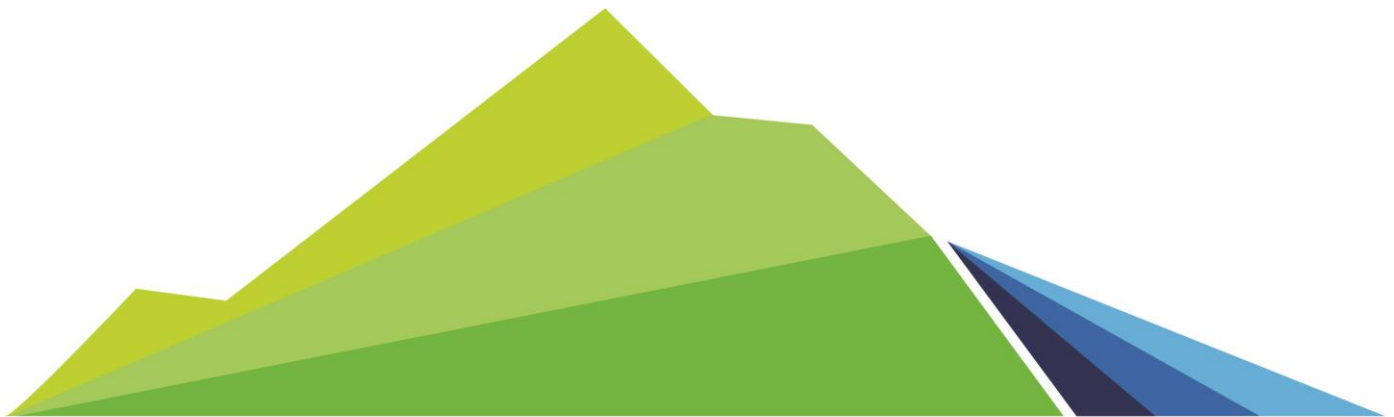




Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

FUNDING OF €350,000 RECEIVED FOR THE GREYSTONES TO WICKLOW GREENWAY

The Greystones to Wicklow Greenway has received Stage 1 funding of €350,000 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

The coastal route is approximately 20km in length extending between the southern end of the Bray to Greystones cliff walk at Greystones harbour to the Murrough Car Park at Wicklow.

Wicklow County Council had funded an initial feasibility study which suggests that it is potentially feasible to develop a coastal route through the designated conservation area of the Murrough Wetlands Special Area of Conservation and the Special Protection Area if the route is developed so as to ensure that there is no disturbance to birds species, habitats, and features of interest, any significant impacts will have to be mitigated for.

OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS TO BENEFIT FROM €855,000

Four projects in County Wicklow will benefit under an allocation of €850,000 under the 2021 outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme (ORIS) announced this week by Minister Heather Humphreys.

The largest funding allocation of €450,000 will see significant improvements in the great Sugarloaf walking route.

An allocation of €198,000 will allow for the re-routing of the Greystones to Bray Cliff walk, following a major land slippage earlier this year.

Funding of €162,000 will help to improve accessibility at the newly constructed Samuel Hayes Bridge in Rathdrum which will be welcomed by the thousands of walkers who use the Laragh to Clara Vale walking route.

Under the new Project Development Measure, the Council has received an allocation of €45,000 to carry out a study on the stream crossings required to complete the Three trout walking route in Greystones.

PLAN TO CREATE NEW GARDENS AND EVENT SPACE AT ABBEY GROUNDS

A planning application to enhance and redevelop the Abbey Grounds, Wicklow, into the Abbey Gardens and event space was passed unanimously by the members of Wicklow Municipal District at their meeting held on Monday (Dec 20).

Wicklow County Council was awarded €500,000 Destination Town Funding from Fáilte Ireland to restore the garden, in tandem with maximising the usability of the entire site as a multi-functional public amenity and outdoor events venue.

The project will greatly enhance the visitor experience in Wicklow and provide a high-quality amenity and heritage asset that will provide a welcome focus for visitors and locals, including:

- Conversion of the Coach House to a café/exhibition space and public toilets
- Provision of an outdoor performance area/multi use space
- Universal access and increased pedestrian circulation routes throughout
- Public seating
- Enhanced biodiversity consisting of high quality and attractive planting in keeping with the historical context of the site and landscape
- Heritage interpretation and orientation
- Provision of appropriate backlighting of the Abbey Ruins



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Social Housing Support

	November 2021	November 2020
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4486	4,465
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	250	289
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2396	2108
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	17	15
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	30	20

2. Allocation of Social Housing

	November 2021	November 2020
Wicklow County Council	23	236
Approved Housing Bodies	1	42

3. Social Housing Stock

	November 2021	November 2020
Tenancies occupied	4,656	4,520
Total weekly rental accrual	303,984.46	298,596.12
Arrears	2,571,069.17	2,296,816.32

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

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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
Avondale Phase 2 RAPID BUILD	20	Completion anticipated Q4 2022
TOTAL	207	
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Cedar Court Bray RAPID BUILD	14	Site start anticipated Q1 2022
Three Trouts Greystones RAPID BUILD	40	Site start anticipated Q3 2022
Merrymeeting, Rathnew, Phase 2	21	Site start anticipated Q1 2022
Ballard Shillelagh	20	Site start anticipated Q2 2022
Burgage More Blessington	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA. Part 8 advertised November 2021
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Stage 1 approval expected.
TOTAL	276	

2021

It is expected that 21 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 Q1 2022	WCC
Greystones	2	Scheduled Q1 2022	WCC



Wicklow	3	Scheduled Q2 2022	CALF
Delgany	3	Completed May 2021	WCC
Baltinglass	1	Completed 2021	WCC
Dunlavin	4	Completed 2021	WCC
Rathdrum	5	Scheduled Q1 2022	WCC
Delgany	1	Scheduled Q1 2022	WCC
Bray	7	Completed November 2021	LEASE
Delgany	4	Completed November 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 90 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	Q1 2022	WCC

- Negotiations are ongoing with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.
- Approval was been received from the Department in respect of 2 Turnkey units in Baltinglass. Units have not commenced construction and the Developer now wishes to discuss further.
- 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 and the units have now been allocated
- 15 units in Arklow acquired by AHB in November 2021 construction ongoing on remaining 13 units due for delivery in Q2 2021.



- Acquisition by AHB of 16 Turnkey units via CALF in Baltinglass with a further 48 units (including 4 Part V units and 8 CAS units) completed in 2021 units have been allocated.
- Construction ongoing on 28 units in Wicklow (including 3 Part V) due for delivery in 2022.

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

- › Grant funding for private house - €1,952,700 (€1,538,062.39 spent to date)
- › Grant funding for social house - €1,168.200 (€729,396.01 spent to date)

132 open applications (some carried over from 2020)

213 approvals (some carried over from 2020)

Many of the approved applicants are experiencing delays in having the works carried out due to Covid and the inevitable back logs it has caused for contractors.

Co. Wicklow Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability

The Housing and Disability Steering Group has prepared the new 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	Detailed design underway
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Detailed design underway
Carraig Eden - 14 age friendly 1 bed apartments	Stage 2 underway for submission to the Department for approval to go to Part 8 Part 8 drawings almost complete – design ongoing
Kilcoole Health Centre 4 no 1 bed apartments	CE report was submitted to the Greystones MD for their meeting of 30 th November and passed unanimously. Detailed design underway.

Vacant Homes Scheme

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

Oral Hearings

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- 108 Charnwood, Bray – Determination by An Bord Pleanála due on 30th November following oral hearing on 17th August. Decision delayed by ABP.
- 6 Ashleigh, Ashford – objection submitted to An Bord Pleanála – this will result in an Oral Hearing (date yet to be notified to us).

Negotiations are also ongoing to purchase some of the houses currently under CPO, by agreement. Further long term vacant properties have been identified for future batches of CPOs.

There were 7 reports relating to Co Wicklow on www.vacanthomes.ie in Oct 2021 and 1 in Nov 2021 – being investigated.

Infill Sites

- Two 3 bed semi-detached properties are currently being constructed at Blackhills.

Housing Maintenance - Heating Upgrade Programme

C. 65 gas and oil boilers have been replaced in Council housing stock in 2021 at a cost of over €150,000 54 were replaced in 2020.

New oil / gas heating has been installed in 28 houses so far this year with a further 2 pending.

6. Purchase Schemes

Rebuilding Ireland Homeloans 2021

Received	Approved in principle
77	30

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To date	November 2021
Applications Received	342	2
Completed	81	5
Declined	226	4
Ongoing	35	35

7. Addressing Homelessness

	As at 30/11/2021	Year To Date	As at 30/11/2020
No of New Presentations	20	332	39
No. of Repeat Presentations	10	53	13
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	16	140	18
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	13	232	32
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	1	16	2
No. of Children	30	247	27
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	9	63	11
Family Circumstances	8	150	14
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	0	8	1
Mental Health	2	9	0
Risk of Homelessness	0	45	5
Arrears/Loss of Income	1	16	0
Addiction Issues	5	27	0
DV/DA	1	15	0
Medical Issues	4	8	0
Overcrowding	0	19	4
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	4	26	9
ASB:	1	4	0
Rough Sleeping*	2	28	1
Sofa Surfing*	0	31	6
Staying with Family*	3	92	7
Staying with Friends*	0	29	7

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 30/11/2021	
Families	18
Adults	36
Children	48
Single individual	2



Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/11/2021								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	15	17	14	5	5	1	3	1
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/11/2020								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	16	20	16	6	3	3	3	1

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

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, 366 households (273 families & 93 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October, 2018 to 30th November, 2021. (161 homeless cases, 198 prevention cases to date and 7 direct provision). 115 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

Dublin Simon is the successful tenderer to operate and manage the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow as a Family Homeless Service. The building comprises of 3 x 1 bedded units 2 x 2 bedded units and 2 x 3 bedded units - Refurbishment works on the facility are complete and snagging is under way and it is anticipated that the facility will be fully operational by end of 2021

It is envisaged that families will avail of the service for circa 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.

San Remo 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 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.

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 8 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	All residents in the proposed site have been rehoused. Temp works on the site to commence.
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, – part VIII advertised on 3 rd November with a closing date for receipt of submissions 17 th December 2021
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses	Revised Stage 1 approval received March 2021. Survey of utilities in the area complete, preliminary design underway..
Ballintekin,	Stage 1 for a disability extension has now been approved – discussions underway with resident .

Fire safety on Halting sites were completed by members of the Housing section IN October 2021.

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 – Solar carpark complete and commissioning underway .

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 1

This phase includes units in Bray and Greystones Arklow, Wicklow and West Wicklow – delays in completing works due to construction inflation during COVID.

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

Works have commenced 57 properties in West Wicklow and Rathdrum

Additional BERs and suitability inspections being carried out on properties listed as being down for fabric upgrades in 2022. Framework for fabric upgrade works being carried out, to be advertised Dec 2021.

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.

New Wicklow Library update + national statistics

Since opening to the public on August 31, the new Wicklow library is being greatly appreciated by the public, both in person and on social media. This is reflected in the following stats for the new library:

Visits for September: 8,290

Items checked out: 7,340

Total membership of Wicklow Town: 3,339 – (751 of which are new members since August 31).

In total, 2,001 of the 3,339 borrowers used our library services since August 31.

Although library usage has not yet returned to the high stats of 2019, our county compares well with the national statistics - Wicklow Co Co had an issue figure of 29,896 for September. The national figure was 608,337. This reflects 4.9% of national total statistic, whereas Wicklow's population is just below 3% of the national total.

Wicklow Co Co Library Service and Healthy Ireland were delighted to host renowned sex-educator Sarah Sproule for a Zoom webinar on "*Embracing the Awkward - talking to children in your care about sex*". Sarah gave a fantastic and engaging presentation, before answering a wide range of anonymous questions from caregivers to children of all ages. Thirty five participants attended. Those who couldn't attend will receive a link to view her presentation in the coming weeks. We are currently creating a reading list for attendees of the talk, which will supplement advice given by Sarah and include her recommended reads.

Wicklow County Council library Service is delighted to contribute again this year to **Wicklow Naturally's October Feast** programme of events. This year we hosted Santina Kennedy and chef Tadgh Byrne for a series of culinary related library interviews. The team will visit Ballywaltrim library, Blessington library and culminate in a live event in the new Wicklow library on October 26 as part of their quest to find out more about cooking local dishes & growing your own vegetables.

Our interviews are posted every Tuesday for the month of October on the "Wicklow Naturally" Facebook page.

Culture Night – Dunlavin Library Events



Despite ongoing Covid restrictions, Dunlavin Library staff used their initiative in availing of the enclosed public park right across the road from the library, in conjunction with Wicklow Arts office, to provide some family events for Culture Night. First up was a Bodhrán Buzz workshop with Robbie Walshe. There were 36 bodhráns to try out and every single one was in use. This was followed by a Puppet Show with the very talented Julie Rose McCormick who managed to get parents and children to join in with great gusto as she brought the tale of 'Beauty and the Beast' and brought out the old favourites 'Punch & Judy'. The final event was 'The Mobile Music Machine' in Concert - Gerald Perigrine Cello, Ross Scanlon Tenor and other fabulous Wicklow Musicians entertained the audience with wonderful classical and operatic favourites.

[County Wicklow Archives and Genealogy](#)

Services

Wicklow County Archives & Local Studies Services welcomes school groups



Now located at the new Wicklow Library & Archives, Wicklow Town – we were delighted to welcome the first of the school groups to visit our services. The students from Wicklow Educate Together Secondary School were introduced to Wicklow archives collections such as Wicklow Town records from the 1600s, workhouse registers from Famine times, and school group photographs from the early 1900s. They learned about the importance of

records for the study of history and the work of the archivist in preserving them and making them accessible. They also learned how to start researching their family tree. The Local Studies librarian showed the children special collections such as the early newspapers featuring adverts and photographs, Wicklow map resources, postcards and a wide array of sources for the study of Wicklow local history.

The archives and local studies services are planning a comprehensive schools programme to include school visits, projects and resources to assist at Junior and Leaving Certificate work levels. This will

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introduce the students to Wicklow sources and support their work as part of the history curriculum, particularly in relation to the emphasis on the use of primary source material in history project work.

Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnerships

Older Adults Stretch & Mobility Programme

A Mobility & Stretch Programme starting Thursday 14th October at 11.30a.m in the Pastoral Hall, Wicklow Town for 6 week. This programme will be delivered by a Siel Bleu instructor.

Online Yoga for Teenagers with Lucena Clinic – Child and Youth Mental Health Services

A 6 week programme started in October for Teenagers who are clients with Lucena, Wicklow Town and Bray Clinics.

Courses

Safeguarding 1	22nd October	Zoom
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Healthy Ireland



Healthy Blessington

• Daily Mile Signs

Daily Mile Signs were purchased for national schools for the recommencement of the school term in September. The aim of the Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children- regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. Once a school registers the Daily Mile is simple and free and gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog at their own pace.



- **Signage for Promoting Positive Mental Health in Blessington**
In collaboration with Blessington & District Forum four road signs have been funded under the Healthy Blessington action to promote positive mental health. Each sign has a different word i.e. Love, Courage, Hope and Faith which are dispersed in different areas of the Blessington area.
- **Cool Dudes Programme**
The cool dude programme was developed to educate children the importance of a healthy diet and to help improve the nutritional knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of young people. The programme takes place over 5 weeks and targets 5th/6th class students. 13 students from St Josephs, Vallemount will be the first in the area to do the programme and are starting on 22nd October. Kilbride National School and Blessington No 1 National School have also showed interest in participating in the cool dude programme.

Community Engagement

- **Tennis Posts & nets**
Together Cllr Paul O'Brien, WSRP and Healthy Wicklow purchased and delivered new tennis posts and nets to the residents in Woodside, Rathnew and to the playground at Ballynerrin which will improve the amenity for all.
- **Pause & Play Free Fun Day**
A Pause & Play family fun event took place on 26th September at the Duck Pond Arklow. Healthy Wicklow funded tutors for Pound classes and Family Fun HIIT for this free Community Event.

Pride of Place

The Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place competition 2021 judging was held by way of virtual calls in September. The following groups were nominated under these two categories -

- ❖ Kiltegan under Population under Population Category 1- 300
- ❖ Neighbourhood Network – Time Capsule under Community Wellbeing Initiative Category.

Kiltegan Village made their impressive presentation to the judges on the 28th September 2021, on a Zoom call. Two days later by Zoom again, Neighbourhood Network presented their novel project of the intergenerational time capsule to the judges.

The Awards Ceremony for the Pride of Place Competition will take place in Killarney, Co.Kerry on 12th February 2022.



Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) SICAP:

Mid-Programme Review & Statement of Priorities: The mid-programme review has been completed by both Partnerships and new Statement of Priority documents have been drafted for the SICAP extension period to end 2023.

Priority Groups: The needs of Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Travellers, Older People and the issue of mental health are all being prioritised for the next two years.

Annual Plans 2022: Planning for next year's SICAP Annual Plans and overview of key performance indicators for both SICAP areas currently underway.

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 Local Elected Reps online. Meetings facilitated by Wicklow PPN: Wicklow MD 21/10; Greystones MD 28/10. See website for details.

Consultations: Recreation & Sports Facility Needs Assessment for Greystones MD; Delgany Public Realm Plan; Wicklow LSP - Women's Sheds Get Active Survey; Coast watch Survey; National Disability Authority Survey.

Funding Opportunities/Competitions: Charity Impact Awards; Life Programme Funding (Prog. For Environment & Climate Action); EPA Event Support Funding; EU Funding for Sports Bodies training & other events; Arts Centre Funding; WCC Tree Planting Grant; Covid 19 Response Fund.

Social Inclusion: Wicklow PPN supporting Signal Arts Centre, County Wicklow Partnership and Auhgrim Community Sports Centre Committee to develop and run a community networking event week of Oct. 17th. This will bring together diverse communities of all ages to celebrate community resilience and to explore how community activity can be supported going forward.

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 September 2021

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.
Ballinaclash	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	Reimagining South West Wicklow 1. Maximise all opportunities for the area, arising from significant planned infrastructural investment and development of the Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway.



	<p>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</p> <p>3. Maximise all economic & social opportunities arising from the Coolattin Footprint in line with the Irelands Ancient East brand</p> <p>4. Maximise economic, social and environmental benefits from the critical mass of 'National Walking Loop Trails' already developed in the area.</p>
Blessington	<p>Regeneration of Blessington</p> <p>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.</p>

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).

This month new guidelines have been launched for the preparation of LECPs. LECPs detail how Local Authorities will support economic and community development in their areas over the next six years. The new guidelines will assist with the development of the plans for local areas, with a key focus on sustainability, consultation and engagement with local communities and business.

The guidelines will require the Council to consider housing needs when formulating both the economic and community elements of the LECPs. The guidelines are timely as the current LECP finishes in 2022. The new plan will take account of lessons learned and the changing needs of communities. The guidelines reinforce the important role of communities in determining the needs and priorities of their local area.

Retail

Bray Central

All the main construction work with the Shell and Core are near completion. The tower crane has now been removed from site. Form work within the basement area is complete. Small elements of snag works are ongoing. The reinstatement of the public paving on the Main Street and Florence Road commenced at the beginning of December. The design associated top the main superstructure above ground has been completed. The developer is now in the process of preparing for Practical Completion, scheduled for January 2022. The scaffold on the Main Street has been removed and the last remaining elements of the façade work associated with these buildings is near completion. Hard landscaping works are approximately 90% complete. These works are ongoing and are scheduled to be completed over the next 3-4 weeks.

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.



Under the Government Policy, Town Centres First, the establishment of town teams is encouraged and we are likely to see more town teams in situ over the coming years.

Most Town Teams in Wicklow have been operating since 2018. It is considered timely to carry out a review of the town teams and with this in mind, Wicklow County Council has appointed Mr Allen McAdam of MCA Consulting to conduct the review. It is proposed to present the results of the review at a plenary meeting of all the town teams to be held in the New Year.

Masterplans for Town Centres under 10,000 population

Background

A core objective of the Department of Rural & Community Development is to support the revitalisation of Ireland's towns and villages, ensuring that they are vibrant and attractive places to live, work and socialise.

Town Centre First Policy

Central to this objective is the development of the Town Centre First policy in partnership with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. The policy will provide an overarching framework for the revitalisation of towns and villages, while aligning the funding and other infrastructure necessary at a national level to support delivery at the level of the town / village. The Town Centre First Policy is expected to be finalised before the end of the year and will include key enablers such as:

- The establishment of a collaborative Town Teams involving all community, business, public & private stakeholders to oversee the implementation of TCF approach in a town/village.
- The development of a Town Centre First Masterplan, which provides a vision for the development of the town with a focus on the town centre and immediate surrounds. It will be action orientated and will identify specific interventions required to meet the objectives of the plan.
- Support for dedicated Town Regeneration Officers in Local Authorities. The role of the Town Regeneration Officer will be to support the establishment and ongoing work of Town Teams, ensuring development and delivery on the Town Centre Master Plan alongside the local champion. They will be a vital link between the Town Teams and the expertise within the Local Authority and other organisations, and facilitate the Town Teams in accessing funding

The Town Centre Masterplan Initiative (Phase 1) will complement the above approach by providing funding to ensure development and delivery of these Master Plans in selected towns to demonstrate the TCF process at an early stage. The delivery of the plans will be done alongside the roll-out of the TCF process and will be linked, in time, to the implementation structures developed for the TCF.



Wicklow has nominated the following towns for consideration for Masterplan Funding

- Blessington
- Rathdrum
- Newtownmountkennedy

The towns have been the subject of RRDF funding applications and substantially meet the criteria

Arklow Town Team

To mark this year's UN International Day for Persons with Disabilities, Arklow Municipal District and Arklow Town Team lit up the 19 Arches Bridge in purple to support this campaign. This year's theme is "Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world."

The Arklow Town Team are to apply for an Inland Fisheries Ireland grant to carry out a feasibility study to identify the optimum solution for fish to move through an impassable barrier at Glenart Ornamental weir on the Ballyduff River in the Avoca catchment.

The Town Team are also considering potential future projects to benefit the town.

Bray Town Team / Bray Town Recovery Team

The Bray Town Recovery Team will have its inaugural meeting following discussions with the Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District. The members of Bray MD have agreed the Terms of Reference.

Blessington Town Team

Blessington Town Team continue to work on a number of projects, in conjunction with Baltinglass Municipal District, which has resulted in the provision of Big Belly Bins and new location for bottle banks within Blessington.

Greystones Town Team

Greystones Town Team are growing in strength and confidence following a hugely successful Christmas campaign which involved a streamed Christmas concert featuring Dustin the Turkey, Laura Wood and Anna Daly. Holyhead Santa and his helpers proved an overwhelming success with their drive through the estates of Greystones on a twinkling sleigh with all the bells and whistles. There was a magical feeling in the town and the feedback was amazing.

Congratulations to Cllr. Mags Crean and the Greystones Town team, Greystones has won a prestigious international Liveable Communities award.

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The LivCom award is the world's only competition focusing on International Best Practice regarding the management of the local environment and development. The objective of LivCom Awards is to develop and share International Best Practice, with the further objective of improving the quality of life of individual citizens through the creation of 'liveable communities'. LivCom received over 160 registrations from more than 30 countries for this year's award. Cllr Mags Crean spearheaded the application for Greystones and led the Town Team through the process.

Wicklow Town Team

At a recent meeting of Wicklow Town Team, the Part 8 application for the Abbey Grounds was discussed and it was noted that the closing date for the receipt of submissions was the 19th November. Seven submissions were received, along with a letter of support from Fáilte Ireland, with the Managers Report currently being prepared. This will be considered by the Wicklow Municipal District Members at their meeting of 20th December.

A programme of tours of the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail by local historian John Finlay is expected to commence after St. Patricks Day.

The Tourism working group intend to look at the range of accommodation available in Wicklow and examine as a ways of developing and improving what is currently available as part of the development of the Destinations Town project.

Streetscapes

Wicklow County Council has been allocated €320,000 in Streetscape funding under the Department of Rural and Community Development Town and Village Streetscape Scheme.

Six towns/villages in the County 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.

Types of projects funded include: refurbishment of traditional shop fronts, artwork, murals, lighting, planting etc. The closing date for completed applications was extended to **14th September with the completion of works deadline also extended from 22nd October to 31st December 2021 with 99 applications received for the measure.** The initial application and promotion and development of the scheme was handled by Enterprise and Corporate Services and the awarding of grants and drawdown of funds is handled by Community Cultural and Social Development.



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

Tourism Work-Group:

A hybrid meeting was held at Powerscourt Distillery with the Tourism Work-Work Group which comprised of some of the largest tourism businesses in the County (Hotels, large attractions, etc). Objectives of the meeting was to get some feedback on the season and assess the current situation and to present the various activities Wicklow Tourism and County Council are working on and planning. Those included: website and social media activities, Wicklow Passport updates, Failte Ireland support to attract influencers and organise itineraries, Wicklow Outdoor opportunities especially around EcoTrail and Golf, Wicklow Naturally, Celtic Routes Project, Tourism Information Points, Film Tourism and Sustainable Tourism.

Wicklow Outdoors:

Wicklow Outdoors hosted a press trip which consisted of three journalists from a very popular 'Nature Trail' Magazine and were sent by Tourism Ireland France. They arrived on Friday evening for a first night in Bray. Saturday involved a walk/run from Kilmacanogue to Bray, then on the visit Powerscourt Distillery and on to Laragh for an evening meal and night. Sunday we brought them for a walk/run over the Spinc, then over Mullacor, along the Derrybawn ridge and back down to Glendalough. They eventually left to spend the last night in Dublin and back to France on Monday morning. The article should be printed in March of next year, and we are creating a page dedicated to their tour for anyone wishing to do similar itinerary. Note, the whole tour can be done using public transport, which is another great asset to sell Wicklow.

Wicklow Passport:

We now have five display units branded Wicklow Passport. Those small units are being displayed around the County and hopefully beyond, to help promote the Wicklow Passport. The first display was set up at Clissmann's Park over the mid-term break and helped in raising awareness for the passport with many



visitors getting their own Passport. The display units will rotate around the County and be displayed at various locations at key attractions and accommodations providers. We are looking at bringing those display units to trade shows such as the Holiday World Shows in Belfast, Cork and Dublin.

EcoTrail Wicklow:

The EcoTrail promotional video has been completed. We are waiting for EcoTrail 2022 registrations to open up later in December to run the video through our social media channels. We are currently talking to various Tourism Ireland offices around the world with the objective to get them to run that video and help promote the race and the overall destination. We are also working with EcoTrail International to help broadcast the video through the EcoTrail 'family' We are currently looking at sponsorship opportunities and talking to various brands and businesses to help grow the profile of the race.

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. Part VIII application has been lodged and has been on public display, the closing date for the receipt of submissions was the 19th November and it will now be put before the Wicklow Municipal District Members for their December meeting.

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 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. Toilet facilities have been upgraded.

The consultants have prepared the draft masterplan and this was presented to members of the Laragh/Glendalough Community on the 27th October 2021 and to the members of at the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council on the 6th December 2021.

Next Steps: Further Consultation, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Economic Appraisal.

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. 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.

This scheme provided funding of almost €410,000 to 121 businesses throughout Wicklow with the scheme now closed.

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).

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development 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.

An announcement on successful applications is expected in the coming weeks, along with a call for Category 1 (shovel ready) proposals.

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 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.

RPS Ltd were appointed to further appraise and develop a masterplan for the on shore elements of Bray Harbour following the report by RPS Ltd of the Bray Harbour Improvements Feasibility Study. This work is essential to provide clarity to the overall direction of the Bray Harbour Improvements before progressing to



detailed design. Draft options for regeneration of onshore facilities around the harbour that would enhance the public realm and reorganise space to provide for additional water based leisure and commercial activities was presented. Initial discussions took place between the council and some key property owners and leaseholders that would be affected by proposals to relocate their facilities in early October. RPS Ltd have been instructed to follow up with all of the relevant stakeholders to determine the viability of the options being considered. Additionally RPS have been asked to explore an option that does not necessitate relocating existing occupiers but aims to gain space for the public realm and new activities by a combination of reduced parking provision and land reclamation. A foreshore licence will be required for all of the off shore works agreed following the completion and approval of the Bray Harbour Feasibility Study and the Bray Harbour Masterplan. It is hoped that we will be in a position to appoint a consultant for the detailed design of all the works before next summer.

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 has made an application to Wicklow County Council in respect of the O&M base at Arklow.

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 has announced its decision to base its operations and maintenance facility at Wicklow Port. This will provide 75 skilled jobs over the 25 to 30 year lifecycle, plus another 40 jobs during construction. The construction of the windfarm itself will employ 1,000

Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme

Under the RESS energy providers bid for connections to the national grid. This is a major milestone for the offshore windfarms. If their bid is not successful the projects will not proceed.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has opened a consultation on the first auction to supply electricity from offshore wind under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS 1).

The aim of this targeted consultation is to engage stakeholders and gather feedback on aspects of the Terms and Conditions to ensure the efficient and economical delivery of renewable electricity projects under ORESS 1.

Key policy objectives of the RESS 1 include:

- increasing energy security, energy sustainability and ensuring the cost effectiveness of energy policy;
- providing for community participation through community benefit funds;
- increasing technology diversity – by broadening the renewable electricity technology mix;
- delivering an ambitious renewable electricity policy to 2030;

The consultation document covers issues such as state consent, bidding independence, grid connections, bidding mechanisms, bid bonds and performance securities and offshore community benefit funds.

Wicklow County Council made a submission by the closing date of 6th December –

Submission in response to the Draft Terms and Conditions of the First Offshore Competition under the Renewable Energy Support Scheme

At the meeting of Wicklow County Council of 6th December 2021 the members suspended standing orders to pass the following Notice of Motion.

“That WCC email the Dept of Environment, Climate and Communications outlining its wishes for any future Community Benefit Funding generated from the Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS) be managed at a local community/council level and not by Central Government.”

Points made:

The key asks on behalf of the Wicklow Community are:

- *Investment in harbour and port infrastructure*
- *Development of Marine Enterprise Hubs which will not only facilitate the Offshore Renewables Sector but also related marine businesses such as aquaculture, fishing, chandlery and boat repairs, marine tourism etc. These hubs can play a key role in delivering innovative decarbonisation models for the Irish economy.*
- *Support for local businesses to allow them to take part in the supply chains.*
- *Skills and education development from apprenticeships to level 8 qualifications.*



The preference in County Wicklow is that any Community Benefit funds should be locally managed. We would propose that the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) model be used. This has been operating successfully over the last number of years it includes representatives of the wider community and elected members of the local authority. In addition to community organisations represented on the LCDC the education brief could be broadened, the marine sector could be included as well as the IDA and Enterprise Ireland. Energy Agencies and SEAI should also be represented. Wicklow County Council has previous experience of managing community funds through its role in the Ballynagran Landfill Community Fund.

Local Authorities and LCDCs are about to commence development of the Local Economic and Community Plan. Actions identified in the Local Economic Community Plan could be funded through the ORESS Community Benefit Fund. The actions identified in the (LECP) will have gone through stakeholder engagement and consultation.

As well as looking at existing models currently operated for Community Benefit Funds the ORESS Community Benefit Fund could be modelled on the Development Contribution Schemes in operation by the local authorities.

Traditionally, the following categories of projects have been funded through the onshore Community Benefit Fund

- Education, Skills and bursaries
- R&D particularly projects around achieving carbon reduction and enhancing biodiversity.
- Health, safety and wellbeing •
- Environment and habitat conservation •
- Culture and heritage •
- Recreation, sport and social inclusion •
- Energy efficiency and sustainability •

There should be a link between each local authority's Local Economic and Community Plan, the Climate Action Plans and local energy and decarbonisation planning undertaken for decarbonisation zones and Sustainable Energy Communities.

Scotland is to the forefront in Offshore Renewable Energy. The Good Practice Review from Scotland's Centre of Expertise connecting climate change research and policy on Community Benefits from Offshore Renewables by David Rudolph, Claire Haggett, and Mhairi Aiken of the University of Edinburgh set out some excellent examples and supports Wicklow County Council's view of the importance of buy in from the impacted communities.

It would be helpful if there was an upfront investment in harbours and in education and skills, at the earliest stage possible. This is in line with the IWEA/Carbon Trust recommendations. Understandably operators are not in a position to make any upfront capital investment until they have obtained the relevant permissions and licenses. This is where the government could make an upfront investment in the necessary infrastructure and recoup the funding. Ireland's net zero goal will require the development of additional technology and innovation to compliment and create balance in energy supply. Offshore wind development should be accompanied by innovation in storage of energy, development of other renewable technologies and conversion to other energy fuels such as hydrogen. R&D funding should be used to encourage the development of synergies that will balance energy supply and make full use of the grid connectivity. Training/retraining for fishers and R&D into various aspects of fishing, aquaculture and marine opportunities.



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.

Wicklow Naturally were delighted to host a stand at this years 'Gifted', Ireland's premier Craft and Design Fair in the RDS. Some members had their own stands also and it was a great opportunity to display, promote and buy gifts from Wicklow this Christmas.



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	-29/ €641,745 -4 / €6,594 (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	71
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	75	75	119
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	1542	1000	893
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	10	12	11

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	756

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Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor	803	600	485 (Including Brexit 1-1 Mentoring)
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METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020/2021	2021/2022	Year to Date
No. of Secondary Student Participants	953	1000	Recruitment ongoing

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	128 Total value: € 268,059

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	9

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	7

November / December 2021 Activities

- Weekly Business advice Clinics will continue through the month of December finishing for the Christmas break on 21st December and resuming on Monday 10th January.
- Fortnightly newsletter continues to be circulated to the LEO client database outlining 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.
- The East Region Food Academy Programme led by LEO Wicklow continues with 10 food producers from the east region preparing to Pitch their Products to the Supervalu buying team early in the new year.
- The Student Enterprise Programme is in full swing in second level schools around the county with in class sessions being delivered by the Student Enterprise co-ordination team. Loreto in Bray were the Winning School in the new Idea Generation competition
- The November Network of Entrepreneurial Women network meeting took place via Zoom
- The 'Stimulus' and 'Lean for Micro' consultancy programmes have concluded for 2021, having assisted 39 high-potential LEO client businesses.
- The Owner Manager Development Programme is proceeding well, with 21 participants.
- Minister Damien English visited the LEO Wicklow offices at Wicklow County Campus to engage with the team members, visit the REDF funded Clermont Content Creation Enterprise Hub at the courtyard, and meet with a number of portfolio clients including Reward Catering, The Foley Lab, Hubbcatt and Green Treat in Arklow. The LEO and Economic Development Team delivered a presentation on Thursday 18th November on the various REDF/URDF and RRDF projects in development. The Minister also enjoyed a lunch of Wicklow produce and was presented with a lamp made by craft designer Eoin Hanley of Copperfish.
- The LEO Wicklow Export Development programme run in partnership with LEO Kildare held its final workshop on 11th November in the Tulfarris Hotel, Blessington with very positive feedback from participants. As a result of the course seven Wicklow businesses are now primed to successfully develop new export markets.

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The Autumn Winter 2021 business skills training programme is nearing completion and work has commenced on developing the Spring Summer 2022 Training Programme with some courses open for bookings through our online portal on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow.

Business Skills Training Courses recently held:-

- ✚ Content Creation & Copywriting 3rd November (17 participants)
- ✚ Effective use of Social Media, Intermediate level: 11 November 2021 (12 participants)

Business Skills Training Courses available for bookings on our website include:-

- ✚ Customs Queries Answered (One to One) 16th November
- ✚ Data Protection & Security in a Virtual World – 24th November
- ✚ Digital Marketing Advice Clinics (One to One) – 6th December
- ✚ Innovate Wicklow!: A Masterclass in Strategic Design for Innovation and Supports for Innovation, 9th December
- ✚ Start Your Own Business Course – 18th January 2022
- ✚ Trading Online Voucher Seminar – 20th January 2022



3. Planning and Development

Forward Planning

County Development Plan Review

The consultation period for the draft County Development Plan 2021-2027 ended on 30th of August 2021. Over 300 submissions were received which have been reviewed. The Chief Executive Report is currently being prepared.

Wicklow Heritage & Biodiversity Office

Community Monument Fund (CMF). Wicklow county council received a funding allocation of €65,000 for Wicklow archaeology projects under the CMF2021 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The seven successful projects are as follows; 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 are complete.

Protected Structures Grants - . There were two successful projects under 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. The total allocation for County Wicklow was €72,000 which was distributed to 8 different applicants. All projects under both schemes are now complete.

Wicklow Heritage Forum meeting held on 30th November to oversee implementation of County Heritage Plan programme. 2021 programme of actions complete.

Digital Upskilling course for individuals involved in community heritage projects and activities took place from 22nd October – end Oct. This free, course was run over seven online workshops co-funded by the Heritage Council and Wicklow County Council through the County Heritage Plan.

Wicklow Biodiversity Action Funding of €29,950 allocated under the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund based on application submitted by Heritage Officer. Three projects were undertaken to enhance conservation management of council owned properties, 1 at Brittas Bay, 2 at selected historic graveyards and 3 at Kilmacanogue marsh. All projects are now complete.

Biodiversity Awareness programme: Coastwatch community workshop held in Wicklow Town 29th Sept. HO is co-ordinating this volunteer citizen science survey for County Wicklow. Programme of nature themed zoom evening/ lunchtime talks (8 in total) held in partnership with Wicklow Library Service held from Feb- July. Other activities include production and free distribution of publications (Wicklow Wildlife posters and Gardening for Wildlife booklets and other Wicklow habitat guides)

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Development Management

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	30th Nov. 2020	30th Nov. 2021	% Increase
Received (Valid)	1,017	1,240	22%

A total of 100 valid applications were received during November as follows:

Type of Development	30th Nov. 2021 Number Received
Individual Houses	30 (27 refer to rural house applications)
Housing Developments*	6
Agricultural Structures	2
Commercial	4
Other Developments**	58
Total	100

* Large housing development

PRR21/1407, Beakon Ford Ltd, 98 Units, Inchanappa South, Ashford

PRR21/1396, Kelland Homes Ltd, 56 Units, Santryhill, Blessington

PRR21/1315, John Murray, 10 Units, Cronyhorn Road, Carnew

**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 78 applications in November, being:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
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Housing Developments	03
Individual Houses	13 (10 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	61
Other Developments Requiring EIA	01
Total	78

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

	30/11/2020	30/11/2021
Total Number of decisions issued	824	1043
Total Number of decisions to grant	720	893
% Grant Rate	87%	86%
No of applications withdrawn		08

Applications lodged with An Bord Pleanála

Strategic Housing Development

ABP-311181-21, Former Bray Golf Club Lands, (591 Units) Members meeting 7/9, CE report forwarded to ABP 14/10

ABP-312020-21, Lands at Bray Head House (179 Units) Members meeting 7/12, CE report due by 26/1/22

Strategic Infrastructure Development

An Bord Pleanála 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, Killiniskyduff, Templerainy, Coolboy, Kilbride, Shelton Abbey, Ballyrairie Lower and Ballyrairie Middle, in Co. Wicklow (ABP date of determination by 16th December 2021)

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An Bord Pleanála 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 associated site works at Ballinclare and Carrigmore townlands, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow -(ABP determination date extended to 19th January 2022)

E-Planning Project

The roll out of the ePlanning system is scheduled in Wicklow for Q1 2022.

The project will include the following elements:

- Standardised naming/structure of all documentation in Local Authorities and An Bord Pleanála.
- Web Portal through which all electronic planning applications and all correspondence regarding same would pass.
- All submissions can be made on-line for both planning application and part VIII applications.
- Fees will be paid online by means of card payment or EFT.
- Part VIII applications for all Local Authorities would be submitted and stored centrally.
- Referrals to all prescribed bodies and the receipt of their submissions would be electronic.
- Electronic transfer of planning files to An Bord Pleanála following an appeal.

The e-Planning system will provide a better service to the public. It will allow agents to build their applications before submission, and will reduce the printing, copying and scanning of documentation. It will also facilitate electronic interaction between Local Authorities, An Bord Pleanála and prescribed bodies.

Planning Enforcement

New Files	8
Advisory Letters	9
Warning Letters	15
Enforcement Notices	1
Legal Files	0
Closed	3

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Court Cases

District Court	1 Case listened for mention in December
Circuit Court	1 Case adjourned to December
	6 Cases adjourned to January Call Over
	2 Adjourned for hearing in January
High Court	2 Cases adjourned for mention in December

Vacant Sites

Municipal District	25 Sites on Register
Arklow	7
Baltinglass	2
Bray	3
Greystones	5
Wicklow	8

1 site on appeal to ABP – Section 9 (Notice of Entry)

2 sites on appeal to ABP - Section 18

2 sites on appeal to Valuation Tribunal

€15,720.50 levies received to end November 2021

Derelict Sites

3 sites on Register

Municipal District	No of sites on Register
Wicklow	1
Baltinglass	1
Bray	1

Short Term Letting

Applications for Registration received	108
Warning Letters issued	26
Enforcement Notices issued	5
Under Investigation	54
UD files created	23

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The recent Government strategy 'Housing for All' has announced new regulations in this regard, with revised regulatory controls requiring the registration of short term and holiday lets with Failte Ireland. Responsibility for enforcement with the new registration requirements will lie with the Residential Tenancies Board, the Local Authority will continue to address illegal or unauthorised structures or changes of use.

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4. Environmental Services

Waste Management

Litter/Waste Enforcement

No. of Complaints Created	135
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	219
No of Litter Fines Issued	13
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	5
No. of Warning Letters Issued	1
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	1
No. of Burning Applications Granted	8
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	0
No. of Notices Issued under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act	5
No. of Notices Issued under Section 18 of the Waste Management Act	0
No. of Notices Issued under Section 55 of the Waste Management Act	1
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued	4
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	36
No. of Cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act	2
No. of Cases in Court under the Waste Management Act	3
Income - Litter	€1,825.00
Income- Waste Management	€5,750.00

A significant number of court cases were taken in recent months with successful outcomes, sending a clear message from Wicklow County Council in this regard.

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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.

Surveys of the qualifying interests, as agreed with NPWS are ongoing and due to be completed in December 2021.

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.

Ark Housing opened their newly renovated Charity shop at Bray Recycling Centre. The book stand formerly in the Recycling centre will now be located in the charity shop and managed by Arc Housing with books available for a nominal donation.

A tender has been published to set up a Multi-Party Framework for Civil and Structural Engineer-Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for Various Projects Established in the next 4 years with the first project being the replacement of the Asbestos Roof in Bray Recycling Centre and general refurbishment of the centre.

Arrangements are being put in place to carry out shredding of Christmas trees in 10 locations around the county in January. Four new bottle bank locations have been put in place in Blessington (4 banks at the Old HSE site on the Kilbride Road and 8 banks on the new relief road in the layby by the roundabout up to Dunnes Stores)

Climate Action

Climate Action Plan 2021 – Securing Our Future

The Climate Action Plan, which was launched on 4th November 2021, is an ambitious plan to put Ireland on a more sustainable path, cutting emissions and creating a cleaner, greener economy and society

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The Climate Action Plan follows the Climate Act 2021, which commits Ireland to a legally binding target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions no later than 2050, and a reduction of 51% by 2030. These targets are a key pillar of the Programme for Government.

The plan sets out 475 separate actions to halve Ireland's greenhouse emissions by 2030, including extensive offshore wind power, retrofitting 500,000 homes and putting a million electric vehicles on the roads.

The public sector will lead by example and halve emissions by 2030. Green Teams will be established in every public sector body. No new fossil fuel heating systems will be installed in public buildings after 2023, except in very limited exceptional circumstances. All new fleet purchases will be electric from 2023, where such vehicles are available.

A new National Retrofit Plan will drive demand and make retrofitting more affordable whilst there are increased targets for district heating and the public sector, and strengthening building standards for all buildings.

Just transition principles are embedded in the plan, including the principles that people need to be equipped with the skills to benefit from changes and that costs need to be shared. A Just Transition Commission will be established.

All increases in carbon tax receipts are earmarked for targeted social protection measures, an expansion of retrofitting, particularly for social and low-income homes, and agri-environmental projects.

Wicklow Climate Action

Consultants have been appointed to undertake a base line study for the Arklow Decarbonisation Zone and to assist in drawing up a decarbonisation Implementation plan.

LA Electrification of Fleet and EV charging Guidance Document was published 17th August on the LGMA and CARO websites. 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 Climate Action Officer is coordinating this strategy with the Council's fleet manager and the District Engineers. 4 No. EV Chargers are installed and working at Shoreline in Greystones. To date there has been a significant uptake in the use of these chargers. 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. Following consideration of further submissions, a revised policy document will be discussed with the SPC at their meeting in December.

Upper Avoca Catchment. - Awaiting a call for suitable Climate Action Fund Applications.

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Blessington Main Street: ESB connection is in place and we are awaiting a contract to be setup with a service provider.

Sustainable Energy Committees

Work continues on the Energy Map Plans - EMPs for Enniskerry, Greystones/Delgany, Wicklow and Blessington. Greystones/Delgany and Wicklow are almost complete.

Newtownmountkennedy completed its Energy Master Plan in November.

Glenmalure and Laragh have also completed Energy Master Plans.

High Park in Kiltegan has just commenced and an application for a grant is currently being processed by SEAI.

Environmental Awareness

- A one-day Food Waste management roadshow event was held in the Bridgewater Centre with free brown bin caddies and liners for the public.
- The annual Christmas decoration competition for primary schools has been launched. As with last year it is being promoted as an in school activity with a prize being offered for each participating school. No county awards will be held as Covid prevention measure.
- Funding has been awarded by the EPA for two LAPN projects this year. The first project for which funding was granted will for a Wicklow Naturally webinar on the circular economy for food producers. This project will be delivered in collaboration with the Wicklow LEO, highlighting the Green for Micro programme. Work has commenced on developing content on the circular economy for the Wicklow Naturally website. The webinar has been scheduled for February the 3rd.
- A second project will link to the Bikes for Africa project and involve delivery of workshops on bicycle repair in the three larger recycling centres and a video animation to promote extending the life of bicycles through good maintenance. Workshops will target both adult and youth participation.
- An LAPN project to provide training on composting has now been completed with training provided in Hollywood, Blessington, Grangecon and Newtownmountkennedy. Advice was also given to Clermont campus.
- Judging has been completed in the annual Tidy Town, Estates and sustainable development awards. This year the awards referenced the sustainable development goals. We are waiting

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for results from the national competition to complete list with award for best in national competition.

- A new Tree nursery project is being run in three locations, Laragh, Bray and Greystones. Training is being provided to community groups on the production of trees locally from seed in a nursery bed. 25 people participated in the training with one participant going on to share the training with a local scout group. Raised beds have been developed at three sites and training given on seed preparation and sowing.
- The annual Tree Grant was advertised with a closing date for the 8th of October. Grants of up to 75% are provided for trees planted. Twenty nine applicants were successful in being awarded a grant to plant native trees with funding provided for 4,700 trees in total. Municipal districts were consulted on suitability of sites selected by communities.
- Wicklow County Council is one of three local authorities involved in an EPA funded pilot on separate collection of textiles which will test different approaches for improving the collection of textiles. 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.
- 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.

Control of Dogs

Dog Licences

During the month of November 2021, 287 reminders were sent to owners of dogs whose licences expire-during the month or early December. A total of 348 annual dog licences were renewed and 21 Lifetime licences were issued in November.

Brittas Bay Carparks

The carpark operator in both Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South has ceased operating as the bathing season is now over.

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

Harbours and Ports

Activity at Wicklow Port

	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import of Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Total for Year	105	100	9	118		
Jan-21	9	9	0	9	7	2
Feb-21	9	9	0	9	7	2
Mar-21	11	11	0	9	9	2
Apr-21	11	11	0	11	8	3
May-21	8	8	0	8	8	0
Jun-21	11	10	1	12	9	3
Jul-21	12	12	0	12	10	2
Aug-21	9	9	0	9	9	0
Sep-21	8	7	1	9	8	1
Oct-21	6	6	0	6	4	2
Nov-21	6	4	2	8	5	3
Total to 30/11	100	96	4	102	84	20

Arklow Harbour

Repair & Replacement of Fendering - Works Completed

Installation of new aircraft tyre fendering and vertical steel fendering including all required fixings at selected location at the inner harbour and dock tongue

Ladder Replacement Programme - Works Completed

Removal of existing damaged ladders and installation of 9 galvanised steel ladders with handrails.
Installation of 3 recessed galvanised steel ladders including associated civil engineering works.

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Wicklow Harbour

Repaving Section of Quay and Associated Improvements at South Quay - – Works Completed

Saw cutting and breaking out of existing damaged concrete slab while protecting existing infrastructure and installation of 200mm C40/50 concrete slab at South Quay, Wicklow. Installation of new handrail in accordance with building regulations. Relocation of water supply for harbour users. Installation of two power pedestals and associated ducts and civil works accordance with ESB minimum specification for MV/LV ducting. Removal of existing damaged railings and installation of flexi bollards.

Upgrading of slipway at the Inner Dock in order to Improve Accessibility / Safety -

Works Completed

Design, supply, delivery and installation including anchoring and securing of a rowing pontoon and access gangway at Inner Dock, Arklow. Repairing of subsidence with mass concrete to protect slipway and installation of rock armour.

Repairs & Safety Measures at the Slipways Works Completed

Break out existing damaged and steps slipway at the sailing club and installation of new 26m x 5m 200mm thick concrete slipway and steps with reinforcement. Completion of reinforced concrete repair works to existing damaged wall beside slipway to protect slipway. Saw cutting of existing slab at Seafront Slipway with 25mm deep at 100mm c/c to add traction to the existing surface.

Pollution Control

Private Water Supplies

1 Private water supply monitored and found compliant with microbiological parametric values

Pollution Response & Investigation

8 Water pollution complaints received and investigated.

4 Noise pollution complaints received and investigated.

1 Sewage pollution complaint received and investigated.

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

12 Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards

14 Rivers monitored involving 35 samples for compliance with environmental quality standards.

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Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigative

The New Draft River Management Plan for 2022-2027 2021 has been published and submissions on the content of plan are invited.

A presentation on the New Draft River Management Plan for 2022-2027 will be given to the SPC Meeting.

A submission was made on draft new nitrate action plan to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

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

Petrol Vapour Recovery Regulations

1 Petrol vapour installation was certified.

Deco Paint Solvent Regulations

Vehicle Refinisher Installations was inspected.

1 Dry cleaner Installations was inspected. .

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2022-2026

Consultation on new draft plan closed 2nd November.

Draft plan proposed 100% in inspection since 2013

Prioritized area for inspections where risk to private wells and surface water is high.

Greater emphasis on public awareness

Submission made highlighting resource constraints

Licensed Effluent Discharges to Waters/Sewer

1 self-monitored licensed wastewater discharges to sewers were reviewed.

Bathing Water Monitoring Programme

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.

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29 submissions were received nominating Kilcoole (14), Murrough (2), Wicklow Harbour (3), Travelahawk (3), Glen Strand (2), Magheramore (1), The Cove Greystones (2), Greystones South Beach (1), The Cove Arklow (1), Glendalough Upper Lake and Glenmacnass and Avonmore Rivers (1).

Planning & Development

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

Well Grants

Number of New Applications	15
Number of New Wells Granted	1
Number of New Pumps Granted	15
Number of New Equipment (Filters etc) Granted	19
Number of Inspections in advance/after works	36

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 has indicated that they will hold an Oral Hearing in January 2022

Wicklow County Council has been working with the Law Department and the OPW in reviewing the submissions in order to prepare for the expected Oral Hearing

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

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5. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public Lighting

The total number of public lighting faults currently outstanding stands at 343. 20 of these faults are dependent on ESB

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	06/12/2021	07/12/2020	02/12/2019	03/12/2018
No. of Outstanding Faults	343	432	596	493
Difference		89	253	150

	1st November 2021	8th November 2021	15th November 2021	22rd November 2021	29th November 2021	6th December 2021
Access Issues (Attended)						
Cable Fault (Attend)	11	11	10	9	10	10
ESB Required (Attended)	3	3	3	2	2	2
Knock Down (Attended)	26	25	24	24	23	20
Materials required	1	1	2	2	3	3
No Supply	3	3	3	3	3	3
On Hold	10	11	18	10	10	11
Submitted	11	11	10	11	11	13
Traffic Management Required	269	237	263	247	254	268
TOTAL	10	13	9	13	13	13
Percentage of lights not working	344	315	342	321	329	343
	2.29%	2.10%	2.28%	2.14%	2.19%	2.29%

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attended)		2	5	1	2	10
Cable Fault (Attend)	1				1	2
ESB Required (Attended)	6		4	3	7	20

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Knock Down (Attended)		1	1		1	3
Materials required	1	1	1			3
No Supply	1	4	2	4		11
On Hold			5	3	5	13
Submitted	24	79	69	44	52	268
TMR	1	3	6	2	1	13
Grand Total	34	90	93	57	69	343
Percentage Not Working	1.16%	3.76%	2.79%	2.07%	1.91%	2.29%

Transportation Statistics (General)

	Total 2020	Running total 2021	October	November
Solicitors Queries	842	870	58	74
Road Closure Applications	23	46	7	3
Road Opening Licences	1279	1502	104	110
Abnormal Load Applications	33	53	7	5

M11N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The Option Selection report was published in December following the review of submissions received during public display and is available to the public. Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation will commence in Q1 2022. Both the project team and the Land Liaison team are continuing to meet virtually with the public and any interested groups. The project website was refreshed and now include a link to the N11M11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme website at www.n11m11bpis.ie

Engagement with the Project Team will continue throughout Phase 3 Detailed Design.

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.

M11N11 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).

The BPIS web site is now available on www.n11m11bpis.ie This website will provide up to date information on the progress of the scheme.

N11 Parallel Service Road at Kilmacanogue

Substantial completion of the construction contract certified for 24 September 2021. A small number of snagging and outstanding works will continue during December. The road works speed limit order was lifted on 01 October 2021, 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 apply on the N11 mainline. It

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is intended to amend this bye-law to allow a 100km/h speed limit as intended by the Part 8 for the scheme. This will be further considered as part of the county wide review of speed limits in the coming months.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment – The scheme is complete and the remediation works on the road surfacing are also complete. The tenders for the Per Cent Art Feature are due to be returned in January.

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 - Resurfacing works of 4km of the N81 between Blessington and Russborough House were substantially completed in September 2021.

N81 Capital Maintenance - Resurfacing works from Ballinacrow Upper to Saundersgrove Hill and at Hollywood Lower were completed in July 2021. Pavement repair (patching) was completed in Blessington in July

N81 Energy Reducing Public Lighting –

TII have provided funding for energy reducing public lighting schemes at N81 Lambs Junction & Hollywood Junction works commenced in site in December.

N81 TII Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) Programme 2021

The contract involves 9 complete barrier replacements and 6 barrier repairs. Works Have been completed at three locations, The Lamb Junction, Brittas and Hollywood. The contract has been awarded to CHM and works commenced on site on 10 Nov 2021 and will continue into 2022.

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TII have provided funding for energy reducing public lighting schemes at N81 Lambs Junction & Hollywood Junction

Materials (head units) on order by Airtricity and awaiting delivery

N81 TII Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) Programme 2021

The contract involves 9 complete barrier replacements and 6 barrier repairs. The contract also involves the provision of temporary traffic management at one site to facilitate a VRS survey and risk assessment.

The contract has been awarded to CHM and works commenced on site on 10 Nov 2021 and will continue into 2022.

Sustainable Transportation Measures Grant Schemes

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Bray Strand Road Cycle Route – Works are substantially complete on the Seafront Plaza. Programme for completion of outstanding works to be agreed with contractor.

Swan River Greenway & Oldcourt Connectivity Scheme – Non-Statutory public consultation ongoing. In-person workshop cancelled due to covid concerns. Online workshop to be held on 7th December.

Bus Priority in Little Bray – Options Assessment workshop held in October. Parking survey has been completed. DBFL Consulting Engineers are drafting the Options Assessment.

Arklow Transport Study – DBFL Consulting Engineers are working on finalising the Baseline Study Report and Context Report.

Greystones Transport Study – Ove Arup Consulting Engineers are continuing work on the Baseline Study Report and Context Report.

Southern Cross Road Improvement Scheme – JB Barry Transportation are continuing work on the Options Assessment Report.

Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme – The Topographical Survey has been completed and an Appropriate Assessment is being carried out.

Kilmacanogue to Southern Cross Road Greenway – PRS Consulting Engineers have completed the revised Options Assessment Report and this has been agreed with NTA.

Delgany Village Accessibility Scheme – A Project Inception Meeting was held. JB Barry Transportation have commenced work on the detail design for the project.

Blessington Main Street to Deepak – Tenders were invited for Consultants to manage this scheme from Concept Stage to Construction. Tender Assessment is being carried out. It is anticipated that consultants will be appointed in January 2022.

Old Ballymore Road - Tenders were invited for Consultants to manage this scheme from Concept Stage to Construction. Tender Assessment is being carried out. It is anticipated that consultants will be appointed in January 2022.

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.

Oral Hearing for this scheme was held by An Bord Pleanála on the 19th October 2021, with decision due in February 2022.



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

Under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Wicklow County Council received funding for the construction of the Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm. A consultant was appointed to provide Technical Consultancy Services to bring the Arklow Parade Ground Public Realm scheme through all stages. 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 and the works started 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.

High level environmental assessments are currently being carried out of the emerging preferred option.

Arklow Shillelagh Greenway

The updated environmental surveys have been completed and the planning and environmental reports are now been updated. Plans are to lodge same in Quarter 2 2022.

Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge

Wicklow County Council is in the process of the Part 8 planning for the Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge Project.

This process is currently suspended while An Bord Pleanála considers the request that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required for the scheme.

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

Consultants are progressing though the detailed design of this Public Realm Improvement Scheme with the intention of inviting tenders for construction Quarter 1 2022.

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Winter Maintenance

The winter maintenance season commenced on 18th October 2021.

Details of winter maintenance this season to date

SUMMARY OF SEASON TO DATE	
Total number of salting nights	12
Total number of routes salted	107
Total estimate tonnage used	429
Total of National Salt Uses	77
Total of Regional & Local Salt Used	352

Cunningham's Corner

As part of Specific Road Improvement Funding, realignment of a bend is required on the R755 Roundwood to Kilmacanoge Road (near Djouce Golf Club) where there have been a number of incidents over the years. Consultants completed final design option in late August. Agreements have been signed with both affected Landowners. Tree and hedge removal and construction have been completed on site.

Relocation of EIR/NBI infrastructure was completed in early November. Wicklow County Council installed ducting on site to divert cables. New road construction being completed off-line with associated drainage being installed in verge.

Sally's Bridge

Construction has been completed at Sally's Bridge to widen the existing junction to improve sight lines and turning movements. Due to insufficient junction width, the bridge parapet wall is being continuously damaged. Drainage works are required as part of this project and are substantially complete. Surfacing works was completed in late October to reduce grade at junction. Parapet repair works have also been completed on both sides of junction.

Bridge Crew works

The Bridge crew completed Mullinaveigue bridge parapet in October and moved to Sally's bridge repair works. The crew also completed parapet repairs on Stoney Pass bridge, Roundwood and Carrigmore bridge in the Wickow MD, Currently working on installation of rubbing strips and erection of signage at Templerainey Bridge, Arklow.

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Machinery Yard – Working with Climate team in relation to installing EV chargers in Council depots across the county. Nissan and Peugeot Electric Vans and Maxus Deliver series were road tested within the Municipal Districts. Feedback from all Departments is expected is summary is almost complete.

The EV charger contractor was SEE Airtricity is the preferred contractor. EV chargers to be installed in 6 depots across the county. Works have commenced on site with 5 chargers complete. Final charger is erected but not operational as a new connection needs to be made.

Capital replacement programme for replacement of the fleet is currently being worked on and with the Environment Section on the purchase of a new truck for the Pure Project. The Pure truck has been ordered with a deliver date of mid 2022. The purchase an artic tipper trailer has been approved for hauling salt/road making materials, and delivery expected before Xmas.

As part of compliance with RSA regulations, trial of Fleet Maintenance systems is ongoing in the Machinery Yard.

Pro Works – trial has proved very successful. Pro-Work to roll out to the roads section and Municipal Districts. Tablets have been rolled out to some staff in Roads. Training took place in October.

PLEEP – (STET) The tender for the appointment of a Consultant to manage the process from Stage (i) preliminary report, Stage (ii) preparation of Tender Documentation including any design works and Stage (iii) Tender for the “Works” (was published on e-tenders on 23 October 2020. 3 tenders received by return date of 24 November 2020. ARUP was appointed. Draft tender documentation issued to WCC for review at the end of June and comments returned. The target for the publication of the tender for the “Works”- Stage (iv)-(V) is the end of July 2021 and tenders have been returned at end of October 2021. Award date of Works contract will be mid Quarter 1 2022.

Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	770,995
Greystones Municipal District	233,459
Wicklow Municipal District	267,274
Arklow Municipal District	164,343
Parking Permits	64,580
Parking Fines	310,960
Wicklow County Council	1,811,611

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Fire Service

Operational Fire Statistics November 2021

	Total stations	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathdrum	Arklow	Blessington	Dunlavin	Baltinglass	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	14	3	5	4	1	1					
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	31	6	6	4	4	4	1	2		2	2
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	0										
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	0										
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	1								1		
One Station Mobilised											
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	25	7	6	4	1	1	3	1	2		
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	6	1	2	3							
Fire Chimney	3	1	1			1					
Fire Small / bin / skip / bonfire	18	8	2	4	2	1		1			
Fire Vehicle	4		3			1					
Flooding	1	1									
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	0										
Ambulance Assist / Medical Assist	8	3	2	2		1					
Garda Assist	0										
Electrical Incident	2			1				1			
Gas Leak	1								1		
River / Water Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	0										
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	2	2									
Animal Rescue	1			1							
Lock In / Lock Out	2		1		1						
False Alarm – Good Intent	2		1	1							
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	4						1	2		1	
Times Stations mobilised	127	33	30	24	9	10	5	7	4	3	2

A fire crew from Hackettstown (Carlow) supported Baltinglass at an agriculture fire on 22/11/21
 Blessington were supported at an RTC by Naas fire Crew on 09/11/21

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There were **103 incidents** attended during the month of November 2021. Individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **127 occasions** including 4 incidents in other counties.

Operational activity for the month of November **was unchanged from the preceding month** (October 2021 – 127 mobilisations). There was however a significant increase in serious incidents, domestic house fires up from 1 to 7 incidents and RTCs up from 7 to 16 incidents. Fire alarm activations doubled from 14 to 25 but following the Halloween period outdoor fires were down from 50 to 18.

Operational activity for the month of November 2021 **was up 50% on the equivalent month in 2020** (November 2020 – 83 mobilisations). Most of the increase can be accounted for by strict COVID restrictions in 2020. In November 2021 there has been a year on year increase in domestic house fire incidents from 4 to 7, an increase in RTCs from 3 to 16, an increase in alarm activations from 13 to 25, an increase in outdoor fires from 4 to 18 and an increase in ambulance assists from 1 to 8.

Sample Incidents (November 2021)

- 02/11/2021 Arklow and Wicklow town fire crews attended an RTC at Woodenbridge involving an overturned truck. The driver was trapped in the cab and had to be extricated.
- 07/11/2021 Rathdrum and Arklow crews attended an RTC on in Avoca. One person was trapped and the roof of the car was removed to rescue the casualty.
- 07/11/2021 Carnew and Tinahely crews attended an RTC involving a van on its side on the Bunclody road at Ballingate.
- 10/11/2021 Greystones and Bray crews attended a fire in a domestic boiler shed attached to a house at Kindlestown. The fire was contained and prevented from spreading to the oil tank.
- 11/11/2021 Rathdrum and Dunlavin crews attended an RTC on the Wicklow Gap a car had left the road and was on its side. Cutting equipment was used to remove the casualty from the car.
- 17/11/2021 Rathdrum and Wicklow Town crews attended an RTC on the R753. The car was on its side. The roof was removed to rescue the casualty.
- 26/11/2021 Crews from Greystones and Wicklow Town attended a domestic fire in Kilcoole. The fire ignited the domestic oil tank causing extensive damage. The fire was extinguished and no one was injured.

Incidents in County Kildare (1-incident):

- 01/11/2021 Dunlavin Fire Crew supported crews from Athy at a domestic house fire at Burtown Farm involving a tumble drier on fire.
- 03/11/2021 Blessington Fire Crew responded to a gas leak in a house in Glenmore, Ballymore Eustace.
- 14/11/2021 Dunlavin Fire Crew were mobilised to an oil spill on the road at Kilgowan.

Incidents in County Wexford (1-incident):

- 07/11/2021 Carnew Fire Crew responded to a fire alarm activation at Clonee, Camolin.

General

In addition to on-station training, Wicklow County Fire Service undertook:

- Two 2 Day Breathing Apparatus Refresher courses - 12 personnel each day
- Five 1 Day Winch Operator courses in Blessington for 45 firefighters

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- One 2 Day Emergency First Responder Refresher
- Two 1 Day Emergency Traffic Management Training for 24 personnel

3 new recruits complete their 2 week QQI Breathing Apparatus Initial Wearers Course in Dundalk from 1st to 12th November, Wicklow had one qualified BA Instructor assist with the delivery of this course.

The Bray Training Centre hosted the NDFEM Managing Fire Service incidents Module 2 and Module 3 Courses.

Wicklow Fire Service has been developing a mobile app to assist Course Directors and Instructors with the assessments and management of LASNTG QQI Fire Service Courses. November saw the app belnG tested on two external courses held in Clonmel and Dundalk. Wicklow Fire Service's work has been widely acknowledged and it is anticipated that the app will be further developed, tested and put into national use during 2022.

The annual vehicle maintenance and testing schedule for 2022 was developed and reviewed.

Fire Prevention Statistics November 2021

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	13	1	12		11
Regularisation Certificates					
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice					
Disability Access Certificates	14	1	10		7

Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	No Objection letter	Not raising an objection
District	6				
Circuit			1	1	
Dangerous Substances Act					
Explosive Act					

Commencement Notices for Nov 2021:

Commencement Notices Submitted: 20

- 3 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 13 Opt Out Declarations

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- 1 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 3 Seven day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 65 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 75 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 15 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 3 are Compliance Documentation (20%)
 - 9 are Opt Out (60%)
 - 1 Without Compliance Documentation (7%)
 - 2 Seven Day Notice (13%)
- 15 Valid Commencement Notices
- 33 new build residential Units (13 of which are one off houses)
 - Invalidated CNs for November = 3
- **Certificates of Completion processed in November 2021**
 - 16 New No. of CCC submitted
 - 19 No. Validated
 - 1 No. Invalid

Submission Statistics

19 No. Validated CCCs related to;

2 No CCCs submitted in September 2021
5 No CCCs submitted in October 2021
12 No CCCs submitted in November 2021

6 Revised Info Requests from November

**BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

Building Control has continued to with site inspections in November. 3 outstanding Section 11 Compliance Requests have been closed off in November and non-compliances addressed and rectified. Market Surveillance of Construction products have also continued and Section 11 Compliance Requests issued regarding non CE marked products found on site.

Invalidation of notices in November was due to inexperience and/or submission in errors by the end user, Building control have advised users on new submission requirements.

CCC submissions have increased with the completion of 94 new residential units in November.

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Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. HR and Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in November:

- Foreman Non-Craft
- Caretaker Clermont
- Communications Officer (Active Travel)
- Chief Technician (Acting – Active Travel)
- Senior Executive Technician
- Technician Gr I & II

Employee Numbers

	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
Employee Numbers			
Managerial/Administrative	296	297	304
Professional/Technical	123	118	121
Outdoor	268	264	261
Temporary/Seasonal	51	71 (increase relates to lifeguards)	49 (reduction relates to lifeguards)
Non DOHPLG	8	8	8
Total	746	758	743

Access to Information

F.O.I. Requests

November 2021: 7	November 2020: 16
Jan - November 2021: 91	Jan - November 2020: 127

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Ombudsman Requests

November 2021	2
January to November 2021	25

November 2020	5
January to November 2020	24

Press Releases

November 2021 – 20 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 Hub

Customer Service Innovation Hub			
2021 - Quarter 3			
Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	34,452	Motor Taxation	2,084
No. of Emails	2,929	Revenue	604
No. of Elected Members	458	Social Housing Applications	192
CRM Cases	2,319		



2. I.C.T.

Handover of Backup and Disaster Recovery Solution

- Successfully implemented new Backup and Disaster Recovery Solution, both hardware and software
- Testing of Solution and training of staff ongoing
- Handover of Solution to WCC.

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.
- The upgrade of PC's in libraries general offices continues and due to complete by end Q1 2022

Domain Migration

- Server migration is almost complete.

Implementation of ePlanning

- Systems and Project Plan in Place to rollout ePlanning

GIS & Systems Analysis

- Arklow Decarbonisation Zone data collection exercise has concluded with all relevant data transferred to consultants.
- Development of an interactive walking trails portal is ongoing. An additional mobile element is currently in development.
- Post processing of National Tree Datasets procured from BlueSky has been completed with the data being widely integrated in the organisation's analysis tools and applications.
- Migration of inhouse datasets to the cloud environment has been completed and have been amalgamated into their various applications.

Business Systems/Applications Development

- 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.
- The Applications' Team, in collaboration with the H&S Team, successfully designed and rolled out an online bookings system which facilitated the distribution of the flu vaccine to local authority staff.

Customer Service Delivery

- Support for the Customer Service Innovation Hub is ongoing. 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 December 1st, 2020, to November 30th, 2021, were 1,450,423 This indicates a decrease of .58% in unique pageviews compared the same period the previous year.



- Social media accounts – followers to date
 - o Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 10,453 followers. This is an increase of 47 followers or .45% on the previous month.
 - o Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 7,450 followers. This is an increase of 30 followers or .4% on the previous month.
 - o Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 2512 followers. This is an increase of 22 followers or .9% on the previous month.
- The Online Consultation Hub on Wicklow.ie continues to feature in enhanced consultation campaigns. These have included–
 - o Swan River Greenway and Old court Connectivity Scheme
 - o Age Friendly Survey
 - o Part 8 – 4 No. Group Housing Units at Avondale Heights, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow
- 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.



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Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH NOVEMBER 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	25,303,726	28,035,818	90%	(29,261,037)	(33,580,464)	87%	(3,957,311)
Road Transport & Safety	22,178,871	22,299,168	99%	(15,653,467)	(15,497,938)	101%	6,525,404
Water Services	5,267,974	5,823,666	90%	(6,380,382)	(6,857,035)	93%	(1,112,408)
Development Management	13,381,110	11,471,622	117%	(8,808,429)	(6,226,652)	141%	4,572,681
Environmental Services	11,194,820	11,897,222	94%	(1,825,192)	(2,069,370)	88%	9,369,627
Recreation and Amenity	7,185,531	7,946,046	90%	(958,783)	(882,197)	109%	6,226,749
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,279,480	1,496,632	85%	(699,773)	(834,228)	84%	579,707
Miscellaneous Services	18,534,263	10,447,823	177%	(16,458,744)	(7,747,758)	212%	2,075,519
Central Management Charges	17,351,068	19,212,563	90%	(1,223,665)	(1,000,000)	122%	16,127,403
Local Government Fund				(11,006,323)	(12,006,898)	92%	(11,006,323)
Pension Levy				0	0		0
Commercial Rates				(29,404,852)	(32,078,021)	92%	(29,404,852)
	121,676,843	118,630,560	103%	(121,680,647)	(118,780,561)	102%	(3,804)

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 November 2021 to 30th November 2021.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2021					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2021	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 30/11/2021
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	17,611,344	56,049,993	(62,324,532)	(534,750)	10,802,055
Road Transport & Safety	(44,050,309)	16,833,469	(12,682,665)	(97,917)	(39,997,421)
Water Services	(11,018,071)	312,833	(1,533,247)	(15,000)	(12,253,485)
Development Management	(8,802,936)	1,191,509	(1,055,956)	(1,060,308)	(9,727,691)
Environmental Services	1,504,016	3,034,983	(2,947,987)	(519,375)	1,071,637
Recreation and Amenity	(1,312,600)	3,189,868	(2,354,130)	(127,892)	(604,753)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,234,386)	321,263	0	(191,993)	(1,105,117)
Miscellaneous Services	(16,085,971)	2,200,603	(2,126,668)	(1,147,207)	(17,159,243)
	(63,388,913)	83,134,521	(85,025,185)	(3,694,442)	(68,974,020)



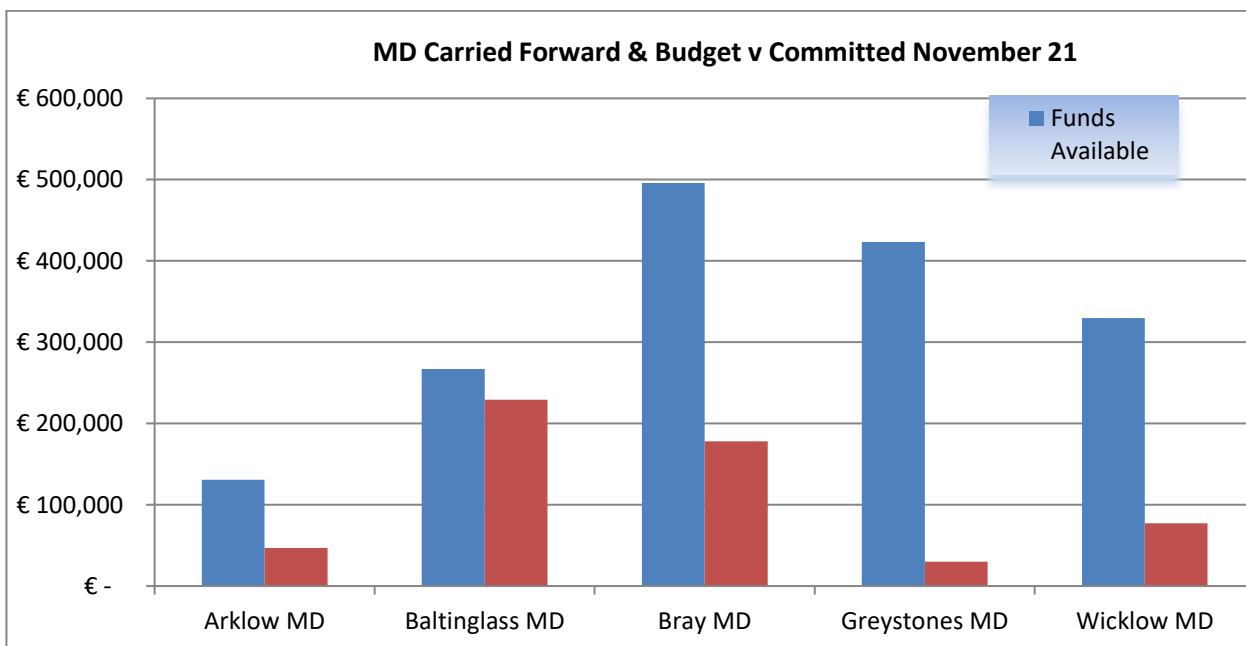
Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2021										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2021	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 31/10/2021	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	8,194,672	32,065,945	2,110	4,710	(8,576,495)	31,690,942	(22,396,633)	9,294,310	1,882,936	75%
Rents & Annuities	2,735,687	15,438,025	0	(56,541)	0	18,117,171	(15,129,230)	2,987,941	0	84%
Housing Loans	446,214	1,914,680	0	0	0	2,360,894	(1,918,778)	442,116	0	81%

Twelve 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. An extension to the commercial rates waiver was announced in Budget 2022. This waiver is for Q4 2021 and will be “targeted at the hospitality, arts and certain tourism related sectors.”

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	46,753	84,154
Baltinglass MD	245,041	22,000	267,041	229,197	37,844
Bray MD	433,456	62,500	495,956	177,908	318,048
Greystones MD	392,553	31,000	423,553	30,110	393,443
Wicklow MD	296,693	33,000	329,693	77,110	252,583
Total	1,444,650	202,500	1,647,150	561,078	1,086,072

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
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilmacanogue Nature Trail	€20,000	€18,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Lacken Mass Path	€18,000	€16,200
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilcoole Mass Path	€13,000	€11,700
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Avonmore Kayak Project	€16,500	€14,850
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Age Friendly Triobikes for older people	€23,160	€20,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Keadeen Access	€13,500	€12,150
ORIS 2021 Project Development	Three Trout Route	€50,000	€45,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 3	The Sugarloaf Repair	€500,000	€450,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link	€180,000	€162,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	€220,000	€198,000
	Sub-Total	€58,861,924	€12,047,787