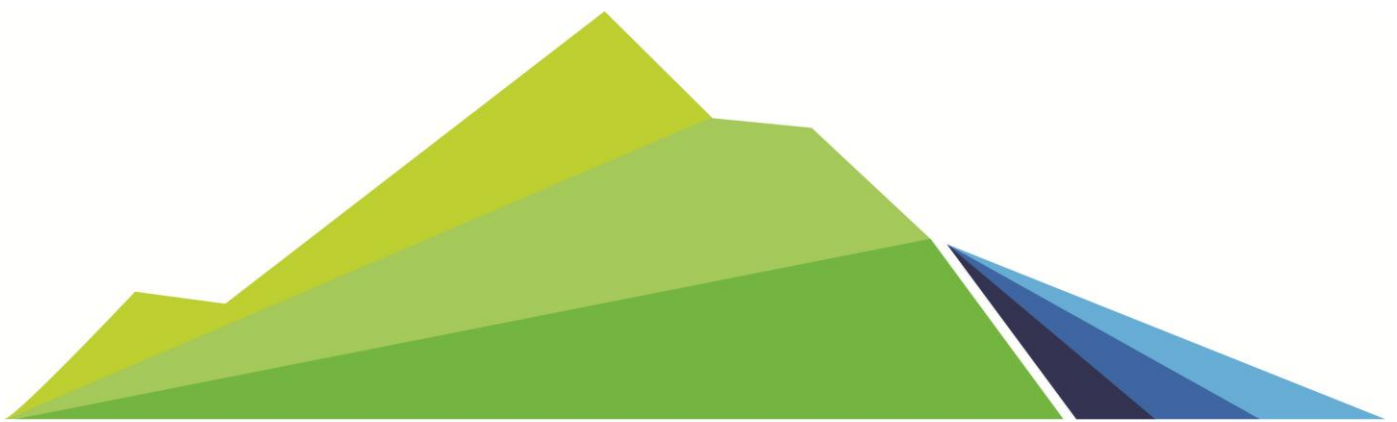


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This Month:

Wicklow PPN visited by Seán Kyne, Minister of State for Community Development

Cathaoirleach Pat Vance launched Heritage Week at the Brockagh Centre, Laragh

Minister Simon Harris opened the Dementia Friendly Garden in Arklow.

Cllr. Derek Mitchell opened new Greystones Walking Trail

Arklow shortlisted for “Outstanding Initiative through the Municipal Districts” by Annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Bray Air Display Show took place in July – one of Bray’s many summer festivals



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT

No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS and HAP)	3812
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	439
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	768
No. in Long Term Leasing accommodation	7
No. in Short Term Leasing accommodation	9

Social Housing Assessment - Wicklow County Council carried out a Social Housing Assessment in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009. This assessment has now been completed.

The Social Housing Assessment is a review of all approved applicants for social housing supports who are currently on the Social Housing List with Wicklow County Council.

The Council wrote to each approved Applicant on its Social Housing List using the current address provided by the Applicant (applicants who came onto the list since September 2015 are excluded from this assessment).

Each approved Applicant was asked to complete a form, provide documentary supporting evidence and return this information to Wicklow County Council.

2. ALLOCATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING

WCC Social Housing (excluding Bray M. D.)	41
Approved Housing Bodies (excluding Bray M. D.)	7 12 Pending

3. SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK

4304 tenancies occupied @ 31/07/2018

› Casual Vacancies/Relets 41

› Total weekly rental accrual €234,759.32 (€12.2m per annum)

>Minimum rent €24 pw - Maximum rent €275 pw

› Arrears €880,977.25

4. HOUSING SUPPLY – PROGRAMME OF DELIVERY

14 No. Schemes /196 Units. Approved Funding €36 million

SCHEME	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum	20	Completion anticipated December 2018
Delany Park, Arklow	17	Completion anticipated December 2018



(Phase 1)		
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completion anticipated December 2018
Old Library, Arklow	7	Completion anticipated December 2018
Kilbride Lane, Bray (Murphy's Lands)	42	Contract Start April 2018
Farrankelly, Greystones (Phase 2)	24	Stage 3 Approved July 2018
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Part 8 approved February 2018
Ard Na Mara, Kilcoole	2	Stage 3 Approved April 2018
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Contract Start Sept 2018
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Contract Start Sept. 2018
FCA Hall, Wicklow Town	8	Contract Start Sept. 2018
Kilmantan Place, Bray	4	Contract Start Sept. 2018
Sugarloaf View, Kilmacanogue	20	Contract Start September 2018
16A Castle Villas	1	Preliminary Design
Whitehall, Baltinglass	34	Stage 1 Approved July 2018
Rathnew, Rapid Delivery	47	Stage 1 Approved August 2018

5. PART V

2018

- 4 units purchased January 2018
- 5 units CALF approval. These Part V units are complete and occupied – delivered through CALF by Tuath AHB.
- 2 units - Department approval received. Contracts and replies to legal queries awaited from Developer.
- 3 units completed and have been allocated.
- 15 units under negotiation - possible delivery through CALF by an AHB.
- 7 Part V units will be delivered through CALF by an AHB.
- 5 agreed in principle – working on finalising Part V agreement – contracts received in Law Department for 3.

Potential units

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

Turnkey

3 units purchase completed and in the process of being allocated (2 in Tinahely, 1 in Arklow)

3 further units approved by the Department – expected delivery Q. 1 2019

6. PPP SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECT

[Bundle 1]

Development Site at Convent Lands, Wicklow for 51 Social Housing units. 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. The project is expected to commence on site in *December 2018*.

7. APPROVED HOUSING BODIES (AHB'S)

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

6 apartments (Abbey St. Wicklow) purchase completed by Tuath AHB.

Approval has been received 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 at St. Earnan's View, Ballybeg, Rathnew. Estimated delivery date of these units is quarter 4 2019.

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) The CAS call for 2017 has been recently advertised.

Expressions of Interest – Social Housing on Council lands - A preferred proposal has been identified.

8. 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 – No. 1 to No. 10 **Glending Square and No. 1 to No. 4 Glending Way** – Contract commenced on 3rd January 2018 with internal works to 1-10 Glending Square complete. . External works on these properties substantially complete with works to public areas underway. Internal and External works on 1-4 Glending Way are complete with roofing works substantially complete.

Hillview, Wicklow - Remediation

Roofing contract completed and contractor off site. Refurbishment works to "B Types"- 13 of 14 completed, Bridge works to "F Types" and ceiling repairs to "C and F Types" as before at 70% and 90% respectively.

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

111 Open Applications to value of €494,545.83

Housing Assistance for

Older People (28)	€153,683.57
Mobility Aid Grants (27)	€129,698.11
Housing Adaptation Grants (22)	€233,164.00

Approved

› 2 Mobility Aid Grants	€7,050.00
› 1 Housing Adaption Grants	€4,427.00
› 0 Housing Aid for Older People	

House Purchase Loans – Rebuilding Ireland

- 108 received up to 31/07/2018
- 41 approvals.
- 44 declined
- 10 awaiting further information.
- 13 awaiting a reply from Housing Agency.

2016 Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

- 25 applications to 31/07/2018
- 7 sales completed

10. ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

No of presentations to 31/07/2018 66

34 individuals
32 families
78 dependent children

Emergency Accommodation – Council Houses

Families – 3
Adults - 8 Children – 7
1 single adult.

B & B Accommodation

Families – 8
Adults – 2 Children 19
8 single adults.

Leopardstown Serviced

Units 1 family
2 adults, 1 child



Sonas Facility, Wicklow

6 Adult (Female) & 10 children.

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 - A consultant architect has been appointed to undertake a detailed design of the refurbishment of the building.

11. SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

Wicklow Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) reviewed and approved the SICAP Mid-Year Reports for Wicklow's two Local Development Companies, namely Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership. KPIs, target indicators and financial expenditure are up-to-date for both.

On 11th September Pobal are holding a SICAP training day in Clermont Campus for the Wicklow and Kildare LCDCs and Local Development Companies. This is a great opportunity to showcase the facilities on offer in Clermont to a wider audience.

Public Participation Network (PPN):

On 3rd July Minister of State for Community Development Sean Kyne visited Wicklow PPN at their base in the Wicklow Travellers Project offices. PPN Resource Worker Helen Howes gave a comprehensive presentation to the Minister and the others in attendance which included Frank Curran, Chief Executive WCC, Michael Nicholson, Director of Services CCSD, and members of the PPN Secretariat. Minister Kyne appeared impressed with the depth and breadth of work achieved to date by Wicklow PPN.

The PPN National Conference will take place on 11th and 12th October in Athlone, to which senior council officials and elected members are invited.

12. WICKLOW LIBRARY SERVICE

MID YEAR PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Wicklow County Council was the 5th highest nationally, for items borrowed per head. Whereas the national average was 1,735 items per 1,000 population, the public borrowed 2,100 per head through Wicklow libraries. Only Cork City, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Clare & Mayo had higher usage stats. Just under 300,000 items were borrowed from Wicklow libraries from January to June, being almost a 7% increase on the same period in 2017, whereas the national average shows a 2% increase.

Other statistics show increases in library visits, which recorded over 250,000 + an increase in usage of public pc's and wi-fi, with more than 35,000 hours recorded throughout the 13 libraries in county Wicklow.

In addition to the above services, the public can download e-books or e-audio books to devices, learn a language online, or access e-magazines and e-comics. Log onto www.wicklow.ie for our full range of library services.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Wicklow County Council has gone to tender for a new mobile library. The current vehicle has travelled almost 400,000km since its introduction in 2004. It is hoped that the new vehicle will be on the road by summer 2019, providing all the services of the current vehicle. Wicklow County Council's mobile library visits 35 locations on a fortnightly basis. Routes and times are reviewed annually, to ensure that the optimum service is provided.



SUMMER STARS PROGRAMME

Summer Stars is proving very popular again in libraries throughout the county. More than 2,300 had joined the programme by mid July, with numbers continuing to increase. In 2017, Wicklow libraries recorded the third highest number of participants, nationally, with only Cork and Galway recording higher numbers. Summer Stars is a national initiative to encourage children to read during their long summer holidays. All participants get promotional materials and rewards for reading, including a certificate at the end of the programme

13. COUNTY WICKLOW LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

Community Coaching Programme Wicklow Town

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership is inviting applications for Community Coaching Programme in Wicklow Town commencing 24th September 2018 to 17th December 2018. This is a free of charge 12 week programme and will take place 3 days per week i.e. Monday – Wednesday with a maximum of 15 hours per week. 12 courses are being provided in this programme including GAA Foundation Coaching Cert, FAI PDP1 Cert, IRFU Coaching Course L1, Athletics Ireland Leader Course, Swim Ireland Assistant Swim, Tug of War Training, CARA Disability Inclusion Training, Cycling Ireland Sprocket Rocket, Safeguarding 1, Occupational First Aid, Walking Leader Course and Career Preparation. Closing date for applications was 31st August 2018.

Children's Cancer Unit 32 (CCU32)

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership along with Wicklow park run and Russborough House and Parklands supported CCU32 which is an event scheduled to take place from 2nd August 2018 to 2nd September 2018. 3 Belfast based runners of

Beechmount Harriers Paul Tyrell, Noel McNally and Niall Farquharson will attempt to run 32 marathons in the 32 counties of Ireland in 32 days. Their aim is to raise £100k for the development of 6 new fully fitted treatment rooms for the medical care of children with cancer by linking in with a park run location in each County. Their Wicklow marathon took place on the 10th August in the scenic route of Russborough from 10am – 2pm.

Katie Taylor Bursary

The Katie Taylor Bursary was established in 2013. There have been 5 winners of the bursary to date with €11,000 awarded in total. The 2018 Katie Taylor Bursary is being finalised before going for advertisement in the coming weeks.

Beach Wheelchair

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership along with Wicklow County Council and Wicklow LCDC are delighted to provide Wicklow's first Accessible Beach Wheelchair. Wicklow Local Sports Partnership secured funding for the Beach Wheelchair through Healthy Ireland Funding. The Beach Wheelchair will be located at Brittas North Beach which is a Blue Flag Beach with ample parking and access to the beach via a tarmac path which leads directly to the beach.

Healthy Ireland Phase 2

Wicklow LCDC has been awarded €75,000 from the Healthy Ireland Fund Round 2. Of this Wicklow Local Sports Partnership has been allocated €26,000. The Actions are broken down as follows:

Physiotherapy Intervention Programme – €6,000

Accessible Beach Wheelchair - €5,000

Healthy Estates - €5,000

Inclusive Physical Activity for All - €5,000

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Healthy Estates - €5,000

These programmes need to be completed before March 31st 2019.

Regatta Festival

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership in conjunction with Tug of War Ireland organised a Tug of War showcase at the Wicklow Regatta Festival on Sunday 5th August for children and adults from 11am – 1pm. It was a very successful event and is hoped to be continued annually.

14. Wicklow County Archives & Genealogy Service

Workhouse Registers now online

The admission and discharge registers for Rathdrum and Shillelagh Unions are now available to access online at. These poignant records, which only survived for a few counties, date from famine times and tell the story of the poor and destitute in the county in stark reality. This is the latest collection to be published online as part of the ongoing programme of digitisation of key records in the Wicklow County Archives. The minute books of the Bray Town Commissioners (later U.D.C.) are next in-line for digitisation.

(Collections digitised to date: Grand Jury Presentments from 1818, Wicklow County Council minutes from 1899, Arklow Town Council & U.D.C. from 1878, Rathdrum & Shillelagh Workhouses from 1842).

Fitzwilliam Estate project to feature on RTE's Nationwide

The Coollattin Canadian Connection event, an initiative of Carnew couple Kevin and Eleanor Lee, took place from 14th to 21st of July and welcomed 20 Canadians of south-Wicklow descent including visitors from Carnew's twinned town Smith's Falls. This year's homecoming featured a varied itinerary including trips to local

attractions such as Coollattin House, Ferns Castle, Wells House, the "Jeannie Johnston" famine ship and an ecumenical service at Tinahely Mass Rock. The week concluded with a Genealogy Day with Catherine Wright of the County Archives & Genealogy Service and a Victorian banquet with guest of honour his Excellency Mr. Kevin Vickers, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland. This was followed by a special production of the award-winning play, "Flight to Grosse Ile" followed in St Brigid's Hall by the local Kilrush Drama group.

This event was part-funded by the Creative Ireland-Wicklow Community Grants scheme.

RTE's Nationwide filmed the event, which afforded the opportunity to promote the Fitzwilliam Estate Tenant Records Project – the County Archives Service in partnership with Courthouse Arts Centre Tinahely, TCD, the National Library to digitise the records of the Fitzwilliam Estate – merging digital records from the County Archives collections with the new Fitzwilliam database to enrich the resource and increase research success.

(This project is part-funded by Wicklow County Council.)

15. Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) (Community)

Town & Village Scheme 2018

The following projects were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding under the Town & Village Scheme 2018. The Department makes the final decision on the successful projects. The decision should be made known in September 2018.

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Submission	Funding Applied for
Hollywood – upgrade footpath & pilgrim path	€29,756
Enniskerry – clock restoration and public square upgrade	€78,400
Roundwood – footpath upgrade	€78,496
Tinahely – relocation and upgrade community recycling centre & upgrade trails	€76,000
Rathdrum – Public lighting upgrade	€68,000
Knockananna – restoration community hall	€88,000
Delgany – public realm and green route	€26,560
Newtownmountkennedy – public realm enhancement	€120,488
Wicklow – lighting monuments	€120,000
Blessington – Public realm enhancements	€100,000
Newcastle – health check and walkway	€29,700
14 villages – memory trail	€20,800
TOTAL	€836,200

CLÁR 2018

Funding in the sum of €130,590 was approved for the following projects:

- Ballinacor – Greenane footpath and public lighting
- Knockananna extension to footpath
- Knockananna public lighting
- Knockananna carpark upgrade
- Knockananna driver feedback signs x 2
- Knockananna upgrade road markings x 2
- Knockananna walking route

Community Enhancement Programme 2018

The Community Enhancement Programme builds on and replaces the Communities Facilities Scheme and the re-cast RAPID

programme. It is being put in place for 2018 following a review of those two schemes. Wicklow County Council has been allocated €141,343 under this scheme. The closing date was 31st July 2018 and the applications are currently being assessed.

Community Enhancement Programme 2018 (Men's Shed Funding)

Following discussion with the Irish Men's Shed Association, the Department of Rural and Community Development has decided to allocate €0.5m to fund capital equipment or minor capital works in Men's Sheds.

This is a ring-fenced fund, under the existing Community Enhancement Programme. The application process is being administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs).

All Men's Sheds in Ireland that are affiliated with the Irish Men's Shed Association are eligible to apply. In addition, applications that were made using the main CEP application form will also be considered.

It envisaged that this funding would, in general, be allocated in a relatively equal manner across Men's Sheds that submit valid applications. To provide guidance on what this equates to, the total of €0.5m is approximately €1,449 per existing Men's Shed. This should be used for guidance only, as not all Men's Sheds might apply, or some might apply for an amount less than the €1,449, or some might apply for funding for an unsuitable project. The closing date was 31st August 2018 and the applications are currently being assessed.

IPB Pride of Place Competition 2018 in association with Co-operation Ireland

The judging for the Pride of Place Awards 2018 took place on 16th and 17th of August 2018.

The County Wicklow nominations and the category are as follows

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- Community Wellbeing – Wicklow Hospice Foundation
- Creative Place – Tinahely Courthouse Arts Centre
- Population 1000 – 2000 – Rathdrum

All three nominations presented a very strong community spirit and community participation in their category. The winners will be announced on 16th November in Cork City Hall.



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).

BRAND

A sub group of the Wicklow County Council Communications committee is developing guidelines for the use of the brand on Council stationery, emails etc.

FILM

Wicklow County Council is in the process of developing a Masterplan for Wicklow County Campus, to develop the site as a creative Content/Film hub.

An application has been submitted to Enterprise Ireland under Stream One of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund. The project team has been invited to present the project to EI in September.

RETAIL

The Florentine Centre

Work has commenced on the Florentine Site with a view to having the new shopping street in place by December, 2019. Wicklow County Council / Bray Municipal District has arranged alternative free town centre parking for the duration of the works.

TOWN TEAMS

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. An update on Town

Team activity will be given at each Municipal District Meeting. Chamber of Commerce members on Town Teams have been asked to update their members on Town Team activity also.

Four towns have been nominated to enter the Bank of Ireland Enterprising Town Awards Competition Arklow, Bray, Wicklow and Roundwood. Judging is due to take place on 25th and 26th September. Preparations are underway to show off each town at its best.

Arklow Town Team

The Dementia Friendly Garden designed to support the needs of people living with dementia was opened on 10th August at the Arklow Duck Pond, Nature Walk & Leisure Area in County Wicklow.

The opening was performed by the Minister for Health, Mr Simon Harris TD.

The garden, titled "Moments in Time", was one of the key attractions at Bord Bia's Bloom in Dublin's Phoenix Park over the June Bank Holiday weekend. It was designed by Newtown Saunders Ltd of Baltinglass, along with TrinityHaus and Sonas apc.

The campaign had invited applications from publicly-funded organisations and residential care centres nationwide to take ownership of the garden once its time at Bord Bia's Bloom had come to an end.

Arklow Municipal District – with the support of the Lily of the Valley Day Centre, Arklow Tidy Towns, the Arklow Bay Hotel and the Arklow Town Team – was successful in its application to provide a new home for the garden.

Arklow has entered the Bank of Ireland Enterprising Town's rising star award. The judges' visit is expected to take place in September.

An application submitted by Arklow MD under the category 'Outstanding initiative through the Municipal Districts' has been shortlisted in the above



mentioned awards. The application was based on the establishment and work of Arklow Town Team.

TOURISM

Tourism Statement of Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022:

The Tourism Strategy has been completed and an implementation team will be put in place to commence roll out of the strategy from September.

Glendalough

The Chief Executive is chairing a working group consisting of representatives of Failte Ireland, NPWS, Coillte, 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.

MARITIME

The blue economy is an important pillar of Wicklow's economic development strategy.

Wicklow County Council is finalizing a vision statement for Bray Harbour and is currently preparing a brief for the statement of maritime strategy for the County, taking account of challenges and opportunities particularly in the areas of tourism, aquaculture and offshore energy.

COMMUTER SURVEY

Census 2016 indicated that 21,000 Wicklow residents commute outwards from the County to work each day. Wicklow County Council wishes to find out where commuters are travelling to, what they are working at with a view to identifying opportunities for reverse commuting.

Wicklow County Council has appointed consultants to carry out a Commuter Survey.

Data analysis is underway. A publicity campaign will be launched in the coming weeks and the actual survey will be carried out in October.

URBAN AND RURAL REGENERATION FUNDING

The SEO with responsibility for Economic Development has been assigned to leading the team of officials responsible for making applications for funding under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund and under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

The Department of Housing Planning and LG has allocated €2 billion to Urban Regeneration in the NDP to 2027.

The fund is designed to leverage residential and commercial development, supported by infrastructure within the existing footprint of larger towns.

Bids should be a catalyst for development which otherwise would not occur, ideally local authority led, valued at a minimum of €2 million and matched by 25% funding. The purpose is to ensure that our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live, work, invest in and visit.

As part of Project Ireland 2040 the government has allocated €1 billion for a Rural Regeneration and Development Fund aimed at supporting the revitalisation of rural Ireland. The objective is to support co-ordinated and integrated projects between Government Departments, State Agencies, Local Authorities and other public bodies, which will contribute to sustainable rural regeneration.



2. LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

LEO Objectives

To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by:

- 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
	2017	2018	2018
Grants Approved (number/ value)			
- Measure 1	- 25/€520,084.90	- Meet Demand	- 15/€290,042
- Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	- 17/€27,664.03	- Meet Demand	- 5/€8,627.66
NB: Ability to meet demand is influenced by the amount of funding allocated to the LEO			
METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2017	2018	2018
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers	75	75	42
Management Development Programme Participant numbers (commences September)	21	18	<i>Figures available in Sept 18</i>
Business Skills Training Courses Participant Numbers	217	200	86
Business IT Training Courses Participant numbers	163	150	67
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	6	6	3
Seminars participant numbers	366	400	268



METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2017	2018	2018
Number of new clients added to database *criteria has been amended for this metric	590	450*	373
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings	363	350	231
Businesses assigned a Mentor	79 *includes once off SECC Initiative	91	36

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2017/2018	2018/2019	Year to Date
No. of Senior Cycle Secondary Student Participants	1,302	1,200	1605

August 2018 Activities

- LEO LEAN for Micro Programme ongoing with 9 companies undergoing one to one LEAN training with specialist LEAN consultants.
- LEO clients have success at Food and Drink Awards:
- Miena's Nougat based in the Glen of Imaal won a 2 star award at the Great Taste Awards for her handmade almond and fig nougat.
- Wicklow Way Wines based in Newtownmountkennedy won a Gold Star Award for their Irish Strawberry Wine.
- Melody Street Foods based in Bray is a finalist in this year's Blas na h'Eireann awards with their Melody Mayo.
- The Business Advice Clinics continued throughout August in Wicklow County Campus On Tuesdays and Thursday, in the Glenview Hotel on Monday evening and will resume in Blessington civic offices after the summer break on Thursday September 6th after the summer break.
- The Student Enterprise Programme kicks off in August with programme information sent to Secondary Schools around the County.
- The Autumn Winter 2018 Training Programme was launched in mid-August. All planned training courses and seminars are now online for booking on the website and the training brochure has been posted to listed clients and widely distributed around the county.



3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

FORWARD PLANNING

Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018

The Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018 – 2024 was adopted on the 05 February 2018 and it came into effect on the 05 March 2018. A Ministerial Direction was issued on 22 June 2018 omitting the Residential and Employment zoning at Seabank.

Newtownmountkennedy LAP

The preparation of the Draft Plan, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Local Transport Plan continues at present.

National Planning Framework (NPF) & Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES)

The NPF was adopted by the Government in February 2018 and the plan was formally adopted on 29 May 2018.

The Regional Assembly executive is in the process of preparing a draft RSES. Early working draft chapters have been circulated and we have engaged closely with the RSES term to provide feedback. The proposed draft RSES is due to be issued to the members of the Assembly for their approval in September 2018.

Vacant Site Levy

Following the procurement of outside professional valuers, sites which stood on the Register as of 01.01.18 were valued and Section 12 Notices were issued to landowners.

Submissions received from landowners whose lands were assessed under Phase 1B, being sites within the lower settlements of Rathdrum, Kilcoole, Ashford, Baltinglass, Carnew and Enniskerry, have been assessed and as a result 17 additional sites have been placed on the Register as part of this phase.

32 no. sites now stand on the Register.
06 no. sites are currently on appeal to ABP.

HERITAGE

Wicklow Trails local heritage recording project is underway, the services of Abarta Heritage have been engaged and a public meeting held in Roundwood on July 4th. This is a joint project with Wicklow Uplands Council and will use the network of walking trails in the east of the county as the basis for the creation of a rich digital heritage archive.

A two week Volunteer/ Community Archaeology Excavation was co-ordinated at Glendalough from 7th- 17th August with over 50 participants. Supervised by UCD and co-funded by Wicklow County Council and the Heritage Council through the County Heritage Plan fund.

A Heritage Week Event guide for County Wicklow was produced and officially launched by Cllr Pat Vance in the Brochagh Centre, Laragh on 9th August. 65 + events are taking place at over 30 different locations from 18th – 26th August.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A total of 282 applications were received during June and July, these include applications as follows:

Type of Development	Number Received June & July
Individual Houses	85
Housing Developments	7
Agricultural Structures	9
Commercial	22
Other Developments	159
Total	282

Decisions issued in respect of 216 applications in June and July, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions June & July
Housing Developments	12
Individual Houses	51
Other Developments	153
Total	216

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In relation to decisions issued between January to July 2018, in comparison to the same period for 2017, the details are as follows:

	30/07/2017	30/07/2018
Total Number of decisions issued	605	603
Total Number of decisions to grant	503	498
% grant rate	83%	82%

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Details of activity during June & July:

- 24 New files were opened
- 51 Advisory letters issued
- 26 Warning Letters issued
- 10 Enforcement Notices served
- 02 Files was referred for legal action
- 44 Files have been closed

8 cases were listed for hearing in the Circuit Court

3 cases were listed for hearing in the District Court.

Derelict Sites Activity June & July

No. of sites on Register	07
No. of Inspections	03

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WASTE MANAGEMENT SECTION – JUNE & JULY 2018

	June	July
No. of Complaints Opened	199	319
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	261	199
No of Litter Fines Issued	10	49
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	6	5
No. of Warning Letters Issued	9	2
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	19	11
No. of Burning Applications Granted	8	1
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	5	3
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	10	4
No. of Cases in Court under Litter Pollution Act	0	0
No. Of Cases in Court under Waste Management Act	5	1
Income - Litter Fines	€900	€2,700.00
Income- Waste Management	€4,287.89	€16,716.74

5 Cases in Court under Waste Management Act

1. Individual admitted handing over waste that was dumped in Manor Kilbride. Settled out of court. Paid €500.
2. An individual handed over waste to an unauthorised collector that was dumped in Bray. Case adjourned to October 2018 to allow the individual to pay a fine and Council costs of €500.
3. An individual who dumped waste in Glencree settled out of court and paid €500.



4. A second individual who dumped waste in Glenree settled out of court and paid €300.
5. An individual who dumped was in Arklow settled out of court and paid €250.
6. An individual dumped waste in Grangecon. Case settled out of court and paid €300.

WHITESTOWN REMEDIATION PROJECT

Wicklow County Council have now employed Fehily Timoney Company to advise on the remediation of the site at Whitestown, in accordance with the judgments of Mr Justice Humphreys. They are independent experienced Environmental Consultants. An initial meeting has taken place with the consultants and a steering committee has been formed to monitor progress on the remediation project.

BLUE FLAG BEACHES

The Environment Section was delighted to work with Sports Partnership and CCSD in bringing the first Beach Wheelchair to Brittas Bay North Beach in August. Having secured funding Sports Partnership purchased the wheelchair. Environment devised the booking method and the way of making the wheelchair available to the public. Particular thanks go to our Lifeguards, the Wicklow MD staff based in Brittas and to Suzanne Brennan of "The Beach Hut" at Stauntons Caravan Park, Brittas Bay who takes the bookings. Sports Partnership continues to promote use of beach wheelchair through its partners in the community. The beach wheelchair will be available throughout August and at weekends in September. At the end of the bathing season availability of the beach wheelchair will be by arrangement with Sports Partnership. This is an important step in making the beach more accessible and augments Brittas Bay North's credentials as a Blue Flag Beach

POLLUTION CONTROL

BATHING WATERS

- 6 identified bathing waters and 6 non-identified bathing waters were sampled in June and July.
- The season runs from June to Mid September.
- In June all 24 samples were Excellent Quality.
- In July out of 30 samples 24 were Excellent, 3 Good, 1 Poor and 2 Swimming Prohibition Notices.
- The poor quality result and swimming prohibition notices affected non-identified bathing areas only: Wicklow Harbour Lifeboat Area & Wicklow Harbour Beach.

LICENSED DISCHARGES TO WATERS

JUNE

- 0

JULY

- 26 licensed discharges to water were monitored and letters requiring improved performance were issued as necessary.

POLLUTION RESPONSE & INVESTIGATION

JUNE

- 10 water pollution complaints were received.
- 0 noise pollution complaints were received.
- 0 air pollution complaint was received

JULY

- 9 water pollution complaints were received.
- 1 noise pollution complaints were received.
- 4 air pollution complaint was received

SEPTIC TANKS

- June 0 inspections scheduled
- July 1 DWWTS deemed complaint with advisory notices.



PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

In its role as supervisory authority for private water supply serving a commercial or public activity or population of 50 or more, 129 regulated private water supplies will be monitored in 2018.

- 13 private water supplies were supplied in June & July 2018.
- 1 boil water notices were issued to private water supplies.
- 1 boil water notices were lifted from private water supplies.
- 1 do not consume notice was lifted from a private water supply.

WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE NATIONAL MONITORING PROGRAMME

- 25 samples in June and 137 samples in July were taken from rivers for analysis.
- 12 samples in June and 14 samples in July were taken from lakes for analysis.

In August, our Director, senior managers and pollution control team met with the newly established Local Authorities Water and Advisory Team for East Midlands Region to discuss work proposed in prioritized water

catchment in Wicklow. LAWSAT are a new resource set up as a measure under the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 and will be under the direction of the management and operation committees.

The first priority areas selected for assessment and improvement are the Potters River and Three mile water River Catchments. Information campaigns will precede the works. Desk studies have already commenced and it is expect that there will be feet on ground by October 2018.

SOLVENTS

- 1 certificate application in both June and July for vehicle refinisher installation was assessed and reported on.
- 7 issued In June, 1 vehicle refinisher installation was issued with a non-compliance letter, while there were 7 issued in July.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

In June there were 17 environmental reports on referred planning applications and 14 in July,

WELL GRANTS

	June	July
Number of Applications for June and July	16	26
Number of New Well	8	15
Number of new pumps	12	24
Number of new equipment (Filters etc)	10	5

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5. TRANSPORTATION & ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

PUBLIC LIGHTING

	06-Jun-18	11-Jun-18	19-Jun-18	05-Jul-18	23-Jul-18	30-Jul-18
Access Issues (Attend)	14	14	13	14	16	16
Cable Fault (Attend)	15	15	16	13	6	8
ESB Required (Attended)	23	23	23	29	33	31
Knock Down (Attended)	0	0	0	1	1	1
Materials required	19	19	20	18	11	8
No Supply	7	7	8	8	8	8
On Hold	7	7	10	9	2	2
Submitted	166	182	163	170	219	227
Traffic Management Required	19	19	18	25	34	32
TOTAL	270	286	271	287	330	333

	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)					1	1
Cable Fault (Attend)	1		5	3	6	15
ESB Required (Attended)			4	2	2	8
Knock Down (Attended)	3		16	8	4	31
Materials required					1	1
No Supply	1	1	2	2	2	8
On Hold	1	1	1	4	1	8
Submitted	1				1	2
Traffic Management Required	34	59	25	58	51	227
Grand Total	4	1	9	3	15	32
	45	62	62	80	84	333



N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue

The Members of Wicklow County Council at their Meeting on the 2nd July 2018, that Wicklow County Council proceed with the development to:-

- Improve safety for all road users in and around the junction 8 area on the N11;
- Maintain and improve access to and from existing properties
- To increase the mainline speed of the N11 while maintaining or reducing the existing 60km/h speed on the parallel service road.

N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme

The Members of Wicklow County Council at their Meeting on the 2nd July 2018, agreed that Wicklow County Council enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in respect of the options selection and preliminary design, statutory orders and construction of the N11/M11 within the administrative area of Wicklow County Council.

Local Improvement Scheme 2018

All four schemes approved for 2018 under the Local Improvement Scheme were completed by the deadline of 29th July 2018 as required by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Surface Dressing

32 routes were surface dressed during this year's programme.

Schemes on the N81

Contracts on HD25 sites at Mullycagh and Tuckmill were signed.

Pavement contract works from Rathattin to Athgreaney and Hempstown were also approved.

Greenways

Tenders were received for a feasibility study for the Wicklow to Greystones Coastal Route, and funding has been secured to proceed with the appointment of a consultant to progress this scheme.

Parking Income by Municipal District Jan-May 2018	EURO
Income Florence Road Carpark Bray MD	116,618
Income Herbert Road Carpark Bray MD	116,992
Income North Beach Car Park - Strand Road Bray MD	23,375
Income Restricted Parking Bray MD	427,144
Income Parking Fines Bray MD	108,453
Income Residential/Special Parking Discs Bray MD	28,685
Bray Municipal District	821,268
Income Greystones Pay Parking Scheme	272,023
Greystones Municipal District	272,023
Income Parking Charges Wicklow MD	202,147
Income Residential Parking Disk Wicklow MD	3,810
Income Traffic Fines Wicklow MD	27,981
Wicklow Municipal District	233,938



Income Parking Traffic Fines Arklow MD	19,281
Income Pay Parking Fees And Permits Arklow MD	135,459
Arklow Municipal District	154,740
Wicklow County Council	1,481,968
	116,618

6. WATER

Targeted Leakage reduction Programme.

Co Wicklow is part of a nationwide programme for reduction in Water Leakage. Over recent months, 680 leaks have been detected by the local authority / Irish Water leak detection crew and find and fix contractors. Repairs have also been carried out to 260 leaks which have been reported by members of the public.

The Key Performance Indicator statistics show that the unaccounted for water in Wicklow has dropped from 41% to 32% showing that the targeted leakage reduction programme is working.

7. EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE SERVICE

Operational Fire Statistics June 2017

	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
Two Stations Mobilised											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	2	1	1								
Fire Domestic	5			1	1	2					1
Fire Industrial	2				1						1
Road Traffic Collision	20	1	3	4	6	2				2	2
Major Gorse / Forest Fire	37	8	12	3	7	2	2	1	1		1
Single Station Mobilised											
Fire Grass / Gorse / Trees	125	44	27	12	3	26	7	1	2	1	2
Fire Alarm or CO2 Activation	16	7	7	1			1				
Fire Car	10	1	1	3		4					1
Fire Haybarn	3			1						1	1
Shed Fire	3			1				1	1		
Fire Chimney	2		1						1		
Entrapment / rescue	2		1	1							
Fire Small/bin/skip	2			1		1					
Flooding	1										1



Rescue from lift	1	1									
Ambulance Assist	1			1							
Assisting Gardai	1	1									
Make Scene Safe	1									1	
Times Stations mobilised	234	64	53	29	18	37	10	3	5	5	10

Operational Fire Statistics July 2018

	TOTAL	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baitinglass	Carnew	Tinahely
Callsign		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
Two Stations Mobilised											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	0										
Fire Domestic	11	1		2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Fire Industrial	2			1		1					
Road Traffic Collision	16		2	3	4	1	1	2	1	1	1
Major Gorse / Forest Fire	25	4	7	3	6	1	2				2
Single Station Mobilised											
Fire Grass / Gorse / Trees	189	52	51	36	16	19	7	2	2		4
Fire Alarm or CO2 Activation	13	4	4	2	1	1					1
Fire Vehicle	11	3	3	2				1	2		
Flooding	1					1					
Fire Small/bin/skip	3	1	1		1						
Water Leak	1	1									
Electrical incident	1	1									
Ambulance Assist	8	3	3				1			1	
Make Scene Safe / Oil spill	2	2									
Times Stations mobilised	283	72	71	49	29	26	12	6	6	3	9

Sample Incidents (June 2018)

The month the country experienced a heatwave and fire service activity was dominated by a high volume of "gorse fires". There were 125 gorse fires where a single fire engine was mobilised but there were a further 10 incidents where multiple stations were mobilised and support was received from Air Corps and Coillte helicopters.

Crews attended 3 serious motorcycle accidents during the month.

- 10/06/18 Greystones crew attended a Road Traffic Collision involving a motorbike which hit a deer at Annamoe.
- 16/06/18 Rathdrum and Wicklow Town crews attended a single car Road Traffic Collision at 11 p.m.
- 16/06/18 Carnew and Tinahely crews attended a two car Road Traffic Collision at 3 a.m. Firefighters assisted ambulance crews to care for and move casualties.
- 23/06/18 Wicklow Town and Greystones crews attended a serious single vehicle Road Traffic Collision where a car flipped onto its roof at the motorway slip road at Coyne's Cross.

23/06/18 Arklow and Rathdrum crews attended a serious single vehicle Road Traffic Collision where a car flipped onto its roof on the Vale Road.



Sample Incidents (July 2018)

In this month the country experienced the continuation of the heat-wave and fire service activity was dominated by a high volume of “wildland fires”.

- 03/07/18 There was a serious forest fire in Glenmalure, fire crews from Dunlavin and Tinahely fought the fire on the ground with staff from Coillte. The Air Corp helicopter and a private helicopter fought the fire from the air. Additional fire officers were used to relay radio messages in and out of the valley.
- 05/07/18 Crews from Bray, Greystones, Rathdrum and Blessington alternated at a large gorse fire on the Sally Gap. Crews were rested and neighbouring crews were not committed simultaneously at this remote location.
- 13/07/18 Crews from Greystones, Bray and Rathdrum fought gorse fires for 4 days with the assistance of the Air Corps. Crews returned on a near daily basis for the remainder of the month to monitor and extinguish where re-ignition occurred.

Incidents mobilised outside County Wicklow (June 2018) 7 in total:

Kildare

- 27/06/18 Dunlavin Crew attended a grass fire at Kilgowan, Kilcullen.
- 28/06/18 Blessington Crew attended an agricultural bailer on fire at Baysland, Naas.
- 29/06/18 Dunlavin Crew attended a grass fire at Halverstown Cross Roads, Kilcullen.
- 29/06/18 Blessington Crew attended an incident involving fallen trees at Beggars End, Baltracey, Naas.

Wexford

- 24/06/18 Arklow Crew attended a forest fire at Graigue More, Bunclody for 18 hours.
- 25/06/18 Carnew Crew attended an alarm activation in Ballyconran, Craanford.
- 27/06/18 Carnew Crew attended a forest fire at Corragh, Bunclody, County Wexford for 8 hours with units from Wexford and Carlow supported by the Coillte helicopter.

Incidents assisted by neighbouring Fire Stations (June 2018):

- 25/06/18 Tinahely Crew were supported by the Tullow Crew from Carlow at a domestic house fire at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
- 28/06/18 A crew from Dublin Fire Brigade (Dun Laoghaire) extinguished a car fire on Strand Road, Bray while local crews were fighting gorse fires.

Incidents mobilised outside County Wicklow (July 2018) 8 in total:

Kildare

- 01/07/18 Dunlavin Crew supported the Monasterevin Crew at a house fire in Newbridge.
- 02/07/18 Baltinglass Crew supported by Tullow Crew (Carlow) attended plant machinery on fire at Ballycullane.
- 07/07/18 Blessington Crew were mobilised to an outdoor fire in Baronstown West near Newbridge.
- 08/07/18 Blessington Crew supported crews from Naas at a Road Traffic Collision in Swordlestown near Ballymore Eustace.
- 20/07/18 Blessington Crew supported crews from Athy at a Road Traffic Collision in Eadestown.
- 26/07/18 Dunlavin Crew supported crews from Naas at a Road Traffic Collision in Moyleabbey, Crookstown.

Wexford

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- 11/07/18 Carnew Crew supported crew from Bunclody at a forest fire at Corragh.
- 14/07/18 Carnew Crew supported crews from Gorey and Bunclody at an outdoor fire at Castlewhite, Askamore.

Incidents assisted by neighbouring Fire Stations (July 2018):

03/07/18 A crew from Dublin Fire Brigade (Dun Laoghaire) assisted the Bray crew at a domestic house fire at Giltspur Lane – smoke from solar panel on roof.

General

- The Fire Service maintains a Twitter account which has 563 followers.
- The Chief Fire Officer hosted regional Major Emergency Management meetings for all Dublin Local Authorities and Kildare as well as Gardai and HSE.
- A fire crew was provided to the Bray Air Show on 28th and 29th July.
- The Chief Fire Officer attended a meeting of all government departments and relevant agencies in the National Emergency Coordination centre in relation to Wildfires 4th July.
- The Chief Fire Officer visited Laois and Offaly for fact finding and shared learning in relation to gorse and wildland fires on 5th July.
- The Chief Fire Officer briefed Minister Murphy and Minister Moran on fire service operations nationally in response to the heatwave on 6th July.
- Fire Officers visited the Groove Festival in Kilruddery to monitor fire safety 7th July.
- Fire Officers visited the Knockanstockan Festival to monitor fire safety 27th and 28th July.
- Wicklow Town Fire Crew put on a fire safety demonstration (chip pan unit) at the RNLi open day.

Fire Prevention Statistics June 2018

Application type	Received	Requested additional information	Validate BCMS /liaise with Building Control	Inspection of works	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	9	6			7
Regularisation Certificates				1	1
Visual inspection of works					
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice	4	2	2		
Disability Access Certificates	8				7

Licensing	Received, acknowledged	Inspected	Requested further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
District					
Circuit	2				



Fire Prevention Statistics July 2018

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Validate BCMS /liaise with Building Control	Recommended Grant
<i>Fire Safety Certificates</i>	12	1	1		1
<i>Regularisation Certificates</i>					1
<i>Visual inspection of works</i>					
<i>FSC as part of 7 Day Notice</i>					1
<i>Disability Access Certificates</i>	11	1			5

Licensing	Received, acknowledged	Inspected	Requested further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
<i>District</i>	15			1	
<i>Circuit</i>					

BUILDING CONTROL

July 2018

- **32 Commencement Notices**
Of which:
- **8 were Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents**
- **4 were Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents**
- **0 Seven day Notices**
- **20 Opt Out Declarations**
- **62.5% of commencement notices are opt out.**
- **10% inspection rate on all notices**
- **64 new build units**
- **13 of which are one off houses**
- **1 non compliance issue**



Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. RECRUITMENT

Competitions for the following posts were held in July and August 2018:

Register of Elector Field Workers, Temporary Clerical Officers

	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
Managerial/Administrative	246	263
Professional/Technical	119	105
Outdoor	317	306
Temporary/Seasonal	41	79
Non DOECLG	13	8
Total	736	761

(Excludes figures for Firefighters)

	Q1 2017	Q1 2017
Managerial/Administrative	246	245
Professional/Technical	103	109
Outdoor	305	311
Temporary/Seasonal	47	58
Non DOECLG	45	14
Total	746	737

(Excludes figures for Firefighters)

2. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

NO. OF FOI REQUESTS

June to July 2018	26	June to July 2017	23
Jan to July 2018	68	Jan to July 2017	78

NO. OF OMBUDSMAN REQUESTS

June to July 2018	3	June to July 2017	1
Jan to July 2018	9	Jan to May 2017	3

3. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Work is continuing on the compilation of the 2019/2020 Draft Register of Electors. Fieldworkers commenced the door to door calls to gather the information for the Draft Register. Electors are encouraged to engage with the Franchise Section and the Fieldworkers to ensure their details are accurately recorded and retained on the Register of Electors.

4. PRESS RELEASES

June 2018 - 9 Press Releases
July 2018 – 4 Press Releases

5. I.C.T. REPORT

IT HELPDESK

- Workflow analysis of IT Helpdesk function has been used to develop a working model for customer care & case management processes.
- Tickets handled by IT Support have exceeded 5,100 in the year to date
- Asset Management Module has been implemented to allow performance monitoring across the network and prepare strategic deployment model for ICT Infrastructure.
- Continuing rollout of Mobile Device Management(MDM)
- Ongoing refresh of desktop and mobile devices

CUSTOMER RELATIONS MANAGEMENT (CRM)

- Business Process Modelling has started in the Housing Department
- A new Sandbox has been created on Wicklow's Cloud Tenancy. This platform will be used for in-house development and testing purposes



- *A number of Live Dynamics 365 licences have been purchased to facilitate the next phase of Dynamics deployment in Wicklow Co Co.*

MANAGED PRINT SERVICE (MPS)

- Renewal of MPS is now complete. Vendor neutral audit of print requirement was completed in 2017 and request for tenders was published in December 2017.
- Project roll-out plan was completed in Q1 2018 and all new devices are now in place
- Managed Print Service policy is now being completed and implemented for all departments.

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.
- A number of further installations have been completed including Clermont Campus, Fire HQ and Library HQ. The VOIP system will underpin county wide communications.

CORE NETWORK

- Procurement exercise for network hardware refresh is complete and Phase 1 of LAN upgrade was implemented in February. Extension to external sites including Bray MD, Fire HQ, Library HQ, Clermont was completed during April.

- A fully updated core network is now in place to allow consolidation of government network and cloud services.
- *Ongoing Network traffic analysis will allow identification of bottlenecks and allow load balancing.*

DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS

- *Data collection systems using mobile devices are currently in use by Fieldworkers for the Register of Electors. Currently 94.25% of Electors have an assigned EIRCODE.*
- Projects in Housing, Roads and Environmental Services departments are on-going.
- *A new Project has commenced that should enable Engineers to update and edit Wicklow's Storm Water Network more effectively. This will include off site data collection.*
- *Collectors in Revenue now using brand new and more efficient Handhelds.*
- Housing Condition Survey is live while other project including Health & Safety audit and CCTV survey have been advanced.
- *Microworks; an integrated GIS-enabled water quality and environmental management solution that assists Local Authorities in the efficient delivery of high quality services while maintaining compliance with the national and EU Regulations, Directives and reporting requirements has successfully been implemented and is now in use by the Environment Section.*



6. Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST JULY 2018							
	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	9,957,049	17,210,674	58	(12,144,435)	(22,083,086)	55	(2,187,386)
B - Road Transport & Safety	9,685,850	18,214,957	53	(5,655,383)	(10,808,946)	52	4,030,467
C - Water Services	3,363,882	5,732,213	59	(4,068,445)	(6,649,630)	61	(704,563)
D - Development Management	5,514,429	9,233,906	60	(2,884,543)	(4,909,183)	59	2,629,886
E - Environmental Services	6,789,049	10,751,474	63	(856,602)	(1,918,500)	45	5,932,447
F - Recreation and Amenity	3,672,428	6,403,014	57	(402,227)	(520,600)	77	3,270,201
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	897,658	1,511,045	59	(343,137)	(745,228)	46	554,521
H - Miscellaneous Services	6,903,696	11,086,145	62	(5,184,012)	(7,505,975)	69	1,719,684
J - Central Management Charges	8,545,671	15,405,007	55	(621,750)	(955,217)	65	7,923,921
LG - Local Government Fund				(6,983,453)	(11,971,634)	58	(6,983,453)
PL - Pension Levy				-			-
RA - Commercial Rates				(16,293,701)	(27,630,436)	59	(16,293,701)
	55,329,712	95,548,435	58	55,437,688	95,698,435	58	(107,976)

7. 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 July 2018 to 31st July 2018.

8. Capital Account

	Opening Balance at 01/01/2018	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers To/From Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/07/2018
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	19,982,975	22,656,619	(16,271,762)	545,577	26,913,409
Road Transport & Safety	-32,722,106	2,066,683	(5,519,631)	(506,000)	(36,681,054)
Water Services	-8,338,872	1,454,434	(2,002,798)	0	(8,887,236)
Development Management	-8,835,423	425,595	(73,115)	(809,001)	(9,291,944)
Environmental Services	1,744,994	2,241,998	(2,212,439)	(664,783)	1,109,770
Recreation and Amenity	549,701	535,303	(1,419,211)	(101,788)	(435,995)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-1,042,916	178,924	(832)	(96,289)	(961,113)
Miscellaneous Services	-12,936,991	2,133,836	(2,580,381)	(45,002)	(13,428,538)
	-41,598,638	31,693,392	(30,080,169)	(1,677,286)	(41,662,701)

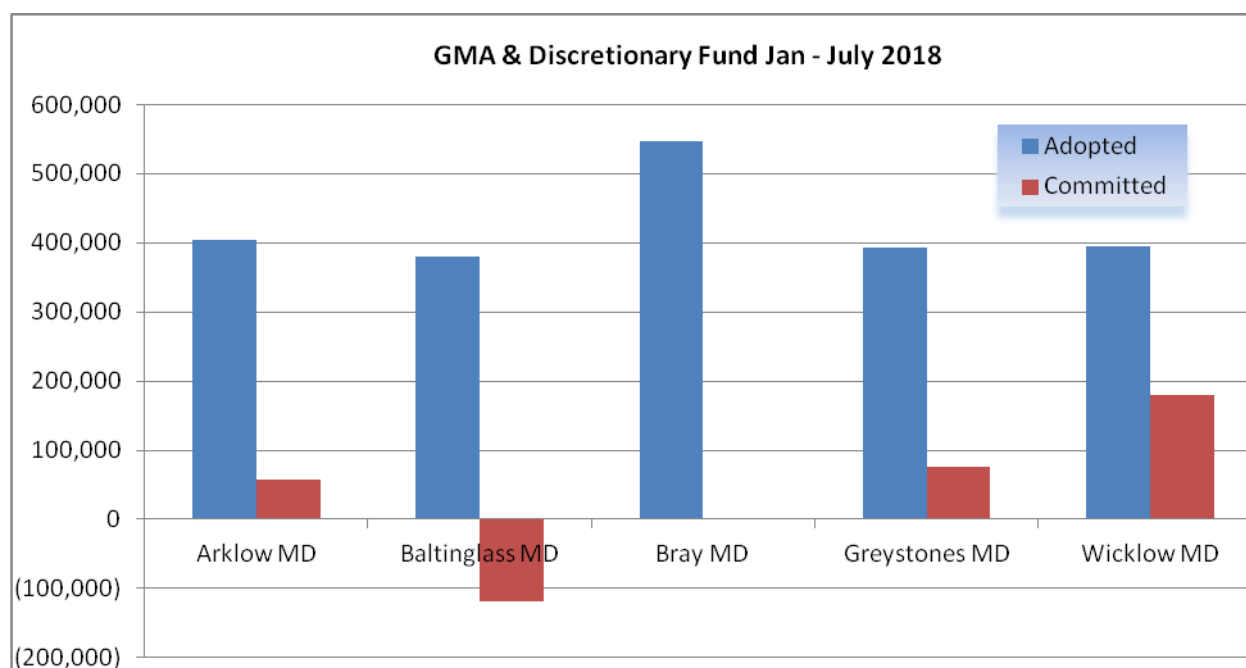


9. Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31st JULY 2018									
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2018	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/07/2018	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	7,477,320	27,932,059			35,409,379	16,112,967	19,296,412		46%
Rents & Annuities	1,539,925	7,747,926		7,618	9,280,233	7,866,299	1,413,934		85%
Housing Loans *	413,129	721,848		1,120	1,133,857	716,287	417,570		63%

10. General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2018

Discretionary Budget 2018 €2,117,500. The graph and table below outline the discretionary budget for 2018 by Municipal District.



Municipal District	C/F from 2017	Adopted	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	(60,226)	404,250	56,711	347,539
Baltinglass MD	(138,525)	380,250	(119,675)	499,925
Bray MD	(108,084)	546,500	1,384	545,116
Greystones MD	(14,475)	392,250	75,302	316,948
Wicklow MD	(33,041)	394,250	179,858	214,392
Total	(354,351)	2,117,500	193,581	1,923,919



11. Capital Investment Programme 2018-2020

The Capital Investment Programme 2018-2020 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 12th 2018.

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

PROGRAMME GROUP	Proposed Expenditure			
	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	53,300,000	87,000,000	87,300,000	227,600,000
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	4,300,000	1,800,000	2,500,000	8,600,000
WATER SERVICES	433,000	150,000	150,000	733,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	3,070,000	2,150,000	1,900,000	7,120,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	150,000	100,000	1,600,000	1,850,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	5,072,000	6,160,000	3,515,000	14,747,000
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	2,500,000	6,800,000	10,550,000	19,850,000
OVERALL TOTAL	68,825,000	104,160,000	107,515,000	280,500,000