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Chief Executive's Report Wicklow County Council



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This Month:

Housing *CALF project with Tuath Housing approved for 32 units*

Wicklow wins 2017 Irish Libraries Services Award

National Women's Enterprise Day event *took place in Killruddery House*

Wicklow Road Traffic Speed Limit Bye-Laws *were adopted by the Members on 2nd October 2017*

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Social Housing Support

No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS and HAP)	3,488
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	516
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	348
No. in Long Term Leasing accommodation	7
No. in Short Term Leasing accommodation	4

2. Allocation of Social Housing

WCC Social Housing	26
Approved Housing Bodies	5 + 4 pending

3. Social Housing Stock

- > 4,330 tenancies occupied
- > Casual Vacancies/Relets 58
- > Total weekly rental accrual €240,587 (€12.5m per annum)
- > Minimum rent €24 pw - Maximum rent €275 pw
- > Arrears €1,141,776

4. Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

12 schemes approved €35,500,000

Scheme	Units	Current status
Brewery Bends, Rathdrum (Phase 2)	20	Commenced
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Commencing October 2017
Kilbride Lane, Bray (Murphy's Lands)	42	Tender documents being prepared
Farrankelly, Greystones (Phase 2)	23	Part 8 September 2017
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Tenders received – Reviewing submissions
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	25	Design stage (consultants)
Sugarloaf View, Kilmacanogue	20	Part 8 adopted – proceeding to tender stage
FCA Hall, Wicklow Town	8	Detailed design being prepared
Kilmantin Place, Bray	4	Detailed design being prepared
Ard Na Mara, Kilcoole	2	Detailed design being prepared
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Detailed design being prepared
Old Library, Arklow	7	Detailed design being prepared

5. Part V

- > **2017 - 5 units**
 - 1 unit purchased and allocated
 - 4 units undergoing final snagging
- > **Potential units**

Negotiations ongoing with a number of developers at preplanning and planning stage
- > 98 units approved, planning granted
- > 192 at pre planning stage

6. PPP Social Housing Project [Bundle 1)

Development Site at Convent Lands, Wicklow. The Department of Housing has dedicated €300 million towards delivery of housing through the public, private partnership model in the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. Wicklow has been included as a project in Bundle 1. The Part 8 was passed by the members at the Council Meeting of 3rd July 2017.

7. Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) - 5 units were provided under a CALF lease to Co-operative Housing on the Greenpark Road in Bray.

Approval has been sought from the Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government for a leasing arrangement with Cluid to provide 45 units of accommodation on the Council's site in Ballybeg, Rathnew. Estimated delivery date of these units is quarter 3.

A new CALF project with Tuath Housing was approved on 20th September 2017 for 32 units

at Bollarney North, Wicklow Town. There is currently no start or completion date available.

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - 4 units for category Homeless/at risk of Homelessness were purchased by an Approved Housing Body under the CAS call for 2016 and these were allocated in May 2017 with one further to be allocated. Further units will be delivered for people with disabilities under this scheme during 2017.

The CAS call for 2017 has been recently advertised.

Expressions of Interest – Social Housing on Council lands - Expressions of interest invited from AHBs earlier this year to submit proposals to develop on the Central Garage Site, Bray. Submissions requested from those that qualified with closing date of mid October.

8. Housing Schemes Remediation

Glending, Blessington – Remediation

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

- > Stage 3 Phase 3B – No. 1 to No. 10 Glending Square and No. 1 to No. 4 Glending Way – Contract signing in November 2017
- > Tenants are currently being moved out of these properties for this phase of the development.

Parknasilloogue, Enniskerry - Remediation

Remediation works completed. Legal proceedings ongoing.

Hillview, Wicklow - Remediation

Roof works across the entire estate approximately 50% complete. Bridge works to "F" types due to start. Refurbishment to "B" types 60% complete. Ceiling Repairs in B & C type dwellings due to start.

9. Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

- > Grant funding for private houses - €1.1M
- > Grant funding for social houses - €650,000
Applications on hand to the value of €1.7m

Approved

- > 44 Mobility Aid Grants €224,055
- > 10 Housing Adaption Grants €168,836
- > 33 Housing Aid for
Older People €201,965

House Purchase Loans	Incremental Purchase Scheme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 52 applications > 8 granted > 4 pending > 40 declined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 140 applications to date > 90 Loan offers to date > 4 sales completed

10. Addressing Homelessness

- > No of presentations to date: 19/10/2017
328 (145 individuals and 183 families)
- > No in emergency accommodation :-
7 families and 4 individuals

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.

Carraig Eden, Greystones - Wicklow County Council intends to complete the purchase of the property known as Carraig Eden in Greystones in October 2017 and will enter into a lease

agreement with Tiglin (Approved Housing Body) which will ensure that the long term needs of the facility's residents will be addressed by their progression into sustainable, long term tenancies via the various social housing supports available. Funding of €3,182,100 was approved to purchase and refurbish the building (includes €150,000 WCC funding).

Fairfield Park, Greystones - Fairfield Park in Greystones has provided private rented accommodation to households since 1973. In August 2016, 48 households were issued with Notice to Quit. The Council immediately proactively engaged with the landlord and the residents and engaged the services of a Housing Support Worker from the Dublin Simon Community to work with Council staff in the provision of Tenancy Sustainment and Housing Support services. A site clinic was set up which greatly facilitated the residents, many of whom were elderly and/or infirm and resident in Fairfield Park since the 1970s.

The percentage of transitioned households is now at 100% with transitions being achieved through a mix of sourcing private rented accommodation with HAP and RAS, successful referrals to AHBs, allocation of some Social Housing units and temporary accommodation from family pending Social Housing Support.

Category	Total
Local Authority Social Housing	7
Approved Housing Body	3
Rental Assistance Scheme	5
Housing Assistance Payment	8
Private Rented	15
House Purchase	2
Family	6
RIP	2

11. Community and Social Development

LAG/LEADER:

Training for Councillors

Training on the LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020 will be held for the elected members of Wicklow County Council in the Council Chamber on Monday 13th November beginning at 9:30 am and ending at 1pm with lunch provided.

Call for Funding Applications

The LCDC noted the circulars no's 12 to 19 (see October report) and agreed to the changes involved, on the recommendation of the LEADER subgroup.

The LCDC will be considering their second round of projects on the meeting of 14th November 2017.

On foot of the very welcome changes to the LEADER programme, all those who submitted qualified Expressions of Interest forms have been written to, advising them that they can submit applications at any time. This follows the change from mainly timed calls to rolling calls. In addition, information sessions are being held in order to explain the changes that have been made to the LEADER programme and to advise on the application process. These information sessions are on:

Tuesday 21st Nov 2017

Hollywood Community Centre - 7-9pm

Wednesday 22nd Nov 2017

Kilcoole Parish Centre - 7-9pm

Thursday 23rd Nov 2017

Tinahely Community Hall - 7-9pm

Please contact the Office of Community Culture and Social Development if you need any further information on any item in this report

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Closing date for receipt of tenders for SICAP 2018-2022 was Friday 6th October 2017 – 2 tenders received.

Co-operation Ireland All-Island Pride of Place Awards 2017

This is the fifteenth year of this competition, the purpose of which is to acknowledge the fantastic work being done every day by communities all over the Island of Ireland.

This year Wicklow County Council entered 4 groups in the competition under four different Categories:

- **Community Based Youth Initiative** - East Wicklow Youth Service (THE VAULT), Arklow
- **Creative Place Initiative** - Signal Arts Centre, Bray
- **Urban Neighbourhoods** - Bray Family Resource and Development Project CLG, Bray
- **Community Reaching Out Initiative** – Streetfeast, Newtownmountkennedy

Judging took place in the County on 10th and 11th July and the winners will be announced at a Gala Awards night to be held in Donegal on 2nd December 2017.

Age Friendly

September-November 2017 a 'Community Care Roadshow' will take place in six locations (Baltinglass, Bray, Arklow, Blessington, Tinahely and Wicklow). The roadshow is collaboration between WCC Age Friendly, the HSE, Gardai and Fire Service. Each event will include presentations from each stakeholder followed by a "cuppa and a chat".

Comhairle na nÓg

- Comhairle na nÓg Wicklow's AGM was held in the Parkview Hotel,

Newtownmountkennedy on 26th October 2017.

- The Comhairle representatives presented their chosen topics to the full Council meeting on Monday 2nd October 2017 – their two topics are homelessness and cyber-bullying.
- Comhairle Training day took place on the 14th September and a regional day on Thursday 28th September 2017.

Community CCTV Scheme

New grant scheme for 2017 included in the Programme for Partnership Government – one application from Arklow Town Team to be submitted by 31st December 2017

Ballynagran Small Grants Scheme

Letters were sent to the applicants in October advising of the amount receivable under the 2017 Grant Scheme.

Disability Federation Ireland

Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) is the national support organisation for voluntary

disability organisations in Ireland who provide services to people with disabilities and disabling conditions. Laura English from Disability Federation Ireland is now working with Wicklow Local Authorities two days per week. Laura currently works as a Community Development Worker for Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) in the South Dublin and Wicklow region.

Community Awards Scheme

Wicklow County Councils Community Grant Scheme assisted over 180 local community and voluntary groups, including sporting, arts and cultural organisations that would benefit from small scale or once-off funding to support the groups’ activities or to develop a particular project.

Community Facilities Scheme 2017

Almost 80 local community and voluntary groups were assisted by this scheme in 2017 in respect of capital projects to a maximum of €1,000.

12. Funding / Grants Schemes

Town & Village

T&V 2016 Scheme

2016 Projects Approved (€380,000)			
Area	Project	Funding	Status
Kilcoole	Enhancement Works and Health Check	€44,200	To be completed December 2017
Carnew	Playground Equipment	€72,550	To be completed December 2017
Shillelagh	Shillelagh Stick Project	€17,000	To be completed December 2017
Wicklow Town	Enhancement Works & Health Check	€26,000	To be completed December 2017
Dunlavin	Looped Walk	€72,250	Underway
Rathdrum	Enhancement Works	€100,000	To be completed December 2017

Rathdangan	Playground Equipment	€48,000	To be completed December 2017
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T&V 2017 Scheme

Area	Proposal	Amount	
Baltinglass	Digital hub, co-working space and heritage centre	€110,000	Approved
Blessington	Upgrading of amenities in preparation for Greenway	€70,000	Approved
Ballinaclash	Upgrade car park and community centre for a social enterprise	€26,423	Approved
Rathnew	Community centre works for community enterprise	€100,000	Approved
Stratford on Slaney	Purchase and reopen shop/cafe - social/community enterprise	€79,000	Not approved
Enniskerry	Upgrade works to town square and clock	€100,000	Not approved
14 villages	Memory trail app development	€24,000	Not approved

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund 2017

Measure 1	Description	Funding received	
Greystones MD	Kilcoole to Kilquade Mass Path and Ballydonerea Loop Walk enhancement	€10,000	Approved
Rathdrum Playground Committee	Rathdrum Famine Graveyard Loop Walk enhancement	€8,000	Approved
Wicklow County Tourism	Wicklow Way enhancement	€7,266	Approved
Arklow MD	Red Route improvement	€10,000	Not approved
Tinahely Community Area Projects	Railway Walk Tinahely enhancement	€10,000	Not approved
Timbersports Ireland	Timbersports arena development	€10,000	Not approved
Rathdrum Tidy Town	Jacobs Ladder walk enhancement	€10,000	Not approved

Measure 2	Description		
Wicklow County Council	Inch to Arklow Cycleway	€85,000	Awaiting decision
Wicklow County Council	The Green Route Arklow	€80,000	Awaiting decision
Friends of the Murrough/WCC	Wicklow Cliff Walk	€75,000	Awaiting decision
Roundwood & District Community council/WCC	Vartry Reservoir Walk	€76,000	Awaiting decision
Measure 3	Description		
Wicklow County Council	Aughrim to Shillelagh Walkway/Cycleway	€783,817	Not approved

REDZ 2016	Tender process for design and build Pottery Centre underway	€150,556	Underway
CLAR 2016	Pedestrian Crossing in Knockananna Safety signs Knockananna MUGA	€20,000 €2,000 €48,000	To be completed December 2017
CLAR 2017	Knockananna - €27,000, provision of public lighting to existing footpath linking the GAA grounds to village Rathcoyle - €6,300, purchase and replacement of flashing amber safety lights.	€27,000 €6,300	To be completed December 2017

13. Infrastructure – Recreation, Sports & Tourism

Part VIII's Approved

Greystones Playground

Blessington Greenway

CLÁR

2017 Grants Approved:

Knockananna - Public Lighting for the footpath from Knockananna Village to GAA grounds - €27,000

Rathcoyle - Purchase and replacement of a flashing amber safety light - €6,300

Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGS)

Flags are a community-led local development initiative for fisheries and aquaculture dependent communities, under Ireland's Seafood Operational Programme 2014-2020, and funded through the European Maritime & Fisheries Fund. Focused on promoting innovative approaches to create growth and jobs in these coastal areas, to create growth and jobs in these coastal areas, with a particular emphasis on adding value to fishery and aquaculture products and diversifying the local economy towards new economic activities. Already in 2017, the South East FLAG (Wicklow, Wexford & Waterford) has been

allocated €423,000 for 29 projects, costing €645,000.

The Wicklow FLAG Projects approved to date are:

- Storage Facilities for Fishermen - €200,000
 - Arklow Lightship Restoration Scheme - €28,000
 - Arklow Hoist Improvement Works & Training - €25,750
 - Celtic Longboat for Vartry Rowing Club - €6,396
 - Wicklow Seafood Festival - €12,035
- Of this €253,750, Wicklow County Council will contribute €76,125 with grant aid of €177,625.

Avondale Forest Park Project

Avondale Forest Park Project will be a significant new visitor hub for County Wicklow. The plan is to develop Avondale Forest Park into a significant visitor destination in Ireland's Ancient East to provide a major new offering for visitors and tourists to Wicklow including amongst other, the Glendalough Experience – Interpretive Centre and visitor facilities for Glendalough located at Avondale, a major site for outdoor activities and indoor activities, Forestry Museum and Avondale House Experience – the life and legacy of Charles Stewart Parnell

Progress to date – Consultants appointed in 2017 - Planning application for 'Phase 1' to be lodged by end of 2017

Tourism Fund

€50,000.00 was allocated for tourism projects in the County (€10,000.00 per Municipal District) in Budget 2017 – projects have been submitted and approved.

Blessington Greenway

WCC has applied to Fáilte Ireland for the Large Tourism Projects 2016-2020 Grant Scheme for funding to construct a greenway - Part VIII was approved for the project at the Wicklow County Council meeting held on 3rd July 2017.

Blueway

Under the current LEADER programme, a separate fund of **€10m** has been ring-fenced under the LEADER Co-Operation heading and the 3 counties (Wicklow, Wexford & Waterford) intend to apply for funding under the heading to develop the Blueway. Tenders for Feasibility Study were assessed/reviewed in September and Irish Leisure Consultants (ILC), Carrowcashel, Ramelton, Co. Donegal have been awarded the tender for the provision of a feasibility study into the development requirements and economic potential of a South East Coastal Blueway.

Playgrounds, MUGA's & Skate Parks

Knockananna Playground – Scheduled start date 6th October 2017.

Rathdangan Playground – Scheduled start date 6th October 2017. Tender sum €40,419.11 exc. V.A.T. The footpath leading up to the playground has been improved and the playground gate has been moved in order to accommodate the children and make the area safer.

Greystones Playground (Replacement) - Part 8 approved and tenders being assessed at present. Contractor will be appointed in October.

Baltinglass Skatepark - Scheduled start beginning of October 2017.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2017

Development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure or the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland.

Measure 1: Small Scale Maintenance/Promotional Marketing (Applications Approved)

- Kilcoole to Kilquade Mass Path and Ballydonerea Loop Walk enhancement
- Enhancement of Rathdrum Famine Graveyard Loop Walk (Millennium Loop Walk)
- Enhancement Works on the Wicklow Way

13. Library Service

Wicklow County Council wins Public Sector Magazine Award

Wicklow County Council has won an award for the county's library service. The 2017 Irish Library Services Award was presented by Public Sector Magazine in its annual Excellence in Business Awards. The prestigious award was in recognition of the extraneous range of services offered by the county's 13 branch libraries which have become vital components of the educational, cultural and socio-economic development of communities and individuals in every part of the county. Public Sector Magazine will feature Wicklow County Council in a special publication with editorials on each of this year's award winners.

New Library for Wicklow Town

Wicklow County Council is delighted to announce the acquisition of the former Ulster Bank building at Upper Mall, Wicklow Town, for a new library for the town. This modern building comprises 1,234 square metres, over 6 floors on Wicklow's Main Street, close to the current library location. The available space will

enable a quality service to be developed where, in addition to adequate space for book stock, there is additional space to develop quality reader services and facilities, and space for archival material.

14. Local Sports Partnership

Katie Taylor Bursary 2017 - advertised in line with CAO offers, on the LSP social media platforms, CountyWise, via email to Sports Clubs, schools & colleges and East Coast FM. The closing date was 15th September and we have received 10 applications.

Grant Applications

Outdoor Urban Adventure Initiative- Dormant Acc Funding

An application has been submitted for this funding opportunity. The application was made in conjunction with Crosscare and the KWETB Sports Promotion Unit to roll out an urban outdoor initiative in the Bray Harbour and Dargle River areas. This application, if successful, will complement the proposed Blueway project for Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford.

Healthy Ireland funding

Fund of €100,000 is available for LCDCs and €38,400 for CYPSC. It is a stipulation of the application that LSP and HSE must be involved in the application process. The deadline for this application was 15th of September and two applications have been submitted.

Code of Ethics

19 courses have so far been held in 2017 (13 Safeguarding 1 course; 5 Safeguarding 2 courses and 1 Safeguarding 3 course)

Community Sports Development Officers (CSDO's)

Andrew McBride (West Wicklow) and Denise O'Shea (East Wicklow) have taken up their positions as Community Sports Development Officers (CSDO's) for the County.

HSE - Chronic Disease & Lower Back Pain Interventions, Arklow

Collaboration with Physiotherapists in Arklow started in October with referrals coming from Arklow HSE and LSP development officer and Physiotherapist leading the sessions.

Siel Bleu - Older Adults Activity Programme, Greystones

12 week programme aimed at older adults and free of charge. Currently fully booked with 25 people registered. If successful, this programme will be rolled out in other towns across the County.

15. Arts

WICKLOW ARTS OFFICE

Orla Moloney started on Monday 18th September providing cover for Jenny Sherwin.

Arts Council Application

Consultant, Liz Kelly, was contracted to deliver the application (based on information supplied by the Arts Office), and it was submitted on time. The request was for €82,000 (a 55% increase on the award for 2017). The CCMA expressed their unhappiness with the early submission date and other changes in the application process at a meeting with Arts Council representatives in October.

Strategic Projects – Awards

The Arts Office recently completed the application process for *Strategic Project Awards*, which will support the collaborative development and delivery of new high quality projects during 2018. Three awards were made:

- Anna Newell – *Sing me to the Sea* – R&D for a music/ Immersive theatre experience

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for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties, set in a hydro pool (sessions to be held in pools in East Wicklow and West Wicklow) – €14,900

- Neil Regan & Alchemy Music – *Londubh Festival* in Ashford (formerly Heaney Festival) – a development initiative that will extend the scope and ambition of the festival, making it a poetry and music event of national significance - €4,500
- Oonagh Murphy – *The Mouth of a Shark* – A collaborative community project leading to a theatrical song cycle juxtaposing the experience of refugee immigrants to Ireland with the experience of Irish emigrants of the last 50 years - €13,400

Creative Ireland

Work is taking place on all aspects of the Creative Ireland partnership. Alongside the successful delivery of a family programme throughout the county for Cruinniú na Cásca on Easter Monday, and the establishment of a Children and Young People Expert Group (due to meet in early October), other notable developments include:

- The selection of curator Linda Shevlin for a multi disciplinary art project on the theme of Pollinators as part of a *Heritage Pilot* programme

- The development of a brief for a *Literature Curator*, who will be appointed shortly.

Public Art

Two curators have been appointed to deliver the four public art commissions for: Fran O'Toole Bridge; Albert Avenue Underpass; St. Philomena's National School, Ravenswell; and Coláiste Ráithín, Ravenswell. Five shortlisted artists have already visited the Coláiste Ráithín site and the selection panel will meet on October 18th. Visits and panels are currently being organised for the other three sites.

Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

1. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC last met on 27th September 2017. The next meeting is 14th November 2017.

There were three new members in attendance.

Frank Curran CE Wicklow County Council replaced Bryan Doyle.

Siobhan Fitzpatrick HSE replaced Maurice Farnan.

Brian Carty CEO County Wicklow Partnership replaced Tom Gregan.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The Advisory Group is continuing to monitor the implementation of the LECP, both the community and the economic actions, and to ensure the integration of economic and community actions. Update on Community Actions:

LECP Update Summary

<p>Goal 1: Develop Community Capacity in disadvantaged communities and engage in urban regeneration and rural development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build capacity and social capital across all communities - Maximise opportunities for urban regeneration and rural development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health checks underway: Arklow and Wicklow towns - Health checks procured for: Greystones, Blessington, Kilcoole, Rathnew, Newtownmountkennedy, Baltinglass, Rathdrum - We will be providing training and seminars in topics relevant to community groups along with LEADER - Town & Village received €265,000 in funding for projects in Baltinglass, Blessington, Rathnew and Ballinaclesh - Outdoor Recreation received €25,266 for projects in Kilcoole, Rathdrum and the Wicklow Way - The REDZ project has tendered for the design of the pottery heritage centre
<p>Goal 2: Promote active citizenship underpinned by good governance and participation in decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop strong representative fora in the county 	<p>Ongoing support for:</p> <p>PPN Comhairle na nÓg Co. Wicklow Older Persons Council Wicklow Local Authority Access Group</p>
<p>Goal 3: Develop high quality integrated services available to all communities, in particular disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The LCDC will provide the strategic direction for the integration of existing services - The LCDC will provide representation for additional services and resources where 	<p>Focus in October was on:</p> <p>Funding application submitted on behalf of LCDC For Healthy Ireland/Wicklow</p> <p>Rural Transport – Consultation held on Rural Transport Wicklow scheme, now known as Local Links. Report will issue in the coming weeks</p>

gaps are identified or where new issues arise	
Goal 4: A vibrant and innovative community and social enterprise sector - Establish a strong social & community enterprise sector in the county	Consultant appointed to: Map social enterprise in the county Outline steps to develop the sector Identify supports needed for start-ups and up scaling stages

2. 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).

CWETT Action Plan consists of the Big Idea = (Re Brand Wicklow) and 6 Objectives

1. Ensure that Wicklow is open for business
2. Facilitate the maximum economic return from the retail sector
3. Maximise the value of Wicklow’s status as the Garden County
4. Capitalise on the immediate economic impact of the film industry
5. Sustain and where possible grow traditional sectors
6. Be alert to new economic opportunities

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Many of the 142 actions listed in the t Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) have come from the County Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) Action Plan.

LECP Economic Goals 6 – 9

6. *Develop infrastructure and measures that are positive to investment, enterprise, innovation and knowledge creation.*
7. *Sustain existing enterprise and develop quality employment and income opportunities, with possibilities for reversing commuting patterns.*
8. *Capitalise on Wicklow’s unique attributes and proximity to the Dublin*

market, excellent quality of life, human capital, tourism, landscape, marine, agricultural and forestry resources.

9. *Support a shift towards low carbon and climate change resilient economic activity,leading in the Smart Green Economy*

Listed below are just some of the actions that are currently underway;

BRAND

The Endless Opportunities Brand will be re-launched towards the end of 2017 in conjunction with the web-portal launch.

FILM

The South Eastern Creative Corridor is an initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices funded under the Regional Action Plan for Jobs targeting supports to entrepreneurs and businesses who provide or could potentially provide products and services into the Creative Industry including the Film and wider Audio Visual industry. The Big Picture Conference will be held on 17th November. This is the culmination of the South Eastern Creative Corridor Event.

An application for funding will be made under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund to develop Wicklow County Campus as an audio visual/creative content hub. Closing date 2nd March 2018

The Crowe Howarth report on the Audio Visual Skills Strategy has been published. One of the key recommendations is the development and continuation of much stronger links between

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training and education providers and the audiovisual industry, these tie in with the objectives for the development of the hub.

RETAIL

The Arklow Municipal District and Arklow Town Team arranged an information evening aimed at retailers. The event was held on **19th October at 7 pm** in the Arklow Bay Hotel. In addition to the talk by David Fitzsimons of Retail Excellence Ireland, there will be a presentation on commercial rates, online trading vouchers for retailers and a presentation on Age Friendly Business at this event.

The Florentine is at the second stage of the tender process. It is hoped that a developer will be appointed within the next month.

TOWN TEAMS

The Framework for Town Centre Renewal is a key deliverable under the Action Plan for Jobs 2017. This is largely in response to the impact of the recession on retail and on town centres generally. The Framework proposes three key steps;

- Establish a Town Team
- A Town Centre Health Check
- Prepare and Implement a Town Centre Plan

Town Teams have been established in Bray, Arklow, Greystones and Wicklow and initial discussions have been held with Blessington Forum with a view to forming a Blessington Town Team.

Three Towns: Arklow, Blessington and Greystones have been nominated to enter the Bank of Ireland National Enterprising Towns Awards 2017. The Judges visits have taken place; each of the towns has put forward excellent presentations and arranged tours of key areas within their towns. The awards will be announced on 15th November at a function in Tullamore. Each team will be invited to nominate three representatives to attend the event.

Other Town Team Activity

Towns Matter has been engaged to carry out Town Centre Health Checks in Wicklow and Arklow. This will be followed by health checks in Greystones, Blessington, Baltinglass, Kilcoole, Rathnew, Rathdrum and Newtownmountkennedy.

A number of projects are underway in the various towns and Leader funding applications have been submitted for some of these projects.

A key objective of the Town Team initiative is to encourage more collaboration, communication and cooperation between the Local Authority, business and the wider community and to develop one voice from one team for each town.

It has been agreed that a report on town team activity will be submitted to the relevant Municipal District and Chamber of Commerce on a monthly basis.

WEB PORTAL PROJECT:

- Wicklow County Council has appointed 'INVENTISE' to design, develop and host our new Web Portal.
- When completed the Web Portal will play a key role in communicating the new 'Wicklow' brand which encapsulates what Wicklow has to offer across multiple dimensions: start and grow a business, live and work, visit and stay.
- To this end the Web Portal will have three key elements organised under the primary navigation headings of: VISIT, LIVING and BUSINESS
- A large team of County Council staff is currently engaged in editing and developing the web content. Further editing will be done by a copywriter to ensure consistency of tone.
- We anticipate that the portal will be ready for user testing toward the end of October; it will go live shortly thereafter and will be officially launched towards the end of 2017.

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TOURISM STATEMENT OF STRATEGY & WORKPLAN 2017 – 2022:

Wicklow County Council will shortly appoint consultants to draft the County Wicklow Tourism Strategy.

The overall vision is to make Wicklow the number one choice for visitors seeking an idyllic escape that harmonises a wide range of outdoor pursuits in Wicklow's world class natural arena, while driving job creation.

The consultants will carry out a SWOT analysis of the existing product, taking account of the LECP, carry out an assessment of the accommodation offering and to make recommendations for maximising bed nights, building on Ireland's Ancient East improving our festivals and events, develop recommendations for marine tourism, walking and trails, food and beverage, spiritual tourism etc. Make recommendations for the development of Glendalough, recommend how we can capitalise on our popular attractions.

A meeting of the CWETT Tourism Strategy Group will be called once the tenderer has been appointed.


MARITIME

The Maritime Business Development Group is due to reconvene on 30th November

Key issues under consideration

- The development of a maritime strategy which will include an audit of marine assets, and an audit of land available in the vicinity of the commercial harbours and a plan to maximise opportunities arising out of tourism, wind energy and aquaculture.
- How best to maximise the opportunity presented by offshore wind energy developments; The ESB is seeking expressions of interest for the provision of renewable energy marine services related to offshore wind farms. ESB plans to develop or acquire the offshore wind farms commencing in 2018. The location of these initial offshore wind farms is expected to be in the Irish sea. This is very significant for County Wicklow and we need to ascertain how to best maximise the benefit of such activity.
- Investigation into the development of an aquaculture cluster in County Wicklow

3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

 <p>Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil Local Enterprise Office</p>	<p><i>LEO Wicklow Monthly Management Report for Wicklow County Council</i></p>		<p>Year to 20/10/2017</p>
<p>Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</p>	<p>Wicklow</p>	<p>Report to Council Meeting November 2017</p>	

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

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2016	2017	2017
<p>Grants Approved (number/ value)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18/€362,875 - N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet Demand - Meet Demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20/€394,231.90 - 15/€24,091.03
<p>NB: Ability to meet demand is determined by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO</p>			

METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2016	2017	2017
<p>Start Your Own Business Participant numbers</p>	80	75	75
<p>Management Development Programme Participant numbers (commences September)</p>	21	18	21
<p>Business Skills Training Courses</p>	192	190	135

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Participant Numbers			
Business IT Training Courses Participant numbers	151	140	101
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	6	6	5
Seminars participant numbers	414	400	315

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2016	2017	2017
Number of new enquiries	627	700	512
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings	369	350	314
Businesses assigned a Mentor	44	50	60 (incl 8: SECC mentoring)
Businesses assigned a MFI pre-application mentor	16	10	7
Businesses assigned a MFI post-approval mentor	3	10	7

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2015/2016	2016/2017	Year to Date
Secondary Student Participants (number)	939	940	1116

October 2017 Activities

- Start Your Own Business Course started 4th October in the Glenview Hotel with 15 participants.
- National Women's Enterprise Day Event took place in Killruddery House with guest speaker Fionnuala Ardee and attended by 58 female entrepreneurs.
- The Tax & VAT Course started 12th October with 12 participants.
- The Trading Online Seminar on Friday 13th October was attended by 45 participants.
- The Search Engine Optimisation Beginners course in Arklow Business Enterprise Centre was attended by 12 participants.
- Seven Digital Marketing clinics took place in Wicklow County campus on Friday 20th October.

4. Planning and Development

Forward Planning:

Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018

The Chief Executive's Report issued to the Elected Members on 28th September with six weeks available to the Members to consider same. The plan will be included as an item for the agenda for the November meeting of the full Council.

Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018

The preparation of the Chief Executive's Report for the Elected Members is currently underway

Heritage:

Grants totalling €70,000 was received in respect of the Structures at Risk Funding (SRF), while €67,800 was received in grants under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS). These grants are approved by the Department of Heritage, Culture and the Gaeltacht. Once the works are completed, the monies are recouped back from the department. The projects that secured this funding included:

- Carnew COI €30,000 (SRF)
- St Saviours Church, Arklow €30,000 (SRF)
- Russborough House €10,000 (SRF)
- Kilmurray Church, Newtownmountkennedy € 9,000 (BHIS)
- Wicklow Parish Church € 8,500 (BHIS)
- St Crispin's Cell, Greystones € 6,500 (BHIS)
- St Kevin's Church Hollywood € 2,500 (BHIS)
- The Cottage, Sea Road € 4,000 (BHIS)
- Vallemount Church € 9,000 (BHIS)
- St Michael's Church, Aghold € 6,500 (BHIS)
- Shillelagh Church € 8,500 (BHIS)
- Natures Gold Shop, Greystones € 8,200 (BHIS)
- Christchurch, Delgany € 5,100 (BHIS)

Planning Applications:

A total of 125 applications were received during September, these include applications for:

Individual Houses:	31
Housing Developments:	10
Agricultural Structures:	7
Commercial:	31
Other Developments:	46

Decisions issued in respect of 81 applications, being:

Housing Developments	5
Individual Houses	17
Other Developments	59

Of these 81 decisions, 14 were appealed to An Bord Pleanála, with 72% of these decisions upheld by the board.

Planning Enforcement:

There are 736 files that are currently live. During September:

- 12 new files were opened
- 20 Advisory letters issued
- 17 Warning Letters issued
- 2 Enforcement Notices served
- 1 file was referred for legal action
- 14 files have been closed

Derelict Sites:

- 11 inspections were carried out
- One statutory notice issued

5. Water and Environmental Services

Harbour

- Consultation Process for the replacement of the storage units at Arklow Harbour to commence in October.
- Painting of the existing containers to be started in October.

October 2017

- Liaison with Irish Water in relation to dredging/barge during site investigation for the W.W.T.W. in Arklow Harbour in September.
- Arklow Harbour projects are B.I.M. Funded.

Wicklow Harbour

- Works commenced on repairs and filling of voids on the East Pier in September.
- Repair works commenced on the North Quay walls.
- Both Projects were funded by the Fisheries Harbour Development Programme of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Marine.

Arklow Flood Relief Scheme

- The EIS is being prepared, and further studies have been identified: an ecology study has been completed.
- Sampling of the gravels upstream and downstream of the bridge will be carried out in the coming weeks.
- A geomorphology (study of sediment transport) will be carried out in the coming weeks.
- A lot of work is being done to align the Flood Scheme with Irish Water's Sewerage Scheme and there is a discussion (IW and OPW and WCC) about jointly carrying out works on the South side of the river.

Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant

Access to the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Site is currently restricted and has resulted in a delay to completion of the Site Investigation Works. However Irish Water is still progressing.

- Following a review of the design of the WWTP with Stakeholders, the design

will be put out to Public Consultation later this year.

- Irish Water will provide an update to Local Representatives in advance of the Public Consultation to ensure they are fully informed.
- Following completion of the Public Consultation, Irish Water intends to submit a Planning Application to An Bord Pleanala, complete with an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- An application for a Wastewater Discharge Licence will be made to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in parallel with the Planning Application.

Litter/Waste Enforcement

No. of Complaints Received	240
No of Litter Fines Issued	17
No. of Waste Management Files Open	8
No. of Warning Letters Issued	11
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	10
No. of Burning Applications Granted	8
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	6
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	1
No. of Cases heard in Court under Litter Pollution Act	1
No. of Cases heard under the Waste Management Act	9
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	95

Environmental Awareness

Green Schools Teacher Training Seminar

Training seminars were provided with An Taisce for teachers from County Wicklow schools on all the Green School themes at Woodbrook College in Bray. Themes covered were Litter and Waste, Energy, Water, Biodiversity and Global Citizenship.

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PURE Mile

Judging of the PURE Mile was undertaken in early September with Ian Davis of the PURE and Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer. Over 40 communities and groups participated in this year's competition covering 150 miles of rural road. The awards were held in early October.

Food Waste Prevention Game for Schools

A meeting was held with the Clean Technology Centre in Cork on development of a bingo game for schools which will explore the theme of food waste. Wicklow County Council is developing the game with LAPN funding.

E11 Operation of Fire Service

Wicklow County Council operates a retained fire service deployed from 10 fire stations.

Objectives for 2017

- To provide an efficient and effective Fire Service and secure compliance with fire safety standards, in order to protect and save lives.
- Regularly review and update the Major Emergency Plan, ensure personnel are trained and exercised regularly for roles assigned in the plan.
- Provide effective training programmes, including safety and health, for all Fire Service personnel.
- Continue to upgrade existing fire stations and to provide new stations where required.

Progress in 2017

- Co-ordinated meetings took place with Local Authorities within the region and with all Principal Response Agencies

- Regular meetings of Major Emergency Management Committee took place.
- Crisis Management Team was convened on 3 occasions in relation to Storm Ophelia
- Staff from Wicklow County Council attended regional training courses.
- An extensive programme of training was delivered including safety and health, for all Fire Service personnel.

E12 Fire Prevention

Objectives for 2017

- Carry out inspections of works under the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003 to ensure compliance and bring enforcement proceedings where appropriate.
- Continued development of National Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Carry out fire safety education programmes to increase public awareness.
- New Community Fire Safety Outreach programme to be developed.

Progress in 2017

- Inspections were carried out under the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003.
- The national primary school fire safety programmes was delivered in all schools in the county.
- A series of 6 community outreach events took place with the Gardaí and the HSE
- The chip pan demonstration unit was on display at a number of large crowd events.
- Pre-incident plans were developed for a number of high risk locations

6. Transportation & Roads Infrastructure

TII	2017 allocation	Draw down at 2.10.17
National Roads		
Improvement		
N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment Scheme HD28 NS Pavement Renewals 2017 LA Eng Support	€985,000	€120,263
Maintenance		
NS Ordinary Maintenance 2017 NS Winter Maintenance 2017	€198,275	€25,068
Both NP & NS		
Support (Maintenance) 2017 Support (Winter Maintenance) 2017	€25,200	€6,686
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NTA	2017 allocation	Draw down at 2.10.17
Strand Road Cycle, Bray	€298,000	€172,689
Vale Rd Wexford Rd /Main St Arklow	€60,000	€18,871

Dept of Transport Tourism & Sport	2017 allocation	Draw down at 2.10.17
Non National Road		
Road improvement Length: 64.5km	€3,466,297	€2,084,689
Road Maintenance Length: 56.4km	€952,823	€642,273

Discretionary Grant	€1,827,616	€1,827,616
Bridge Rehabilitation Works Rathdrum, Fortgranite Bridge, Bay Bridge, Shillelagh, Cherrymount Bridge, Avoca, Rosnastraw Bridge, Tinahely, Roddenagh Bridge, Beech Road Bridge and White Road Bridge, Avoca	€204,000	€83,683
Safety Improvement Works Calary Upper, Roundwood, Church Road/Lane, Greystones, Main Street, Castlepark, Arklow, Adelaide and Florence Road Bray and Avoca	€310,000	€181,811
<u>Local Improvement Scheme</u>	€310,000	



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Shillelagh Walkway – Shillelagh, Tinahely, Aughrim, Woodenbridge, Arklow

Wicklow County Council undertook an initial study considering the potential reuse of the Shillelagh branch railway line as a “Greenway” in 2011. Arising from the initial study, funding was secured from NTA to carry out a detailed feasibility study for a potential “Greenway from Arklow to Woodenbridge and onwards to Shillelagh.

An information evening for landowners, and interested parties is being held in Lawless Hotel, Aughrim, on the 19th October 2017

Weighbridge Newtownmountkennedy

The weighbridge in Newtownmountkennedy was refurbished and re-opened in February for weighing of vehicles.

Speed Limits 2017

Wicklow County Council in exercise of its powers conferred on them by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 have finalised the County Wicklow Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws of 2017 in respect of the administrative area of County Wicklow which were adopted by the Members of Wicklow County Council on the 2nd October 2017. The Bye Laws will become operative from the 1st December 2017.

Local Improvement Scheme

The Minister has allocated a sum of €310,000 to Wicklow County Council under the Local Improvement Scheme. Works are to be complete before end of December 2017.

N81 – Knockroe

A contract has been awarded on the N81 for the Archaeological Survey.

M11/11

TII have completed the M11/N11 Corridor Study between Junction 4 and Junction 14. The project moves within TII from the Strategic &

Transport Planning Department to Capital Works Department.

Wicklow County Council will continue to engage with TII to seek progressing elements of the proposals under alternative funding streams.

A link to the report can be located at this website http://www.tii.ie/tii-library/strategic-planning/strategic-reports/M11_N11_Needs_Assessment_Report.pdf

N81 Baltinglass Resurfacing Works

Ducting Works were carried out in preparation for resurfacing works in Baltinglass and resurfacing is proposed week commencing 16th October which is to include public lighting at the junction. The works are expected to take two weeks.

Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. Recruitment

Competitions were held in September for the posts of Senior Executive Librarian, Executive Librarian, Sub-Station Office, IS Technical Support Officers and Traffic Warden/Litter Warden.

Competition for Assistant Staff Officer was held in October.

2. Access to Information

No. of FOI requests

September – 17

Jan to Sept. 2017 – 108

No. of Ombudsman Requests

September – 1

Jan to Sept. 2017 – 6

3. Register of Electors

35 fieldworkers were employed to update the register by making door to door calls over the summer months. Keying has been ongoing since mid-September. 85% of workbooks have been keyed with the view to completing by 3rd week in October.

IS will run a duplicates query and sql query, following which approximately 5,000 letters will issue to those people that the fieldworkers were not successful in contacting.

File of the full draft register to be generated and to go to the LGMA to be published on www.checktheregister.ie for 1st November (statutory deadline). Our statutory obligation is to also have it in hard copy by this date

4. Press Releases

September - 10 Press Releases

5. I.C.T. Report

Communications & Social Media

- During Storm Ophelia (16 Oct) the WCC text system was used extensively for weather related updates. 102 individual messages were sent. Reach is 3,750 individual subscribers. There were 265 new subscribers during the day.
- All text messages were copied to social media platforms with approx 8,500 Twitter & Facebook followers

IT Helpdesk

- Workflow analysis of IT Helpdesk function has been used to develop a working model for customer care & case management.
- System has been implemented and trial is being extended to other business areas.

Customer Relations Management (CRM)

- Workflow analysis in Environmental Services area has been used to develop a proof of concept in the use of Microsoft Dynamics.
- On completion of this trial the extension to other business areas will be examined

Managed Print Service (MPS)

- Renewal of MPS is progressing. Vendor neutral audit of print requirement complete and request for tenders is to be published this month

Unified Communications

- Voice over IP phone solution has been extended to main Council sites across county Wicklow. This includes Bray MD, Greystones MD, Arklow MD.

- **Data Collection Systems**

Data collection systems using mobile devices have been used for the Register of Electors. Other trials including in Housing and Roads departments are underway

1. Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017							
	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	12,522,053	17,165,654	73	15,821,219	21,679,785	73	-3,299,166
B - Road Transport & Safety	12,449,181	18,159,414	69	6,350,426	10,499,393	60	6,098,755
C - Water Services	3,962,201	6,327,118	63	4,337,812	7,449,560	58	-375,611
D - Development Management	5,829,092	9,293,470	63	3,083,444	4,739,275	65	2,745,648
E - Environmental Services	7,195,945	10,110,290	71	1,166,535	1,721,900	68	6,029,410
F - Recreation and Amenity	4,163,824	6,108,501	68	407,484	464,910	88	3,756,340
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	765,584	1,329,599	58	510,051	717,428	71	255,533
H - Miscellaneous Services	9,255,955	11,551,758	80	6,460,083	6,945,323	93	2,795,871
J - Central Management Charges	10,742,175	15,165,742	71	769,031	1,209,411	64	9,973,144
LG - Local Government Fund				8,968,886	11,958,514	75	-8,968,886
PL - Pension Levy				243,780	-		-243,780
RA - Commercial Rates				20,809,426	27,976,047	74	-20,809,426
	66,886,009	95,211,546	70	(68,928,176)	(95,361,546)	72	-2,042,167

2. Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st September 2017 to 30th September 2017.

3. Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017				
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2017	Actual Expenditure	Actual income	Closing Balance at 30/09/2017
	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	15,538,901	11,679,886	(2,255,147)	24,963,640
Road Transport & Safety	-33,175,607	3,323,821	(5,377,558)	-35,229,344
Water Services	-7,079,808	279,999	(1,524,315)	-8,324,123
Development Management	-8,973,752	572,264	(784,373)	-9,185,861
Environmental Services	877,533	13,086,541	(12,243,307)	1,720,767
Recreation and Amenity	2,162,143	1,758,711	(2,958,847)	962,007
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-483,714	7,895	(211,464)	-687,283
Miscellaneous Services	-11,596,917	2,245,126	(1,873,269)	-11,225,060
	-42,731,221	32,954,242	(27,228,278)	-37,005,256

4. Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

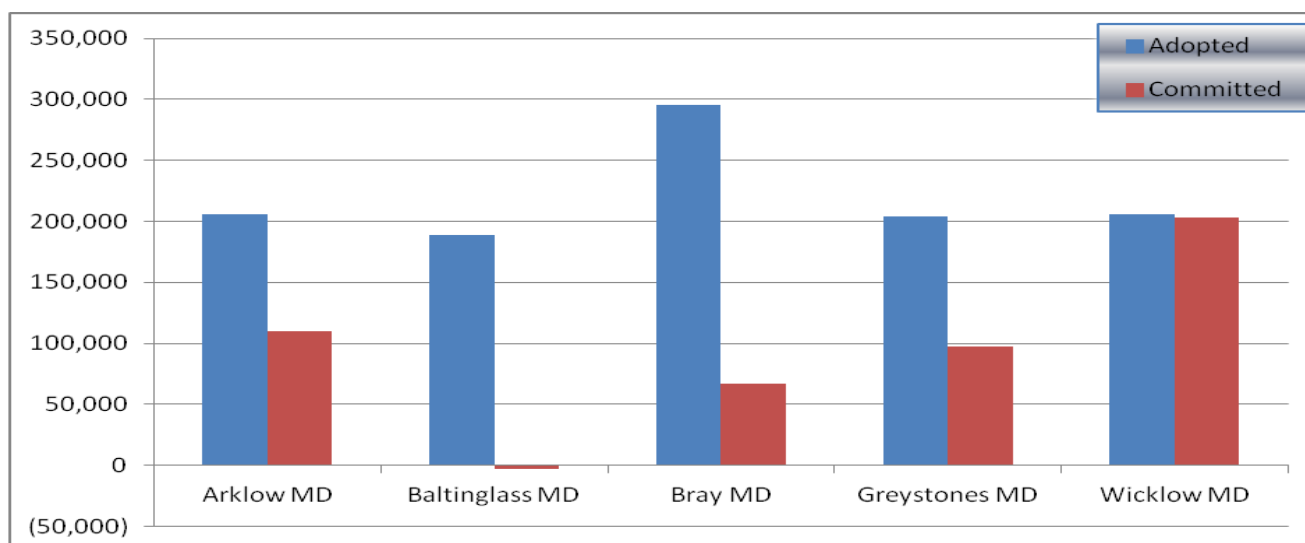
SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017									
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2017	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/09/2017	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	8,307,373	27,742,651		(2,000)	36,052,025	19,224,680	16,827,345		53%
Rents & Annuities	1,407,659	10,337,759		644	11,744,774	10,198,447	1,546,328		87%
Housing Loans	398,441	835,980			1,234,421	915,147	319,275		74%

N.B.
 Vacancy Property Adjustments are accounted for as part of year end procedure.
 Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication and are accounted for as part of year end procedure.

5. General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2017

Adopted Estimate 2017 €1,099,500

Graph outlining adopted budget and committed expenditure up to 30th September 2017.



Municipal District	C/F from 2016	Adopted	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	(30,746)	205,750	110,272	95,478
Baltinglass MD	(20,339)	188,750	(3,455)	192,205
Bray MD	(126,929)	295,500	66,527	228,973
Greystones MD	(15,205)	203,750	97,173	106,577
Wicklow MD	(87,198)	205,750	202,711	3,039
Total	(280,417)	1,099,500	473,229	636,271

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