

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
District	0	3	5	7	
Circuit	0	0	1	1	

### General

Inspection of premises            2  
 Health and Safety inspections   4

## Environment, Climate Adaptation and Biodiversity Action

### Waste Management

No. of Complaints Opened	<b>184</b>
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	<b>348</b>
No of Litter Fines Issued	<b>35</b>
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	<b>0</b>
No. of Warning Letters Issued	<b>6</b>
No. of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	<b>3</b>
No. of Burning Applications Granted	<b>1</b>
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	<b>0</b>
No. of Notices issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	<b>6</b>
No. of files prepared for Court included in Court lists	<b>50</b>
Income – Litter	<b>1,273.00</b>
Income – Waste Management	<b>€4,718.00</b>
Income – Anti-Dumping Initiative 2019	<b>€350,000.00</b>

### Climate Action

The CCMA signed up local authorities to a new Climate Charter. The Charter agreed that government set up a framework for local government to play a key role in delivering the National Climate Action Plan published in June. It provides a shared vision of the role of local government to deliver on Climate Adaptation and Climate Mitigation. The Climate and Biodiversity Action Strategic Policy Committee will convene their second meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A Climate Action Fund Information Seminar on expressions of interest for large scale strategic projects will be attended by Wicklow County Council staff 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Blus Flag Beaches

Applications have been submitted to An Taisce for 4 beaches in County Wicklow to be recognised as Blue Flag Beaches for 2020. These beaches are Bray, Greystones, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South. The results will be known in May 2020.

### Dog Licences

A total of 3,318 dogs were licenced in 2019. Of this 37% of all licences issued were purchased through Licences.ie.

#### Dogs Worrying Sheep:

A campaign has commenced on all social media for Wicklow County Council informing all dog owners about ensuring their dogs are not worrying sheep, coming into the lambing season.

Mr Seán Canney TD, the Minister of State with responsibility for Dog Control at the Department of Rural and Community Development, highlights the responsibility of dog owners and the vulnerability of sheep to dog attacks, particularly during lambing season.

**“Any dog, large or small, may become involved in attacking sheep**

**- MAKE SURE YOUR DOG DOESN'T GET THE CHANCE!**



Dog attacks cause real and serious injury to sheep and have a very negative impact, both financially and emotionally, on the farmers involved and their families. Even quiet, docile dogs can turn into killers, especially if they join other dogs.”

## Whitestown Remediation Project

Wicklow County Council have employed Fehily Timoney & Company to advise on the remediation of the site at Whitestown, in accordance with the judgments of Mr. Justice Humphreys.

- Priority Geotechnical Limited completed site Investigation on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September and factual report received in January 2020- results of the site investigation will inform the proposed remediation plan which is scheduled for completion in May 2020.
- Website is up and running and regular updates will be made to keep the Public and Members informed of progress.
- Environmental risk assessments as per EPA guidance document are currently being carried out.

## Ports and Harbours

The following chart outlines exports and imports for 2019 and also a comparison with 2018:

TOTAL	2018			2019			
	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	TOTAL	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	TOTAL	
Forestry Products	115,660	8,418	<b>124,078</b>	105,039	24,253	<b>129,292</b>	Forestry Products
Metals	0	40,291	<b>40,291</b>	0	30,660	<b>30,660</b>	Metals
Sand	2,149	2,506	<b>4,655</b>	2,460	0	<b>2,460</b>	Sand
Waste export	0	4,532	<b>4,532</b>	0	8,999	<b>8,999</b>	Waste export
Glass	0	12,109	<b>12,109</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	Glass
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,809</b>	<b>67,856</b>	<b>185,665</b>	<b>107,499</b>	<b>63,912</b>	<b>171,411</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**Wicklow** – Condition report on damaged warehouse – possible demolition may require relocation of harbour office.

Pontoon proposed at South Quay – Foreshore License Application ready to go in next week.

New 50T bollard, - due to start in the next few weeks.

**Arklow** – Provision of fishermen’s stores – consultant appointed for design & part 8 (TWCE), a second meeting with Fishermen has been held.

## Pollution Control

### Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants - Ambient Monitoring

- 3 River/Lake samples were taken and analysed upstream and downstream of discharges of public wastewater treatment plants involving 3 samples and 9 individual analyses were monitored on behalf of Irish Water.

### Pollution Response & Investigation

- 5 Water pollution complaints were received and investigated.
- 2 Air Pollution complaints were received and investigated.

### Private Water Supplies

- 8 Private water supplies were sampled.
- 7 Private water supplies were sampled and deemed compliant with microbiological parameters.
- 1 Private water supply were sampled and deemed non-compliant with coliform parameter. Advice letter issued and remedial action required.
- 7 Private water supplies were sampled and deemed compliant with physio-chemical parameters.
- 6 Private water supplies were sampled and deemed non-compliant with pH parameter. Letter issued and remedial action advised.
- 1 boil water notice lifted from private water supply after remedial works.

### Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2019

- Risk assessment maps examined and consulted with LAWPRO to select inspection sites as per national inspection plan for 2020.

### Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer

- 7 licensed wastewater discharge monitoring results were reviewed. 1 was non-compliant with key parameters and referred for improved treatment performance.

### Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 2 Lakes were monitored involving 9 samples were taken for analysis for the purposes of WFD/River Management Plan.
- 8 Rivers were monitored involving 25 samples for analysis for the purposes of the WFD/River Management Plan.

### Smokeless Coal

- Published newspaper notice advert to remind supplier, distributors, retailers and householder of obligations regarding specified fuels.
- 5 premises inspected for compliance with smokey coal ban.

## Planning & Development

- 8 environmental reports on referred planning applications/consultations were completed concerned agricultural, commercial and forestry development.
- 51 environmental reports on referred planning consultations were completed concerned forestry development.



## Well Grants

- Number of New Applications 8
- Number of Provisional Approvals 8
- Number of Grants provided 10
- Number of Inspections 10
- Number of New Wells 2
- Number of New Pumps 9
- Number of New Equipment (Filters etc.) 21

## Environmental Awareness

Christmas tree shredding was organized countywide at ten locations.

The Environmental Awareness Office and the Heritage Office have planned a Biodiversity themed seminar for Tidy Towns and other groups on February the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A meeting was held with the PPN and Community and Waters Officer to map out a range of workshops and seminars throughout the year covering Biodiversity, Sustainability and Climate Action. One of the events held this year will focus on youth participation.

The 2020 National Spring Clean campaign has been launched.

Assessment of green Schools for the Green Flag are now underway.

## Arklow Flood Relief Scheme

The Office of Public Works (OPW) and Wicklow County Council have commissioned Byrne Looby PH McCarthy (BLP) and Arup to undertake engineering and environmental studies respectively to assess and develop a viable, cost effective and sustainable Flood Relief Scheme for the Avoca River, Arklow.

The process of identifying a preferred scheme to address fluvial and coastal flooding in Arklow includes a detailed assessment of a range of flood risk management measures to determine their technical, economic, social and environmental viability.

Following a detailed scheme options assessment process, the series of measures that will make up the emerging preferred flood relief scheme for the Avoca River, Arklow have now been identified.

A number of questions have arisen regarding the affect of the flood defences on the hydrology of the Arklow Marsh and a study of the water levels in the marsh is now being carried out. A report on this was received on week ending 17th January 2020.

A number of changes in design have resulted in the need to update the Public realm drawings which is presently being done.

Possible disposal options for the dredge material are currently being investigated.

Following the confirmation of the preferred flood relief scheme an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared and submitted to An Bord Pleanala.

Initial meeting with the foreshore section of the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government has taken place.

## Organisational Development and Financial Matters

### 1. Recruitment

Competitions for the following posts were held in December 2019:

- Electrician – Arklow
- Plumber – Wicklow
- Burial Grounds Registrar – Three Mile Water and Barndarrig
- Temporary Civil Defence Officer

### Employee Numbers

	<b>Q1 2019</b>	<b>Q2 2019</b>	<b>Q3 2019</b>	<b>Q4 2019</b>
<b>Managerial/ Administrative</b>	280	272	280	285
<b>Professional/ Technical</b>	104	98	103	102
<b>Outdoor</b>	316	318	318	318
<b>Temporary/ Seasonal</b>	65	88	62	62
<b>Non DOHPLG</b>	8	8	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>775</b>

	<b>Q1 2018</b>	<b>Q2 2018</b>	<b>Q3 2018</b>	<b>Q4 2018</b>
<b>Managerial/ Administrative</b>	246	263	280	278
<b>Professional/ Technical</b>	119	105	105	104
<b>Outdoor</b>	317	306	313	312
<b>Temporary/ Seasonal</b>	41	79	54	38
<b>Non DOHPLG</b>	13	8	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>740</b>

(Excludes figures for Fire-fighters)

## 2. Access to Information

### No. of F.O.I. Requests

December 2019	9
January to December 2019	135

December 2018	4
January to December 2018	125

### No. of Ombudsman Requests

December 2019	4
January to December 2019	28

December 2018	0
January to December 2018	12

## 3. Press Releases

December 2019 – 4 Press Releases

## 4. Register of Electors

On Tuesday 14th January 2020, the Minister signed the Polling Day Order to hold the General Election on Saturday, 8th February 2020.

The closing date for the Supplement to the Postal Voters and Special Voters Lists was Thursday 16th January 2020. The closing date for the Supplement to the Register of Electors was Wednesday 22nd January 2020.

Electors registered to vote after 7th May, 2019 (closing date for inclusion in the Supplement to the Register of Electors published for the Local Elections, 2019) and on or before 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 (closing date for inclusion in the 2020/2021 Draft Register of Electors), will be included in the Supplementary Register which will be published for the forthcoming General Election, if eligible.

For those electors that applied to have their address changed and their old and whose new addresses are within the same Electoral Area, the change of address will not come into effect until 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. Therefore, they must vote from their old address for the forthcoming General Election, 2020.

Polling cards have issued to those applicants on the Live Register 2019/2020.

There are currently approx 6,500 on the Supplement to the Register of Electors. It is hoped to issue Polling Cards to those Electors before the end of January.





## 5. I.C.T. Report

### IT Helpdesk

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 23 tickets a day.

### Customer Service Delivery

- Customer Relations Management (CRM) System – Arklow Municipal District have begun piloting the new system for Housing Repairs and work continues on the business process mapping.

### Domain Migration

- Wicklow County Council is currently undertaking a domain migration project which includes the replacement of historic domain controllers and the migration of all users and servers to the new infrastructure. 360 plus, users and pcs are now migrated.

### Managed Print Service

- A review of print volumes and devices are currently underway.

### GIS & Data Collection Systems

- Cloud mapping is being more widely used by Arklow and Greystones MD's.
- Parallel projects in Housing, Roads and Environmental Services departments are on-going and integration to CRM and GIS systems are being developed.
- Resister of Elector Database now has over 95% Eircode match, making the collection of electoral details



## 6. Financial

### Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st DECEMBER 2019							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Actual Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to date	Actual income	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to date	
	€	€	%	€	€	%	€
A - Housing and Building	20,504,243	19,892,855	103	(24,803,281)	(24,370,271)	102	(4,299,038)
B - Road Transport & Safety	21,031,125	20,449,070	103	(13,747,718)	(13,354,096)	103	7,283,407
C - Water Services	5,567,330	5,818,773	96	(6,627,810)	(6,759,744)	98	(1,060,480)
D - Development Management	9,575,887	9,868,577	97	(5,375,450)	(5,501,133)	98	4,200,437
E - Environmental Services	11,500,393	10,987,633	105	(1,966,294)	(1,971,500)	100	9,534,099
F - Recreation and Amenity	6,770,138	6,990,426	97	(732,508)	(894,778)	82	6,037,630
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,466,633	1,541,865	95	(795,460)	(812,728)	98	671,173
H - Miscellaneous Services	11,097,585	11,098,626	100	(8,449,355)	(8,257,821)	102	2,648,230
J - Central Management Charges	15,747,722	16,052,449	98	(1,070,208)	(1,005,217)	106	14,677,514
LG - Local Government Fund				(11,983,425)	(11,983,425)	100	(11,983,425)
PL - Pension Levy				-	-		-
RA - Commercial Rates				(27,927,545)	(27,939,561)	100	(27,927,545)
	<b>103,261,056</b>	<b>102,700,274</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>103,479,054</b>	<b>102,850,274</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>(217,998)</b>

### Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

### Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2019	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers To/From Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/12/2019
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	23,666,606	82,159,099	(74,533,745)	(1,142,364)	30,149,596
Road Transport & Safety	(39,057,744)	7,834,340	(11,958,169)	(594,010)	(43,775,583)
Water Services	(10,100,125)	547,994	(1,329,801)	4	(10,881,928)
Development Management	(9,430,657)	398,313	(923,627)	(337,038)	(10,293,009)
Environmental Services	322,578	4,474,997	(3,598,891)	(496,887)	701,797
Recreation and Amenity	(237,760)	1,953,583	(2,275,387)	(215,000)	(774,564)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(929,822)	251,803	0	(305,000)	(983,019)
Miscellaneous Services	(14,953,999)	2,979,702	(2,595,661)	(312,852)	(14,882,810)
	<b>(50,720,923)</b>	<b>100,599,831</b>	<b>(97,215,281)</b>	<b>(3,403,147)</b>	<b>(50,739,520)</b>

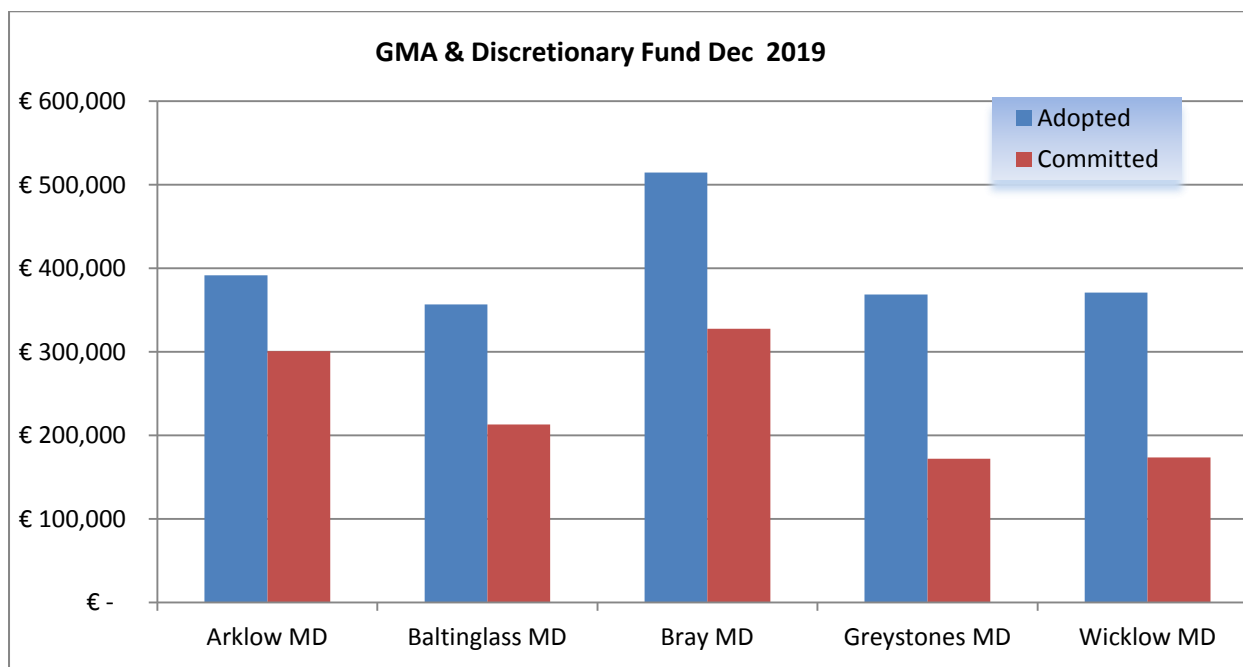
## Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

DECEMBER									
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2019	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/11/2019	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates *	6,804,584	27,927,545	(1,240)		34,733,369	24,158,264	10,575,105		71%
Rents & Annuities	1,470,372	14,611,931		(3,242)	16,079,061	14,221,415	1,857,646		88%
Housing Loans *	399,710	1,441,493			1,841,203	1,591,628	249,575		86%

**N.B.** The rent and rates collection percentages are below normal levels due to the carry forward of arrears at the start of the new financial year. This situation will be regularised over the course of the year.

## General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2019

Discretionary Budget 2019 €2,002,500. The graph and table below outline the discretionary budget for 2019 by Municipal District.



Municipal District	C/F from 2018	Adopted	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	101,350	391,750	402,197	90,903
Baltinglass MD	269,230	356,750	482,247	143,733
Bray MD	168,672	514,500	496,160	187,012
Greystones MD	-6,637	368,750	165,359	196,754
Wicklow MD	188,759	370,750	362,367	197,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>721,374</b>	<b>2,002,500</b>	<b>1,908,331</b>	<b>815,543</b>



## Capital Investment Programme 2019-2021

The Capital Investment Programme 2019-2021 for Wicklow County Council which details proposed capital expenditure projects over the next 3 year period, subject to available funding, was approved by the Members at the Ordinary Council meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

PROGRAMME GROUP	Proposed Expenditure			
	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€
<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>	71,127,000	119,392,000	146,372,000	<b>336,891,000</b>
<b>ROAD TRANSPORT &amp; SAFETY</b>	17,201,600	24,692,200	31,043,000	<b>72,936,800</b>
<b>WATER SERVICES</b>	150,000	150,000	150,000	<b>450,000</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT</b>	2,015,000	3,945,981	2,130,000	<b>8,090,981</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>	720,000	2,675,000	2,175,000	<b>5,570,000</b>
<b>RECREATION AND AMENITY</b>	7,439,000	17,950,000	9,988,000	<b>35,377,000</b>
<b>AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	2,200,000	7,300,000	11,050,000	<b>20,550,000</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b>	1,975,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	<b>3,975,000</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>102,827,600</b>	<b>177,105,181</b>	<b>203,908,000</b>	<b>483,840,781</b>