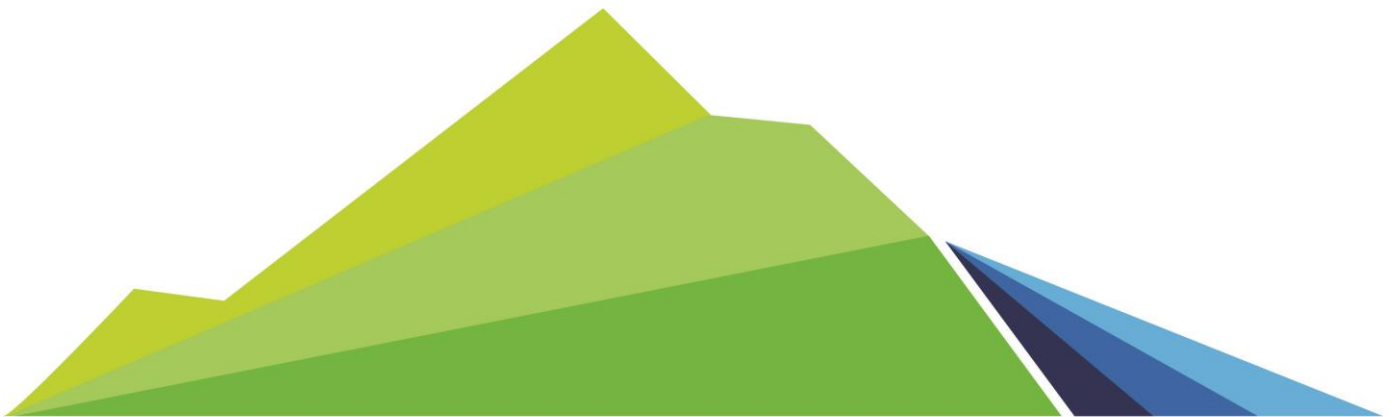




Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

€3m Content Creation Hub, at Wicklow County Campus

€3m contract for the construction of a Content Creation Enterprise Hub was signed at Wicklow County Council Buildings by Clermont Enterprise Hub CLG and Cumnor Construction Ltd. in August.

The Content Creation Enterprise Hub will provide 10,000sqft of private and co-working spaces and aims to boost job creation in the sector and spin out services feeding into these industries.

It is intended to support content creation and will complement the film industry, with a particular focus on businesses servicing productions happening in Ashford Studios, Ardmore Studios and Greystones Media Campus when constructed.

The Hub will also offer a collaborative social space, conference centre, podcast studio and screening facility along with access to a range of existing meeting rooms and training facilities on the larger campus.

New €6m Wicklow Town Library & Archives opens doors to the Public

Wicklow Town's €6m new library and County Archives is spread over six floors of what was previously a branch of Ulster Bank on Main Street.

It includes four floors of modern library facilities, including a children's library and a general reading area, adult borrowing area, study area and public access to technology and teenage library in addition to a dedicated community room, which local groups can use for meetings and other activities.

The top floor will act as an exhibition space and a location for civic events with very attractive views over the town and harbour. In addition to the four standard library floors, there are two further floors at basement and lower basement level, dedicated to Wicklow's local history and archives.

Another significant feature is that at entry level, from Salt House Lane, will be Wicklow County Council Local Studies which will be a welcome addition for researchers of their local area and heritage. It also contains an extensive collection of local newspapers on microfilm.

Wicklow County Council Advance 300KWP Solar Car Ports

A solar car port project installed at Wicklow County Council's headquarters in Wicklow Town will generate renewable energy and assist in achieving climate change targets.

In August Enerpower, a Waterford-based company, commenced the installation of 300kWp of solar panel capacity for Wicklow County Council. This innovative project is the largest solar car port project in Ireland covering 107 car park spaces and circa 1600m² at County Buildings.

Wicklow County Council has identified energy efficiency as a key goal in meeting the national targets and in reducing long-term costs. There is commitment at management level to achieving these



targets, and Wicklow County Council has signed up to the SEAI Partnership programme for public bodies. An Energy team is in place for the Council. Wicklow County Council continues with a programme of upgrading social housing with energy efficiency measures.

Wicklow County Council provides services out of more than 35 buildings. These include the main County Building in Wicklow Town, area offices, Town Halls, libraries, heritage centres, swimming pools/leisure centres, fire stations, community centres and waste management sites.

The annual estimated energy consumption for Wicklow is 22 million kWh per annum of which approximately 10 million kWh's is electricity and eight million kWh's per annum is gas. Four million kWh's is consumed by LPG, oil, and transport fuel.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Social Housing Support

	August 2021	August 2020
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4492	4,519
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	263	304
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2329	1,989
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	16	15
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	31	17

2. Allocation of Social Housing

	August 2021	August 2020
Wicklow County Council (including Bray MD)	12	112
Approved Housing Bodies (including Bray MD)	54	14

3. Social Housing Stock

	August 2021	August 2020
Tenancies Occupied	4655	4516
Total Weekly Rental Accrual	€305,746.00	€ 299,584.81
Arrears	€2,659,610.69	€ 2,173,970

4. Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

SCHEMES COMPLETED	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completed and allocated
Old Library Arklow	7	Completed and allocated
Avondale Heights Rathdrum	20	Completed and allocated
Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Completed and allocated
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Completed and allocated
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Completed and allocated
Whitehall, Baltinglass	34	Completed and allocated
Farrenkelly Greystones Phase 2	24	Completed and allocated
Convent Lands	51	Completed and allocated
Urban Villas (FCA Hall), Wicklow Town	8	Completed and allocated

Jameson Heights, Kilmacanogue	20	Completed and allocated
Kilmantan Place, Bray	4	Completed and allocated
Carnew Rapid Build	30	Completed and allocated
Rathnew RAPID BUILD	47	Completed and allocated
Kilbride Court (Bray)	42	Completed and allocated
Total	308	
Schemes on Site	units	CURRENT STATUS
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completion anticipated Quarter 4 2021
Hawkstown Park (Ashtown Lane), Wicklow	40	Completion anticipated Quarter 1 2022
Ard na Greine, Bray RAPID BUILD	31	Completion anticipated Quarter 1 2022
Mountainview, NTMK RAPID BUILD	26	Completion anticipated Quarter 1 2022
Greenhill Road Wicklow RAPID BUILD	36	Completion anticipated Q3 2022
Sheehan Court	7	Completion anticipated Q3 2022
TOTAL	187	
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Avondale Phase 2 RAPID BUILD	20	Site start anticipated Q3 2021
Cedar Court Bray RAPID BUILD	14	Site start anticipated Q4 2021
Three Trouts Greystones RAPID BUILD	40	Site start anticipated Q2 2021
Merrymeeting, Rathnew, Phase 2	21	Site start anticipated Q4 2021
Ballard Shillelagh	20	Site start anticipated Q1 2022
Burgage More Blessington	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA. Preparing part 8 submission.
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Stage 1 Application made to Dept. of Housing
TOTAL	296	

2021

It is expected that 25 Part V units will be delivered in 2021 however this is subject to a number of factors including the duration and number of any further Covid 19 lockdowns, including the current restrictions and then how quickly the Developers can remobilise and complete units.

The Council nominated a number of Essential sites which included Part V's which are due to be completed shortly. This includes the following Part V units:



Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Enniskerry	2	Completed end March 2021	WCC
Wicklow	4	Scheduled Q 4 2021	WCC
Greystones	2	Scheduled Q 4 2021	WCC
Wicklow	3	Scheduled Q 4 2021	WCC
Delgany	3	Completed May 2021	WCC
Baltinglass	1	Completed Q3 2021	WCC
Dunlavin	4	Completed Q 3 2021	WCC
Rathdrum	5	Scheduled Q 4 2021	WCC
Delgany	1	Scheduled Q 3 2021	WCC

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for 43 units in Delgany, Bray, Rathnew, Wicklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Enniskerry with delivery ranging from 2021-2023. This includes the 25 units listed above. WCC is in negotiations in respect of over 75 further units with delivery dates yet to be confirmed.

Wicklow County Council is currently holding discussions with a number of developers at preplanning and planning stage. There are over 100 potential 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
Ballinaclash	2	Completed Q2 2021	WCC
Tinahely	2	Completed Q1 2021	WCC
Tinahely	1	Completed Q2 2021	WCC

- Negotiations are ongoing with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.
- Negotiations regarding 2 Turnkey units in Baltinglass have recommenced.
- 2 Turnkey units in Ballinaclash were completed in June 2021.
- A new call for Turnkey units has been advertised with a closing date of 30th September 2021
- Approval has recently been received from the Department in respect of 3 Turnkey units in Roundwood. Expected delivery is 2022.
- Approval recently been received from the Department for 13 turnkey units in Rathdrum.



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.

- Construction completed on 40 units (including 4 Part V) via CALF Turnkey in Dunlavin.
- Construction ongoing on 28 units in Arklow.
- Acquisition by AHB of 40 units (39 Turnkey and 1 Part V) via CALF Completed in 2021. Acquisition of 8 CAS units also completed in 2021.
- Construction ongoing on 28 units in Wicklow (including 3 Part V) due for delivery in 2021.

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.

5. Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

› Grant funding for private house - €1,952,700 (€1,119,706.38 spent to date)

› Grant funding for social house - €1,168,200 (€406,227.76 spent to date)

124 open applications (some carried over from 2020)

198 approvals (some carried over from 2020)

Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability

The Housing and Disability Steering Group has prepared a draft Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with Disability 2022-2027.

Housing for Older People - Age Friendly Schemes

During recent works on Casual Vacancies/Relets, the Council fenced large sections of existing social housing gardens this resulted in three infill sites to develop Age Friendly schemes in Greystones. It is proposed to build small A rated units, specifically designed for the older tenant, which will be offered to eligible tenants in the local area, who wish to downsize. The larger property will return to the council for reletting to a family, and the tenant will benefit from being able to remain in their community, in an age friendly designed home with high comfort and low utility costs.



Millbank, Mill Road - Two 2 bed properties	Part 8 Closed. CE report completed and signed. Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July and approved.
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Part 8 Closed. CE report completed and signed Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July and approved.
Carraig Eden - 14 age friendly apartments	Stage 2 approval received from the Department for approval to go to Part 8. To be submitted to Greystones MD on 28 th Sept 2021 before being advertised.
Kilcoole Health Centre 4 no 2 bed apartments	Submitted to Greystones MD on 27 th July for information. Was advertised 4 th August 2021.

Other Housing Schemes

We advertised for the contract for two semi-detached properties at Blackhills, received a number of submissions and are requesting Stage 4 approval from Dept before commencing construction.

Vacant Homes Scheme

There are now 10 CPOs underway on long term vacant houses around the county.

To be advertised

- 88 Wicklow Heights
- 5 Priory Way, Delgany
- 114 Hillside, Wicklow

Already advertised

- 6 Ashleigh, Ashford,
- 8 Sycamore Drive, NTMK

Confirmed

- 33 Connelly St, Arklow
- 30 South Green, Arklow
- 10 Liam Mellows, Arklow
- 5 Ashwood, Roundwood

Oral Hearing

- An Oral Hearing took place on 108 Charnwood, Bray 17th August, awaiting decision.

Further long term vacant properties have been identified for future batches of CPOs.

Housing Maintenance - Heating Upgrade Programme

C. 50 gas and oil boilers have been replaced in Council housing stock in 2021 at a cost of over €100,000 54 were replaced in 2020.

New oil / gas heating has been installed in 20 houses so far this year with a further 10 pending.



6. Purchase Schemes

Tenant Purchase Scheme

	To date	August 2021
Applications Received	329	3
Completed	72	5
Declined	211	2
Ongoing	46	46

7. Addressing Homelessness

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 31/08/2021	Year To Date	As at 31/08/2020
No of New Presentations	19	275	58
No. of Repeat Presentations	7	32	24
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	11	108	11
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	14	191	42
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	1	9	0
No. of Children	18	180	51
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	6	42	12
Family Circumstances	12	124	36



Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	0	8	0
Mental Health	0	5	0
Risk of Homelessness	0	36	0
Arrears/Loss of Income	0	13	0
Addiction Issues	0	18	0
DV/DA	2	12	0
Medical Issues	0	4	0
Overcrowding	1	19	0
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	1	16	0
ASB:	0	2	0
Rough Sleeping*	2	20	2
Sofa Surfing*	2	25	6
Staying with Family*	4	81	0
Staying with Friends*	5	24	

*(Recorded as a Consequence of Homelessness as opposed to a Reason for Homelessness)

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 31/08/2021	
Families	18
Adults	41
Children	42
Single individual	2



Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/08/2021								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	17	19	18	7	2	4	2	2
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 31/08/2020								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	5	20	15	15	7	4	4	8

COVID 19

The Homeless Team continues to provide key support by phone, - Bed and Breakfast properties currently retained by Wicklow County Council are continuing to provide emergency accommodation for homeless clients –All Covid 19 protocols are in place in these facilities

Self Isolation Units

A number of vacant units that were in the process of being refurbished for re-letting have been prepared and furnished in anticipation that there may be a need for families to self-isolate for the required period from emergency accommodation.

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, 353 households (263 families & 90 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October, 2018 to 31st August, 2021. (158 homeless cases, 188 prevention cases to date and 7 direct provision). 113 properties were sourced by WCC.

Addressing Homelessness in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

There are 11 clients supported in the Kilmantin Hill facility, operated by Dublin Simon, with continuing transition by the clients to suitable, alternative accommodation.

Homeless Family Service – Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow

Following the advice that Sonas was withdrawing services from Wicklow, the operation of the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow was tendered out to Approved Housing Bodies to operate and manage the facility as a Family Homeless Service. - The successful tenderer to operate the facility is Dublin Simon.

Refurbishment works on the facility are now complete and it is anticipated that the facility will be fully operational by end of September 2021.

The family service envisaged is a 6 month STA(Supported Temporary Accommodation) with key working support to enable family's transition from homelessness into Homeless HAP or alternative longer term accommodation.

Homeless Supported Temporary Accommodation – San Remo, Bray

A key focus of Wicklow County Council in addressing homelessness was to identify and provide a high supported, temporary accommodation unit in Bray/North Wicklow to address the accommodation and support needs of a particular homeless cohort. This cohort was identified from the presenting population and those currently known to and accessing homeless services in Bray/North Wicklow.

The acquisition and upgrade of a former nursing home in Bray has completed and the facility opened to clients in October. The facility, operated by Dublin Simon, incorporates a service model where there are a number of emergency/cold weather Beds (restricted during Covid) and Supported Temporary Accommodation Beds (STA) There is on site key working support linking in with clients.

The Neighbourhood Liaison Committee is now operational and meets monthly.

Homeless Supported Accommodation - Carraig Eden, Greystones

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) approved funding to upgrade the building to provide 35 ensuite bedrooms within the existing building, with associated kitchens and common areas, as well as the upgrade of Fire Protection.

The refurbishment completed in March and the facility is fully operational. Wicklow County Council are making arrangements with the AHB to run and in-reach service with the clients in the service to support them as they continue their journey. This project has been shortlisted for the ICSH awards taking place on 23rd September 2021 for both Social Housing and People's Choice awards.



Other Homeless Supported Accommodation

Wicklow County Council owned properties in Wicklow, Bray and Arklow, leased to AHBs, provide 12 units of low to medium supported accommodation targeted to the particular support needs of the clients. There continues to be a number of move ons from these properties, signalling the success of this model.

Housing First

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, to date, successfully accommodated 6 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 sourcing of accommodation.

8. Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballintekin – 3 houses	Detailed design stage and tender documents completed, stage 3 approval has been received from the Dept, and meetings have taken place with the residents about being temp rehoused in order to carry out the construction works.
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, draft design now agreed with the proposed tenants. Scheme submitted to Arklow MD for information. Approval to go to Part 8 is currently with Dept.
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses	Revised Stage 1 approval received March 2021. Survey of utilities in the area has been completed.
DPG Woodview,	Works completed
DPG Glenview	Tender being organised.
Ballintekin,	Stage 1 for a disability extension has now gone to Department for approval. Meeting with residents arranged to discuss the scheme.

Further inspections on the fire safety on Halting sites were completed by members of the Housing section and the fire brigade in Bray. In addition electrical inspections including the installation of smoke alarms has been rolled out.

Covid 19 Update

Wicklow County Council has put a number of arrangements in place to provide, among other things, services to previously un-serviced sites which will facilitate better sanitation and social distancing.

Welfare facilities were provided at a number of unauthorised sites.

Three families from unauthorised sites were provided with housing units.

Hygiene packs were distributed to all authorised sites and further facilities provided in March.



9. Energy Efficiency

Solar Panel Carport - The local energy supply contract has now been signed with Enerpower. Works have commenced on site and last for a duration of 9 weeks.

Energy is to be supplied over a 20 year period at a fixed unit rate

Enerpower are planning on installing additional EV Car Chargers with the system also.

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 1

Lot 1 88 houses in Bray and Greystones – awaiting determination of Department regarding repointing of properties.

Lot 2 90 houses in Arklow, Wicklow and West Wicklow commenced in December 2020 and all tenants have been contacted in this regard.

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

Contractor has commenced on site on 20 properties in Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray, approx 10 nearly complete.

Contractor appointed for 23 properties in West Wicklow and Glenealy.

Two tenders have been advertised for 34 properties in West Wicklow and Glenealy, closing date 20th and 24th August, no submissions received for either tender.



10. Community, Cultural & Social Development

Chambers Ireland excellence in local government awards 2021

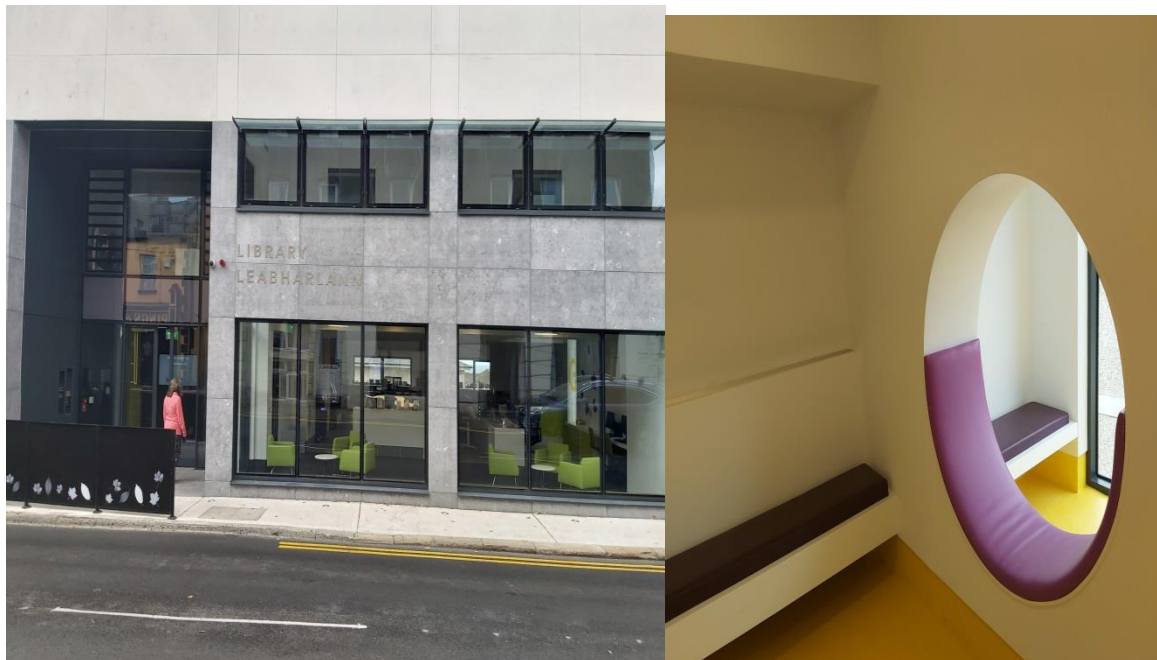
Wicklow County Council has been shortlisted in the 17th annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 for the following projects:

- **"Include Me" Visibility Campaign** in Best Practice in Community Engagement
- **Virtual Couch to 3K- Walk to Jog Programme** in Health & Wellbeing
- **Inclusive Online Easter Camp** in Disability Services Provision
- **Wicklow and the War of Independence: The Historians' Project** in Commemorations & Centenaries

County Wicklow Library Services

Opening of Wicklow library & County Archives

Wicklow County Council was honoured with the visit of 2 ministers to perform the official opening of Wicklow library & County Archives + Local Studies on August 30th. Ministers Heather Humphreys (DRCD) & Darragh O'Brien (HLGH) performed the joint task of officially opening the library. In order to ensure Covid restrictions were adhered to, the launch proceedings took place in the grounds of Wicklow Gaol. It was then followed by organised visits to the new library & archives in pod groups. The library opened to the public the following day, with a great response from its users.





Mending Workshops Bray Library

In a world of fast fashion, mending favourite garments is a practical, accessible and enjoyable way to engage with the ethical path of repairing, reusing and recycling. Bray Library hosted three Zoom workshops in early September, each one focussing on an aspect of mending. Included were the practices of visible mending, darning and slow stitch.

Neuro-divergent Webinar Series, Bray Library

Wicklow County Council Library Service, in partnership with Healthy Ireland hosted a series of webinars on the topic of "Parenting Neuro-divergent Children". The facilitator was Claire O'Neill who is a coach with 'Thriving Autistic', a Deputy Principal, an autistic person and a parent to autistic children. Claire's broad range of experience shone through each evening, as she answered questions from parents with compassion, humour and insight.

Dúchas Schools Collection, Dunlavin Library

The Dunlavin Dúchas Collection is now available for viewing in its entirety in Dunlavin Library. It launched during Heritage Week and is bound to be a valued part of the Local Studies Collection. This really interesting collection of stories and folklore is available online but due to the effort involved in downloading each essay, is often overlooked. Having this collection in physical form allows the work of the 1930's teachers and students to be fully appreciated.

Junior Explore Walks at Dunlavin, Blessington and Baltinglass Libraries

Family nature walks which are being funded through DRCD "Dormant Accounts Funding" are beginning to be organised at various locations in the county. The first three have taken place in Dunlavin, Baltinglass and Blessington. Children and their parents or guardians, led by environmentalist Patrick Hunt were brought on a guided Nature Walk around their locality. Patrick described the flora and fauna encountered on each walk and engaged with the children, answering a myriad of questions and encouraging them to show their various finds. Each child received a Junior Explorer Kit containing a butterfly net, reference booklets to do with trees, flowers, birds and butterflies, a notebook and an insect magnifier/viewer. This project was designed with the aim of encouraging families to be out and about experiencing their natural surroundings.

Mobile Library Visit to Rathmore Direct Provision Centre

The Mobile library recently visited families living in Direct Provision at Rathmore, Ashford. The theme of the day was Nature and Biodiversity. Librarian Karen Downes, delivered a story time based on this theme and Susie Fortune of White Doodle art engaged with the children, giving an excellent painting workshop in which the children were inspired to create insect paintings. The weather was beautiful, allowing this event to happen safely outdoors and the children each received a Junior Explorer Kit, complete with booklets, an insect viewer and a Butterfly Net.

Seed Ark extending to all County Wicklow Libraries- Heritage Week

All libraries in the county now have access to an operational Seed Ark. A Seed Ark is a self-sustaining collection of open pollinated or heirloom seeds that is free for community use. Gardeners "borrow" seeds



from the library and then at the end of the growing season, they save the seeds and return a portion of the seeds to the library. These seeds can then be borrowed by any Wicklow library member, they just need to email their seed needs and the librarian will arrange to have the seeds ready for collection.

County Wicklow Archives and Genealogy Services

Wicklow County Archives & Genealogy Service has a new home

The service is now located at the new Wicklow Library & Archives, Wicklow Town. The collection offers a rich research resource for the family and local historian, academic and researchers of wide and varying interests who wish to learn about the shape and development of Wicklow communities and the authorities who served them. Among the collections are the 17th/18th century Wicklow Borough records, Grand Jury, Poor Law Unions and Workhouses, Boards of Health, Rural District and Town Councils and Wicklow County Council. Our digitised collections can be accessed on www.wicklow.ie. The archives service also offers assistance to those tracing their Wicklow family history.

“Wicklow and the War of Independence” - county publication and exhibition

The book and exhibition Wicklow and the War of Independence was launched at the official opening of the new Wicklow Library & Archives, Wicklow Town (the e-book is also available at <https://heritage.wicklowheritage.org/category/topics/wicklow-the-war-of-independence>). The book and exhibition brings together a collection of essays and images by 12 of the county’s local historians who have researched the revolutionary era in their respective localities from a variety of perspectives. The result is a series of interwoven studies that bring the complex tapestry of this significant part of Wicklow history into new and sharper focus.

Wicklow and the War of Independence: The Historians' Project in Commemorations & Centenaries has been shortlisted in the seventeenth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021.

Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnerships

The Virtual Couch – 3K programme- Short listed for Chamber Ireland Excellence Awards 2021.

This programme was part of the Healthy Ireland Keep Well Campaign. This campaign is aimed at showing people of all ages how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines. The aim of the Virtual Couch – 3K programme was to reach as many people as possible from all physical abilities and locations within County Wicklow during Covid-19 restrictions and to deliver the programme online with support via phone, text, email or social media platforms. These aims were achieved with 130 participants signing up and with 120 achieving the 1st objective of becoming more physically active and 90 achieving the 2nd objective, being able to jog for 3kms.

On completion of the programme participant’s received a Virtual 3K medal and a #ActiveWicklow t-shirt.



Inclusive Online Easter Camp - Short listed for Chamber Ireland Excellence Awards 2021.

In a proactive approach to the challenges of Covid-19 Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership delivered a programme targeted for Children & Teenagers with an Intellectual Disability or with an ASD diagnosis. The Easter Camp activities of Dance, Yoga and Fun Fitness were delivered online over the 2 weeks of Easter 2021. 25 participants took part in the fun programme with lots of chats about chocolate and the Easter Bunny while getting some fun exercise done too.



Learn to Cycle Programmes

As part of Bike Week, the Learn to Cycle for Children and Teenagers with a Disability has started up for Autumn 2021. Newtownmountkennedy NS will continue with their programme so that all 4 ASD unit pupils will have each received 4 x 1 hour sessions. When this is complete 24 pupils will have participated in this programme.

Also two community based Learn to Cycle Programmes will take place in Greystones in collaboration with Triple A and also in Wicklow Town with 6 weekly sessions starting on 15th and 16th September. There is a lot of interest, so we expect 16 participants for each programme.

A Learn to Cycle Taster session will take place in Blessington on Saturday 18th September with a view to delivering a programme in the Community in Q1, 2022.



Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership
LEARN TO CYCLE

2 GROUPS: AGE 4-7 & 7+

Thursday x 5 sessions, 16th & 30th Sept, 7th, 14th & 21st Oct
Location: Murrough Carpark (large, middle), Wicklow Town

For participants who cannot cycle without stabilisers

Times/Ages	
Age 4-7 2:45pm to 3:30pm	Age 7+ 3:45pm to 4:30pm

Own Bike & Helmet needed
Cost €25

Contact Clara,
cjenkinson@wicklowcoco.ie
(0404) 20129 to book



Bike Week 2021

Bike Week takes place 12th – 18th September. Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership are running numerous workshops and events though out the week in conjunction with The Sports Room in Wicklow Town, HD Fitness in Blessington, Michelle Muldoon EWS Privateer MTN Biker and Louise Curran yoga Instructor. For more information please contact wicklowlsp@wicklowcoco.ie



Bike Week 2021

25K Pedal for your Medal
Family Cycle
Bike,Body,Calm
Cycle to Zen

Learn to Cycle Programme's & Taster Sessions
Beginner & Advanced Bike Maintenance Workshops
Gearing Up Off Road MTB Course
Club & School Bike Grant Scheme

For more information please contact Wicklow LSP @ www.wicklowcoco.ie or call 0404-20100



European Week of Sport

European Week of Sport takes place 23rd – 30th September 2021. Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership are running numerous events thought out the week from POUND FIT in Greystones and a Wicklow Hiking Festival. For more information please contact wicklowlsp@wicklowcoco.ie



Courses

Safeguarding 2	23 rd September	Zoom
Safeguarding 1	28 th September	Zoom – FULL

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) SICAP:

Annual Plans: Bray Area Partnership and Co. Wicklow Partnership continue to implement their SICAP Annual Plans 2021 and work towards meeting all targets and key performance indicators.

SICAP Audits: The audit of Co. Wicklow Partnership's 2020 SICAP programme took place the week of August 23rd and the audit of Bray Area Partnership's 2020 SICAP programme will take place the week of September 13th. These annual audits are carried out by Crowleys DFK on behalf of the LCDC and Wicklow County Council.

Mid-Programme Review: Work has commenced on the SICAP 2018-2023 Mid-Programme Review. This review will inform a new statement of priorities set out by each Partnership detailing the marginalised groups they intend to prioritise over the next two years.

PPN:

Elected Reps: Meet Your Elected Representatives currently being organised for October/November. See website to be involved.

Online sessions: Live online training and networking events now available every Thursday night through: <https://countywicklowppn.ie/free-online-sessions-book-your-place/>

Consultations: Wicklow County Development Plan; Age Friendly Houses Killincarrig; Enniskerry Village Renewal; Survey on Insurance Reform; National Disability Authority Survey on the accessibility of websites and Apps.

Funding Opportunities/Competitions: EIL Seed Funding; Artist in the Community Scheme; Mitigating against Educational Disadvantage Fund; Meet and Code 2021; Town Twinning and Networks of Towns.

CLÁR 2021 Projects Funding Approved

County	Community Facility Name	Project Description	Amount of CLÁR funding approved



Wicklow			
Wicklow	Knockananna Hall Committee	Garden allotment.	€9,747.00
	Askanagap Community Group	Astro Turf	€50,000.00

LECP Update

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

Town & Village Funding Scheme to Revitalise Towns and Villages 2021

The Town and Village Scheme objectives are being refocused to align with commitments within 'Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021-2025'. The 2021 Scheme will prioritise the objectives of this policy such as tackling vacancy in towns and villages, remote working and supporting town centre living. Other projects which will be welcomed include regeneration projects that support active and vibrant town or village centres, upgrading shopfronts and street facades, and green spaces and parks, etc.

Grant Levels:

For the 2021 Scheme, the minimum grant which is available is €20,000. The maximum level of grant funding available is being raised to €500,000 in respect of one application from each Local Authority. A maximum of €250,000 will apply in respect of 2 applications and €100,000 in respect of 4 applications. **2 applications must** be in respect of Towns/Villages that have not previously received funding under the Standard Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Town and Village Applications Submitted July 2021

Town/Village	Project
Kiltegan	Transform a derelict vacant site into a multi purpose community facility. The project aims to purchase the site and renovate the existing building to rehouse the community shop and café, provide community space, rehouse the CE scheme and provide a remote working hub.
Lacken	Refurbish a town centre building into a community shop, café and remote working hub. The project aims to maximise opportunity for economic benefit from the Blessington Greenway and from walkers and cyclists. It also aims to develop a heritage hub and a community space to create a resilient and socially cohesive community, using the Smart Village Model
Wicklow	This is a placemaking project to reconnect Wicklow centre to the port area by reanimating and revitalising the network of laneways with creative lighting, murals, riverside seating with canopy and parklet planting
Hollywood	Placemaking project to create a quality and environmentally friendly public space. This project aims



	to transform an underutilised space which is close to woodland so lends itself to a natural approach to designing a pocket park with associated walkway and car parking.
Ballinaclesh	Renovate the community hall to revitalise the village by providing access to remote working facilities and community activities to the community and possible new residents. This includes the replacing a dividing wall with a movable divider, fitout of remote working space and insulation works to the building
Coolboy	A placemaking project to improve public space in Coolboy and maximise social and economic benefits to the area. It will rejuvenate the village green by resurfacing and upgrading existing paths to make them more accessible and age friendly and reconnect a small underused annex area. It will also see the addition of picnic benches, a bandstand and an area of planting and landscaping, improving the biodiversity of the area.
Donard	Rejuvenation of community hall to develop a community café and to provide remote working spaces.

Announcement of the Rural Regeneration Development Fund Category 2

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, on May 12th, announced the third call for Category 2 applications to the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. This fund is for projects that will drive economic growth and footfall, combat dereliction, regenerate town centre and heritage buildings, develop pedestrian zones and outdoor spaces and make rural towns more attractive places to live, work and raise a family.

The €1 billion Fund is also part of the Department's Rural Development Investment Programme, which is funded under Project Ireland 2040. Projects that will be funded under Category 2 are those that require significant development before they reach the stage of being shovel ready.

RRDF Applications Submitted July 2021

Town/Village	Project
South West Wicklow – Shillelagh, Tinahely, Carnew	<p>Reimagining South West Wicklow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximise all opportunities for the area, arising from significant planned infrastructural investment and development of the Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway. 2. Revitalise Rural Towns in Southwest Wicklow to become vibrant sustainable SMART centres of commerce and attractive places to work, live and recreate in harmony with the natural environment 3. Maximise all economic & social opportunities arising from the Coolattin Footprint in line with the Irelands Ancient East brand 4. Maximise economic, social and environmental benefits from



	the critical mass of 'National Walking Loop Trails' already developed in the area.
Blessington	Regeneration of Blessington Renovation of the town centre and public space and significant development works to Russborough House to enhance visitor experience and maximise economic opportunities arising from the Blessington Greenway development.

CLAR 2021 – funded projects

Area	Project	Funding
Askanagap	Astro turf	50,000
Knockananna	MUGA floodlights	22,510.13
Knockananna	Community garden	9,747

Goal 2: Promote Active Citizenship and Public Participation to improve governance, participation and enrich decision making

Age Friendly Programme

The national Age Friendly Primary care centre guidelines were launched in June. These guidelines were compiled by Kildare and Wicklow Age Friendly Programme managers. Walkability audits are to take place in a number of locations.

The Arklow Age Friendly Befriending Service is to launch soon following the final garda vetting process. This will be of huge benefit to the population of Arklow.

Regarding housing, we are looking into making Rathcoran Estates in Baltinglass an Age Friendly Estate. It was built by and will be run by Respond.

Comhairle na nÓg

The Comhairle na nÓg, through the Coordinator, are taking part in the COVID-19 Community Response Forum, bringing the perspective of young people to the table. They are also taking part in the Time Machine project which is an intergenerational project.

Funding has been secured from DCYA to continue to support the Comhairle na nÓg. Tablets were purchased for use by the Comhairle in each Municipal District, to help them to keep the youth council going during the COVID-19 restrictions.

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



1. Healthy Wicklow Strategy

Round 3 of Programme is underway but implementation has slowed down because of COVID-19. An extension to 31st December 2021 has been granted.

In 2021 the Healthy Ireland Programme has focused on the Keep Well Campaign which is coming to an end. The final round of reporting is being completed at present.

The HSE is launching the following:

The launch of the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention Annual Report for 2020

Friday 3rd September 2021, 10:00am to 11:30am

The launch of Developing a Community Response to Suicide

Wednesday 15th September 2021, 3:00pm to 4:30pm

2. Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme

The Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme is a new initiative led by Slaintecare and Healthy Ireland in partnership with Wicklow Local Community Development Committee and other local stakeholders. The goal of the programme is to improve the long term health and wellbeing of people living in the most disadvantaged communities in Ireland. The programme is based in the Bray area of Wicklow. This is a holistic approach to health and wellbeing incorporating the physical and social determinants of health, that is, the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live and age, and the wider set of forces and systems that shape the conditions of daily life. The programme will implement targeted initiatives to tackle these challenges from within these communities. This will be achieved through the provision of dedicated services to build sustainable improvements in the health and wellbeing of all those living in those communities.

A local implementation team will be formed in each area led by a SHCP Local Development Officer to be employed by Wicklow County Council.

3. County Wicklow Food & Beverage Strategy – Food Poverty and Sustainability

The County Wicklow Food & Beverage Strategy contains aims and objectives to tackle food poverty and food sustainability in the county. This is a long term issue but was highlighted through the work of the Community Response Forum during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A subgroup has been formed to work on this issue. Research has already been undertaken to establish the extent and nature of food poverty and the responses to this. Further research is now ongoing with a view to the development of a working plan going forward.

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

Social Enterprise Grant Scheme

Minister Humphreys launched on 6th of September 2021 a €1 million fund to be allocated nationally to the Dormant Accounts Fund Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021. This scheme is to be rolled out by Wicklow LCDC. Wicklow has been allocated €28, 515.90. Grants can be applied for in the range of €2500 to €5000.

The scheme is now open and will close for applications on the Wednesday 6th of October. Applicants will



be assessed and shortlisted by Wicklow LCDC. This list will be sent to the Minister for Rural and Community Development who must approve each project before funding is awarded. Wicklow LCDC will inform successful applicants in November and final drawdown will be at the end of February. All applications must be completed in full, include three quotes and a copy of the Organisations Article of Association.

Bray Area Partnership

In addition to the ongoing work being undertaken by BAP in supporting the operation of social enterprise activity in the Bray and north Wicklow areas, some key developments to note are as follows:

1. A market research and feasibility study report is nearing completion with respect to the establishment of a social enterprise employing individuals having had interaction with the Probation Service and criminal justice system. Collaboration Ireland has been commissioned to undertake the report with funding being provided through the Probation Services Kickstart grants scheme and supported by the Dormant Accounts Fund.
2. As part of a collaboration involving BAP and two neighbouring LDCs, a support initiative, SEED 2, has been developed to work with social enterprises in the Bray/north Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin areas. SEED 2 will cover Strategic Planning; Income Diversification and Governance guidance and supports using group training, individual mentoring and networking sessions. This work is being resourced by the Covid 19 Social Enterprise Regeneration Programme through the Dormant Accounts Fund and will run for six months, commencing in September/ October coming.
3. Work is continuing on developing the Care and Repair Action social enterprise initiative aimed at providing home supports to older people living in the Bray and north Wicklow areas.



Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

1. 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).

Retail

Bray Central

A meeting took place on site with representatives of Oakmount and the Project Steering Group on the 2nd of September last to ascertain progress and the programme of works leading to a clear and final practical completion date. Up to then the developer has been concentrating on keeping the site Covid compliant and are removing plant and machines that are no longer required as well as lining up trades, subcontractors and supplies to come on site in one condensed period so to get works completed efficiently and timely. A return to main site is expected before the end of September with a practical completion date of the 31st of January, 2022.

A traffic management plan has been submitted ahead of the removal of the large crane on Saturday the 25th of September, which is a huge operation logistically. The developers have been asked to review the work involved and the logistics with a view to endeavouring to have the car park opened in advance of December, 2021.

Town Teams

Town Teams in Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow continue to meet virtually where possible to progress various projects. Activity, particularly engagement with stakeholder groups has been curtailed due to Covid restrictions.

Arklow Town Team

Arklow Town Team organised an event at The Goods Store – Arklow Railway Station to mark Heritage Week 2021. Display boards were mounted on The Goods Store which included survey drawings and information about the structure and history of the building. Attendees were also invited to Snap or Sketch the building to be in with a chance to win a prize. A new Facebook page has been set up to follow the progress of this exciting project.



Works have commenced on the Community Garden Biodiversity Project at Glenart College. The polytunnel has been erected and the students are ready to start planting.

Bray Town Team / Bray Town Recovery Team

The Town Recovery held its final meeting in July. A new committee called the Town Recovery Team will take its place. An inaugural meeting of the Town Recovery Team will be held following discussion with the Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District. The members of Bray MD have agreed the Terms of Reference.

Blessington Town Team

Blessington Town Team welcomed the news that Baltinglass Municipal District received €95,000 funding from the NTA Additional Outdoor Infrastructure fund. Work commenced on Blessington Town Square at the beginning of September and is due to be completed within six weeks. This work will consist of the following:

- paving a large area of the square
- provision of public lighting in the square
- back light of the monument
- provision for water pump feature at the monument
- seating
- planters
- big belly bin

Baltinglass Municipal District launched a shop local/support local campaign which commenced mid-June and will run until the end of September with the aim to support local businesses as they reopen following the recent Covid restrictions. This initiative is being run in partnership with the Blessington and District Forum and Blessington Town Team. West Wicklow Youth Project was invited to design a logo for the campaign and the winning designer was presented with a hamper at Baltinglass Municipal District office on Monday 12th July. The winner of the July and August draws have been announced and prizes presented to the winners.

As part of the role out of the Age Friendly Action Programme, upgrade and road marking works on disabled parking bays and age friendly parking bays will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Blessington CCTV Project: J&N Security Consultants have been engaged by WCC to deliver the Blessington Town Centre CCTV project. Authorisation for the CCTV system under Section 38 of the Garda Siochana Act 2005 has been received from the Garda Commissioner. A CCTV grant for the system has been approved by the Department of Justice and 50% of same has been received with the remainder to be allocated on completion of the project. A site visit was held with the ESB on Thursday 8th July to identify the necessary power supplies for the CCTV system. An application for new ESB connections was then forwarded to the ESB.

Greystones Town Team

Greystones Town Team are in the final stages of forming and registering a company limited by guarantee (CLG) and updating their organisational structure. In the meantime members are preparing a list of priority projects and investigating sources of funding which the new CLG can endeavour to secure funding for.



Sub-committees have been set up to progress a number of interests and initiatives, including further development of website and social media channels and a new business network, which is currently working with other members to organise Christmas street lighting and activities for the holiday season, including an event to turn on the lights.

Wicklow Town Team

The Wicklow Town Heritage Trail was officially opened on the 30th August by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD. This new heritage trail now provides an additional tourism attraction for Wicklow Town where tourists can spend a number of hours rambling through the narrow streets observing the historic buildings and ruins and appreciating the beauty of the coastline. Seven lecterns are now positioned at key locations on the trail and through illustrations and QR Codes tell the story of the town from the growth of the settlement at the estuary of the River Vartry to the end of the troubles in 1923 and beyond.

Another project the Backlighting of Historical Sites was also officially launched at Wicklow Gaol on the 30th August by Minister Heather Humphreys and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD.

Outdoor Dining

Fáilte Ireland earlier this year announced funding for Outdoor Dining:

Part One of the Scheme - Outdoor Seating and Accessories - supports individual hospitality businesses with grants of up to €4,000 for seating, tables and outdoor accessories. This scheme which is fully funded by Fáilte Ireland, is administered by the Local Authorities. 67 applications have been received to date, half of these have been paid out so far. Where the tables and chairs are located in a public space, the business must apply for a Section 254 licence, if the equipment is located on private property, planning permission may be required.

Closing date for receipt of applications is September 30th 2021.

All Local Authorities were invited to apply to Fáilte Ireland for funding under Part Two - Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme - to develop streets and public spaces to facilitate outdoor dining in urban tourism centres, enabling access to outdoor seating for extended periods throughout the year.

Wicklow County Council applied for and was awarded funding for Outdoor Dining and Weatherproofing for Market Square in Wicklow Town (€119,000) and Abbey Lane in Arklow (€81,000).

Streetscapes

Six towns/villages in County Wicklow have been selected to participate in the Streetscape and Shopfront Enhancement scheme. The areas selected are Arklow, Baltinglass, Blessington, Enniskerry, Kilcoole and Wicklow Town.

The Streetscape Enhancement Initiative is a key part of the Government's 'Our Rural Future' and is designed to make our rural towns and villages more attractive colourful and vibrant places to live, work and visit.

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Types of projects funded include: refurbishment of traditional shop fronts, artwork, murals, lighting, planting etc. Time does not allow for the making of planning applications for new shopfronts, the funding will mainly cover painting and decluttering of shopfronts and facades.

The closing date for completed applications was extended to 14th September.

Urban Animation Scheme

Wicklow Town's application for Urban Animation funding to enhance the links between the Main Street, Market Square and South Quay was unsuccessful however an application has been made for Town and Village Renewal funding for a similar but smaller project.

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

EcoTrail Wicklow has been given green light and is taking place on the 25th of September 2021. The second edition counts 1500 entries spread through four different distances: 18k, 29k, 45k and 80k. The highly scenic routes go up Bray Head, Killruddery, Little and Big Sugarloafs, Powerscourt Waterfall, Wicklow Way and Lough Tay and on to Roundwood and the Vartry Reservoir.

The EcoTrail event offers a fantastic opportunity to showcase outdoor activities in Wicklow, generating stunning imagery that are then shared throughout the EcoTrail international network. The EcoTrail network is a series of events around Europe and now Asia, and plans are underway to maximise that network to help promote Wicklow to a growing outdoor activities audience around the world. EcoTrail Wicklow is receiving tremendous support from both Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland for enhanced exposure.

Wicklow Passport has proven extremely successful throughout this season with around 2500 passports sold and more than 10,000 distributed through a growing network of participating local tourism businesses.

The Wicklow Passport was heavily supported by Fáilte Ireland as one of the key tourism projects in the region and further joint promotional efforts are underway.



Efforts will be made in the coming months to introduce the Wicklow Passport to local schools. Also, there are plans to make the Wicklow Passport a training tool for all staff operating within the tourism industry in Wicklow.

Trail Digitisation: A tremendous effort has been made to update all the walks on the new visitwicklow.ie website to include a variety of digital tools to help walkers discover local trails. Tools include Google Map display of each walk and GPX file download to use on any walking app. Feedback from early users is very positive and locals are encouraged to start using the information available when going for a walk in Wicklow. Browse the many walks available at <https://visitwicklow.ie/wicklow-walks/>

Tourism Itineraries: Wicklow Itineraries blog entries for visitwicklow.ie have been created. The objective is to record and package experiences and present various ways to 'do' Wicklow. Blog itineraries also offer a fantastic opportunity to generate content for social media and optimise visitwicklow.ie on search engines. Over the coming months new itineraries will be introduced with the opportunity to the local tourism trade to suggest and create their own itineraries.

See sample of itineraries:

- <https://visitwicklow.ie/wicklow-passport-tours-carnew-shillelagh-baltinglass-donard-tinahely/>
- <https://visitwicklow.ie/passport-itinerary-glencree-june-blakes-garden-hollywood-shekina-sculptures-garden/>

Destination Town Funding: An application to Fáilte Ireland on behalf of Wicklow Town was made in respect of Destination Town Funding and funding has been awarded to develop visitor amenities in the Abbey Grounds. Mosart, a local architect team which specialise in architecture, landscape and urban design, have been appointed to design the Abbey Grounds project with a view to increasing visitor numbers to Wicklow while maintaining this important oasis at the heart of Wicklow town. Work is underway to lodge a planning application for this development under the Part VIII process.

Glendalough Masterplan and Wicklow Visitor Orientation Study

This is a Fáilte Ireland funded project led by FI with strategic partners NPWS, OPW, Coillte and WCC. The Plan covers visitor attractions and activities available in the area and the first stage of stakeholder engagement has been completed.

The consultants team led by Consarc have prepared a draft plan and are now engaging with some of the key landowners to assess the feasibility of developing additional off road trails between Laragh and Glendalough and provision of additional parking. The process has identified a number of issues: congestion at key sites, concerns over security, capacity and quality of car parking and visitor services, issues with local access, and erosion and degradation of the environment.



Visitor Experience Hubs have been identified around the county where there is a particular focus of visitor attractions. Development of these hubs will build capacity, help disperse visitors across the county, encouraging longer stays and greater investment in the area. The team is developing detailed plans for walking, mountain biking, off road family cycling.

Measures have been taken this year to introduce additional temporary parking and to use traffic counters to improve parking management and signage. Traffic counts carried out on the June Bank Holiday Weekend demonstrate that 100k+ visitors visited Glendalough between 4th and 11th June. Other works that have been completed is an upgrade to the toilet facilities.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

The following applications were submitted under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund Grant Scheme for Category 2 Funding;

Shillelagh/Carnew/Tinahely: Developing the villages for the eventual arrival of the Greenway – purchasing some of the old station buildings linking in with the Tinahely Trails and other tourist venues including the Tinahely Farm shop and the Orchard Farm.

Blessington: Redeveloping and resubmitting the proposal to design and develop the Square for when the N81 is re-routed and to make the town greenway ready to be able to cater for the large influx of visitors expected.

A call for Category 1 (shovel ready) proposals is to be made later in 2021.

URDF: URBAN REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Wicklow Town URDF Project for the development of the library at the old Ulster Bank Building and the redevelopment of Fitzwilliam Square has been completed. Total cost for the development of the Library was €6 million, with €3 million funded via the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage URDF and €1 million from the Department of Rural and Community Development. €2 million matched funding was committed by Wicklow County Council.

The €2m Fitzwilliam Square refurbishment project, funded by an amount of €1.5m under the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government URDF scheme, has created a multi-functional space, improving accessibility and enhancing the presentation and public realm of the Town Centre at Fitzwilliam Square. A new outdoor venue for community events, performances and exhibitions, and outdoor dining is now available. The Halpin monument which was concealed is now made more visible and contributes to tourism and the town's maritime heritage. The newly created space is also now responding to the recent health and safety challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and will go towards helping to support the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sector.



Part 1 of the Arklow URDF Project the refurbishment of the Courthouse and the development of an Enterprise Space in the former Town Council offices. Part 2 of the project the public realm works are currently underway.

Bray Public Transport Bridge

Submissions under the Part VIII process closed on Monday 6th September 2021, with over 150 submissions received. All the data received is being collated and reviewed, with the intention of preparing a report for the elected members.

As this is ongoing, An Bord Pleanála are reviewing the application and will determine whether an EIS is required.

Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration

Funding of €7.14m has been announced for the Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration Project from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) and this funding has the capacity to unlock the great potential of Bray Harbour and surrounding area. The harbour, its piers and adjacent lands are a major asset for Bray and this funding will facilitate an integrated scheme to develop the harbour and associated public realm works to provide a vibrant waterfront area with excellent connectivity between the promenade, the town centre the Dublin Road area and beyond. Wicklow County Council is in the process of appointing consultants to carry out additional survey work as part of the design process.

Work is ongoing to further develop the unsuccessful applications for Wicklow and Arklow Harbours. A meeting with the Department of Housing URDF Team has taken place, this will inform the resubmission of these applications. It is likely that the next call for URDF funding will be late 2021/early 2022.

Maritime

There are a number of Offshore Wind Energy projects proposed off the coast of County Wicklow

- Dublin Array – Bray and Kish Banks
- Cailleach – off Bray Head
- Codling Wind Park between Greystones and Wicklow
- Arklow Bank between Arklow and Wicklow Head
- Shelmalere just south of Arklow

Arklow Bank

SSE Renewables has submitted a planning application to An Bord Pleanála for the development of the landfall for two offshore export circuits underground high voltage connections, a new sub-station and transmission compound along with a 220kV overhead power line connection from Shelton Abbey to the transmission network.



SSER is planning to make its application to Wicklow County Council in respect of the O&M base at Arklow within the coming weeks.

Codling Wind Park

The Codling Wind Park has published its Onshore Infrastructure Scoping Report which covers the land-based elements of the Codling Wind Park project, such as the point at which the cables will come ashore (landfall), the routing of onshore cabling and any electricity substation(s) that may be required to connect the project to the national grid. It also describes how the operations and maintenance base for the project, which will be located at a port along the east coast, may be considered in the EIA.

The Codling Wind Park is expected to announce its decision regarding the development of an operations and maintenance base by the end of October.

Benefits to the local economy

- Each O&M base is likely to employ 80 people. There will be thousands employed during the construction phase this will benefit wide range of local companies in the supply chain.
- Both Codling and SSE are engaging with companies interested in participating in the supply chain.
- There will be extensive training and educational opportunities.
- Wicklow is in discussions about developing training facilities at Clermont
- There will be a substantial Community Contribution Scheme

Key Milestones

The enactment of the Marine Area Planning Bill, 2020 is expected in 2021

The Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) Auction whereby the companies bid for a grid connection is expected in 2022

Food and Beverage Strategy

Funding of €175,000 has been secured via the LEADER Food Programme for a Food and Beverage Co-ordinator role for Wicklow Naturally CLG and a tender for the supply of event costs for the period 2021 - 2023 in support of Wicklow Naturally's Promotional Activities Plan. Wicklow Naturally will contribute 5% from subscriptions and it is proposed that Wicklow County Council will contribute €35,000 over the two year life of the project



2. Local Enterprise Office

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

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Grants Approved (number/ value) - Measure 1 - Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	- 27/€663,778.00 - 3/€3,850	- Meet Demand - Meet Demand	-21/ €424,769 -2 / €3.150 (to date)
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
	2020	2021	2021
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	64	60	51
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	75	75	89
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	1542	1000	668
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	10	12	9

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METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
Number of new clients added to database *criteria have been amended for this metric	1302	1000	589
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	803	600	392 (Including Brexit 1-1 Mentoring)

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020/2021	2021/2022	Year to Date
No. of Secondary Student Participants	962	1000	962

METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020	2021	Year to Date 2021
Number of Applications	Programme review	Programme review	Programme review

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2020	2021	Year to Date 2021
Trading Online Vouchers	430	70	116 (Total value: €245,630)

Lean For Micro Project	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	8	11	8



Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2020	2021	2021
No. of Companies who have submitted a MFI loan application through the LEO	21	23	5

August 2021 Activities

- The August Network of Entrepreneurial Women network meeting took place via Zoom
- Two Wicklow clients accepted onto the Hi-Start Programme for high calibre start-ups seeking investment from VCs and business angels.
- A national programme of training supports for craftspeople commenced, in conjunction with the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland and LEO Wicklow clients are engaging in this.
- The 'Stimulus' and 'Green for Micro' consultancy programmes are in train, offering expert guidance to approximately 50 growing LEO client businesses in 2021. Good progress is reported by the consultants with all participants.
- The LEO is continuing to help clients work through their customs queries with a further customs training course scheduled for the autumn to help companies adapt to new regulations following Brexit.
- There continues to be a high level of demand for business advice clinics throughout the summer month which are currently being run remotely. Additional Clinics are being provided to ensure that demand is being met.
- Fortnightly newsletter is circulated to clients on supports, training courses, events and other relevant information.
- Social media and LEO website updates are carried out a number of times a week to raise awareness and promote the LEO supports.
- Applications for the Trading Online Voucher Scheme continue to be submitted with 116 approved to date for 2021, at a value of €245,630). The grant has now reverted to 50% from 1st January 2021.
- The LEO national #LookforLocal campaign continued throughout July / August 2021 to support the re-opening of the economy and showcasing local businesses in order to stimulate investment in local economy through digital marketing channels and e-newsletter. A #LookforLocal digital promotional day took place Friday 10th September while campaign is now wound down.
- An extensive Export Development programme has been developed for roll out in partnership with LEO Kildare in Q3/4 2021 to assist first time exporters get ready. Seven Wicklow businesses are registered to participate. This event is part of our strategic focus on assisting longer established clients to successfully develop new markets.
- LEO Wicklow and Kildare are taking the lead on organising one national virtual event for National Women's Enterprise Day to take place on Thursday 7th October. An events co-ordinator has been appointed to project manage the event on behalf of the LEO network. The programme features a strong line up of female entrepreneurs and workshop sessions covering topics such as internationalisation, competitiveness, digitalisation, sustainability and inspirational case studies of LEO clients. The event was launched on 8th September with the theme #Build the Future.
- LEO Wicklow is the lead LEO for taking bookings for the East region Food Academy Programme with 10 food producers from the east region booked on. First workshop took place in July and will continue



throughout the remainder of the year with another 4 workshops and a Supervalu buyer pitching session.

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The Autumn Winter 2021 business skills training programme is now open for bookings through our online portal on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow. An extensive training delivery procurement exercise preceded the organisation of the programme.

Autumn Winter Business Skills Training Courses now added to our website for booking include:

- ✚ Start Your Own Business course, 31st August (Full and commenced)
- ✚ Trading Online Voucher Seminar, 2nd September (27 participants)
- ✚ Export Development Programme – Joined programme between LEO Wicklow and Kildare, starting September. (7 participants)
- ✚ Tax & VAT for Start Ups, 13,15 & 17 September, 11 participants booked on.
- ✚ The Owner Manager Development Programme, 21 participants booked on, commenced in first week of September.
- ✚ Effective use of Social Media, Beginners level: 22 September 2021
- ✚ Prepare your business for Customs, 12th October
- ✚ Employment Law, 30 September 2021

LEO Wicklow recognises the opportunity present within the tourism industry as a significant opportunity to build a business due to the increasing numbers of Irish and International tourists visiting Wicklow for its natural beauty and has organised a Start Your Own Business programme for potential new businesses in the tourism, recreation and hospitality sectors, with a focus on Greenways and Blueways. The programme will create an ongoing peer support network and cluster of SMEs who are focused on projects within the same sector. There is the added possibility of collaboration in terms of new product or service development as you explore the ideation process. Participants may also support each other in the early years of business through referrals and other sales and marketing collaboration.

The 10-week programme will be delivered online commencing Thursday 7th October to Thursday 9th December 7.00pm to 10.00 pm.



3. Planning and Development

Forward Planning

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.

The First Chief Executive's Report was issued to the Elected Members on Friday 12th June 2020. This Report forms part of the statutory procedure for the review of the existing plan and the preparation of the new plan. Its purpose is to report on the outcome of the statutory consultation process and to set out the Chief Executive's opinion on the issues raised in the submissions received.

At Council meetings held on the 10th and 17th May, the Members voted to amend the proposed draft plan.

The draft Plan as amended by the Members and associated environmental reports is currently on public display since the 4th June for 12 weeks plus 2 week extension. The Draft Plan and associated documents was available to view and download from the consultation portal to Monday 30th August 2021 (2 week extension as per decision of members at meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2021) . Submissions or observations regarding the Draft Plan and the associated Environmental Report were invited from the public and interested bodies.

Section 9 A (5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) - Extension to period of review of County Development Plan -

At Council meeting held on Tuesday the 27th July 2021 it was agreed by the members as follows:

That Wicklow County Council under section 9A(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as inserted by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2021), having regard to the extraordinary circumstances arising from the risk to public health posed by the spread of Covid-19 and the disruption to the completion of the review of the development plan and the preparation of a new development plan caused by restrictions introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, that a further period of one year (12 months) is necessary to complete the review and to prepare and make the new development plan in particular having regard to the need to ensure adequate time to complete the remaining stages of the plan process, including providing adequate opportunities and time for the public to engage with the process'.

The consultation period ended on 30th of August 2021

06 Nov 2019	<p>Advertise intention to review existing plan and prepare new plan. Call for submissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notice given to Minister, the Regional Assembly and any relevant Government and local organisations // boards/ officials, infrastructure providers etc - Planning authority takes whatever additional measures it considers necessary to consult with the general public and other interested bodies. - Public meetings held.
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10 Jan 2020	End of consultation period, last date for submissions.
	Chief Executive prepares report on submissions and matters arising out of consultations.
12 June 2020	Chief Executive's Report on submissions / consultations issued to members.
	Consideration of the Chief Executive's Report by the members.
07 Sept 2020	Latest date for directions by members.
	Preparation of proposed draft development plan
16 March 2021	Proposed draft development plan issued to members for their consideration.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of draft development plan by members. - Draft development plan may be adopted or amended by resolution.
17 May 2021	Draft development plan made
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Notice and copy of draft plan sent to Minister and any relevant Government bodies/ boards/ officials. -Notice of preparation of draft plan published in newspaper.
04 June 2021	Display of draft development plan commences
10 weeks (extended + 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft plan on display for not less than 10 weeks, during which time written submissions invited - Notice served on the owners / occupiers of protected structures of the proposed addition / deletion of structure from the record of protected structures.
30 Aug 2021	End of display of draft plan, last date for submissions.
12 weeks	Chief Executive prepares report on submissions received on draft development plan and submits report to members for consideration.
22 Nov 2021	Chief Executive's Report on draft development plan issued to members.
12 weeks + 9 days over Christmas	Consideration of draft plan and Chief Executive's Report by members.
24 Feb 2022	Latest date for completion of consideration of draft plan by members and draft plan accepted or amended.



Members
Accept Draft

Members Seek to Amend Draft

Date	Action
3 weeks	If proposed amendment is a material alteration of the draft plan, notice of proposed amendment is published in newspaper and written submissions are invited.
16 March 2022	Latest date for notice of proposed amendment. Proposed amendment on display.
4 weeks	
12 April 2022	End of display of amendments, last day for submissions
4 weeks	Chief Executive prepares report and submits it to members for consideration.
09 May 2022	Chief Executive's Report on amendments issued to members
6 weeks	Members consider amendment and Chief Executive's Report
19 June 2022	Latest date for completion of consideration of amendments by members and members make the plan with or without the proposed amendment.

Members Make Development Plan

<p>↓</p> <p>4 weeks</p> <p>24 March 2022</p>	<p>4 weeks</p> <p>16 July 2022</p>	<p>-Publish notice of the making of the plan in newspaper</p> <p>-Plan put on display.</p> <p>-Copy of plan sent to Minister and any relevant Government bodies/ boards/ officials.</p> <p>-Notice served on owner / occupiers of protected structure of addition or deletion of structure from record of protected structures.</p> <p>Development Plan has effect</p>
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Wicklow Heritage & Biodiversity Office

- Third meeting of Wicklow Heritage Forum in 2021 held on 8th Sept to oversee implementation of County Heritage Plan programme. Heritage Plan allocations received from The Heritage Council for the implementation of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan actions in 2021 (€27,000).
- Glendalough Community Archaeology Project: WCC supported a 2 week community excavation 3rd – 13th Aug in association with UCD and the Glendalough Heritage Forum. 50 +participants. Online archaeology talk held for Heritage Week. HO working with the Glendalough Heritage Forum on production of a Lego model reconstruction of monastic city project , funded by the Heritage Council.
- County Wicklow Geology Publication, currently being edited by HO and GSI. Based on County Geological Sites audit, this will be a coffee table, user friendly format for general release and sale.
- Our Wicklow Heritage: 'Daoine agus Áit – Connecting our communities'. Joint project, co-funded with Healthy Ireland, in partnership with National Museum of Ireland, Clare and Galway county council's heritage offices. 19 Community groups (45 persons) participated in photography and creative writing workshops to produce bespoke postcards for their local area. Postcards produced and distributed for Heritage Week along with short videos from each group.
- National Heritage Week 15th- 22nd August. 45+ projects registered online for county Wicklow on www.heritageweek.ie for County Wicklow. WCC projects registered include Wicklow Swift Project; Daoine agus Ait Connecting Communities; River Liffey Stories Film Project
- Wicklow Biodiversity Action. Funding of €29,950 allocated under the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund based on application submitted by Heritage Officer. Three projects are being funded to enhance conservation management of council owned properties, 1 at Brittas Bay , 2 at selected historic graveyards and 3 at Kilmacanogue marsh. All projects commenced June- July with botanical, bat and invertebrate surveys. Public open event planned for Sat 18th September at Brittas Bay. Access improvements planned in Kilmacanogue Marsh in association with Bray MD in Sept/ Oct.
- Community Monument Fund (CMF). Notification received on 16th June from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of a total funding of €65,000 for Wicklow archaeology projects under the CMF2021. The seven projects have been approved; Baltinglass Hillforts, an assessment of archaeological significance; Whitfield Graveyard access improvements; Wicklow Town Community Archaeology Initiative; Dunganstown Castle conservation advice, Kilbride archaeological investigations, Arklow Castle conservation report and the development of Conservation Management Plans for historic graveyards (Ballymacroghue , Mullinacuffe and Whitefield). All projects have commenced, and are being co-ordinated by Heritage Officer
- Protected Structures Grants: Heritage Office is co-ordinating these on behalf of planning section. Two successful projects announced for funding in county Wicklow Historic Structure Fund (HSF); Killruddery Clock tower repairs approved for €50,000 and Conservation works to the 'weir' at Russborough House approved for €50,000. A total allocation for county of €72,000 received for projects under BHIS (x 10 individual projects). Two BHIS projects complete, majority of others underway. Next progress report due to DHHLG 17th Sept.

Planning Applications

A total of 130 valid applications were received during August these include applications as follows:

Type of Development	Number Received
Individual Houses	26 (20 refer to rural house applications)
Housing Developments*	08
Agricultural Structures	02
Commercial	11
Other Developments**	83
Total	130

* Large housing Development

PRR 21/959 Drumakilla Limited, 99 units, Former Carmelite Monastery Lands, Delgany
 PPR 21/690 Drumakilla Limited, 56 units, Former Carmelite Monastery Lands, Delgany
 PPR 21/1005 Knockree Developments Limited, 58 units, Church Hill, Season Park, Newtown

**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 65 applications in August, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	04
Individual Houses	16 (10 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	44
Other Developments Requiring EIA	01
Total	65

In relation to decisions issued between January to August 2020, in comparison to the same period for 2021, the details are as follows:

	31/08/2020	31/08/2021	% increase
Total Number of decisions issued	555	749	35
Total Number of decisions to grant	479	650	35
% Grant Rate	86%	87%	

No. of Applications withdrawn

August 07 (05 refer to rural house applications)



Applications lodged with An Bord Pleanala

Strategic Housing Development

- ABP-307230-20, Ballinalea, Ashford (122 Units) – Members meeting 23/3, CE Report submitted to Bord 19/4.
- ABP-310078-21, Cookstown, Enniskerry (165 Units) Members meeting 11/5, CE Report submitted to Bord 24/6.
- ABP-311181-21, Former Bray Golf Club Lands, (591 Units) Members meeting 7/9, CE report due by 14/10

Strategic Infrastructure Development

- An Bord Pleanala has received an application for approval under section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-310090-21- Proposed development will comprise the onshore grid infrastructure including 220kV export cable circuits and fibre optic cables, new 220kV GIS substation at Shelton Abbey and overhead line connection and all associated ancillary works. In the townlands of Johnstown North, Johnstown South, Seabank, Ballymoney, Killiniskysuff, Templerainy, Coolboy, Kilbride, Shelton Abbey, Ballyrairie Lower and Ballyrairie Middle, in Co. Wicklow.
- An Bord Pleanala has received an application for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended -ABP-309991-21 - Development and operation of an inert landfill facility to backfill the existing quarry to original ground level; progressive restoration of the backfilled quarry to longterm grassland/scrub habitat: establishment and operation of a construction and demolition waste recovery facility; installation and operation of a soil washing plant and all associates site works at Ballinclare and Carrigmore townlands, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow.

Planning Enforcement

Enforcement

New Files	17
Advisory Letters	12
Warning Letters	15
Enforcement Notices	03
Legal files	00
Closed	06

County Registrar's call over 13th September - 7 cases including Arklow Caravan Park for fixing of court dates.

Vacant Sites

23 sites on Register
1 Section 15 Notice - Demand for Levy served

Municipal District	No of Sites on Register
Arklow	6
Baltinglass	2
Bray	2
Greystones	5
Wicklow	8

02 sites on appeal to ABP - Section 18
 03 sites on appeal to Valuation Tribunal
 €1,394.17 levies received.

Derelict Sites

03 No. of sites on Register
 01 Section 8(7) Notice of Entry

Register of Derelict Sites at 6th August 2021	
Municipal District	No. of Sites on Register
Wicklow	1
Baltinglass	1
Bray	1

Short-term Letting

- 40 Applications for Registration received in 2021.
- Total received to date: 88 (27 from 2019 and 21 from 2020 and 40 from 2021)
- Total files from 2019 is 27.
- Total files from 2020 is 69.
- Total files from 2021 is 78.
- 3 complaints received in 2020.
- 4 complaints received in 2021.
- 17 warning letters issued.
- 4 enforcement notices issued.
- 1 legal proceedings.
- 2 properties from 2019 being investigated at present.
- 33 properties from 2020 being investigated at present.
- 37 properties from 2021 being investigated at present.
- Open UD files from 2020 is 6.
- Closed UD files from 2020 is 4.
- Open UD files from 2021 is 9.

4. Environmental Services

Waste Management

Litter/Waste Enforcement

	2021 01.01.21 – 31.08.21
No. of Complaints Opened	1770
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	1486
No. of Litter Fines Issued	198
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	37
No. of Warning Letters Issued	35
No. of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	77
No. of Burning Applications Granted	81
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	3
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices Issued	7
No. of Annual Monitoring Charges 2021	29
No. of Direct Prosecution Cases	4
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	53
No. of Notices Issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act	1
No. of Notices Issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act	2
No. of files heard to Court re: Waste Management Issues and Unpaid Litter Fines.	22
No. of files prepared for Court re: Waste Management Issues & Unpaid Litter Fines	60
Income- Litter	€22,814.00
Income – Waste Management	€51,461.23



Whitestown Remediation Project

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

- Draft remediation plan was lodged with Brownfield restoration Ireland Limited (BRIL) on 27th November.
- Following the receipt of submissions from a number of prescribed bodies, the High Court instructed WCC to incorporate the requests contained in the submissions into the draft plan and to commence surveys required for an Appropriate Assessment.
- Quotes have been received from surveyors and the required habitat surveys, agreed with the NPWS, commenced in July.

Recycling Centres

A review of all of the Recycling Centres in line with the National Review document recently published on the DECC website is underway to assess how these Civic Amenities are operating with respect to both the service provided and VFM.

Bray Recycling Centre is now diesel free as the old diesel forklift has been replaced by an electric one and the diesel generator has been replaced by an increase in the power supply to the centre from the mains.

Hazardous Waste collection took place on 24th July in Greystones Park and Ride, and on 7th August in Rampere Recycling Centre, Baltinglass and 14th August in The Murrough Recycling Centre, Wicklow. These collections were funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications under the Anti Dumping Initiative 2021

Free mattress collections took place in Arklow Recycling Centre on 7th August and Rampere Recycling Centre on 21st August. These collections were funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications under the Anti Dumping Initiative 2021

Climate Action & Biodiversity

Priority Action Items

Following tender process, Consultants are being appointed to undertake a base line study for the Arklow Decarbonisation Zone and to assist in drawing up a draft Decarbonisation Zone Implementation Plan before the end of 2021.



LA Electrification of Fleet and EV charging - A Guidance Document was published on 17th August. One of the key recommendations from this guidance document is for each LA to prepare an EV and EVCP Strategy for their administrative areas to progress the fleet transition and implementation of suitably located EVCPs.

The draft Tree Management Policy was presented to the members of the Climate Action and Biodiversity SPC and discussed at the SPC meeting on the 9th September. Further discussion is to take place on this matter.

Upper Avoca Catchment. Funding for this has still not been sourced and we are awaiting a call for Climate Action Fund Applications.

Energy

BEC 1121 application as set out below have been approved and with the support of 3 Counties Energy agency all projects are being progressed.

The following Contracts have been put in Place:

PV Panel – Solar Electric – Site Surveys complete and installation expected before end of September.

BMS – Lawler Sustainability - Site Surveys complete and installation expected before end of September.

Lighting Upgrade – Safeco Electric – Works Complete

Location	Project	Status
Clermont	Heating Controls	Site survey complete
	PV Panel	Site survey complete
Wicklow Town Hall	PV Panel	Site survey complete
	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
Bray Civic Offices	PV Panel	Site survey complete
	Heating Controls	Site survey complete
	Lighting Upgrade	Complete

Bray Depot	PV Panel	Site survey complete
	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
Tinahely Area Office and Fire Station	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
	Insulation Upgrade	Complete
	Insulation Upgrade	Complete
	PV Panel	Site survey complete
Greystones Library	Lighting Upgrade	Complete
Coral LC Wicklow	Heat Pump Upgrade	Removed as tender was significantly higher than expected.
County Buildings	BMS	Site survey complete
7 No. EV Chargers.	EV Chargers - Double Socket	Tenders received. Work and paperwork will not be complete in time to meet SEAI deadlines.

Sustainable Energy Committees

Work recommenced in June to allow for the continuation and completion of Energy Map Plans, EMPs for Newtownmountkennedy, Greystones/Delgany, Wicklow and Blessington. Desktop work only has been undertaken in previous months. Greystones/Delgany and Newtownmountkennedy are almost complete.

Glenmalure has completed its EMP. The committee is now focused on identifying projects to implement. Laragh Energy Master Plan is also complete and has been presented to the Community. Payment is being made and a claim will then be made for reimbursement from SEAI.

A new application for a grant to undertake an Energy Master Plan was submitted by Enniskerry SEC. The grant application has been processed and a grant agreement signed between Wicklow County Council and SEAI. Work by consultants has just started.

A new application for a grant to undertake an energy master plan was received from High Park SEC with St Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan. The application has been submitted to SEAI and we are awaiting approval.

A new SEC group was formed in Arklow. The application is now complete and due to be submitted to SEAI.



Environmental Awareness

The Relove Fashion competition 2021/2022 has been launched using a new web portal for entries. This will facilitate the participation of schools across ten local authorities. The competition is now open for entries.

Work is ongoing on an EPA funded project to develop composting solutions for the management of the high levels of grass production which must be lifted when green space is being managed for pollinators. This project will help to facilitate Wicklow County Council's commitment to designate spaces for pollinators. Three Tidy Town communities have been selected for the project and started site selection and training. They are Greystones, Blessington and Grangecon.

Newtownmountkenedy has also joined the project and Clermont Campus will also be assessed for suitability.

Wicklow County Council took part in an EPA funded consultation led by the Community Reuse Network of Ireland and the Clean Technology Centre, Cork to look at developing a strategy to improve the separate collection of textiles. Following on from the consultation Wicklow County Council has been asked to be one of three local authorities which will test different approaches for improving collection. Donegal and Clare will test new collection systems while Wicklow will use a communications campaign to increase use of existing textile disposal options. The communications campaign will target one town, for which we will use Arklow, focusing on the charity shops in the town and the recycling centre. As part of the research textiles collected and textile content in household waste will be measured before and after the campaign. A meeting was held in August to select stakeholders.

This year's LAPN funding call from the EPA has been made. Three project applications were submitted from Wicklow. The first will look at circularity in textiles linking too and developing on from the CRNI/CTC textiles research project above. The project will involve workshops on upcycling of clothes and a demonstration project on upcycling partnering with charities in the town. The second project for which funding will be sought will for a Wicklow Naturally webinar or event on the circular economy for food producers. This project will be delivered in collaboration with the Wicklow LEO, highlighting the Green for Micro programme. A third project will link to the Bikes for Africa project and involve delivery of workshops on bicycle repair in the three larger recycling centres.

A Transition Year Climate Action programme to guide schools on engaging students in action at local level is being developed. Partners in the project are Kildare, Meath and Louth local authorities and the CARO office. The programme contains modules on Energy, Active Travel, Biodiversity, the Circular Economy, Water, Rivers, Food, Trees, Advocacy, Business and Air Quality. A first draft has been



prepared. We are currently exploring opportunities to link up with the GAA Future Leaders programme. Work is planned to develop module powerpoints in the coming weeks.

Wicklow County Council is working with eight other local authorities to develop a series of short videos on dog fouling for use on social media. The campaign will include six animated video each of which shows the impact dog fouling has on others using a variety of scenarios. We will seek matching gifs which can be shared by residents associations more easily on Whats app groups and will serve as reminders of the main campaign. The videos are currently in production.

A motion sensed audio device campaign has switched to delivering an anti-litter campaign on the four Blue Flag beaches reminding people to take their litter home with them. It will now be used to deliver a clean up after your dog message at popular dog walking locations this month.

Judging has been completed in the annual Tidy Town, Estates and sustainable development awards. This year the awards referenced the sustainable development goals. School entries are still being received before a final selection of prize winners.

A new Tree nursery project has been started. Training will be provided to at least three communities on the production of trees locally from seed in a nursery bed. Two community sites have been selected with two further communities expressing interest.

Beaches

Wicklow County Council asked people who swim at beaches, lakes and rivers to tell them if they think they should maintain existing designated bathing waters designations or give a new official bathing area designation to areas that are commonly used for swimming, but not identified at the moment. 30 submissions were received by 28th August and are being reviewed.

Blue Flag

Wicklow County Council retained the 4 Blue Flags at beaches at Bray South Promenade, Greystones, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South.

Brittas Bay Carparks

The carpark operator in both Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South will cease operating in September as the bathing season is now over.

A review of Waste Management and operations at the South Beach is underway with the intention of improving same.

Lifeguards

The bathing season finished on 15th September and lifeguards are no longer operating on the beaches.



Burial Grounds

Wicklow County Council has developed a columbarium wall at Springfield Cemetery, Killarney Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The development consists of two double sided walls with 96 niches on each side giving a total of 384 niches. Each side consists of 8 rows of 12 niches with each niche capable of accommodating 2 urns.

An advertisement has been placed in August inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals or companies in respect of the inscription of individual plates/niche doors and installation of the plate following inscription. One submission has been received and operations will commence in September.

Harbours and Ports

Activity at Wicklow Port

2021	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import or Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan	9	9	0	9	7	2
Feb	9	9	0	9	7	2
Mar	11	11	0	9	9	2
April	11	11	0	11	8	3
May	8	8	0	8	8	0
Jun	11	10	1	12	9	3
July	12	12	0	12	10	2
Aug	9	9	0	9	9	0



Pollution Control

Bathing Water Monitoring Programme

28 Bathing Water samples were collected and tested.

The Identified Bathing Waters were all excellent: Bray South Promenade Greystones South, Brittas Bay North, Brittas Bay South, Silver Strand and Clogga.

The Non-Identified Bathing waters were also all excellent: South of Bray Harbour, Kilcoole, The Murrough, The Cove Greystones, Wicklow Harbour, Arklow South and The Cove Arklow.

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Pollution Response & Investigation

- 5 Water pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 3 Air pollution complaints received and investigated.
- 2 Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.

Private Water Supplies

Of the 23 Private water supplies monitored.

- 1 was found non-compliant with microbiological parametric values
- 2 were found non-compliant with pH parametric values
- The water suppliers were informed of the non-compliance and advised to take remedial action.
- 1 do not consume notice was issued in respect of non-complaint arsenic result.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 14 Lakes monitored involving for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
- 39 Rivers monitored involving 187 samples for compliance with environmental quality standards.

Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigative

- 5 actions on WFD implementation & Engagement
- County Brook water quality review for EIS on a proposed development.
- Engagement with Delgany Tidy Towns on Nitrates and local water quality
- Engagement with IW on Rathnew Stream water quality drivers.
- Engagement with LAWPRO on Nitrates Action Plan LA submissions.
- Engagement with LAWPRO on pollution complaints in Priority Catchments.
- 2 Local Catchment Assessments – Rathnew Stream & Potters River sedimentation referral
- 3 targeted farm surveys completed on foot of Redcross River Catchment Assessment



The 3rd Cycle of the River basin Management Plan will commence soon with a public consultation phase. The Draft RBMP will be published by the Minister in the coming weeks. The Council will publicize it and give presentations to MD meetings and the main council meeting about the plan to promote public interest and engagement in November.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

- 31 River/Lake samples taken and analysed upstream and downstream of discharges of public wastewater treatment plants

Deco Paints and Solvent Regulations

- 1 Vehicle refinisher (car spraying) installation was issued certificate of compliance.
- 3 Vehicle refinisher (car spraying) installations advisory letter was inspected.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2021

- 1 inspection plan prepared.

Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer

- 2 licensed wastewater discharges to waters was monitored and found compliant.
- 5 licensed wastewater discharges to waters were monitored and found non-compliant and requested to take corrective action.
- 3 self-monitored licensed wastewater discharges to sewers were reviewed.
- 1 discharge licence to waters was issued – Coillte Avondale.

Planning & Development

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

Well Grants

Number of New Applications	19
Number of New Wells Granted	1
Number of New Pumps Granted	7
Number of New Equipment (Filters etc.)Granted	13
Number of Inspections in advance/after works	30



Arklow & Avoca Flood Relief Schemes

The Compulsory Purchase Order was signed by the Chief Executive and nominated member on the 25th of May 2021 and the Environmental Impact Statement and application to An Bord Pleanala was submitted to An Bord Pleanala on the 31st of May 2021

An Bord Pleanala have indicated that they are collating the submissions and dividing them into “CPO” and “Section 226”, and they will forward them for our information. It is expected that there will be an Oral Hearing as there is at least one objection to the CPO by a landowner of a significant plot of land.

Arklow Municipal District has made a submission to the OPW requesting additional glass paneling to the Scheme at South Quay.

There were 21 submissions on the Planning Application and 9 submissions to the CPO, which are currently being considered.



5. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public Lighting

The total number of faults currently outstanding stands at **235**

For your information below is a comparison on the number of outstanding faults to same period in the previous three years.

Year	2021	2020	2019	2018
Date	30/08/2021	31/08/2020	02/09/2019	03/09/2018
No. of Outstanding Faults	235	288	323	428
Difference		+53	+88	+193

	26th July 2021	3rd August 2021	9th August 2021	30th August 2021
Access Issues (Attended)				
Cable Fault (Attend)	17	15	13	12
ESB Required (Attended)	4	4	4	4
Knock Down (Attended)	27	27	27	27
Materials required	3	3	3	3
No Supply	3	3	3	3
On Hold	5	5	4	6
Submitted	11	11	11	9
Traffic Management Required	150	159	147	159
TOTAL	14	14	15	12
Percentage of lights not working	234	241	227	235



Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)	1	2	6	1	2	12
Cable Fault (Attend)					4	4
ESB Required (Attended)	11	1	5	2	8	27
Knock Down (Attended)		1	1		1	3
Materials required	1	1	1			3
No Supply	1	1	1	3		6
On Hold	2		2	3	2	9
Submitted	12	49	41	33	24	159
TMR	1	1	1	2	7	12
Grand Total	29	56	58	44	48	235
Percentage Not Working	0.99%	2.34%	1.74%	1.60%	1.33%	1.57%

Transportation Statistics (General)

	Total 2020	Running total 2021	July	August
Solicitors Queries	842	655	92	80
Road Closure Applications	23	27	5	5
Road Opening Licences	1279	1061	124	112
Abnormal Load Applications	33	28	1	6



M11/N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The elected representatives and members of Wicklow County Council received a briefing of the Preferred Corridor on 30th August and this was presented again at the council meeting on September 6th along with a demonstration of the Virtual Interactive Platform. The online public display commenced on 30th August, initially for a period of 3 weeks and subsequently extended by a further 2 weeks until 4th October. Engagement with the project Team will continue though out Phase 3 Detailed Design.

The Option Selection report will be published following the review of submission received during the non-statutory public display and will be made available to the public. Both the project team and the Land Liaison team are continuing to meet virtually with the public and any interested groups. Contact to both the liaison and project team can be made through the project website and also dmforde@wicklowcoco.ie and n11m11@arup.com

Environmental Surveys are continuing on site, with field walkover surveys including Bat, Barn Owl, Hydro Surveys, Breeding Birds, to name but a few. Updates on the surveys that are being undertaken can be found on the project website www.n11m11.ie.

M11/N11 Interim Bus Priority Project

An Interim Bulletin Up Date is intended following the public display on the J4 to 14 scheme, to update the public on the Bus Priority Interim Scheme. Arup Consulting Engineers are progressing with the development of the Phase 2 (Options Selection) and Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) are continuing

The Interim Bus Scheme will be co-ordinated by Wicklow County Council and will be supported by a Project Management team from Regional National Roads Office based in Kildare. This scheme will run separately to the main N11/M11 scheme in order to promote an earlier delivery timeframe.

N11 Kilmacanogue Parallel Service Road

The contractor is expected to achieve substantial completion of the works in September 2021 (TBC). The road works speed limit order will be lifted on completion, with the exception of the Parallel Service Road which will retain the RWSLO of 50km/h. The speed limit of 60km/h included in the current bye-laws will then apply on the N11 mainline. It is intended to amend this bye-law to allow a 100km/h speed limit as intended by the Part 8 for the scheme.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

The Knockroe Bend scheme is complete. Some defect remediation works are due to be carried out by the contractor on the road surfacing.

N81 Irishtown West, Whitestown Lower, Hangman's Bend and Tuckmill Lower "N81 Four Studies"

Following the completion of the Phase 1 (Feasibility Report) for the N81 Tuckmill Lower, Hangman's Bend, Whitestown Lower and Irishtown West projects (the 'N81 Four Studies'), Wicklow County Council has requested approval from TII to progress the scheme to Phase 2 (Route Selection) in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines (PMG).

N81 Pavement Capital Works

TII have allocated funding to resurface circa 4km south of Blessington. These works commenced in August and were substantially completed in September 2021.



N81 Capital Maintenance

TII have provided an allocation for resurfacing works from Ballinacrow Upper to Saundersgrove Hill and at Hollywood Lower. These works were completed in July 2021.

Sustainable Transportation Measures Grant Schemes

Bray Strand Road Cycle Route – Paving works on the Plaza are substantially complete. Public lighting has been installed and street furniture and landscaping are currently being completed. It is anticipated that the works will be substantially completed by the end of September.

Bray Dart Interchange – Atkins Consulting Engineers are currently finalising the detail design for this project. It is anticipated that the detail design will be completed in October.

Greystones Transport Study – The Contract for Consultants to undertake the Greystones Transport Study has been awarded to Ove Arup Consulting Engineers. Work on the study will commence by the end of September.

Arklow Transport Study – DBFL Consulting Engineers have carried out a baseline assessment of the study area and are drafting the Baseline Report. They have also commenced work on the Context Report which will identify the transport objectives and issues relating to the study area.

Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme – The Topographic survey has been completed of the lands in Sans Souci and Convent View. A preliminary design is currently being drafted.

Delgany Village Accessibility Scheme – Tenders were advertised for Consultants to undertake the management of the project from Detail Design Stage to Project Completion. Two tenders have been received and these are currently being assessed.

Safe Routes to School – The Greenschools Infrastructure Officer is meeting with each of the three schools that are included in the first phase of the Safe Route to Schools Programme for Wicklow. User surveys will be carried out in each school and Delivery Plans will then be drafted.

NTA Active Travel 2021 – There are 13 schemes listed under the Active Travel 2021 programme with overall funding allocation of €1.517M. Gateway approval submissions have been made to the NTA for 8 of the schemes with further submissions anticipated during September 2021 as final design layouts and procurement is progressed. Construction Works have commenced on 7 of the schemes with further schemes to start in the coming weeks.

Wicklow County Council Compulsory Purchase Chapel Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Infrastructure Improvement Scheme) No.1 Order, 2021

Wicklow County Council has prepared and lodged CPO documents with An Bord Pleanála in order to upgrade the existing Chapel Road by the provision of pedestrian and cycle infrastructure to improve traffic arrangements and pedestrian and cyclist accessibility.

The upgrade works include the improvement of the Chapel Road/Convent Road Roundabout, the upgrade of footpaths, the provision of cycle tracks facilities, pedestrian crossings, public lighting, traffic calming measures new road signs and road markings, new gullies draining to a new storm water collection system, the provision of a 250mm PE4 Bar main along the extent of Chapel Road, the construction of new boundary treatments, new entrances, and landscaping.



The period for lodging objections to the CPO ended on 13th August 2021.

Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre Refurbishment Scheme

A consultant has been appointed to provide Technical Consultancy Services to bring the Newtownmountkennedy Town Centre Refurbishment scheme from Preliminary Design / planning and readiness for application for funding for construction. The scheme intends to undertake works to focus on the enhancement of Newtownmountkennedy town centre to address issues of physical and economic decline with significant levels of vacancy and a lack of focal points in the town centre. Significant traffic management issues have also been identified. At the same time Wicklow County Council intends to provide a relevant and necessary level of community facilities in order to build social cohesion and enable a resilient community.

A meeting with the local community has taken place to hear their expectations / main issues.

Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm

A consultant has been appointed to provide Technical Consultancy Services to bring the Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm scheme through all stages. Under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Wicklow County Council received funding for the construction of the Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm. This involves public realm and streetscape improvements to the Parade Ground area and Main Street, amendments to the existing parking arrangements and bus stop on Arklow Main Street.

A contractor has been appointed for the works and is due to start in September 2021

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Wicklow County Council is currently advancing on proposals to complete the Blessington Inner Relief Road Project. The completion of the Blessington Inner Relief Road will provide a safer transport facility and will take traffic away from the busy town centre. The project will involve the construction of a northern and southern section, which will tie in with existing sections west of the town centre. A consultant has been appointed for the scheme to bring it through all stages of the design / planning and land access.

Currently carrying out high level environmental assessments of the options

Arklow Shillelagh Greenway

Wicklow County Council issued letters to all landowners along the above route advising that updated additional environmental surveys are required in advance of planning and environmental reports. These will be carried out in October 2021 and documents for planning updated after that.

Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge

Wicklow County Council has advertised and commenced the public consultation of the Part 8 process for Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge Project.

The period for making submissions and objections to the proposed development ended on 6th September 2021. These submissions will now be reviewed by the project team.

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

Consultants are progressing through the detailed design of this Public Realm improvement scheme with the intention of inviting tenders for construction Q4 2021.

Cunningham's Corner: As part of Specific Road Improvement Funding, realignment of a bend is required on the R755 Roundwood to Killmacanoge Road (near Djouce golf club) where there have



been a number of incidents over the years. Consultants are working on 2 options and communications have been made with the affected Landowners.

Sallys Bridge: Construction has commenced at Sallys Bridge to widen the existing junction to improve sight lines and turning movements. Due to insufficient width the bridge parapet wall is being continuously damaged. Drainage works are required as part of this project.

Bridge Crew works: The Bridge crew are to commence re-building a section of damaged parapet at Ballinaclesh bridge, capping will be replaced in conjunction with works. Tombreane bridge parapet was repaired after being hit by a vehicle and scour repairs completed at Boley Bridge, Shillelagh within the last few weeks.

Machinery Yard – Working with Climate team in relation to installing EV chargers in Council depots across the county. EV charger tender has been assessed. Recommendation to appoint contractor is next phase of process. EV chargers will be installed in 6 depots across the county. Nissan and Peugeot Electric Vans have been road tested within the Municipal Districts and we currently have 2 vehicles on trial.

Capital replacement programme for replacement of the fleet continues.

A trial of new fleet maintenance systems ongoing in the Machinery Yard, as part of compliance with RSA regulations.

The new **Pro Works App**– has been rolled out to the roads section and Municipal Districts and plans in place for rollout to rest of organisation.

Surface Dressing : Summer Surface Dressing programme commenced on the 30th May and works programme for 2021 complete and after care sweeping has finished also.

Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	521,995
Greystones Municipal District	164,258
Wicklow Municipal District	173,336
Arklow Municipal District	102,482
Parking Permits	43,785
Parking Fines	201,286
Wicklow County Council	1,207,141

Water Services

Key Performance Indicators (KPI's):

Under the Annual Service Plan with Irish Water, Wicklow County Council continues to be scored on Key Performance Indicators. The 2020 overall score was 94.4% which reflects the excellent



performance of Wicklow County Council staff across all pillars within the Annual Service plan throughout the year.

The KPI performance score for Quarter 1 was 90.7% and for Quarter 2 was 80.8%. The overall score is comprised of a range of KPI scores for the quarter. In Quarter 2 the total number of favourable KPI's was 13, 1 was marginal and 3 were unfavourable.

- A score of 100% was achieved for Notice of Planned Works
- A score of 97.4% was achieved for Notification of Interruptions
- A score of 100% was achieved for microbiological compliance in the drinking water supply
- A score of 98.9% was achieved for the chemical compliance in the drinking water supply
- A score of 100% was achieved for Waste Water Treatment – UWWTD (Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive)
- A score of 94% was achieved for Waste Water Treatment – WWDL
- A score of 93.6% was achieved for Financial – Operational Expenditure Control.

Ballyconnell WwTP Upgrade

Works on the new plant are nearly completed. The plant has new primary tank, aeration tanks, control panels, chemical storage and treatment works. Clean water test was successfully carried out on 03/09/2021. Connection works are complete. Plant is in operation. Inlet screen expected to be installed 14/09/21.

Arklow WwTP

The €139 million Arklow Wastewater Scheme formally commenced on the ground with a sod turning ceremony at the old Wallboard Factory site in Arklow on 30th August.

It is anticipated that WCC Water services staff will participate in particular “workshops” with Irish Water as per Irish Water’s Capital Project’s technical governance procedures. There may also be other more informal interactions with project participants on the ground.

Blessington WwTP Upgrade

The upgrade to the Blessington WWTP is due to start in Q4 of 2021 to be completed in Q4 of 2022. The Upgrade will increase the PE into the plant and allow planning applications that have been granted, subject to planning permission to be progressed.

Aughrim WwTP

The Fine Bubble Diffuser Aeration (FBDA) contract has been awarded. New control panel was installed on 13/09/2021. New roof has been installed on the control house

Barndarrig PWS Rationalisation.

IW has confirmed that funding is available for the Barndarrig PWS Rationalisation Scheme. The scheme will see the installation of 3.1Km of 160mm PE watermain between the Redcross PWS and the Barndarrig PWS. Both Barndarrig PWS and Redcross PWS will effectively become one single PWS. These works will provide security of DW supply in Barndarrig. Contractor will consult with water services staff to agree a finalised design in the next few weeks and the scheme should be completed by the end of Q1 2022.

Roundwood PWS Rationalisation.

IW has confirmed that funding is available for the Roundwood PWS Rationalisation Scheme. The scheme will see the installation of 3.7Km of 180mm PE watermain from Vartry reservoir to Roundwood. The Roundwood PWS will now become part of the Greater Dublin Area DW network.

These works will provide security of DW supply in Roundwood. Scheme should be completed by the end of Q1 2022.

Vartry Plant upgrade works.

A new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) has been constructed at the Vartry Treatment Plant. The new WTP will replace the existing WTP when it is fully commissioned. The construction works for the new WTP are in their final phase. The sand filters and other vital equipment in the plant have been upgraded/replaced in the last few months. The new filters are currently being commissioned. The new WTP should be running at full production capacity during October 2021.

Dunlavin PWS Rationalisation and Growth.

IW has recently confirmed that they will construct a new 7km watermain connection from Co. Kildare to Dunlavin. This will allow IW to decommission and remove the existing Dunlavin WTP, Reservoir and associated watermains. This will provide security of DW supply in Dunlavin where there is currently very little spare capacity. The Construction Works should commence in early 2022 and a consultant will be appointed by the end of Q3 2021.

Emergency Services

Operational Fire Statistics September 2021

	TOTAL	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baitinglass	Carnew	Tinahely
Call sign		1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
Two Stations Mobilised											
Fire Domestic Persons Reported	2			1	1						
Fire Domestic	8	3	3							1	1
Fire Caravan	2	1	1								
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	25	3	4	4	3	3	2**	2	2*	1	1
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	0										
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	5	1	1	1		2					
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	2			1		1					
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	16	5	9			2					
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	8	1	2	3		1		1			

Fire Chimney	0										
Fire Small / bin / skip / bonfire	18	13		3		2					
Fire Vehicle	1			1							
Flooding	0										
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	1							1			
Ambulance Assist	12	2	3	1		1			3	1	1
Garda Assist	5	2	1	2							
Electrical Incident	1					1					
Gas Leak	1		1								
River / Water Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	1	1									
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	0										
Animal Rescue	1										1
Lock In / Lock Out	1		1								
False Alarm – Good Intent	5	1		1	2	1					
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	7						4		2	1	
Times Stations mobilised	122	33	26	18	6	14	6	4	7	4	4

Operational Fire Statistics August 2021

* 9th August Baltinglass were assisted by a crew from Hacketstown in Carlow

** 14th August Blessington were assisted by a crew from Naas in Kildare

There were **101 incidents** attended during the month of August 2021.

Operational activity for the month of August **decreased by -12% on the preceding month** (July 2021 – 139 mobilisations). While fires in buildings increased (from 2 to 9) there was a significant reduction in “gorse / wildland” fires (from 29 to 8). Small outdoor fires started maliciously continue to be an issue in the Bray area (approximately 3 to 4 per week).

Operational activity for the month of August 2021 **increased by +26% on the equivalent month in 2020** (August 2020 – 97 mobilisations). This is accounted for by an increase in fires in buildings (up from 2 to 8) by an increase in small outdoor fires started maliciously (up from 3 to 18). Due to more settled weather there was a decrease in trees down and rescues from water.



General

During the month of August Wicklow County Fire Service delivered a nationally accredited 3-week QQOI Firefighting Skills Course (from 9th to 27th) in Bray. This course for recruits / new entrants to the Fire Service consisted of 17 Students from Wicklow, Offaly, Tipperary, Waterford, Monaghan, Sligo and Kildare.

Breathing Apparatus training took place in Bray on 30th and 31st of the month with 10 Wicklow Firefighters exercised each day.

4 Firefighters undertook Emergency Services Driving Tests with an accredited RSA Tester on 3rd and 4th Aug having completed their training in July.

Fire Prevention Statistics August 2021

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	9		1		12
Regularisation Certificates					
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice					
Disability Access Certificates	8				5

Note: An extension of time was agreed with the applicant on 2 occasions during the month

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
District	36				
Circuit					
Dangerous Substances Act					
Explosive Act					

Note: In excess of 70 annual liquor licence applications are expected to be received, premises inspected and court documentation processed during the month of September

General

22 planning files during the month and recommendations on 21 of these files were made.



Building Control

Commencement Notices for Aug 2021:

- Commencement Notices Submitted: 40
- 8 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 19 Opt Out Declarations
- 8 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 5 Seven day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 47 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 63 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 25 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
- 7 are Compliance Documentation (28%)
- 15 are Opt Out (60%)
- 1 Without Compliance Documentation (4%)
- 2 Seven Day Notice (8%)

32 Valid Commencement Notices

- 119 new build residential Units (20 of which are one off houses)
- 19 new Duplex Units
- Invalidated CNs for August = 2

Certificates of Completion processed in August 2021

- 21 New No. of CCC submitted
- 23 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid

Submission Statistics

- 23 No. Validated CCCs related to;
- 18 No CCCs submitted in August 2021
- 3 No CCCs submitted in July 2021
- 9 Revised Info Requests from August

Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. HR and Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in August:

- IS Analyst Developer Gr 6
- Leakage Locator
- IS Technical Support Gr 5

Employee Numbers

Employee Numbers	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Managerial/Administrative	293	292	296	297
Professional/Technical	105	108	123	118
Outdoor	324	323	268	264
Temporary/Seasonal	31 (reduction relates to lifeguards)	31	51	71 (increase relates to lifeguards)
Non DOHPLG	8	8	8	8
Total	761	762	746	758

Employee Numbers	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Managerial/Administrative	294	293	292	296
Professional/Technical	104	105	108	123
Outdoor	320	324	323	268
Temporary/Seasonal	55	31 (reduction relates to lifeguards)	31	51
Non DOHPLG	8	8	8	8
Total	781	761	762	746



Access to Information

F.O.I. Requests

August 2021: 8	August 2020: 12
Jan – August 2021: 60	Jan – August 2020: 67

Ombudsman Requests

August 2021	5
January to August 2021	17

August 2020	0
January to August 2020	17

Press Releases

August 2021 – 10 Press Releases

Register of Electors

The 2021/2022 Live Register was published on 1st February 2021 in line with statutory regulations. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Emergency we are limited in the number of areas we can distribute the Register to. The Register is available for inspection in each of the Municipal District Offices and at the Customer Service Hub in County Buildings. The Political Extract was generated and issued to all Council Members, TD's and Senator via email. The total number of Electors on the 2021/2022 Live Register of Electors is 102,346 and there are 206 polling stations in Wicklow.

The Franchise staff will continue to strive for excellence on the Register of Electors database. We are continuing to accept applications from 18 year olds and new residents moving into the county in the event that an electoral event occurs and there is a requirement for a Supplement Register. We will continue to make contact with new housing developments and urban areas where new developments are coming on stream in an effort to get new residents register and have had a good response from new housing developments in the past 2 months.

We will continue to work on areas where there is a lack of Eircodes and dates of birth. Wicklow Co. Co. are now the lead authority in terms of Eircode coverage on the register with over 99% of the electorate having an Eircode attached to their Register of Electors entry. We are continuing to assist the LGMA in their exercise to have other Local Authorities achieve similar Eircode coverage on their own Register of Electors. Approximately 1500 letters have issued to electors for whom we have no date of birth or an anomaly in their date of birth entry. We are also working very closely with the Department of Heritage, Planning and Local Government as one of the lead authorities on the Electoral Register Reform Bill.

We will be commencing a print and social media presence in the coming weeks to seek applications to entry on the Register of Electors along with postal vote applications for the elderly and vulnerable if they wish to have a postal vote. It is hoped still that once Covid restrictions are lifted that we will be in a position to establish voter registration days in schools, shopping centres and libraries.



Customer Service Innovation Hub

2021 - Quarter 2			
Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	44,043	Motor Taxation	966
No. of Emails	4,342	Revenue	489
No. of Elected Members	390	Social Housing Applications	333
CRM Cases	2,089		

Communication

Communication has been a vital tool in our organisation, especially over the challenging last few months. Due to the need for us all to maintain social distancing alternative methods of holding and administrating meetings had to be introduced. Various technologies such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Cisco WebEx have been tested and deployed throughout the organisation, depending on the business need.

Our key objective is to ensure that there is clear, consistent and appropriate communication between Wicklow County Council and all Staff. Communication has been delivered through Microsoft Teams and other technologies such as Zoom, as well as our traditional methods, such as e-mail and text alerts.

LAMA All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2021, is an excellent opportunity for all Local Authorities to showcase the great work being done in the Community.

Wicklow County Council have submitted 19 projects, as follows :

Category 1 : Community Initiatives:	Proposed Submissions
Arts/Culture incl. Festival's & Events	Summer Songs Inland and by the Sea Wicklow Passport (promote culture)
Community based Initiatives	Covid Care Concerts (Wicklow Nursing Homes) Wicklow Library – Read Rainbow
Community Volunteer of the Year	Jason Mulhall – Blessington Tidy Towns
Category 2 : Economic Development Initiatives:	
Beat Local Authority Innovation for attracting Inward Investment	Arklow Courthouse Enterprise Hub
Category 3 : Facility/Infrastructure Initiatives:	



Best Educational Building	Wicklow County Campus
Disability Access and Inclusion	Customer Service Hub Changing Places Wicklow Library
Best Public Park	Dog Park Arklow
Best Social Housing Project/initiative	The Carraig Eden project
Category 4 : Collaboration and Leadership Initiatives:	
Best Tourism Initiative	Wicklow Passport Refurbishment of Fitzwilliam Square Samuel Hayes Bridge
Best Community Health Initiative	San Remo Project
Best CSR Community programme (Corporate Social Responsibility)	Rathcoran House Project Wicklow Library – Read Rainbow
Category 5 : Environmental Initiatives:	
Best Environmental/Ecological Project/Initiative	Wicklow Swift Project WCC mapping tool – Sustainable Development Goals



2. I.C.T.

IT Helpdesk

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 30 tickets a day, providing assistance for both in-house and remote workers.
- Examination of system upgrades potential is underway.

Domain Migration

- Server migration is almost complete.

Upgrade to Core HR System

- Upgrade and Migration complete.

Implementation of ePlanning

- Systems and Project Plan in Place to rollout ePlanning

GIS & Data Collection Systems

- Development of an interactive walking trails portal has commenced in collaboration with Wicklow Tourism.
- Online consultation portal for the N11/M11 upgrade has gone live and is available to view in County Buildings and online.
- Testing of new OGC standard WMS/WMTS from the OSi has begun with plans for full integration into our systems in September.
- Post processing of datasets procured from BlueSky has commenced. These included DSM, DTM, Aerial and Tree Management data.
- Arklow Municipal District's Road's Section is collaborating with the inhouse Applications Development Team, to design and develop a new generation of "Smart" mobile data collection applications.

Customer Service Delivery

- Support for the Customer Service Innovation Hub is ongoing with further improvements and enhancements implemented. The Customer Service project requires a high level of IT collaboration with both hardware and software elements integrated into the Hub.
- Work continues with the business process mapping and DPIA's are being carried out for each process as it arises.
Avaya IP Office Phone System has been modified to integrate the Avaya Contact Centre Select Hardware Appliance and software. This has led to greater integration with call reporting systems and has improved customer service delivery.

eServices

Wicklow.ie – pageviews from August 1st, 2020, to July 31st, 2021, were 1,464,238. This indicates an increase of 3724 pageviews compared the same period the previous year.

- Social media accounts – followers to date
 - o Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 10,162 followers. This is an increase of 405 followers or 4 % on the previous month.



o Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 7,351 followers. This is an increase of 49 followers or .5% on the previous month.

o Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 2247 followers. This is an increase of 232 followers or 10.5% on the previous month.

- The Online Consultation Hub on Wicklow.ie continues to feature in enhanced consultation campaigns. These have included–
 - o Main Street Kilcoole
 - o Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Businesses
 - o Designation of Bathing Waters

- Social media campaigns have continued over the last month.
 - o #KeepWell
 - o #OutdoorsForEveryone

Response to COVID-19

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

- Small Business Assistance Scheme – Support for applications and backend systems integration continues.
- Community Call Helpline remains in place with support to the helpline staff
- Remote Working Requirements for staff of Wicklow County Council
- Blended model for return-to-work arrangements
- Government Networks
- Phone Systems
- Call Conferencing
- Communications and awareness
- Laptops procured and configured to support remote working for key staff in vital business areas.
- Remote working licencing has increased in all business areas with ~300 WCC users now having the facility to work remotely using a combination of Citrix and Cisco.



FINANCIAL

Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST AUGUST 2021							
	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Actual Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Income	Adopted Full Year Budget	% Budget Spent to Date	Actual Expenditure / (Income)
	€	€	%	€	€	%	€
Housing and Building	17,510,023	28,035,818	62%	(19,943,721)	(33,580,464)	59%	(2,433,698)
Road Transport & Safety	13,349,804	22,299,168	60%	(8,435,243)	(15,497,938)	54%	4,914,561
Water Services	3,358,437	5,823,666	58%	(4,100,056)	(6,857,035)	60%	(741,620)
Development Management	9,434,780	11,471,622	82%	(6,185,290)	(6,226,652)	99%	3,249,490
Environmental Services	8,023,656	11,897,222	67%	(1,361,836)	(2,069,370)	66%	6,661,820
Recreation and Amenity	4,812,675	7,946,046	61%	(692,351)	(882,197)	78%	4,120,324
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	898,098	1,496,632	60%	(589,145)	(834,228)	71%	308,953
Miscellaneous Services	14,584,414	10,447,823	140%	(13,387,617)	(7,747,758)	173%	1,196,797
Central Management Charges	12,853,390	19,212,563	67%	(679,562)	(1,000,000)	68%	12,173,828
Local Government Fund				(8,004,599)	(12,006,898)	67%	(8,004,599)
Pension Levy				0	0		0
Commercial Rates				(21,385,347)	(32,078,021)	67%	(21,385,347)
	84,825,278	118,630,560	72%	(84,764,767)	(118,780,561)	71%	60,511

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 August 2021 to 31st August 2021.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST AUGUST 2021					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2021	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 31/08/2021
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	17,611,344	36,748,613	(35,778,320)	(356,500)	18,225,137
Road Transport & Safety	(44,050,309)	9,763,298	(7,092,941)	27,083	(41,352,869)
Water Services	(11,018,071)	222,881	(711,103)	(10,000)	(11,516,293)
Development Management	(8,802,936)	481,625	(361,584)	(810,308)	(9,493,203)
Environmental Services	1,504,016	1,347,971	(1,578,042)	(346,250)	927,695
Recreation and Amenity	(1,312,600)	1,804,340	(1,875,814)	(95,500)	(1,479,574)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,234,386)	58,544	0	(115,743)	(1,291,586)
Miscellaneous Services	(16,085,971)	2,051,922	(1,867,428)	(18,999)	(15,920,477)
	(63,388,913)	52,479,194	(49,265,232)	(1,726,217)	(61,901,168)



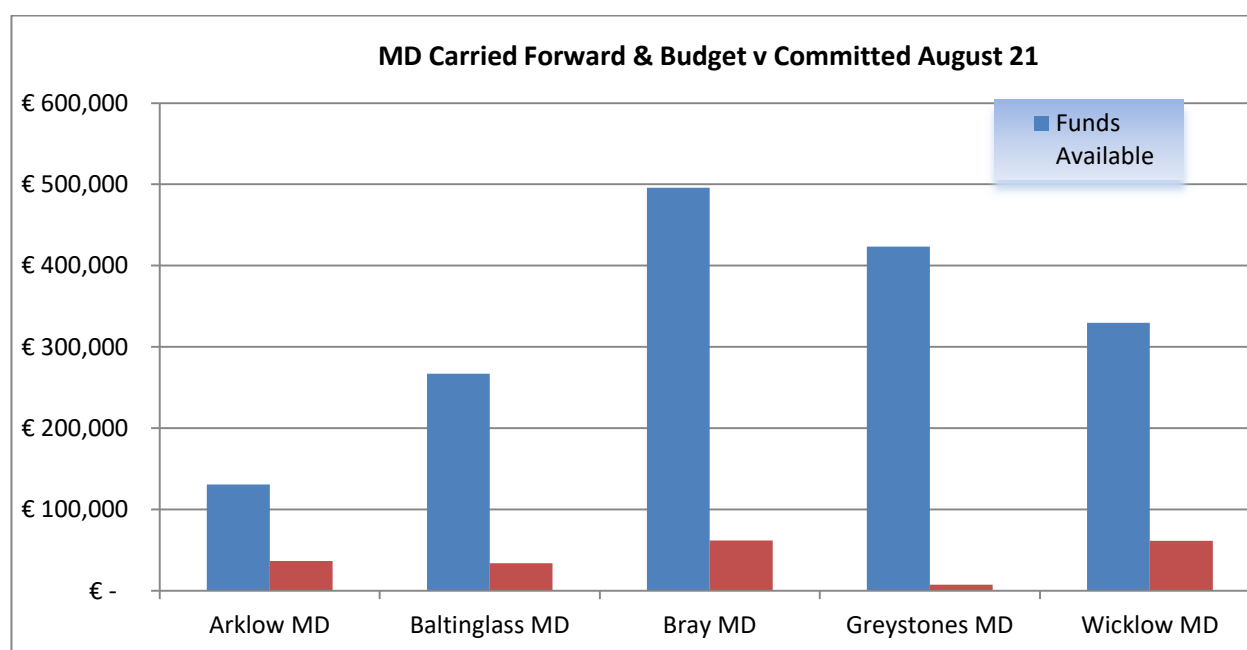
Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 31ST AUGUST 2021										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2021	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/08/2021	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	8,194,672	32,065,945	2,110	4,710	(7,375,060)	32,892,378	(19,472,507)	13,419,870	1,979,083	63%
Rents & Annuities	2,735,687	11,224,561	0	(30,683)	0	13,929,566	(10,844,859)	3,084,707	0	78%
Housing Loans	446,214	1,176,788	0	0	0	1,623,002	(1,357,686)	265,316	0	84%

Nine Month Rates Waiver: A waiver of commercial rates was applied to specified businesses for the first, second and third quarters of 2021. This 9-month waiver has modified criteria and accordingly is a separate, standalone waiver scheme to the previous 2020 scheme. There was no application process required for this scheme. Wicklow County Council automatically applied a 100% credit in lieu of commercial rates for the quarter periods to eligible properties.

General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2021

The Discretionary Funding allocation for 2021 was decreased in line with the 2021 LPT rate reduction. The 2021 funding provision consists of mainly General Municipal Allocations used to support local groups and initiative etc. There was no public realm funding allocated this year, however unspent monies in this area from 2020 have been made available to Municipal Districts in 2021. The Level 5 Covid restrictions on construction which were in place up to May 4th prevented any public realm works being carried out up to that date.





Municipal District	C/F from 2020	Adopted Budget 2021	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	76,907	54,000	130,907	36,444	94,463
Baltinglass MD	245,041	22,000	267,041	33,718	233,323
Bray MD	433,456	62,500	495,956	61,939	434,017
Greystones MD	392,553	31,000	423,553	7,300	416,253
Wicklow MD	296,693	33,000	329,693	61,578	268,115
Total	1,444,650	202,500	1,647,150	200,980	1,446,170

Capital Investment Programme 2020-2022

The Capital Investment Programme 2021-2023 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 Council meeting of March 1st 2021.

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

PROGRAMME GROUP	Expected Outlay				Proposed Funding				
	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	Dev Charges ¹	Loan	Grant Aid ²	Other ³	TOTAL
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
HOUSING AND BUILDING	149,460,000	148,060,000	147,760,000	445,280,000		30,000,000	360,740,000	54,540,000	445,280,000
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	33,009,134	16,435,578	14,227,500	63,672,212	11,045,290	7,795,000	41,907,749	2,924,173	63,672,212
WATER SERVICES	150,000	150,000	150,000	450,000			450,000		450,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	2,340,000	8,178,000	6,300,000	16,818,000	1,097,800	-	10,114,200	5,606,000	16,818,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	1,250,000	4,010,000	11,775,000	17,035,000			16,210,000	825,000	17,035,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	4,583,594	25,749,891	17,823,000	48,156,485	9,439,775	-	37,696,710	1,020,000	48,156,485
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	1,150,000	25,320,000	27,062,946	53,532,946	4,647,869		43,837,209	5,047,869	53,532,946
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	1,950,000	2,200,000	2,200,000	6,350,000			2,325,000	4,025,000	6,350,000
OVERALL TOTAL	193,892,728	230,103,469	227,298,446	651,294,643	26,230,734	37,795,000	513,280,868	73,988,042	651,294,643



Capital Funded Projects

Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
NRGF	Blessington Greenway	€15,000,000	€0
URDF	Arklow Historic Town Core	€3,134,684	€783,671
URDF	Wicklow Town - Library and Fitzwilliam Square	7,034,879	€2,407,470
URDF	Bray Public Transport Bridge	€8,600,000	€1,000,000
URDF	Bray Harbour Area Integrated Regeneration	€9,520,000	€2,380,000
RRDF 2019	Blueprint for Baltinglass	€3,566,968	€891,742
RRDF 2020	Placemaking Newtownmountkennedy	€477,000	€119,250
REDF	Wicklow County Campus - Content Creation Hub	€3,500,000	€2,000,000
Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns	Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town	€620,000	€120,000
Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme	Market Square Wicklow Town	€119,000	€19,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Greystones CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
Community CCTV Scheme	Blessington CCTV	€115,000	€75,000
WCC	Mill Road, Greystones Masterplan	€50,000	€50,000
ORIS 2018	Avonmore Way Link Bridge	€490,000	€98,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€197,131	€39,426
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€200,000	€50,400
ORIS 2019	Wicklow Way Infrastructure Enhancement	€25,000	€5,000
ORIS 2019	Baltinglass Road Cycle Trails	€11,000	€2,200
ORIS 2019	North Wicklow Trails Network Development	€310,700	€38,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Avondale Avonmore	€20,330	€2,033
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Trail Digitising	€19,600	€1,960
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Tinahely	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Stratford	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Long Distance Video	€21,400	€2,140
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Brockagh Mountain Access	€11,100	€1,110
ORIS Measure 1 2020	People Counters	€22,000	€2,200
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Sean Lenihan	€21,200	€2,120
ORIS Measure 1 2020	Glenmalure Bridge	€12,500	€1,250
ORIS Measure 3 2020	Bright light Blueway	€554,820	€55,482
Sports Capital Programme	Charlesland All Weather Pitch Refurbishment -	€59,271	€5,927
LSSIS	Wicklow Swimming Pool	€1,646,052	€493,816
LSSIS	Charlesland Running Track	€411,674	€123,502
CLAR 2019	Rathcoyle NS	€55,556	€2,778
CLAR 2019	Knockananna	€46,000	€3,000
CLAR 2021	Knockananna community allotment	€10,830	€1,083
CLAR 2021	Askanagap	€55,557	€5,557
CLAR 2021	Knockananna	€27,514	€2,501



Project Scheme	Project Name	Project Cost	Match Funding
T&V 2018	Blessington	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2018	Wicklow	€150,000	€30,000
T&V 2019	Dunlavin	€26,216	€2,623
T&V 2019	Coolkenno	€30,000	€3,000
T&V 2019	Aughrim	€119,500	€17,925
T&V 2019	Redcross	€100,000	€20,000
T&V 2019	Delgany	€37,000	€3,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Bundled	€28,000	€2,800
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Dunlavin	€4,950	€495
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Roundwood	€40,000	€4,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Ballinaclesh	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Enniskerry	€44,000	€4,400
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Laragh	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Tinahely	€5,500	€550
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Baltinglass	€10,000	€1,000
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Arklow	€39,500	€3,950
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Wicklow	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Greystones	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Rathdrum	€27,000	€2,700
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Broadband Connection Points	€44,444	€4,444
T&V 2020 (Accelerated)	Kilcoole	20,000	2,000
T&V 2020 Main	Stratford	€200,000	€22,222
T&V 2020 Main	Avoca	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Enniskerry	€100,000	€11,111
T&V 2020 Main	Annamoe	€100,000	€11,111
	Sub-Total	€57,807,764	€11,099,887