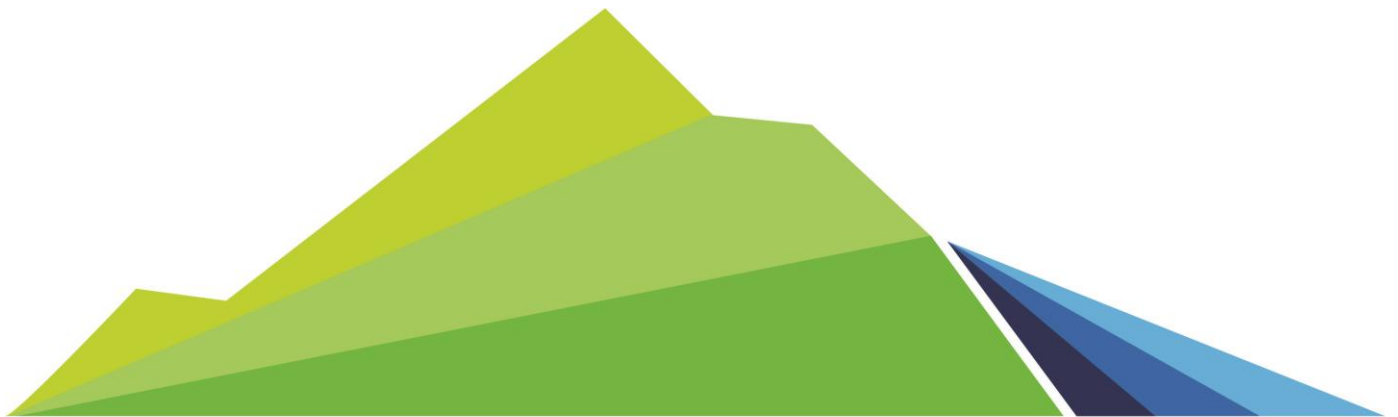




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This month:

- **€80,000 ALLOCATED TO 50 COMMUNITY GROUPS WORKING ON COVID-19**

Almost €80,000 has been distributed by Wicklow County Council to 50 groups who are supporting their communities across the county during the COVID-19 emergency. Each county in the country received a grant from the Department of rural and Community Development to assist Community and Voluntary groups involved in the delivery of COVID -19 community response efforts.

Amongst those sharing the grant in Wicklow are:

- 9 groups providing meals to those in need
- 8 sporting organisations aiding
- 9 groups supplying face masks for frontline staff
- 5 groups offering technology support
- 4 groups providing PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

The other groups involved provide a mix of assistance such as transport, financial advice etc.

- **Wicklow Naturally launches website to showcase the county's finest producers**

A website, which highlights Wicklow's food and drink producers has been launched by the new food and drink network, Wicklow Naturally. The website, wicklownaturally.ie tells the story of food and drink producers and promotes the businesses selling the county's produce.

The network, created following the publication of the Food and Beverage Strategy, which was launched at Killruddery Estate in April 2019, stands for sustainability, best practice, authenticity and demonstrates the pride people share in The Garden of Ireland for food and drink produced in Wicklow.

Wicklow Naturally is a partnership between the Local Enterprise Office Wicklow (LEO), Wicklow County Council and County Wicklow Partnership (CWP) and is being implemented through LEADER funding.

- **RESTART GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL WICKLOW BUSINESSES**

Applications for the Government-backed Restart Grant Scheme are invited by Wicklow County Council from small businesses across the County. Under the €250m scheme, micros and small businesses can apply for grants of between €2,000 and €10,000 to get their businesses up-and-running again.

The scheme is being administered by Wicklow County Council and grant applications can be made online through the Council's website, www.wicklow.ie.

Eligible businesses who have stayed open throughout the crisis, as well as those who are reopening under Phase 1 (from 18th May) and Phase 2 (8th June) of the Government's Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business, are encouraged to apply now for the Restart Grant.



The applications will be prioritised for payment by the Council based on the roadmap phases.

To avail of the Restart Grant, applicants must be a commercially rateable business and:

1. Have an annual turnover of less than €5m and have 50 or less employees;
2. Have suffered a projected 25%+ loss in turnover from 1st April 2020 to end June 2020;
3. Commit to remain open or to reopen if it was closed;
4. Declare the intention to retain employees that are currently on The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme

All information including the Restart Grant application form and FAQs are available on the Wicklow County Council website.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Social Housing Support

	<i>April 2020</i>	<i>April 2019</i>
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS and HAP)	4395	4163
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	325	408
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	1850	1191
No. in Long Term Leasing accommodation	10	8
No. in Short Term Leasing accommodation	14	10

2. Allocation of Social Housing

	<i>April 2020</i>	<i>April 2019</i>
Wicklow County Council (including Bray MD)	19	44
Approved Housing Bodies	2	5

3. Social Housing Stock

	<i>April 2020</i>	<i>April 2019</i>
Tenancies occupied	4471	4338
Total weekly rental accrual	€299,589.60	€236,831.63
Arrears	€2,021,242.19	€928,693.82

4. Casual Vacancies/Relets 47

	<i>April 2020</i>	<i>April 2019</i>
Municipal District		
Arklow	10	14
Baltinglass	10	21
Bray	6	4
Greystones	2	8
Wicklow	19	14

COVID 19 UPDATE

Relets for Self-Isolation Units

A number of vacant houses being refurbished for re-letting have been kitted out in anticipation of the need for vulnerable individuals/families to self-isolate for the required period from emergency accommodation

5. Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

COVID 19 UPDATE
The current pandemic has had a major effect on our programme.
Sites have been closed since March 27 th with 3 exceptions, which were allowed to reopen early (Convent Lands, Wicklow, Farrankelly, Greystones and Whitehall, Baltinglass)
The revised dates below are dependent on sites reopening on May 18 th and no further shutdowns.

Social Housing Supply Programme

4 scheme completed 2019	27 units
10 schemes currently on site in 2020	299 Units
further schemes to commence on site in 2020	112 Units
<u>TOTAL</u>	438 Units

SCHEMES COMPLETED	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS	PART 8 APPROVAL
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completed and allocated	Yes
Old Library Arklow	7	Completed and allocated	Yes
Avondale Heights Rathdrum	20	Completed and allocated	Yes
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Completed and allocated 2019	Yes
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Completed and allocated 2019	Yes
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Completed and allocated 2019	Yes
Whitehall, Baltinglass	7	Completed, awaiting allocation	Yes
TOTAL	55		
SCHEMES ON SITE	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS (subject to change due to Covid-19 restrictions)	PART 8 APPROVAL
Whitehall, Baltinglass RAPID BUILD	27	Completion anticipated May 2020 .	Yes
Kilbride Lane Bray (Murphy's Lands)	42	Completion anticipated August 2020	Yes
FCA Hall Wicklow Town	8	Completion anticipated January 2021	Yes
Kilmantan Place Bray	4	Completion anticipated January 2021	Yes
Farrenkelly Greystones Phase 2	24	Completion anticipated May 2020	Yes
Sugarloaf View, Kilmacanogue	20	Completion anticipated October 2020	Yes
Convent Lands	51	Completion anticipated August 2020	Yes
Rathnew RAPID BUILD	47	Completion anticipated October 2020	Yes
Carnew RAPID BUILD	30	Completion anticipated February 2021	Yes
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completion anticipated July 2021	Yes
TOTAL	300		



PIPELINE SCHEMES	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS CURRENT STATUS (subject to change due to Covid 19 restrictions)	PART 8 APPROVAL
Avondale Phase 2 RAPID BUILD	20	Site start anticipated August 2020	Yes
Ard na Greine RAPID BUILD	30	Site start anticipated July 2020	Yes
Greenhill Road Wicklow RAPID BUILD	36	Site start anticipated October 2020	Part 8 approval by Wicklow M.D. required
Ashtown Lane RAPID BUILD	40	Site start anticipated August 2020	Yes
Mountainview NTMK RAPID BUILD	26	Site start anticipated October 2020	Yes
Old Fire Station Arklow	7	Site start anticipated November 2020	Part 8 approval Arklow M.D. Required.
Cedar Court Bray RAPID BUILD	14	Site start anticipated December 2020	Part 8 approval by Bray M. D. required.
Three Trouts Greystones RAPID BUILD	40	Site start anticipated December 2020	Part 8 approval Gstones M.D.required
TOTAL	220		

6. Part V

2020 – Part V units due for Delivery 2020

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Wicklow	1	Delivered 25/02/20	WCC
Rathdrum	3	Quarter 2/3	WCC
Wicklow Town	3	Quarter 2	WCC
Rathnew	3	Quarter 2/3	WCC
Greystones	2	Quarter 2/3	WCC
Dunlavin	4	Quarter2/3	CALF
Ashford	8	Quarter 2	CALF
Wicklow	4	Quarter 2/3	CALF

Potential units

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

Turnkey

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Wicklow	6	Delivered 02/04/20	WCC
Wicklow	3	Q2/2020	WCC
Wicklow	5	Q2/Q3 2020	WCC
Rathdrum	4	Q2Q3 2020	CALF

- Negotiations are ongoing with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units
- Approval has recently been received from the Department in respect of 2 Turnkey units in Baltinglass.
- Application with the Department for a further 5 units in Tinahely.

7. PPP Social Housing Project

[Bundle 1]

Development Site at Convent Lands, Wicklow for 51 Social Housing units commenced on site in March 2019. The project is progressing well and is currently due for completion in mid 2020. The Department of Housing has dedicated €300 million towards delivery of housing through the public, private partnership model in the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. The Convent Lands site in Wicklow has been included as a project in Bundle 1.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)

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

- Acquisition by AHB of 38 turnkey units via CALF in Arklow due by Q4 2020.
- Acquisition by AHB of 8 (Part V) units via CALF in Ashford due by Q4 2020. A further 4 units (2 turnkey and 2 Part V) due in 2021.
- Construction ongoing on a 40 units (including 4 Part V) via CALF Turnkey in Dunlavin .

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

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

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 – Glending phase 3b is complete as of 18th December 2018.

Phase 4 - works have commenced.

9. Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

- › Grant funding for private house €1,768,217 in 2019 no budget for 2020 yet (€274,327.99 spent to date)
- › › Grant funding for social house € 500,000 in 2019, no budget for 2020 yet (€ 22,933.34 spent to date)



House Purchase Loans – Rebuilding Ireland

Up to 30/04/2020

- 326 received up to 30/04/2020
- 111 approvals
- 132 declined
- 21 previously approved but approved
- 36 further information/with HA
- 26 either incomplete, ineligible

2016 Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

April 2020

- 80 applications to 29/02/2020
- 4 sale completed
- 14 declined
- 62 remaining various stages – incomplete, with L.A., withdrawn.

April 2019

60 received to 30/04/2019

- 9 approvals
- 7 declined
- 16 further info/with HA

April 2019

- 18 applications to 30/04/2019
- 1 sale completed
- 2 declined

10. Addressing Homelessness

	30/04/2020	30/04/2019
No of Presentations	83	57
No. of Repeat Presentations	10	6
No. of Households (Families)	30	30
No. of Adults (Individuals)	54	29
No. of Children	54	52
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	6	22
Family Circumstances	46	20
Leaving Prison Hospital Care	10	1
Sofa Surfing	8	3
Rough Sleeping	1	1
Own Door Temporary Accommodation		
	30/04/2020	
	30/04/2019	
Families	14	13
Adults	24	19
Children	32	34
Singles	8	6

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30th April, 2020

	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	5	16	12	1	2	0	1*	1*
<i>Children Only</i>				3	4	0	3	2

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Household breakdown	10	19	18	5	2	1	0	2
<i>Children Only</i>				10	3	1	0	4

COVID 19 UPDATE

The Homeless Team continues to provide key support by phone, working from both office and home. B&B proprietors currently retained by the Council are continuing to provide emergency accommodation for homeless clients. All Covid-19 protocols are in place in the facilities.

Self-Isolation Units

A number of vacant houses being refurbished for re-letting have been kitted out in anticipation of the need for families to self-isolate for the required period from emergency accommodation.

Cold Weather Initiative

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

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

COVID 19 UPDATE

A new operational model has commenced at the Cold Weather Initiative to endeavour to achieve the necessary health and safety standards around Covid-19 protocols. Opening hours have been extended with a corresponding increase in staffing resources. Sanitary facilities have been increased and extensive temporary modifications have been introduced to ensure separation of beds and provision of secure isolation unit.

Due to the high risk to clients if there should be Covid + cases reported in the CWI, the Council is finalising plans to relocate the residents to another, more suitable facility, where 24 hour accommodation will be provided and adequate self-isolation facilities will be available.

Homeless HAP

The Homeless HAP Placefinder provides assistance in:

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

To date, 232 households (178 families & 54 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October 2018 to 30th April, 2020.

116 homeless cases and 116 prevention cases to date. 79 properties were sourced by WCC.

COVID 19 UPDATE

The Homeless HAP Placefinder and the HAP team continue to progress cases. Key focus at present is on maintaining payments to landlords and reviewing differential rent of those clients who have reduced income during this time.

Sonas Facility, Wicklow - Transition to Family Homeless Hub.

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

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

COVID 19 UPDATE

Refurbishment work is substantially complete on the facility, initially providing self isolation units for vulnerable clients during the current crisis.

Other Temporary Supported Accommodation

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

Housing First

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

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

Wicklow County Council has successfully accommodated 2 clients under Housing First. Other clients proposed for Housing First have been assessed by the team and are availing of key support work pending finalisation of accommodation.

11. Community Cultural & Social Development

WICKLOW COMMUNITY CALL

The Wicklow Community Call centre started operations on Tuesday 31st March 2020 and is based in the Arklow library. It is open seven days a week from 8am to 8pm. The Call centre is staffed by CCSD and library staff. The centre was set up with a special Helpline and dedicated email – which is open every day from 8am to 8pm – is available to elderly and vulnerable people who need urgent assistance at this time.

Up to and including the 6th May 2020 the call centre had dealt with over 675 calls.

- 209 cases related to collection and delivery of shopping.
- 373 cases related to information/volunteering
- 24 cases related to social isolation and supports
- 12 cases related to meals and delivery of same
- 7 cases were Garda related
- 51 cases were medical or health related.

A CRM system and a Mapping system were developed by the IT section to streamline the functions of the helpline. Each case is logged on the CRM (customer relations management) tool and followed up if needed. The community responders are mapped to make it easy for helpline staff to connect people in need with someone to help them.

There are a huge number of volunteers linked to the community call including a number of GAA clubs, tennis clubs, Meals on Wheels, Tidy Towns, Order of Malta and the Irish Red Cross (Wicklow branch). Volunteers have completed a range of tasks including dog walking, grocery deliveries, prescription collection and other services.

The community response has been overseen by the County Wicklow Community Response Forum, chaired by the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Frank Curran.

The overall objective of the Community Response Forum is to contain COVID-19, minimise its impact and facilitate the most appropriate community response to the needs of vulnerable people living in the community where their usual sources of support become unavailable.

- Wicklow County Council
- An Garda Síochána
- County Wicklow Public Participation Network
- County Wicklow Volunteer Centre
- Local Link
- An Post
- HSE
- County Wicklow Partnership
- Bray Area Partnership
- Dept. Employment & Social Protection
- Muintir na Tíre
- GAA
- Civil Defence



- ⦿ Tusla
- ⦿ Children & Young People's Services Committee
- ⦿ Age Friendly Network
- ⦿ Citizens Information
- ⦿ Alone

12. Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund

The Department of Rural and Community Development allocated €78,414 to County Wicklow, through the Local Authority, under the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The aim of the fund is to provide funding to the community groups and organisations that are directly involved in the community response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is intended to cover expenditure related to the COVID-19 response activities. Over 40 applications were received and the payments are currently being made to successful applicants.

13. Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

“GET ACTIVE AT HOME”

Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership created an exercise activity booklet “Get Active at Home” which is targeted at those cocooning at home. These exercises can be completed in the comfort of your own home. The booklets have been distributed through various groups throughout the county such as Meals on Wheels, Community Groups, Garda Stations and Municipal Districts. The activity booklet has been distributed to more than 1,000 people in Wicklow and is available from the Sports Partnership. If you would like a copy posted out, please e-mail wicklolsp@wicklowcoco.ie. Thank you to ‘Meals on Wheels’ who have distributed the leaflets to a huge number of people cocooning throughout Wicklow.

HSE GRANT

Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership has received a grant of €7,000 from the HSE to provide physical activity opportunities for those suffering from Mental Health and Long Term Illness.

ACTIVE HOME WEEK – 27TH APRIL TO 1ST MAY 2020

Active Schools week was substituted to Active Home Week for primary schools around Wicklow. Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership made contact with primary schools to inform them of #AHW running from 27th April – 1st May. Skill Challenges were posted on our social media platforms. These challenges were delivered by Áine O’Gorman (FAI Football Player), Jackie Kinch (Co. Wicklow GAA Player), Aidan Kearney (Development Officer Leinster Rugby) & Emer Kelly (previous Katie Taylor Bursary Winner & Surf Lifesaving Athlete). Schools/ parents taking part in our Skill Challenges were asked to tag us on Facebook or on Instagram taking on the challenge with a sport equipment pack up for grabs. Schools also took part in our one million step challenge as part of #AHW.

14. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Both SICAP Programmes in Wicklow have pivoted their plans to support the new and evolving needs of disadvantaged individuals, voluntary groups and communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. SICAP supports are now being provided by telephone, email and video conferencing. Some SICAP courses are still being provided for clients using online conferencing technology.



15. County Wicklow Public Partnership Network (PPN):

County Wicklow Public Partnership Network is participating in WCC's Community Support Response to Covid-19 Forum and in Wicklow Community Champions meetings.

The PPN is developing Covid-19 Resources Pages on PPN website and acting as a central point for Covid-19 local and national supports information and is also progressing a Mental Health and Well-being online training module.

16. County Wicklow Library Services

Online Library Activities

Wicklow County Council Library Service has responded to the Lockdown by finding new ways to service its thousands of users.

All of the libraries closed to the public on March 13th, but the staff wanted to remain as relevant as possible to patrons during this time.

“Right To Read” Campaign

“Spring Into Storytime” is usually part of the “Right To Read” campaign and usually the month of April is dedicated to emphasising the importance of story time sessions for children and parents. With the buildings closed to the public, library staff have recorded themselves reading picture and chapter books and making simple crafts in their own homes or from their back gardens. The stories have been delivered in Irish, French and English and so far have been collectively viewed almost 8,000 times on Facebook during the month of April. Staff have also linked up with local pre-schools and set up Zoom Story Times: an arrangement between the preschool operators and the librarian.

Music Generation Wicklow

Music Generation Wicklow produced podcasts have been shared on Facebook where people can learn to sing and play popular tunes. This is proving very popular with people cocooning or just at home due to the restrictions who have been practising or learning to play an instrument.

Borrowbox

The Borrowbox Book Club facility is also very popular. This has been set up using title on the library's ebook and audiobook resource where multiple copies of titles have been made available. Patrons download the book in either format and engage in a discussion via Zoom and the librarian. There has been a great interest in this virtual book club as it provides the perfect platform for people who love to read and then share their opinions and feelings about the current book. Borrowbox is a resource in use for many years by the library service but the pandemic restrictions have seen a huge increase in usage – Wicklow County Library Service has seen an almost tripling in usage since mid-March with almost 5,000 people actively using these resources.



Compose a Limerick

An invitation to compose a limerick and submit it be viewed on Facebook was hugely popular with adults and children alike – and a month later the library service is still getting submissions.

Wicklow poetry lovers are feeling a bit deprived because of the shutdown. To bridge this gap, Wicklow Libraries have partnered with Poetry Ireland and been given permission to publish archived work by Irish poets on social media, thus giving enthusiast, as well as general public, access to this valuable material.

Reopening of Libraries

Libraries have been listed in Phase 2, with a phased reopening planned from 8th June onwards. Emphasis is now turning to plans to ensure safe compliance with regulations for both staff and public. This is being carried out with direct consultation with Local Government Management Association (LGMA) and Wicklow County Council management and library staff. The national model is looking at initially providing a “click and collect” model, where the public will pre-order stock and collect it from the library door, without having access to the library building. A phased roadmap is provided by LGMA, which will be adhered to.

17. County Wicklow Arts Office

ARTIST GRANTS 2020

Artist grants were assessed and awarded for 2020. The categories of funding were Arts Groups / Organisations, Arts Festivals and Individual Artist Award Schemes. Given that with Covid-19 most of the activity of arts groups was not feasible as proposed, a redistribution of funding towards artist proposals which could be realised was agreed. Artists were awarded approximately 30,000.00 for applications which met the criteria. The Artist Award Scheme panel was independent, facilitated by Artist / Arts Manger Lian Bell, chaired by Jenny Sherwin Arts Officer and assessed by Artist Neil Martin and Arts Manager / Organisational Consultant Janice Mc Adam. The Arts Groups / Organisations and Arts Festival applications were assessed by the same panel which comprised of Katherine Zesserson Mouthful UK and Martin Drury Arts Consultant. The panel was chaired by Jenny Sherwin and Managed by Susan Coughlan Organisational Behaviour Consultant. The total funding awarded was in line with the provision in the 2020 budget process, approximately 3,000 was awarded to Arts Groups / Organisations and 15,000 to Arts Festivals. Full details of all of those awarded can be viewed on www.wicklow.ie

ARTISTS CONNECT PANEL

The new Wicklow Arts Office Artists Connect Panel which was established in late 2019 as an action under the Arts Strategy 2020 - 2025 took their business online to Zoom. The panel made recommendations on resources which were helpful to artists right now as well as beginning to re-programme the planned artist talks and development initiatives to be rolled out by Wicklow County Council in 2020 in light of the impact of Covid-19. The panel will continue meeting every six weeks and the Arts Office will put in place a number of new resources to support artists responding to the current crises.

ARTS STRATEGY 2020-2025

The Arts Strategy 2020 - 2025 was adopted by the members of Wicklow County Council at their April meeting and a quotation has been sought for the design of the document. It will be available online both



in English and Irish from the end of June 2020. Publication of the document will be paused due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

ARTS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES RESTRUCTURE DUE TO COVID-19

Restructuring of Arts Projects and Programmes in light of the impact of Covid-19 took place. This meant the postponement or cancellation of events from the end of April onwards in line with the advice of NPHET and the Government. Prior to the last week, the Way with Words Literature Festival between the Arts Office and Library Service had in excess of 1,000 children and adults participate in writing workshops, readings, performances and events in Blessington Library, Arklow Library, Baltinglass Hospital and a variety of Schools. Artists included Niall de Burca, Christine Dwyer Hickey, Dermot Bolger, Miss Pink, Niamh Boyce and many more.

CRUINIÚ NA NÓG

Early development of Cruinniú na nÓg took place with plans in place for a virtual Cruinniú na nÓg pending the national approval to proceed with the day. Cruinniú na nÓg is the national day of creativity for children and young people under the Creative Ireland Programme and supported by RTÉ. Last year 5,000 Wicklow children and families took part. This year it is imagined that Wicklow Council will run a series of initiatives online which reflect the local authorities Culture Team in Arts, Libraries, Film and Heritage services.

MOUTHFUL UK

Mouthful UK (www.mouthfulway.co.uk) commenced their three - year residency programme to develop community choral activation in Wicklow and to promote singing for well being, creativity, health and development. The a Cappella Group will make a number of visits over the course of the three years and will work with choirs, community groups, schools, direct provision centres and supporting children with complex needs. Alongside participation, quality of singing and accessibility are key. The group has performed from Glastonbury in the UK to Brazil - and almost everywhere in between!

18. Age Friendly Initiatives

“LET’S PLAY IRELAND”

Let’s Play Ireland is a whole of Government campaign led by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs to promote the importance of play and to provide play resources for families during this time. The campaign is supported by a web page on Gov.ie <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/lets-play-ireland/> and by the twitter hashtag #letsplayireland.

The aim of the initiative is to highlight the importance of play for children, particularly in the challenging time and to provide information and resources for families to support their children’s play. The campaign will run throughout May and June in conjunction with the overall Government campaign on Wellbeing. Every Wednesday new resources will feature on the website across a range of themes including; Early Years, Playful Families, Storytelling; Playful Learning, Active Play, Creative Play and Play to Support Well Being.

This week new resources on playful families and playful parenting feature on the website; <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/lets-play-families/>. Thank you in particular to Dublin City Children and



Young People Services Committee and Tusla for allowing us to share their resources on playful parenting.

The initiative is by no means intended to create another pressure for parents, rather the opposite, it intends to provide positive messages to parents about just allowing their children to play and supporting a positive environment for this. The website provides information on

- Why play?
- playing in a crisis,
- ideas for play,
- playful families,
- screen time as part of play and
- useful links and resources.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs has worked with key experts across various sectors, Early Years, Education, Health, Local Authorities, Academic Partners in UCC and Mary Immaculate College, Creative Ireland, Tusla and others, in order to develop this resource.

TOGETHER APART - COLLECTING WICKLOW 2020 STORIES

A new initiative from Wicklow County Council is setting out to create a “People’s Archive” to capture and share photos, stories and experiences of Wicklow life 2020 and all are invited to participate. Whether home cocooning, remote working, home-schooling children or providing an essential service to keep society functioning, the “Together Apart: Wicklow 2020 Stories” will record these experiences.

For many, being compelled to “Stay Home to Stay Safe” has awakened a new curiosity in local heritage, history and nature; others have learned new skills, rediscovered creative talents and taken up new hobbies. Whether it is queues at your local supermarket, yoga in the kitchen, wildlife in your garden or proud baking achievements, your photographs and first-hand observations can really capture the moment and create a powerful record for future generations. Restrictions around funerals have been particularly difficult at this time and the archive would be privileged to publish tributes to those who have passed.

People of all ages are invited to participate by sending photographs, stories, drawings, poems, sketches, anecdotes, articles and observations. All content received will be archived and shared on our online community heritage website www.heritage.wicklowheritage.org. People can contribute by Email via this website or else Email to: wicklow2020stories@gmail.com.

As we live through history, help us to help future generations have empathy and understanding of what it was really like to live “Together Apart” in Wicklow in 2020.

This project is a joint initiative of Wicklow County Council’s Heritage Office, Archives and Library Service.



Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

1. Wicklow Economic Think Tank (CWETT) Action Plan Local Economic & 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).

Retail

Bray Town Centre

This project was delayed earlier in the year due to weather, and in more recent times due to Covid 19. The developer has indicated that it will take some time to fully mobilise, an updated programme is awaited. Similarly an updated report on negotiations with anchor tenants is awaited.

Town Teams

Town Teams in Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow continue to meet on a monthly basis and to progress various projects. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic meetings with a number of community groups and other various stakeholders have been postponed to later dates. This may reflect in the updates below.

Arklow Town Team

An application for a community project was submitted under the Bank of Ireland – Begin Together Fund.

Arklow Town Team continue to research and identify individual projects that will positively impact Arklow as a place in which to live, work, visit and invest.

Blessington Town Team

Blessington Town Team would like to acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers who are assisting the most vulnerable in our community during the current crises as part of the Blessington Town Team Covid 19 Community Response group. These volunteers continue to give selflessly to provide a much needed service to the community of Blessington and surrounding areas. Blessington Town Team are encouraging everyone to shop local and support local businesses in these difficult times. The Town Team acknowledges the work of Blessington and District Forum in partnership with the ESB in reopening the Blessington Greenway on the 18th May. The Greenway is being reopened for the benefit of the local



community and users are asked to adhere to the guidelines. Extra signage been added at all entrances to remind people of what is expected.

Bray Town Team

A Zoom meeting took place last week with the Bray MD Members in relation to the Town Centre Health Check. A discussion took place on how to progress some of the recommendations and it was agreed that at the next Bray Municipal District Meeting a strategy on the Public Realm recommendations would be agreed.

Greystones 2020

Greystones 2020 are holding regular meetings remotely and are focussing on how best to promote, encourage and facilitate business locally. A number of initiatives have been discussed and agreed which Greystones 2020 hope to progress over the coming weeks, including a Local is Best campaign and branding. The focus is on signposting supports for local business, and highlighting local businesses offering goods and services via the Greystones.ie website.

Wicklow Town Team

A constructive meeting of the Wicklow Town Team Tourism group, along with the Heritage Officer, Council Officials and local historian John Finlay took place on the online platform, zoom on the 30th April to further progress Wicklow Towns Heritage Trail.

The Town Teams development of the Towns Heritage Trail is a joint initiative with Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Municipal District.

The Heritage Trail will include various points of interest around the town with each having an audio/visual QR link.

To help develop the audio/visual QR link, a recent appeal was advertised inviting young people between the ages of 6-18 to share their stories and to record a short 1-2 minute podcast or video telling the story (in their own words) of the history of any of the historical sites in Wicklow Town which include:

- St Patrick's Church
- The Abbey Grounds
- Captain Robert Halpin
- Town Hall/ Market Square
- Billy Byrne
- The Black Castle
- Travelahawk Beach and Saint Patrick
- Barrow Green
- Wicklow Gaol

Each entry is to be submitted by email to wicklowheritage@gmail.com with "Wicklow Heritage Trail Stories" in the subject line, by Friday 5th June 2020 at 5pm. The winning submission for each site will



receive Wicklow Town Vouchers to the value of €50 each. Winners will be invited to participate in making a video based on their entry for inclusion in the Heritage Trail.

Tourism

Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

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

The Key Priorities are:

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

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

Accommodation: Fáilte Ireland has engaged Crowe Consultants to develop a Toolkit to help attract investment in accommodation. It is estimated that Wicklow requires an additional 175 Hotel Rooms over the next five years based on 4% growth, this is assuming that the additional 50 rooms that have extant planning permission are developed.

Key Towns as Visitor Hubs: Fáilte Ireland has announced an investment of €15.5 million available through local authorities to boost the attractiveness and tourism appeal of towns across the country. Funding of between €250,000 and €500,000 will be available to local authorities to develop towns in their area which have the potential to become a 'destination town' for tourists. The 'destination towns' will need to demonstrate their capacity and appeal to attract more international visitors to stay overnight. Fáilte Ireland has set aside up to €500,000 in Destination Town Funding for County Wicklow; Wicklow County Council is working on an application for funding under this theme.

Masterplan for Glendalough: Wicklow County Council is working with Fáilte Ireland and its strategic partners, the Office of Public Works and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to engage consultants to develop a Masterplan for Glendalough and the Wicklow Mountains National Park with a Visitor Orientation Plan for County Wicklow.



Thematic Experiences

Tracks and Trails previous programmes have been digitised and are available online. Two new 10 minute programmes have been commissioned featuring the Tinahely hiking trails and the Bray Head to Sugarloaf Trail and are due to be launched on 2nd April

Wicklow Passport: Featuring stamps designed representing attractions, towns and villages when a visitor obtains 15 stamps they will qualify for a certificate as a Wicklow Ambassador

Eco Trail: The Eco Trail is the largest Trail Running Event in Ireland and takes place on 26th September 2020

Covid-19: some visitor attractions such as gardens were able to reopen on 18th May, other businesses may not be in a position to open this year. Failte Ireland, Wicklow County Council, LEO Wicklow are providing a range of supports and advice for tourism providers.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

RRDF applications have been submitted in respect of Blessington, Newtownmountkennedy and Rathdrum. Blessington's application is based around the urban regeneration of the town square and linkages to the proposed inner relief road and the greenway. Newtownmountkennedy's application is to develop design solutions for the regeneration of the town, enhancing its public realm and infrastructure provision and to drive increased footfall, encouraging the regeneration of business. Rathdrum's application was based on the development of a community enterprise centre and the regeneration of the town core.

URDF applications are being developed in respect of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow Harbours incorporating the public transport Bridge in Bray and the Pottery Museum in Arklow. The applications will focus on master planning of the harbours, increasing berthage and quay space where required, addressing dereliction and under use of properties, identifying opportunities for residential development and developing Wicklow as a centre of excellence for offshore wind energy. The closing date for these applications is 29th May.



Climate Action

Climate Action Applications have also been submitted in respect of Wicklow and Arklow Harbours aimed at ensuring both harbours can benefit from development of the offshore wind energy industry.

The Wicklow harbour application was submitted to apply for funding to develop the physical infrastructure in Wicklow harbour in order to accommodate crew transfer vessels servicing the offshore wind sector.

Similarly the application in respect of Arklow is to facilitate servicing of the offshore wind industry and to investigate the possibility of developing enterprise units for small businesses engaged in marine activities. Offshore wind has a cross governmental mandate secured through the delivery of the Climate Action Plan targets of 3.5 GW of offshore wind by 2030.

Maritime

Maritime Strategic Review for County Wicklow

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

Key Recommendations:

- To maximise the Offshore Wind Opportunity
- To investigate the feasibility of a new harbour facility at Wicklow
- Aquaculture Support
- Marketing Strategy for County Wicklow as a Coastal Tourist Destination

The Strategic Review is at the core of the applications for Climate Action and URDF funding.

Maritime Business Development Group

An Aquaculture working group has been established to work with industry experts and investigate the proposal to restore natural oyster reefs off the coast of County Wicklow.

FLAG Funding

Wicklow County Council has supported applications for FLAG funding in respect of the Native Oyster Reef Restoration project and also in respect of a Wreck Fishing proposal.



The Native Oyster Reef Restoration (NORRI) project is a plan to establish self-sustaining native oyster habitats in the Irish Sea, in collaboration where possible, with Wind Energy and Coastal Defence Development. A workshop is planned for the end of March to publicise this project.

The Wreck fishing FLAG is an application supported by the Maritime Business Development Group. It is a proposal aimed at surveying current wreck fishing sites and eventually attracting leisure type fishing in these areas.

A decision on these FLAG funding applications is expected in the coming weeks.

Food and Beverage Strategy

Wicklow County Council's Economic Development Unit and Community, Cultural and Social Development section, along with LEO Wicklow supported the development of a Food and Beverage Strategy for County Wicklow.

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

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

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

Some of the key actions achieved to date include

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

Membership of Wicklow Naturally is growing strongly and now has members from Food & Drink Production, Accommodation Providers, Restaurants and Retailers.



Website & Social Media

The Wicklow Naturally website and social media accounts were established in March 2020 and have received a very good initial response, with 1500 individual visits as of May 18th 2020 (April 21st to May 18th).

- Website: www.wicklownaturally.ie
- Twitter: @WicklowNatural1 (110 followers)
- Facebook: Wicklow Naturally (257 Followers)
- Instagram: wicklownaturally (317 Followers)

Food Poverty

Two food poverty meetings have been held and the need for a food poverty expert's group has been identified. Six members of the group have been identified and one person has been approached about chairing the group. The intention is to hold the first expert's group at the very end of May or early June. An action plan for the group has been identified and will be discussed at the first meeting.

Food Incubation Centre Report

The Food Incubation Centre report is an additional piece being delivered within the tender. A first draft of the study has been produced and circulated for feedback.

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
	2019	2020	2020
Grants Approved (number/ value)	- 33/€888,954.62	- Meet Demand	- 6/€137,197.00
- Measure 1	- 8/€11,427	- Meet Demand	- 1: €1,350
- Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters			
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
	2019	2020	2020
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	53	55	25
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	73	75	30
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	832	800	516
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	6	6	2

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2019	2020	2020
Number of new clients added to database *criteria have been amended for this metric	546	470*	397
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	458	440	191

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2018/2019	2019/2020	Year to Date
No. of Secondary Student Participants	1134	1100	1121

METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2019	2020	Year to Date 2020
Number of Applications	57	Programme review	Programme review

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2019	2020	Year to Date 2020
Trading Online Vouchers	39	70	36

Lean For Micro Project	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2019	2020	2020
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	11	11	8

MAY 2020 Activities

- ✚ On Wednesday 6th May the 'Network of Entrepreneurial Women' meeting was held virtually, via Zoom for the second time. Feedback was again very positive, and these meetings will be held via video call on a monthly basis till the end of 2020.
- ✚ The regional food academy programme to help food businesses get onto retail shelves is open for applications in May. Wicklow food businesses are being encourage to apply.
- ✚ The Business Continuity Voucher Scheme closed on 15th May. The scheme was heavily oversubscribed and that LEO Wicklow received close to 300 applications from local businesses from all sectors seeking support through the scheme.

Training

During May training continued to be delivered online via Zoom with excellent participation from businesses on the following courses:

Course	Date of Course	Registration Numbers
Keeping Your Training & Consultation Business Alive	6 th May	12/12
Start Your Own Business	7 th May	15/15
Leading your Retail Business in uncertain Times -	7 th May	14/15
COVID 19 Retail Workshop – Practical Actions Retailers can take	12 th May	30/40
Business Planning & Accessing Finance	14 th & 15 th May	12/15
Working Remotely - What are the ICT Considerations.	19 th May	19/20
Trading Online Seminar	21 st May	177/300
Marketing for SMEs	26 th May	10/15
Moving Your Business Online	28 th May	20/20

June 2020 Activities

Training

The following online courses are scheduled for June:-

Course	Date of Course	Registration Numbers
Digital Marketing Clinics	8 th June	7/7
Effective & Practical Human Resource Management	9 th June	12/15
Trading Online Seminar	16 th June	78/300



3. Planning and Development

Forward Planning

Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly 2019-2031 & Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan

The new Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Region (EMRA) came into effect on the 28th June 2019. This was subsequently subject to a Ministerial direction which was confirmed in January 2020. The final RSES and accompanying documentation is available at the following link: <https://emra.ie/final-rses/>

The requirement for a **Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP)** to be prepared for the Dublin metropolitan area as part of the RSES is set out in Project Ireland 2040 – National Planning Framework (NPF). The MASP provides a 12 to 20 year strategic planning and investment framework for the Dublin metropolitan area.

A MASP implementation group has been formed, with 'terms of reference' and governance structure agreed by the Regional Assembly in May 2020. The Implementation Group, whose function is to oversee progress on the implementation of the Dublin MASP, offers an opportunity for enhanced spatial coordination of land use planning and strategic infrastructure delivery in the Dublin metropolitan area. The Implementation Group will drive strategic housing, employment and regeneration opportunities that are identified in the MASP in tandem with the delivery of key public transport, enabling infrastructure and metropolitan scale amenities, in order to achieve targeted population and employment growth as set out in the accompanying RSES and NPF.

The membership of the MASP Implementation group comprises representatives from each of the seven metropolitan local authorities, the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) and key infrastructure, transport and enterprise agencies.

County Development Plan Review

Notice to review the current County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and prepare a new County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 was given on the 6th November 2019. Closing date for submissions was Friday 10th January 2020. 156 submissions were received. All of the submissions are available to view on the website. Work is currently underway on the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received.

Heritage

Heritage & Biodiversity Plan Actions:

- Phase 2 County Swift Project underway. Community engagement with Tidy Towns groups and individuals being asked to report sightings within 5km. New nesting boxes and callers installed in county buildings and at Dunlavin library.
- Our Wicklow Heritage launched: A new community heritage multi-platform website hosting County Wicklow Heritage and the following community heritage recording groups; Delgany Tidy Towns, Glens Of Lead, Medieval Bray Project, Glendalough Heritage Forum and , The Glen/ Donard.
- National Biodiversity Week 18th – 22nd May online biodiversity promotion programme.
- Gardening for Biodiversity Publication: Local Authority Heritage Officer publication made freely available as an online resource and via hard copy
- Together Apart Wicklow Stories 2020 Project launched: A campaign which will use the heritage website to curate a people's community heritage archive of life in Wicklow in 2020.



Protected Structures Grants: The Council assessed applications and recommended projects under the county allocation of €60000 to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, and shortlisted 5 projects for submission under Historic Structures Fund. WCC are awaiting decision of recommendations at this point.

Planning Applications

A total of 84 applications were received during April, these include applications as follows:

Type of Development	Number Received
Individual Houses	17
Housing Developments	07
Agricultural Structures	03
Commercial	08
Other Developments*	49
Total	84

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

Decisions issued in respect of 47 applications in April, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	04
Individual Houses	13
Other Developments	30
Other Developments Requiring EIA	0
Total	47

In relation to decisions issued between January to April 2020, in comparison with the same period for 2019, the details are as follows:

	30/04/2019	30/04/2020
Total Number of decisions issued	330	267
Total Number of decisions to grant	277	228
% Grant Rate	84%	85%

No. of Applications withdrawn

April 7

*Withdrawals may not have been lodged in the month of April



Planning Enforcement

Enforcement

New Files	09
Advisory Letters	14
Warning Letters	03
Enforcement Notices	04
Legal files	03
Closed	07

Vacant Sites

25 no. sites now stand on the Register.
4 sites on appeal

Derelict Sites

04 No. of sites on Register
02 existing sites inspected regarding issue of Demands for 2019



4. Environmental Services

Waste Management

No. of Complaints Opened	255
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	73
No of Litter Fines Issued	12
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	3
No. of Warning Letters Issued	6
No. of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	2
No. of Burning Applications Granted	0
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	0
No. of Notices issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	10
No. of files prepared for Court included in Court lists	56
Income – Litter	€1,847.10
Income – Waste Management	€6,884.82

Climate Action

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak the climate Action Team has not yet convened but in the meantime the Climate Action Officer is working with the Assistant Environmental Awareness officer and the heritage officer to progress actions as identified in both the Climate Charter and the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy as adopted by Wicklow County Council.

Wicklow County Council is part of a sub region of the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Region along with Kildare Meath and Louth. Going forward Wicklow will collaborate with these other Local Authorities to source funding for larger scale project across the region. At present the subgroup of which the Wicklow County Council Climate Action Officer is a member is tasked with drafting an climate adaptation implementation plan

An SPC to update the members two of whom are new on the work in progress will be held in early May

Environmental Awareness

National Spring Clean was postponed due to Covid-19. Collections for clean-up events when requested were still undertaken but groups were asked not to organise further public events.

Work commenced on relaunching the Relove fashion competition piloted successfully in 2019 in partnership with Meath, Westmeath and Dublin City Councils and the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun. The competition will be expanded to include more local authorities. The focus on producing wearable clothing design and good use of skill with textiles will be strengthened in the competition to develop circularity skills among students in textiles and fashion. It is hoped to launch the competition earlier this year as schools can encourage students to work from home on the development of their projects.

A meeting was held with the PPN to develop an event in May looking at the use of the Sustainable Development Goals for Climate Action. The event has since been postponed but it is hoped to continue work by mapping the use of the sustainable development goals in County Wicklow.

Four project ideas with an educational and awareness focus were developed for the Anti-Dumping Initiative. The projects will address engaging transition year students, working with clubs on marine litter, developing a post



Covid-19 clean-up campaign and a bikes-for-Africa project. The applications were submitted to the DCCAE as part of a suite of ten anti-dumping initiatives.

Social Media was used to raise awareness on a range of Covid 19 related waste issues including littering of PPE, a spike in illegal dumping and problems with dumping at bottle bank sites.

Recycling Centres

Wicklow's 5 Recycling Centres have remained open during the Covid-19 crisis with some restrictions in place due to lack of outlets for materials and to ensure the safety of our staff. These include the following:

- Arklow Recycling centre not taking paint or clothes at present
- Bray Recycling centre not taking clothes
- Modified opening hours in Bray and Avoca to allow for additional cleaning.
- Restrictions on the number of people who can enter at one time in order to keep social distancing requirements.

Bottle bank sites have been extremely busy with 253 tonnes of glass collected in April during 122 collections. This is more than a 50% increase in material collected compared to April 2019. In order to cope with increased demand 35 additional service visits were carried out. Additional CCTV has been sourced to help combat illegal dumping at bottle bank sites.

Lifeguards

Applications are currently being assessed and interviews will be held in early May for the positions of life guards for the 2020 Bathing season which begins on 1st June

Dog Licences

The total amount of dogs licenced in County Wicklow during the month of April 2020 was 274, with 138 being renewed through Licence.ie. Reminders continue to be issued by An Post.

Whitestown Remediation Project

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

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

Ports and Harbours

9 Cargo vessel berthed in Wicklow Port during April, 8 had a single transaction (import or export) while 1 had double transaction (export and import)

Transactions 8 Importing Cargo and 2 Exporting Cargo

Logs and treated timber were imported and Pulp and Scrap Metal were exported.

One Marine Notice was issued.

5 Applications were made to the Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine for funding under the 2020 Fishery Harbour & Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme.

The projects are:

- Navigation Light Installations at North & South Piers, Arklow
- Mooring Bollard Packet Pier, North Quay, Wicklow
- Ladders Upgrading Programme at North and South Quay, Wicklow
- Minor refurbishment/ Improvement works at East Pier
- Erection of safety signage at Arklow and Wicklow Harbours

A Decision on these applications is expected in May 2020.

Pollution Control

Pollution Response & Investigation

- 8 Water pollution complaints were received and investigated.
- 9 Air Pollution complaints were received and investigated.
- 4 Noise Pollution complaints were received and investigated.

Private Water Supplies

This monitoring programme was suspended due to Covid -19.

Deco Paints and Solvent Regulations

- 1 Vehicle refinisher (car spraying) installation was assessed and issued with certificate of compliance.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2020

This inspection programme was suspended due to Covid 19.

Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer

This monitoring programme was suspended due to Covid -19.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

This monitoring programme was suspended due to Covid -19.

Catchment assessments were carried out in 14 river water bodies to identify the risks and impacts on water quality.

Bathing Water Monitoring Programme

The bathing water season will commence on 1st June and preseason samples will be taken in May. There are 6 identified bathing waters, 4 of which fly Blue Flags, and 5 other bathing areas along the Wicklow Coastline which will be monitored 10 times through the season until 15th September. The Municipal District Areas, Environment



and Environmental Awareness Offices operate programmes to maintain, inform and educate us about the rich natural heritage of our beaches.

Blue Flag: Bray South Promenade, Greystones South, Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South.

Identified: All 4 above, Silver Strand and Clogga.

Non-Identified: South of Bray Harbour, Kilcoole, The Murrough, Wicklow Harbour, Arklow South.

River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027

- 15 river water bodies have been nominated for protection and 28 river water bodies for restoration to the Environmental Protection Agency to be prioritized in the next river basin plan.

Planning & Development

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

Well Grants

- 16 New Applications
- 11 Provisional Approvals
- 16 Grants provided
- 1 Number of New Wells
- 11 Number of New Pumps
- 31 New Equipment (Filters etc.)

Arklow Flood Relief Scheme

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

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

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

A number of changes in design have resulted in the need to update the Public realm drawings which is presently being done expected completion: at the end of May. Possible disposal options for the dredge material are currently being investigated.

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

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

5. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public Lighting

	30 th March 2020	6 th April 2020	14 th April 2020	20 th April 2020	27 th April 2020
Access Issues (Attended)	30	20	17	17	16
Cable Fault (Attend)	3	3	3	1	1
ESB Required (Attended)	36	36	36	37	37
Knock Down (Attended)	5	6	6	6	5
Materials required	3	3	3	2	2
No Supply	22	22	22	22	19
On Hold	0	0	0	0	0
Submitted	253	251	223	308	241
Traffic Management Required	27	227	26	15	15
TOTAL	369	338	336	408	336
Percentage of lights not working	2.50%	2.49%	2.28%	2.76%	2.28%

	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)		3	7	2	4	16
Cable Fault (Attend)				1		1
ESB Required(Attended)	3		3		31	37
Knock Down (Attended)	1		3		1	5
Materials required			1		1	2
No Supply	1	3	4	7	4	19
Submitted	50	59	58	9	65	241
Traffic Management Required			11	3	1	15
Grand Total	55	65	87	22	107	336
Percentage Not Working	1.89%	2.76%	2.68%	0.80%	3.05%	2.28%

Transportation Statistics (General)

	2019	Running Total 2020	March 2020	April 2020
Solicitors Queries	775	237	59	44
Road Closure Applications	40	12	0	3
Road Opening Licences	1418	347	83	35
Abnormal Load Applications	35	7	0	2 14 quarterly 2 yearly

Winter Maintenance

The 2019/2020 Winter Maintenance Season commenced on 14th October 2019 and finished on the 3rd May 2020. April was a very mild month with only 2 call outs made and 6 tonnes of salt spread. Over the 2019/2020 Season Winter Maintenance Crews made 642 call outs and spread 2,703 tonnes of salt over the nine routes within the County.

TII funded projects

M11/N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all meetings with individual landowners have been suspended, however work is continuing with Preferred Options Assessment Report.

All site survey works have been suspended, approximately 90% of the Biodiversity Survey have been completed and the remainder will be accessed upon first visit, once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The Topographical surveys commenced and two priority areas were completed prior to the Covid -19 restrictions, all other areas will be completed once restrictions are lifted.

Each of the Sub-consultants are preparing to return to work after May 18th with the necessary operating procedures in place and reviewed by Arup in advance of this date.

N11 Kilmacanoge Parallel Service Road

Works on site have been suspended from 6pm March due to the Covid -19 pandemic, monitoring of the Phase 1 Traffic Management layout and security continued during the month of April.

Prior to covid-19 restrictions, phase 1 excavation work was in progress in the median.

SIAC Construction Ltd is in the progress of preparing standard operating procedures for works on site in advance of commencing works on site Monday May 18th.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

Construction work stopped on Friday 27th March due to the government's Covid-19 restrictions and is currently expected to recommence on Monday 28th May.

In readiness for this the Contractor has updated their Health and Safety Plan with a revised Operating Procedure to mitigate the risk of infection from Covid-19 and is carrying out advance covid-19 enabling works commencing on 13th May.

Prior to covid-19 restrictions the works were progressing well with sub-base placed on offline sections of the N81 and L8314 and the first layer of base course commenced.

Works set to resume on base course, binder course and traffic management for tie-ins.

The roadworks speed limit order of 60Km/h is currently due to expire on 31st July 2020. Therefore an extension is now being sought to extend for the full 12 month period until Friday 11th December 2020 or such earlier date as may be determined by Wicklow County Council.

NTA Schemes

- **Bray Dart Interchange** – Detail design is underway and due to be completed by the end of Quarter 2, 2020.
- **Bray Bridge and Footbridges** – Options Assessment Report being prepared by Consultant
- **Bray Strand Road Cycle Scheme** – Detail design and tender documents for Contractor to complete Construction Stage are being finalised. Tender to issue in Quarter 2 of 2020 and construction to commence in Quarter 3 of 2020.
- **Swan River Greenway** – Constraints Study and Options Report being drafted. Working Group to be formed and workshops to be organised once safe to do so under Covid-19 restrictions.
- **Wicklow Port Access Road to Wicklow Train Station** – Scope agreed with NTA. Tender documents for Consultant to bring the scheme from Preliminary Design to Construction are being completed. Tender to issue in Quarter 2 of 2020.
- **Arklow to Shillelagh Recreation Trail Scheme** – Natura Impact Statement being completed by Consultant.
- **Bus Stops Mill Road** – Works to be completed by Greystones Municipal District.

Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District April 2020	EURO
Bray Municipal District	243,583
Greystones Municipal District	86,698
Wicklow Municipal District	77,702
Arklow Municipal District	51,913
Parking Permits	25,021
Parking Fines	95,521
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL	580,438

Fire Service

Operational Fire Statistics April 2020

	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	4	1	1							1	1
Fire Domestic	6	1	1	2	2						
Fire Caravan	4			1	1					1	1
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	4							1	1	1	1
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	0										
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	0										
Fire Barn	0										
Single Station Mobilised											
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	10	4	3	3							
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	33	6	4	2	1	1	7	7	1		4
Fire Chimney	7	1	1	1		1		1		1	1
Fire Small / bin / skip	17	7	2	5	1			1			1
Fire Vehicle	8	3	1	3	1						
Flooding	0										
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	1									1	
Ambulance Assist	2	1								1	
Garda Assist	0										
Electrical Incident	0										
Gas Leak	0										
River Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	0										
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	0										
Animal Rescue	2	1	1								
Mobilised into other County	3						1			2	
Times Stations mobilised	101	25	14	17	6	2	8	10	2	8	9

There were **92 incidents** attended during the month of April 2020. Individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **101 occasions**.

Operational activity for the month April was **down 19% on the preceding month** (March 2020 – 125 mobilisations) due mainly to a decrease in RTC's, a reduction in alarm activations and river rescues. Activity for the month was **down 14%** on April 2019, due to a reduction in RTCs, and in ambulance assists.

Sample Incidents (April 2020)

- 01/04/2020 Bray and Greystones Fire Crews mobilised to a domestic fire in Ardee Street, Bray. A casualty was assisted at the scene suffering from smoke inhalation and burns, before being taken to hospital by ambulance.
- 06/04/2020 Carnew and Tinahely Fire Crews responded to an RTC, an overturned tractor at Hillbrook, Coolboy. The driver of the tractor was removed by ambulance to hospital.

Incidents mobilised outside county Wicklow (April 2019):

Kildare (1-incident)

- 08/04/20 Blessington Fire Crew were mobilised to a short duration gorse fire at Hempstown Commons, County Kildare.

Wexford (2-incidents)

- 02/04/20 Carnew Fire Crew were mobilised to support Bunclody Fire Station at a haybarn fire at Askamore, County Wexford.
- 02/04/20 Carnew Fire Crew were mobilised to support Gorey Fire Station at a domestic fire at Ballyellis, County Wexford where a boiler caught fire.

General

- April became a month of planning and safeguarding all operational personnel with additional essential PPE and equipment distributed across all 10 stations and stocks replenished to deal with operational incidents during a time of uncertainty as Covid-19 because the focus for the month.
- The Fire Service's Business Continuity Plan was updated along with other essential protocols designed to assist each Incident Commander deal with operational incidents and members of the public.
- The Fire Service was involved in 35 tele-conferences during the month:
 1. Wicklow County Council Crisis Management Team meetings
 2. Eastern Region MEM Steering Group meetings
 3. Eastern Region MEM Working Group meetings
 4. Eastern Region Local Authority MEM meetings
 5. Regional Body Holding Sub Group meetings

Fire Prevention Statistics April 2020

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	14		18		14
Regularisation Certificates					
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice					
Disability Access Certificates	8		3		15

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

Building Control

Commencement Notices

- 15 Commencement Notices Submitted:
- 4 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 0 Seven day Notice
- 10 Opt Out Declarations
- 1 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents

Submission Statistics

- 70% of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
 - Revised Information requested:
 - 12 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 9 are Opt Out (75%)
 - 3 are Compliance Documentation (25%)
 - 5 Valid Commencement Notices
 - 32 new build residential Units
 - 8 one off houses
 - Invalidated CNs for March = 1
- **Certificates of Completion for March 2020**
 - 6 No. of CCC submitted
 - 10 No. Valid
 - 0 No. Invalid
 - 10 No. Validated CCCs related to;
 - 1 No CCCs submitted in April 2020
 - 9 No CCCs submitted in March 2020

70% => 7 No. @ Multi-Development site => 33 new residential units
30% => 3No. @ Commercial Development => 00 new residential units
00% => 0No. @ One-off House, (private homes) => 00 new residential units

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

** Construction sites closed on 30th March 2020 until 18th May 2020.

Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. Recruitment

All scheduled interviews were postponed as a result of the COVID-19 emergency.

Employee Numbers

	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020
Managerial/ Administrative	280	272	280	285	292
Professional/ Technical	104	98	103	102	105
Outdoor	316	318	318	318	321
Temporary/ Seasonal	65	88	62	62	62
Non DOHPLG	8	8	8	8	8
Total	773	784	771	775	788

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

(Excludes figures for Fire-fighters)

2. Access to Information

No. of F.O.I. Requests

April 2020	6
January to April 2020	33

April 2019	15
January to April 2019	52

No. of Ombudsman Requests

April 2020	3
January to April 2020	7

April 2019	3
January to April 2019	12

3. Press Releases

April 2020 – 11 Press Releases

4. Register of Electors

The Franchise staff continue to work on database maintenance required to maintain the Register of Electors. Letters are continuing to be issued to electors to establish whether or not they are still resident at the address to which they are registered and the replies are being updated onto the Register, or forwarded to other local authorities for registration at new addresses as required.

Contact is also being made with Nursing Homes in the County to update their Disabled Special Voters List. It is hoped that when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, we can continue with our planned engagement with the Older Persons Network with a view to contacting electors who are still living at home but unable to visit a Polling Station for health or mobility reasons, so that they can be granted a Disabled Postal Vote.

The printing of the hard copy of 2020/2021 Live Register is complete and is now being issued to relevant Post Offices, Libraries and Garda Stations in the County for public display and inspection.

Work will commence shortly on preparing the Fieldworkers packs for the preparation of the 2021/2022 Draft Register of Electors.



5. I.C.T. Report

Response to COVID19

The IT Department continue to support all the systems setup to respond to the additional business needs arising from the response to COVID19:

- Community Call Helpline
- Remote Working Requirements
- Government Networks
- Phone Systems
- Call Conferencing
- Communications and awareness

IT Helpdesk

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 32 tickets a day.

Domain Migration

- The domain migration project has resumed, and we are nearing a stage when we can begin mailbox migration which is a vital step in our ability to exit the national forest. The team are also in the process of upgrading all legacy operating systems to Windows 10 to ensure continued support from Microsoft. Alongside this process we are also upgrading antivirus, Microsoft Office and all other ancillary software packages. This process can take up to 6 hours per pc and due to current circumstances this is an ideal time to complete the process with minimal impact on users although some disruption can be anticipated. The processes are running concurrently to minimise that disruption.

GIS & Data Collection Systems

- Development of CRM System automation.
- Data analysis underway for the upcoming County Development Plan.
- Parallel projects in Housing, Roads and Environmental Services departments are on-going and integration to CRM and GIS systems have being developed and rolled out.

Customer Service Delivery

- Work continues with the business process mapping and DPIA's are being carried out for each process as it arises.
- Plans are underway to build upon the existing Avaya IP Office Phone System to integrate the Avaya Contact Centre Select Hardware Appliance and software.



eServices

- Wicklow.ie – pageviews for 2020 to date are 516,890.
- Social media accounts – followers to date
 - Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 7342 followers.
 - Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 6505 followers.
 - Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 1172 followers.

The Social media platforms have been one of the main channels for communications during the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 195 posts were published to the 3 main channels. Alongside this, the Library Service, Bray Municipal District, Civil Defence and Local Sports Partnership have been very active. It has been an important tool to communicate with the public, that despite public buildings and libraries being closed to the public, Wicklow County Council has still been open for business.

- The Online Consultation Hub on the Wicklow.ie website currently has 4 items up for consultation – Part 8, 3 Units in Ballinteskinn (re-advertised); Part 8, Back Street, Hudson’s Square, (Abbeylands), Arklow, Co. Wicklow; Part 8 - Blackhill Road, Glenealy; Commercial Rates Deferral 2020.



FINANCIAL

1. Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH APRIL 2020							
	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	6,756,261	24,541,664	28	(8,798,806)	(30,692,854)	29	(2,042,545)
B - Road Transport & Safety	4,219,585	23,611,358	18	(1,010,022)	(16,493,380)	6	3,209,563
C - Water Services	1,652,557	5,560,661	30	(1,848,138)	(6,545,641)	28	(195,581)
D - Development Management	3,265,677	11,242,546	29	(2,209,372)	(6,144,652)	36	1,056,305
E - Environmental Services	3,166,911	11,837,313	27	(351,798)	(2,002,200)	18	2,815,113
F - Recreation and Amenity	1,988,379	7,663,027	26	(573,081)	(847,647)	68	1,415,298
G - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	266,565	1,479,516	18	(121,152)	(819,228)	15	145,413
H - Miscellaneous Services	4,442,950	11,879,184	37	(1,417,081)	(6,156,153)	23	3,025,869
J - Central Management Charges	5,733,322	18,407,602	31	(358,672)	(1,000,000)	36	5,374,650
LG - Local Government Fund				(4,573,440)	(13,720,230)	33	(4,573,440)
PL - Pension Levy				-	-		-
RA - Commercial Rates				(10,650,265)	(31,950,795)	33	(10,650,265)
	31,492,207	116,222,871	27	31,911,827	116,372,780	27	(419,620)

2. Cashflow/Overdraft

Wicklow County Council manages its cashflow requirements on a daily basis and did not avail of its overdraft facility during the period 1st April 2019 to 30th April 2019.

3. Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th APRIL 2020					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2020	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers To/From Reserves	Closing Balance at 30/04/2020
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	31,976,378	19,904,357	(18,116,214)	424,535	34,189,056
Road Transport & Safety	(44,190,469)	3,784,023	(3,709,184)	83,642	(44,031,988)
Water Services	(11,309,153)	30,443	344,658	0	(10,934,052)
Development Management	(9,636,571)	651,228	(1,960)	16,358	(8,970,945)
Environmental Services	968,611	823,263	(834,188)	0	957,686
Recreation and Amenity	(1,190,686)	1,519,512	(593,537)	0	(264,711)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(885,558)	(69,714)	0	0	(955,272)
Miscellaneous Services	(15,422,990)	759,043	(888,041)	764,158	(14,787,830)
	(49,690,438)	27,402,155	(23,798,466)	1,288,693	(44,798,056)



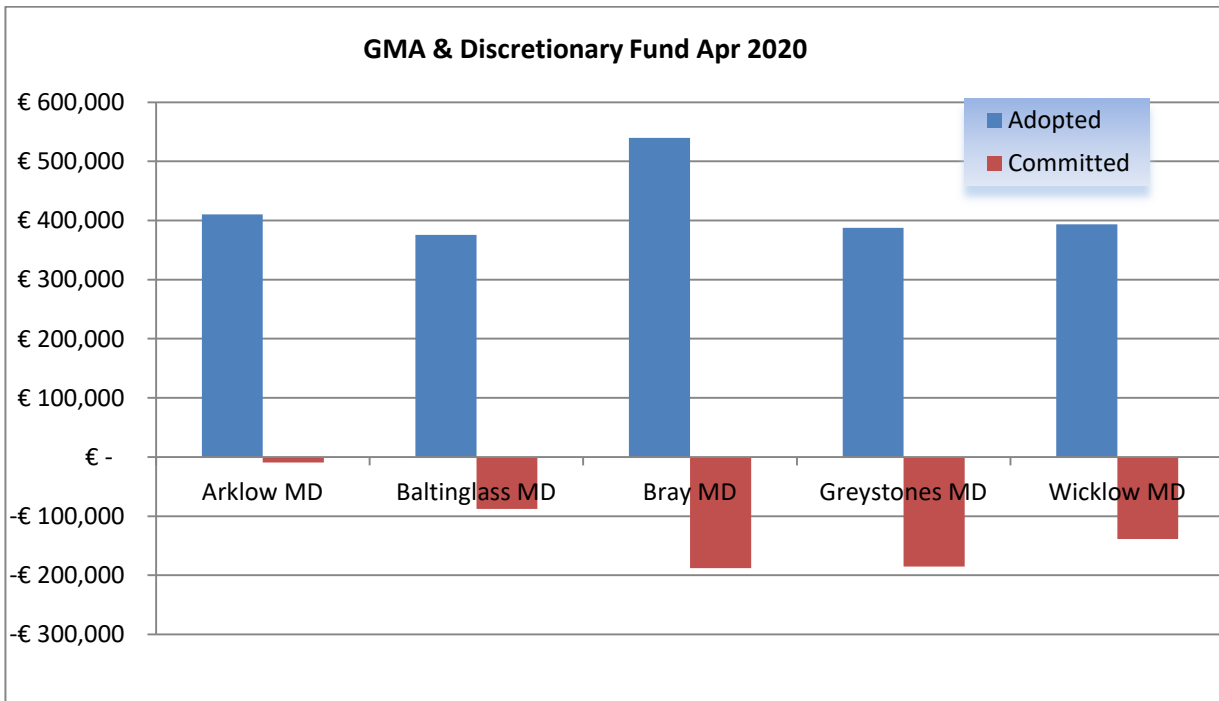
4. Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30TH APRIL 2020									
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2020	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/04/2020	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates *	5,217,406	32,009,800			37,227,206	(3,502,701)	33,724,505		10%
Rents & Annuities	1,853,629	5,777,264		(2,383)	7,633,276	(5,112,121)	12,745,397		67%
Housing Loans *	402,724	313,949			716,673	(610,483)	106,190		85%

N.B. The rent collection percentage is 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.

5. General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2019

Discretionary Budget 2020 €2,106,500. The graph and table below outline the discretionary budget for 2020 by Municipal District.



Municipal District	C/F from 2019	Adopted	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	52,813	410,500	43,339	419,974
Baltinglass MD	159,389	375,500	71,304	463,585
Bray MD	180,991	539,500	(7,122)	727,613
Greystones MD	165,252	387,500	(19,881)	572,633
Wicklow MD	205,713	393,500	66,738	532,475
Total	764,158	2,106,500	154,378	2,716,280

6. Capital Investment Programme 2020-2022

The Capital Investment Programme 2020-2022 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 2nd 2020.

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

PROGRAMME GROUP	Proposed Expenditure			
	2020	2021	2022	Total
	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	119,892,000	147,722,000	135,450,000	403,064,000
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	21,960,200	35,220,000	37,283,000	94,463,000
WATER SERVICES	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	1,900,000	3,390,000	1,650,000	6,940,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	1,225,000	2,725,000	5,225,000	9,175,000
AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	1,250,000	6,000,000	19,150,000	26,400,000
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	3,155,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	7,155,000
OVERALL TOTAL	156,956,000	212,308,000	212,843,000	582,107,000