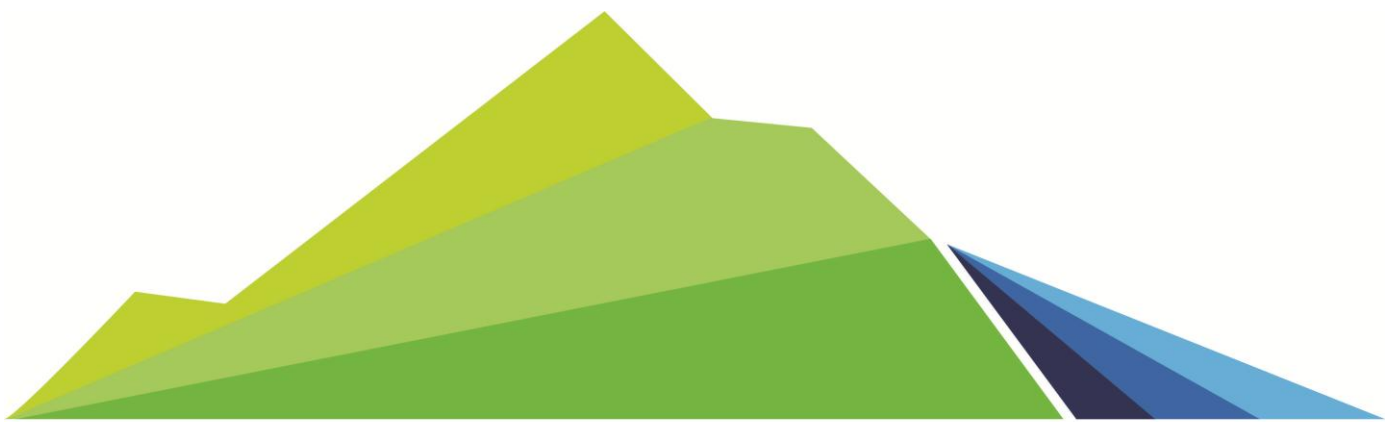


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This Month:

Arklow to become *Permanent Home for the Dementia: Understand Together Garden* showcased at Bord Bia's Bloom

Wicklow County Council hosted national An Taisce Blue Flag and Green Coasts awards, presented by Minister Eoghan Murphy

*Wicklow County Council ranked 1st of the 30 councils analysed by RTE Investigates and deemed the **Best Council in Ireland for Managing Waste Services.***

Asistec (who provide clients with scientific solutions for Cell storage and Growth) were crowned **Regional Winner at National Enterprise Awards in May**

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT

<i>No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS and HAP)</i>	3785
<i>No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)</i>	444
<i>No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)</i>	662
No. in Long Term Leasing accommodation	7
No. in Short Term Leasing accommodation	9

Social Housing Assessment - Wicklow County Council is carrying out a Social Housing Assessment in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009.

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

<i>WCC Social Housing (excluding Bray M. D.)</i>	27
<i>Approved Housing Bodies (excluding Bray M. D.)</i>	7

3. SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK

- › 4308 tenancies occupied @ 23/05/2018
- › Casual Vacancies/Relets 43
- › Total weekly rental accrual €234,515.52 (€12.2m per annum)
- › Minimum rent €24 pw - Maximum rent €275 pw
- › Arrears €1,085,299.40

4. HOUSING SUPPLY – PROGRAMME OF DELIVERY

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

SCHEME	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum	20	Commenced September 2017
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Commenced November 2017

O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Commenced December 2017
Old Library, Arklow	7	Commenced February 2018
Kilbride Lane, Bray (Murphy's Lands)	42	Commenced April 2018
Farrankelly, Greystones (Phase 2)	24	Part 8 approved January 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	Stage 3 Approved April 2018
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Stage 3 Approved June 2018
FCA Hall, Wicklow Town	8	Stage 3 Approved April 2018
Kilmantan Place, Bray	4	Stage 3 Approved April 2018
Sugarloaf View, Kilmacanogue	20	Contract Start September 2018
16A Castle Villas	1	Preliminary Design

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 unit Department approval received. Contracts and replies to legal queries awaited from Developer.

3 units DOE approval received. 1st and 2nd Snagging completed – some minor issues to be resolved. Contracts with Law Department. Deposits available.

15 units under negotiation - possible delivery through CALF by an AHB.

7 units under negotiation will probably be delivered through CALF by an AHB.

5 agreed in principle – working on finalising Part V agreement.

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

2 units agreed and approved by Department – snagging inspections carried out – contracts received and deposits available.

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 November 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) due to be completed Q 3 2018 – CALF lease with 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 has 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 continuing with re-roofing practically complete. Internal and External works on 1-4 Glending Way currently underway.

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 40% and 70% 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
71 Open Applications to value of €494,545.83

Housing Assistance for

<i>Older People (28)</i>	€153,683.57
<i>Mobility Aid Grants (27)</i>	€129,698.11
<i>Housing Adaptation Grants (22)</i>	€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

› 78 applications completed to 31/05/2018,
received and submitted to Housing Agency

2016 Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

› 12 applications to 31/05/2018
7 sales completed

10. ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

No of presentations to 31/05/2018 65

*27 individuals
38 families
75 dependent children*

Emergency Accommodation – Council Houses

Families – 3
Adults - 4 Children – 6

B & B Accommodation

Families – 3
Adults – 7 Children 7
6 single adults.

Leopardstown Serviced Units

1 family
1 adult, 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)

Implementation of the new SICAP programme (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme) 2018-2022 continues. *The two Partnerships involved are currently completing their Mid-Year Reports which will cover all aspects of their work to date and financial expenditure. The LCDC must then review and approve these Mid-Year Reports by 31st July.*

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

Co. Wicklow PPN has just launched an online Funding Handbook for its members, which is proving to be very popular. It lists over 50 funding streams available to community groups, and includes criteria for funding, amounts, timescales, contacts, as well as tips and advice on how to make applications. The content will be updated regularly given the constantly changing nature of funding streams. All local community groups are strongly encouraged to join the Wicklow PPN if they wish to access this useful information.

13. COMMUNITY AWARDS

Community Awards presentation evenings were held in May and June with the funds going to

sporting, social and community organisations throughout the county.

14. WICKLOW LIBRARY SERVICE

‘OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES 2022 – INSPIRING, CONNECTION & EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES’

The above mentioned document has been launched by Minister Michael Ring. It sets out a vision for the future of the public library, to be developed over the next 5 years. It lays out a vision over a number of strategic programmes and library buildings, digital development, opening hours, access, funding, staff and stock. Wicklow County Council Library Service is already a lead player in a number of the initiatives specifically mentioned, including “Work Matters2 and “My Open Library”.

WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY – UPDATE

Design and layout for new Wicklow library and County Archives has now been agreed with the architect led team. The tender process for construction firm will now be put in place, including short listing of interested parties, to whom main tender will be issued.

Allowing for construction to commence in the autumn, the realistic target remains of opening in late autumn 2019.

MOBILE LIBRARY TENDER

Wicklow County Council Library Development Plan 2016 – 2020 states the need for a new mobile library to be provided within the timeframe of the programme. The current vehicle is now 14 years on the road, with more than 350,000km covered. A tender has now been issued for provision of a new, custom made mobile library – closing date for applications is Friday 27 July. 45,000 items were issued from the current Mobile Library in



2017. The service has remained very well used down the years, serving 34 locations per fortnight.

SUMMER STAR PROGRAMME

The 3rd annual running of the Summer Star programme will be held from June 30 to August 31st, in libraries throughout the country. This initiative, co-ordinated by the LGMA, encourages children to continue to read during the long summer holidays and culminates in certificate presentation in September. Wicklow libraries had one of the largest numbers taking part in 2017, with more than 3,000 children taking on the challenge.

WEST WICKLOW POETRY BUS

A tour with a twist was inaugurated in West Wicklow last Saturday, 26 May. The West Wicklow Poetry Bus departed Blessington Library at 10 a.m. with six poets from the PoulaPoetry group aboard along with a singer-songwriter and an audience of twenty or so curious locals.

PoulaPoetry is a group of amateur poets from west Wicklow set up in 2017 with a view to encouraging each other's writing and promote greater engagement with poetry in the area. With the help and encouragement of Wicklow County Council Library Services, who host their monthly get-togethers in Blessington Library, the group has gone from strength to strength with different projects and readings bringing their poetry to local audiences.

On this occasion they brought their audience with them on a tour of a number of places of interest in west Wicklow. The idea was that at each stop one or more of the poets introduced and read in situ a poem they had written about the surrounding landscape, with the audience around them able to take in there and then the details mentioned in the verses.

Organiser, Paul O Connor, was pleased with the success of the day. "I'm delighted to hear that people had fun and enjoyed the experience. It was a bit of a leap of faith. If it helps to bring more poetry into more peoples' lives, then that's great. We hope to make it an annual event, definitely. Something quirky and unique that we can associate with the area, and add in to the mix of so many other community projects going on these days in west Wicklow, all aiming to enhance the area and encourage others to visit while bringing us closer as a community."

The 'Surprised By Place' exhibition of the poems and accompanying photographs will be open to the public at Blessington Library for the first two weeks of June.

CAREERS GUIDANCE EVENT AT ARKLOW LIBRARY 11TH JUNE 2018

Arklow library partnered with the local Intreo Office in promoting the Works Matters programme to the local community.

On 11th June, Arklow library was the venue for a jobs fair, where the focus of the event was on the Community Employment Schemes in Arklow -Guidance Services, Jobs Club and Employability. Local groups taking part included Jobs Ireland (Arklow Intreo Office), Crosscare CE scheme, Tinahely CE, Wicklow County Partnership, Wicklow Community Family Support, KWETB, ABEC, Irish Wheelchair Association. Some local employers were also represented with stands taken by McDonalds, Intelligo Software, Thomas Montgomery. Also present were recruitment companies Jackson Stone Recruitment and FIT.ie.

150 people attended and it was very satisfying to note how many people engaged with several of the stands present. A number of 'break out' areas were created with comfortable seating, where people could sit and talk, or network. Lidl

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Arklow provided the tea and scones which were very much appreciated.

There were many attendees who, though living locally, had never entered the building in the 2 years since it was opened. This gave library staff the opportunity to sign up new members, show them around and have the time to spend with them exploring the various online resources which are available, and which were of particular interest to the target audience on the day.

15. COUNTY WICKLOW LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

STREET FEAST – SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership partnered up with “Street feast” again this year and any neighbourhood hosting a Street Feast event was invited to collect a bag of play equipment provided by Wicklow Local Sports Partnership worth €50 to encourage fun and active play within their community. 25 estates registered for this year’s Street Feast across County Wicklow. This was an increase of 15 estates compared to 2017.

BIKE WEEK 9TH – 17TH JUNE

Wicklow Local Sports Partnership received a funding of €5,000 for Bike Week. The Wicklow 200 was held Sunday 10th June in Bray Emmet’s and Wicklow Local Sports Partnership organised 2 physiotherapists to be there on the day to do pre/post rubs at the start/finish line. Over 3000 cyclists took part. A Cycle Safety Programme, along with a Smoothie Bike and other cycling related activities were held in St Philomena’s, Ravenswell in Bray on Wednesday 13th June. A fun bike event was also held in St Jonathan Swift National School, Dunlavin on Thursday 14th June.

CRINNIÚ NA NÓG RUSSBOROUGH – 23RD JUNE

Wicklow County Council’s Culture team in partnership with Wicklow Local Sports Partnership are organising the parkrun and children’s fun day at Russborough House. This event is taking place on the 23rd June from 9.30am to 1pm and is a fun, free family day. The course runs entirely on trail paths in beautiful Russborough Parklands and is 5K long. There will be free admittance for children to the Russborough maze on the day and children can enjoy trying out a smoothie bike.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Safeguarding 2 – Club Children’s Officer Course will be taking place on 19th June 2018.

Safeguarding 1 – Child Protection Course will be taking place on 20th June 2018.



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 is due to be submitted to Enterprise Ireland under Stream One of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund

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 parking at Bray Institute of Further Education and at Ravenswell Road.

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.

Arklow Town Team

Arklow Town Team was successful in its bid to have the Dementia Friendly Garden, which won featured at Bloom in the Park, awarded to Arklow. In the coming weeks the award winning garden will be relocated to Arklow where residents with dementia and their carers will be made particularly welcome.

Arklow Town Team has also launched a Shop Front Painting Grant Scheme in conjunction with Topline Bolands and Dulux Paints Ireland.

Blessington Town Team

Building on Blessington's success in being selected as Leinster's Most Enterprising Town in 2017, Wicklow County Council and Blessington and District Forum are using the opportunity to involve other interested parties in establishing Blessington Town Team.

In order to ensure that the Team can begin its work on behalf of the community in Blessington as quickly as possible, a number of Working Groups - have been identified as follows:

- Public Realm and Tidy Towns
- Planning and Infrastructure
- Healthy Blessington
- Business
- Culture and Heritage
- Greenway and Tourism

Greystones 2020

Key Projects

Greystones Train Station

Driven initially by the Tidy Towns and subsequently joined by the 2020 committee, agreement was reached with Irish Rail to create a comprehensive landscaping and historical project along the eastern and western platforms of Greystones Train Station. Greystones 2020 has commissioned a series of very



large portraits of famous people with Greystones connections, among them Jack Butler Yeats, John Millington Synge, Samuel Beckett, Norah Hoult, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Éamon De Valera, Michael Collins and Ronnie Drew

The images will be framed by a wave shaped hedge which will have a dual function of mirroring the coastal location of the town whilst obscuring a visually unattractive palisade fence.

Irish Rail will contribute some materials and labour. A significant portion of the costs will be funded through sponsorship.

Public Realm Plan

Greystones 2020 is in the process of engaging consultants to develop a public realm plan for Greystones

The aim of the project is to develop a detailed action-based plan for the town's public realm, which can be used to guide public and private investment in the town to maximise and enhance its existing cultural assets in tandem with economic and social development.

It is intended that the plan will stimulate interest and activity among all the community aimed at enhancing the town of Greystones, and that all stakeholders will be involved in developing a shared vision for the economic, environmental and cultural development of the town.

Greystones 2020 has also developed a new website for Greystones which will promote the town nationally and internationally.

Wicklow Town Team

Town Team Projects Underway:

The establishment of a digital hub to attract small start up type businesses to locate in Wicklow.

The development of a Greenway/Blueway from Greystones to Wicklow Town will contribute to the economic and social well-being of County Wicklow.

At the request of Wicklow Town Team and with Financial Support from Wicklow County Council, the

Council has commissioned a study on the feasibility of developing this route.

Promoting the development of a park and ride facility close to the M11 aimed at reducing commuter traffic by encouraging a switch to bus transport.

Wicklow is working to achieve historic town status and has engaged in initiatives such as archaeological explorations of the Black Castle and the Abbey Grounds and the development of historic trails This includes backlighting of historic sites in the town

Wicklow Town Team has applied for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 for backlighting of some of the historic buildings and bridges and for a Tourism Trail.

It is proposed to participate in the Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme.

The Wicklow Town Team conducted an online retail survey to assess the shopping habits and needs of our residents over 1,500 responses were received. The Town Team is currently engaging with the retailers to establish retailer requirements and priorities.

WEB PORTAL PROJECT:

The new portal Wicklow.ie is now live. Wicklow.ie represents "all things Wicklow" in a fresh new and engaging way. There are up to 40 staff engaged in content management, led by a small team from IS and Enterprise and Corporate Services.

TOURISM

Tourism Statement of Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022:

The Tourism Strategy has been completed and will be put before the CWETT Tourism Strategy Group prior to being forwarded to Wicklow County Council and Wicklow County Tourism..

Objectives

- Growth in tourism spend
- Year round business
- A viable alternative to the West coast.

Priorities



- Quality visitor experience and product
- Development of key towns as destinations
- Development of accommodation
- Glendalough is the hero product
- Wicklow as the premier outdoor recreation destination

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.

Viking Coast

Wicklow County Council is working with Failte Ireland and counties Waterford and Wexford to explore the potential of developing a Viking Coast theme as part of Ireland's Ancient East.

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 the Commuter Survey.

It is anticipated that the data analysis, using CSO data, will be carried out over the summer months and that the actual survey will commence in September when normal traffic volumes resume.

2. LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

LEO Objectives			
To foster an enterprise culture and stimulate enterprise at local level by:			
<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
	2017	2018	2018
Grants Approved (number/ value)			
Measure 1			
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	25/€520,084.90 17/€27,664.03	Meet Demand Meet Demand	10/€206,699.50 5/€7,134.40
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	44
Management Development Programme Participant numbers (commences September)	21	18	Figures available in Sept 18
Business Skills Training Courses Participant Numbers	217	200	86
Business IT Training Courses Participant numbers	163	150	59
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	6	6	2
Seminars participant numbers	366	400	260

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*	303
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings	363	350	166
Businesses assigned a Mentor	79 *includes once off SECC Initiative	60	28

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

June 2018 Activities

- The Trading Online Voucher Seminar deadline for applications post the May seminar was Thursday 14th June 2018. 13 applications were received.
- A Trading Online Voucher Meeting took place on Monday 18th June outside the usual seminars due to high demand with 9 attendees. Deadline for applicants Tuesday 10th July.
- The Polish Distributors of Dipetane have been awarded two prizes at Poland's largest Agri/Machine Exhibition Last Saturday
 - (1) Prize for the most innovative Fuel Technology
 - (2) Prize for the most environmental Friendly fuel
- The Free Leo Clinic addressing all aspects of Brexit on 21st June is being held in Dublin



- Bloom – Wicklow was well represented with the likes of Glendalough Distiller, Miena’s Handmade Nougat, Wicklow Way Wine
- Network Ireland Wicklow Branch – client Anna Dobson of Love Mo Chuisle won Arts Business Owner
- Assistec win Regional at National Enterprise Awards on 23rd May
- Kate Dempsey of Irish Mussel Seed Company in Top 10 of enterprise Ireland Student Enterprise Awards

3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

FORWARD PLANNING

Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018:

Following submission of the Chief Executive’s Report to the Minister on the Minister’s Draft Direction to the plan, the Minister decided to appoint an independent inspector to prepare a report regarding one of the two sites that were the subject of the draft direction (Ballynattin – tourism zoning). The inspector completed his report on 30.05.18 and issued it to the Minister. On 01.06.18, the Minister circulated this report and requested any final comments from the Chief Executive and the elected members within 10 days. Thereafter the Minister has 3 weeks to make his final decision regarding the Direction and *therefore the final decision is expected at the end of June 2018.*

Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018:

The Bray MD LAP was adopted by the members at the meeting of 14.05.18. The plan took effect on 10.06.18.

Variation 1 to the Wicklow County Development Plan:

At the Council meeting of 14.05.18, the elected members made Variation 1 to the County Development Plan. The purpose of this variation is to ensure that the plans for Rathdrum, Arklow and Bray align with the County Development Plan. This variation took effect from the day that it was made.

Newtownmountkennedy LAP:

The preparation of the Draft Plan continues at present.

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

The NPF was adopted by the Government in February 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:

Any sites that stood on the Register as of 01.01.2018 have been issued with notices under Section 11 of the Act reminding them that they sit on the register and that a levy will be payable from 01.01.19. This notice allows landowners to advise of any change in circumstances of the site e.g. to notify us if it no longer vacant. Any submission received must be assessed the Planning Authority and thereafter we shall determine if the site should stay on the Register. An appeal to ABP is available should the landowner not be happy with this decision.

Sites that stood on the Register as of 01.01.18 are currently being valued following the procurement of outside professional valuers.

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, are currently being assessed and considered.

HERITAGE

Notification was received from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in respect of applications submitted for grant aid under two



schemes. Applications were successful under the following schemes:

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2018:

- 7 applications approved to the value of €50,000

Structures at Risk Fund (SRF):

- 2 applications approved to the value of €24,000

The successful applicants have been notified of the grant approved in respect of their projects.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

A total of 135 applications were received during May, these include applications as follows:

Type of Development	Number Received
Individual Houses	33
Housing Developments	6
Agricultural Structures	10
Commercial	7
Other Developments	79
Total	135

Decisions issued in respect of 72 applications in May, being:

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WASTE MANAGEMENT SECTION – APRIL 2018

<i>No. of Complaints Opened</i>	265
<i>No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed</i>	481
<i>No of Litter Fines Issued</i>	15
<i>No. of Waste Management Files Opened</i>	16
<i>No. of Warning Letters Issued</i>	3
<i>No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued</i>	10
<i>No. of Burning Applications Granted</i>	18
<i>No. of Temporary Signs Granted</i>	5
<i>No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act</i>	5
<i>No. of Cases in Court under Litter Pollution Act</i>	0
<i>No. Of Cases in Court under Waste Management Act</i>	3
Income - Litter Fines	€3,275.00
Income- Waste Management	€3,978.63

3 Cases in Court under Waste Management Act

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	5
Individual Houses	15
Other Developments	52
Total	72

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

	31/05/2017	31/05/2018
Total Number of decisions issued	426	387
Total Number of decisions to grant	340	317
% grant rate	80%	82%

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT:

Details of activity during May:

- 23 New files were opened



1. 6 bags of household waste dumped at the Bottle Banks at Gilspur Heights, Bray. Evidence retrieved in the bags of waste contained correspondence with name & address
2. Large volume of waste dumped on O'Byrne Lane, Vevay Road, Bray. Evidence included name & address on a methadone bottle, prescription labels etc.
3. Skip bag full of household waste stored in the front garden of a property for a long period of time. S 14 Notice issued to remove the Skip Bag was not complied with.

Wicklow County Council ranked 1st for Managing Waste Services

As part of the documentary "Ireland's Wild Waste", RTÉ Investigates reviewed environmental data from a number of sources including the EPA and the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, in order to identify the level of activity by each of the councils in the area of Waste Management. By looking at the rates of inspections, enforcements, prosecutions and staffing levels between 2014 and 2016, Wicklow County Council was ranked 1st of the 30 councils analysed and was deemed as the best council in Ireland for managing waste services.

It was reported that Wicklow conducted 6,174 non-routine inspections between 2014 and 2016, 4.5 times the national average of 1,371. It was also noted that between 2015 and 2016 Wicklow spent €19.67 per person on waste services, €2.45 more than the national average of €17.22. Overall Wicklow scored in the top 5 best for three categories that RTÉ Investigates looked at.

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.

HARBOURS AND PORT

WICKLOW HARBOUR

Ahead of the summer season the "Wendy" raft was deployed off the new pier and the platform was secured to the pier. Buoys have been put in place to mark the bathing area from the working port. Replacement and additional ladders off the pier have been ordered and are expected to be put in place by the first week in June. This will allow easier and more access off the pier and will enhance the amenity and safety for swimmers.

Arklow Harbour

A tender application is being prepared for the operation of Marina. Located in the Dock in Arklow Harbour, it is a sixteen berth marina. The tender will be for the general operations of the marina, to provide facilities for those using the berths and for the collection of any associated fees. It is hoped to advertise the tender in June

BLUE FLAG BEACHES

WCC was delighted to host the national An Taisce Blue Flag and Green Coasts Awards in Bray in May. The event celebrated and rewarded Local Authorities, clubs & marinas, and community groups for the work they have done in achieving excellence in fresh water and marine environments. The awards were presented by Minister Eoghan Murphy and in all 90 Blue Flag and 59 Green Coast awards were presented. Wicklow retained their four Blue Flags in Bray, Greystones, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South. Arklow retained their Green Coast award.

BEACH LIFEGUARDS

Interviews were held in May for the position of Temporary Beach Lifeguard. 17 applicants have been appointed. WCC provides a lifeguard service at 6 beaches in the county. *The season runs from 1st June to 15th September. In advance of the summer season 3 new lifeguard huts have been purchased for Wicklow Harbour, Brittas Bay North & South. The huts are painted in the red and yellow livery and provide an enhanced vantage point for the lifeguards as well as being a visible and obvious point of contact for the public. WCC, through our Water Safety Development Officer,*



works closely with Irish Water Safety. Preparation is being made for Water Safety Week and Lifesaving Week.

POLLUTION CONTROL

BATHING WATERS

- 6 identified bathing waters were sampled in May (pre-season samples) which includes 4 blue flag beaches at Bray South, Greystones South, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South.
- The season runs from June to Mid September.
- All samples indicate excellent quality bathing waters.

LICENSED DISCHARGES TO WATERS

- 1 proprietor with discharge licence was inspected and determined compliant

POLLUTION RESPONSE & INVESTIGATION

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

SEPTIC TANKS

- 3 advisory notices to address non-compliant septic tank/domestic waste water treatment systems were complied with.

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.

- 32 private water supplies were sampled in May 2018 and all reported results were compliant.

- 2 boil water notices were issued to private water supplies (sampled late April).
- 2 reminder boil water notices were issued to private water supplies (sampled late April).
- 2 boil water notices were lifted from private water supplies.
- 1 do not consume notice was lifted from a private water supply.
- 2 letters issued to water supplier to investigate and to improve their water supply.

WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

NATIONAL MONITORING PROGRAMME

- 69 samples were taken from rivers for analysis.
- 11 samples were taken from lakes for analysis.

The New River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 has been published. An executive Summary has been circulated to elected members. Priority water bodies have been selected in Wicklow (see map & below). WCC continue to meet with the operational and management committees in both the South East and Midlands East Regions to progress actions.

SOLVENTS

- 1 certificate application for vehicle refinisher installation was assessed and reported on.
- 1 vehicle refinisher installations was issued non-compliance letter.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- 19 environmental reports on referred planning applications.



5. TRANSPORTATION & ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

Funding announced for 2018 National Roads Allocation

<i>TII</i>	<i>2018 Allocation</i>
2018 NATIONAL ROADS ALLOCATION	
National Primary	
HD15 & HD17 Minor Works	
N11 Kilmacanogue Parallel Service Road	€100,000
National Secondary (Minor Works)	
N81 Hangmans Bend Realignment Scheme	€10,000
N81 Irishtown	€10,000
N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment Scheme	€2,500,000
N81 Tuckmill	€10,000
N81 Whitestown Lower	€10,000
National Secondary (Pavement)	
HD28 NS Pavement Renewals 2018	€700,000
Both NP & NS	
Local Authority Support (Improvement) 2018 WW	€100,000
Maintenance	
National Primary	
NP Motorway MMaRC Lighting 2018	€115,941
National Secondary	
NS Ordinary Maintenance 2018	€46,548
NS Winter Maintenance 2018	€81,509
NS Route Lighting 2018	€10,279
Both NP & NS	
Support (Maintenance) 2018	€15,200
Support (Winter Maintenance) 2018	€10,000
Total	€3,719,477

Funding announced for 2018 Regional & Local Roads Allocation (26.1.18)

Restoration Improvement	€4,460,000
Restoration Maintenance	€767,000
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€348,500
Discretionary Grant	€1,586,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€200,000
Safety Improvement Works	€295,000
Specific Improvement Grants	€650,000
Speed Limits	€104,175
Training Grant	€38,500
Drainage Works	€233,000
Total Allocation	€8,682,675
2018 Specific Improvement Grant	
R755 Calary Road Realignment	€650,000



2018 Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional & Local Roads	
Killabeg Bridge, Coolkenna L-7525	€25,000
Rathdrum Bridge, Rathdrum R-752	€50,000
White Bridge, Avoca, L-6155	€50,000
Liffey Bridge Upper, Kippure R-759	€20,000
Beechdale Bridge, Kilcoole L-50462	€20,000
Tinnehinch Bridge, Enniskerry R-760	€20,000
Knockrath Bridge, Knockrath R-755	€15,000
Total	€200,000

2018 Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads	
R759 Manor Kilbride (The Branch)	€145,000
Coolgreaney Road, Arklow L-2190-100	€30,000
Vale Road, Arklow R747	€30,000
Dublin Road, Arklow R772	€30,000
Lackereagh, Baltinglass R747	€55,000
Total	€290,000

2018 National Transport Authority Allocation	
Arklow – Shillelagh Cycle Route (planning completion)	€10,000
Strand Road Cycle Track (including Aquarium)	€250,000
Bray Dart Interchange	€20,000
Vale Road Wexford Road/Main Street Arklow	€7,000
Wicklow Town Port access route to Station Pedestrian Access	€80,000
Killarney Road – Church Road Junction and associated works on Killarney Road	€100,000
Vevay Road Cycle Scheme	€100,000
St Laurence's School Footpath provision	€150,000
N81 Baltinglass VRU improvements	€50,000
Permeability to Public Transport or Schools	€25,000
Dublin Road, Bray ITS Traffic Management	€60,000
Bray Bridge footbridges and tie-ins	€250,000
Total	€1,102,000

PUBLIC LIGHTING

	20/03/18	22/03/18	27/03/18	04/04/18	09/04/18	16/04/18	23/04/18
Access Issues (Attend)	9	11	11	11	11	12	9
Cable Fault (Attend)	9	9	11	11	14	15	9
ESB Required (Attended)	38	39	39	38	24	23	38
Knock Down (Attended)	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Materials required	23	26	22	22	20	19	23
No Supply	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
On Hold	12	11	10	10	7	7	12
Submitted	136	106	101	93	109	136	136
Traffic Management Required	15	16	14	14	15	19	15
TOTAL	250	226	216	207	207	238	250



PUBLIC LIGHTING

w Labels	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLAS S MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONE S MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)	1		2	3	6	12
Cable Fault (Attend)	4		3	7	1	15
ESB Required(Attended)	3		10	7	3	23
Knock Down (Attended)	1		3	4	11	19
Materials required	1	1	1	4		7
No Supply	2			4	1	7
On Hold	1		2	3	6	12
Submitted	50	27	16	15	28	136
Traffic Management Required	2		5	1	11	19
Grand Total	64	28	40	45	61	238

M11/N11 – Kilmacanogue Parallel Service Road

Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers, have been appointed to determine the feasibility of introducing safety measures on the southbound lane on the approach to junction 8 in Kilmacanogue.

The aim of the service road was 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.

Part VIII Reference 18/382 submitted for the N11 Parallel Service Road on 13th April 2018. Submissions and observations are due by Monday 11th June 2018.

Junction 4 M50 to Kilmacanogue – Junction 14 Update – Main Scheme

In line with the requirements of the Public Spending Code, transposed into Department of Transport Tourism and Sport requirements via the Common Appraisal Framework (CAF) a Project Appraisal Report was prepared and submitted to the

Department of Transport Tourism and Sport in early April 2018.

Approval of the Project Appraisal Report was received from DTTaS on the 13th April 2018 which enables the Sponsoring Agency to commence the CAF preliminary appraisal stage. This aligns to the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Project Management Guidelines 2017 as the Phase 1 – Scheme Concept and Feasibility and Phase 2 Option Selection.

It is hoped that tender documents for the appointment of a consultant to aid in the appraisal process will be finalised. It is intended to appoint consultants during the Summer of 2018.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

Archer Heritage Planning is the Contractor for the Archaeological Works Contract. The Archaeological dig is currently in progress with completion scheduled for May 2018. Invitation of tenders for construction works is projected for May with award in September. [A grant allocation of €2.5m has been notified by TII for 2018.](#)



Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

Wicklow County Council has been advised of its allocation for 2018 and 2019, this was based on the applications made following advertisement of the scheme. The grant allocation therefore, is:-

	Allocation €
2018	€200,000
2019	€266,000
Total	€466,000

Parking Income by Municipal District Jan-May 2018	EURO
Income Florence Road Carpark Bray MD	111,200
Income Herbert Road Carpark Bray MD	73,035
Income North Beach Car Park - Strand Road Bray MD	14,357
Income Restricted Parking Bray MD	274,309
Income Parking Fines Bray MD	85,346
Income Residential/Special Parking Discs Bray MD	23,635
Bray Municipal District	581,883
Income Greystones Pay Parking Scheme	181,067
Greystones Municipal District	181,067
Income Parking Charges Wicklow MD	130,911
Income Residential Parking Disk Wicklow MD	2,435
Income Traffic Fines Wicklow MD	19,173
Wicklow Municipal District	152,519
Income Parking Traffic Fines Arklow MD	11,876
Income Pay Parking Fees And Permits Arklow MD	99,657
Arklow Municipal District	111,533
Wicklow County Council	1,027,002
	111,200



6. EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE SERVICE

Operational Fire Statistics May 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											
Fire Domestic	1			1							
Fire Industrial											
Fire Institutional	2		1	1							
Road Traffic Collision	9	2	2	2	2		1				
Fire Truck	2			1		1					
Aircraft Incident	2			1	1						
Major Gorse Fire	4	1	1	1	1						
One Station Mobilised											
Fire Small/bin/skip	4	2			1				1		
Fire Grass / Gorse / Trees	37	12	11	6	4		3		1		
Fire Chimney	1										1
Fire Alarm or CO2 Activation	13	4	1	3	1	2			1		1
Fire Car	4	2			1			1			
Ambulance Assist	3	1		1		1					
Garda Assist	1		1								
Rescue from lift	1	1									
Electrical Incident / fire	3	2	1								
River Rescue	1					1					
Shed Fire	1								1		
Entrapment / rescue	1		1								
Make Scene Safe	1		1								
Animal Rescue	1	1									
Times Stations mobilised	92	28	20	17	11	5	4	1	4	0	2

Sample Incidents (May 2018)

The month was characterised by a high volume of “gorse fire”. In general these were fires that were deliberately started on commonage and national park lands. They represented 40% of incidents attended and were in many cases of long duration.

- 02/05/18 Greystones and Wicklow Town attended an extensive workshop fire at Glendarragh farm. Fire extinguished and casualty treated for smoke inhalation.
- 05/05/18 Wicklow Town and Rathdrum attended a light aircraft incident where the plane had made an emergency landing in a field near Rathnew. The plane was undamaged and the pilot uninjured.
- 17/05/18 Wicklow Town and Rathdrum attended an RTC at Ballinastoe Cross Roads between a car, a bus and a motorcycle.



- 17/05/18 Crews from 4 stations (Bray, Greystones, Wicklow Town and Rathdrum) fought a serious of gorse fires in the Rocky Valley area of Kilmacanogue for 14 hours to prevent the fires spreading to houses in the area.
- 18/05/18 Crews from Bray and Greystones fought a fire in an electrical sub-station at Bray Railway Station. The damage caused by the fire disrupted rail services for the following week.

Incidents mobilised outside county Wicklow (May 2018):

Kildare

- 07/05/18 A gas cylinder on fire was reported between Narraghmore and Calverstown. Crew from Dunlavin attended.
- 16/05/18 A car fire was reported in Narraghmore. Crew from Dunlavin attended.
- 16/05/18 An outdoor fire was reported in Castledermot. Crew from Baltinglass attended.
- 30/05/18 A fire alarm activation was reported at the Killeel Inn. Crew from Blessington attended.

Incidents assisted by neighbouring Fire Stations (May 2018):

- 01/05/18 RTC between Hollywood and Blessington. Blessington were assisted by Naas Crew.

General

The delivery of Confined Space Rescue training to operational personnel was concluded in May.

A regional MEM meeting hosted by Dublin City was held on 15th May.
 A Major Emergency Management Committee meeting was held on 31st May.

Work is progressing well on the construction of a water tanker. Delivery is expected before September.

[Fire Prevention Statistics May 2018](#)

Application type	Received	Requested additional information	Validate BCMS /liaise with Building Control	Inspection of works	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	6	8			7
Regularisation Certificates				1	1
Visual inspection of works				1	
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice	2		2		2
Disability Access Certificates	5		1		12

Licensing	Received, acknowledged	Inspected	Requested further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
District	2			1	1
Circuit					

JUNE 2018



General

Officer attended 2 day Fire Safety Workshop arranged by National Directorate

Meetings with Consultants	1
General Queries	12



Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. RECRUITMENT

Competitions for the following posts were held in June 2018:

Temporary Assistant Engineer, Temporary Executive Engineer, Firefighters

	Q1 2017	Q1 2018
Managerial/Administrative	246	246
Professional/Technical	103	119
Outdoor	305	317
Temporary/Seasonal	47	41
Non DOECLG	45	13
Total	746	736

(Excludes figures for Firefighters)

2. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

NO. OF FOI REQUESTS

May 2018	14	May 2017	7
Jan to May 2018	42	Jan to May 2017	55

NO. OF OMBUDSMAN REQUESTS

May 2018	2	May 2017	0
Jan to May 2018	6	Jan to May 2017	2

3. REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The referendum took place on 25th May 2018. Wicklow had just shy of a 75% turn out, the 2nd highest in the country apart from Dublin Bay North. The turnout is a reflection of the accuracy of our register of electors. *Wicklow County Council also have a 94.93% coverage of Eircodes on their Register of Electors which is the highest in the country and a further reflection of the accuracy of Wicklow's Register.*

Following the Referendum letters have been issued to those electors who had polling cards returned

marked as 'gone away' to provide them with a further opportunity to update their details on Wicklow's Register of Electors or to pass on new details to another local authority. Work will also continue throughout the summer months on gathering further Eircodes to increase the figure from 94.93% to as high as possible prior to the publication of the next Live Register.

Work has now commenced on the compilation of the 2019/2020 Draft Register of Electors. Vacancies for Fieldworkers have been advertised and returning fieldworkers have been given their Workbook packs to commence 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

May 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 4,000 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.
- Network traffic analysis will allow identification of bottlenecks and allow load balancing.



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.
- Cloud Tenancy has been created and we have now deployed dynamics CRM.
- *Trial Licences were upgraded during Quarter 2 to ensure effective trial of CRM systems and preparation of business case in relation to Microsoft and Government Cloud Services during 2018.*

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.

DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS

- Data collection systems using mobile devices have been used for the Register of Electors.
- Projects in Housing, Roads and Environmental Services departments are on-going.
- Upgrade to Revenue Collection Handhelds has now reached conclusion of trial phase. These units should be in place for all Collectors during this quarter
- Housing Condition Survey is live while other project including Health & Safety audit and CCTV survey have been advanced.



6. Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST MAY 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	7,068,035	17,210,674	41	(8,179,908)	(22,083,086)	37	(1,111,873)
B - Road Transport & Safety	6,831,770	18,214,957	38	(4,095,303)	(10,808,946)	38	2,736,467
C - Water Services	2,132,593	5,732,213	37	(2,542,044)	(6,649,630)	38	(409,451)
D - Development Management	3,838,753	9,233,906	42	(2,361,208)	(4,909,183)	48	1,477,545
E - Environmental Services	5,166,902	10,751,474	48	(1,087,147)	(1,918,500)	57	4,079,755
F - Recreation and Amenity	2,550,648	6,403,014	40	(408,076)	(520,600)	78	2,142,572
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	697,848	1,511,045	46	(220,900)	(745,228)	30	476,948
H - Miscellaneous Services	4,307,394	11,086,145	39	(3,022,445)	(7,505,975)	40	1,284,949
J - Central Management Charges	6,307,998	15,405,007	41	(470,357)	(955,217)	49	5,837,641
LG - Local Government Fund				(4,988,181)	(11,971,634)	42	(4,988,181)
PL - Pension Levy							-
RA - Commercial Rates				(11,638,358)	(27,630,436)	42	(11,638,358)
	38,901,941	95,548,435	41	39,013,927	95,698,435	41	(111,986)

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 May 2018 to 31st May 2018.

8. Capital Account



**CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st MAY 2018**

	Opening Balance at 01/01/2018	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers To/From Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/05/2018
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	19,982,975	14,659,856	-10,064,315	545,577	25,124,093
Road Transport & Safety	-32,722,106	677,590	-3,420,471	-310,000	-35,774,987
Water Services	-8,338,872	109,600	-1,729,735		-9,959,007
Development Management	-8,835,423	208,089	-112,814	-365,001	-9,105,149
Environmental Services	1,744,994	1,651,265	-1,692,954	-544,783	1,158,522
Recreation and Amenity	549,701	209,873	-837,980	-101,788	-180,194
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-1,042,916	56,612	-832	-298,070	-1,285,206
Miscellaneous Services	-12,936,991	1,688,086	-1,452,226	-227,461	-12,928,592
	-41,598,638	19,260,971	(19,311,327)	(1,301,526)	-42,950,520



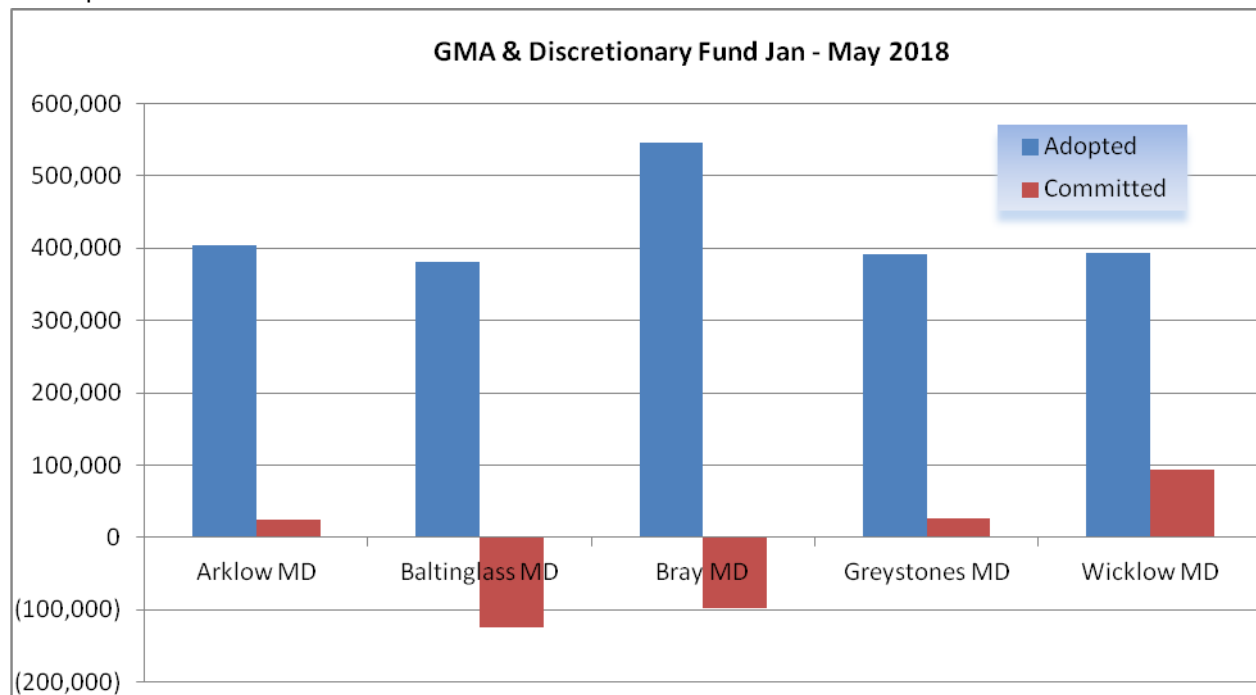
9. Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31st MAY 2018									
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2018	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/05/2018	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	7,477,320	27,932,059			35,409,379	9,948,604	25,460,775		28%
Rents & Annuities	1,539,925	5,692,606			7,232,531	5,583,632	1,648,899		77%
Housing Loans *	413,129	525,056		1120	937,065	506,408	430,657		54%

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

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	25,457	378,793



Baltinglass MD	(138,525)	380,250	(124,280)	504,530
Bray MD	(108,084)	546,500	(97,855)	644,355
Greystones MD	(14,475)	392,250	26,371	365,879
Wicklow MD	(33,041)	394,250	93,704	300,546
Total	(354,351)	2,117,500	(76,603)	2,194,103

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