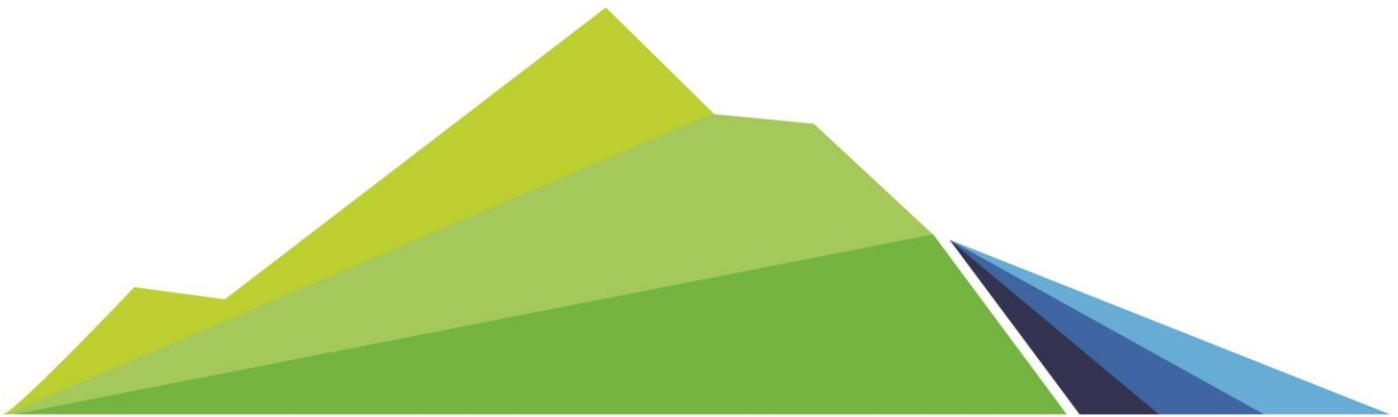




Wicklow County Council Chief Executive's Monthly Report



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This month:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL RECEIVES FUNDING FOR CLERMONT FOOD HUB

Wicklow County Council is delighted to announce that a Priming Grant of €199,600 has been awarded to Clermont Enterprise Hub CLG from Enterprise Ireland's Regional Enterprise Innovation Scoping Scheme (REISS).

The main purpose of REISS is the investigation and preparation of major new collaborative and innovative initiatives that have the potential to make a significant impact on enterprise development in a region, across regions, or nationally. It provides early-stage financial assistance to potentially significant projects that can be primed to deliver a regional impact.

Clermont Enterprise Hub CLG is a not-for-profit company overseeing the construction, development, and management of key, demand led enterprise hub infrastructure. Wicklow Naturally, County Wicklow's promotional food and beverage brand are located on the campus.

This funding is intended to allow Wicklow County Council to engage a consultant to prime the development of a Wicklow Naturally Food Incubation Centre at Wicklow County Campus, Rathnew comprising regional infrastructure of scale for agri-food and drinks SMEs including specialist food production units, co-working innovation kitchens, and scaling and growth support services.

With one of Ireland's most prolific food and drinks networks, the focus of the new infrastructure will be to respond to industry needs for food enterprise space and innovation supports to accelerate growth in the regional food and beverage sector and will contribute to maximising the potential of the 55-acre site at Wicklow County Campus.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL MAKING ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

Chess players from all across the county have taken to social media to acknowledge the latest outdoor initiative from Wicklow County Council which involves the installation of outdoor chess tables at various locations in each Municipal District.

Tables have been installed to date in Greystones (Burnaby Park) and Wicklow (Riverwalk and Bachelor's walk). Additional tables will be installed shortly in Bray, Blessington, Baltinglass and Arklow.

This latest initiative from the Council is designed to encourage more outdoor activity as we emerge from the COVID pandemic. Chess is an increasingly popular activity, heightened by the critically acclaimed "Queen's Gambit" series recently shown on Television.

The chess tables have been specially designed to the Council's specification and are accessible to all, and they are already proving very popular.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

1. Housing

Social Housing Support

	June 2022	June 2021
No. on list for Social Housing Support – (includes RAS & HAP)*	4535	4381
No. availing of Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS)	225	272
No. availing of Housing Assistance Payment	2555	2318
No. in Long Term Leasing Accommodation	21	16
No. in Short Term Leasing Accommodation	30	30

Allocation of Social Housing

	June 2022	June 2021
Wicklow County Council	12	69
Approved Housing Bodies	05	02

Social Housing Stock

	June 2022	June 2021
Tenancies occupied	4,750	4,621
Total weekly rental accrual	311,471.66	303,672.43
Arrears	2,931,441.83	3,038,053.33

Housing Supply – Programme of Delivery

SCHEMES COMPLETED	UNITS	CURRENT STATUS
O'Byrne Road, Bray	1	Completed and allocated
Old Library Arklow	7	Completed and allocated
Avondale Heights Rathdrum	20	Completed and allocated

Delany Park, Arklow (Phase 1)	17	Completed and allocated
16A Oak Drive, Blessington	1	Completed and allocated
Druids Brook, Kilcoole	2	Completed and allocated
Whitehall, Baltinglass	34	Completed and allocated
Farrenkelly Greystones Phase 2	24	Completed and allocated
Convent Lands	51	Completed and allocated
Urban Villas (FCA Hall), Wicklow Town	8	Completed and allocated
Jameson Heights, Kilmacanogue	20	Completed and allocated
Kilmantan Place, Bray	4	Completed and allocated
Carnew Rapid Build	30	Completed and allocated
Rathnew RAPID BUILD	47	Completed and allocated
Kilbride Court (Bray)	42	Completed and allocated
Ard na Greine, Bray	31	Completed and allocated
Delany Park Arklow (Phase 2 + 3)	47	Completed and allocated
Hawkstown Park (Ashtown Lane), Wicklow Design & Build	40	Completion and being allocated
Mountainview, NTMK Design & Build	22	Completion in the process o be ing allocated
Schemes on Site	units	CURRENT STATUS
Greenhill Road Wicklow Design & Build	36	Completion anticipated Q1 2023
Sheehan Court Design & Build	7	Completion anticipated Q3 2022
Avondale Phase 2 Design & Build	20	Completion anticipated Q4 2022
Cedar Court Bray Design & Build	14	Completion anticipated Q3 2023
Pipeline Schemes	Units	Current Status
Lugduff Tinahely	20	Part 8 complete – tender documents being prepared
Three Trouts Greystones Design & Build	41	Site start anticipated Q3 2022
Merrymeeting, Rathnew, Phase 2	21	Site start anticipated Q3 2022
Ballard Shillelagh	20	Site start anticipated Q3 2022
Fassaroe, Bray	15	Stage 2 approval received – detailed design and part v111 being prepared.
Ballynerrin, Wicklow	10	Approval received from department. – part V111 ongoing



Burgage More Blessington	106	Part of PPP bundle 3 with NDFA. Part 8 approved.
Lott Lane, Kilcoole	75	Stage 1 approval received, stage 2 received. – part V111 being advertised in the coming weeks
Rehills, Bray	80	PPP bundle 5

Public Private Partnership.

Following a request from the Department of Housing, the following sites have been submitted for consideration for inclusion in future bundles:

- Burnaby, Greystones
- Rehills, Bray.
- Tinahask, Arklow.

Part V

Location	No. of Units	Due for Delivery	Method
Bray	20	Scheduled phased Q2-Q4 2022	CALF
Rathnew	6	3 Delivered Q1 2022 , 3 Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Wicklow Town	4	Scheduled Q1 2023	WCC
Delgany	3	Scheduled Q2 2023	WCC
Rathdrum	3	Scheduled Q3 2022	WCC
Kilcoole	3	Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Enniskerry	2	Scheduled Q3 2022	WCC
Delgany	4	Scheduled Q3 2022	WCC
Delgany	1	Scheduled Q3 2022	WCC
Rathdrum	7	Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Rathdrum	6	Scheduled Q1 2023	CALF

Potential units

Wicklow County Council currently has agreements in place for units in Delgany, Bray, Rathnew, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Kilcoole and Enniskerry with delivery ranging from 2022-2024. This includes the 59 units listed above. WCC is in negotiations in respect of over 100 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
Arklow	13	10 Delivered Q2 2022, 3 Scheduled Q1 2023	CALF
Rathnew	10	10 Delivered Q2 2022	WCC
Bray	188	30 Units Delivered Q2, Remaining units Scheduled for Delivery Q3-Q4 2022	CALF
Rathdum	13	Scheduled Q4 2022	WCC
Rathdrum	30	Scheduled Q1 2023	CALF
Arklow	42	11 Delivered, Remaining units Scheduled for Delivery Q3-Q4 2022	CALF

- Negotiations are on-going with a number of Developers and AHB's in relation to acquiring further Turnkey units.

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.

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.

Home Improvement/Adaptation

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

- › Grant funding for private house - €2,299,375 (2022 budget) €685,956.58 spent to date
- › Grant funding for social house - €1,168,200 (2021 budget) (€111,855.24 spent to date)

Private Houses

- › Open Applications 124 (some carried over from 2021, approvals not included in this figure)
- › Approved applications 186 (some carried over from 2021)



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. The National Housing Strategy for Disable People 2022 – 2027 will be launched in mid January 2022

Housing for Older People - Age Friendly Schemes

Millbank, Mill Road - Two 2 bed properties	Detailed design complete – tender documents finalised and advertised closing date 20 th June
Castle Villas - Two 2 bed properties	Detailed design complete – tender documents finalised and advertised closing date 20 th June
Carraig Eden - 14 age friendly 1 bed apartments	Part 8 complete commencement of design and build project to begin shortly
Kilcoole Health Centre 4 no 1 bed apartments	Finalising detailed design

Vacant Homes Scheme

There are now 16 CPOs underway on long term vacant houses around the county.

30 South Green, Arklow	Notice to Treat served. House now in possession of the Council and will be refurbished prior to allocation.
5 Priory Way, Delgany	Notice to Treat served. House now in possession of the Council and will be refurbished prior to allocation.
8 Sycamore Drive, Newtownmountkennedy	House purchased from START Mortgages by agreement. Council tenant now in situ.
5 Ashwood, Roundwood	Confirmed CPO. House now purchased by agreement and will be refurbished prior to allocation.
108 Charnwood, Bray	Oral hearing held by An Bord Pleanála on 17 th August 2021 but no decision yet notified to parties.
10 Liam Mellows Avenue Arklow	CPO Confirmed. Purchase by agreement with Receiver in progress.
33 Connolly Street, Arklow	CPO Confirmed. Purchased by agreement with Receiver. In our possession since 20/5/2022 and will be refurbished prior to allocation.



6 Ashleigh, Ashford	Oral hearing of An Bord Pleanála held on 21 st June. Purchase of the house by agreement with Receiver will be completed shortly.
114 Hillside, Greystones	CPO published. Objection lodged. Oral Hearing will follow. No date for hearing advised yet by ABP.
18 Delgany Glen, Greystones	CPO published. Objection lodged. Oral Hearing will follow. However purchase by agreement with Receiver is underway.
2 Lakeview Grove, Wicklow Town	CPO published. No objections lodged. CPO confirmed 12 th April. Confirmation newspaper ad 26 th April.
88 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	CPO confirmed. Notice to Treat and Notice of Entry served. In our possession since 28 th of June.
100 Wicklow Heights, Wicklow Town	CPO published 1 st week in April. Purchase by agreement with Link Financial in progress.
53 South Green, Arklow	CPO published 1 st week in April. Objection from owner. Will result in Oral Hearing.
53A South Green, Arklow	CPO published 1 st week in April. Objection from owner. Will result in Oral Hearing.
41 Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry	CPO Published 12 th July (newspaper ad).

Further long-term vacant properties are currently being identified for future batches of CPOs.

Further reports relating to Co Wicklow on www.vacanthomes.ie were received in June. Information received from the public in this manner is crucial to identifying vacant houses and to taking action.

Infill Sites

- Blackhills - Two 3 bed semi-detached properties are currently being constructed
- Knockroe – Part V111 approved and a revised stage 2 application has been submitted to the department for 2 x 4 bedroomed fully accessible units

Housing Maintenance - Heating Upgrade Programme

The adopted budget for 2022 is €236,000 and due to the significant increase in cost of new installations, only 19 houses will be done in 2022. Work has started on new Gas heating installations and will then move on to Oil as the same contractor is doing both. Gas & oil boiler maintenance contracts have been renewed and servicing has started. Arising from the procurement process there have also been



significant increases in the cost of boiler servicing – in the range 12 to 23%. Similar increases will apply to boiler repair and replacement costs.

Rebuilding Ireland Home loans 2022

Received	Approved in principle
22	11

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

	To date	June 2022
Applications Received	368	5
Completed	91	0
Declined	253	4
Ongoing	24	24

Homeless figures for June 2022

Addressing Homelessness			
	As at 30/06/2022	Year To Date	As at 30/06/2021
No of New Presentations	57	206	44
No. of Repeat Presentations	0	16	0
No. of Families (Minimum 1 Adult + One Child)	14	103	13
No. of Individuals (Single Adult, no children)	42	108	32
No. Of Couples (2 Adults, no children)	1	9	0
No. of Children	28	187	21
NTQ/Asked to Leave/Landlord selling	17	76	6
Family Circumstances	15	61	11
Leaving Prison/Hospital Care	3	6	3



Mental Health	2	5	2
Risk of Homelessness	3	16	5
Arrears/Loss of Income	3	6	1
Addiction Issues	7	11	3
DV/DA	3	20	5
Medical Issues	2	5	0
Overcrowding	0	5	6
Unsuitable/Voluntarily Left	13	28	1
ASB:	1	3	1
Rough Sleeping*	6	7	2
Sofa Surfing*	7	21	2
Staying with Family*	9	33	14
Staying with Friends*	2	14	5

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

Own Door Temporary Accommodation at 30/06/2022	
Families	21
Adults	36
Children	59
Single individual	1

Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/06/2022								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	22	29	21	8	6	5	1	2
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation - No. of Homeless Emergency Accommodation Placements & Duration @ 30/06/2021								
	No. of Households	No. of Adults	No. of Children	< 3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	>12mths
Household breakdown	13	16	15	5	1	4	2	1

Homeless HAP

The Homeless HAP Place finder 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, 395 households (293 families & 102 singles) have been assisted under the Homeless HAP Scheme in Wicklow County Council from the inception on 1st October, 2018 to 30th June 2022. (172 homeless cases, 214 prevention cases to date and 9 direct provision). 118 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 have been engaged by Wicklow County Council to operate and manage the facility at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow as a Family Homeless Service. The building comprises of 3 x 1 bed units 2 x 2 bed units and 2 x 3 bed units - Refurbishment works and snagging are now complete.

The first 6 families have now been accommodated and assessments are underway to fill the remaining apartment in the hub.

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

San Remo opened to clients in October 2020. The facility, operated by Dublin Simon, incorporates a service model where there are a number of emergency/cold weather Beds 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 facility providing 35 ensuite bedrooms with associated kitchens and common areas is fully operational. Wicklow County Council have made arrangements to run an in-reach service with the clients to support them as they continue their journey into more permanent accommodation.

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.

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 9 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 – the main issue facing this programme is the availability of one bed units in suitable locations with easy access to services etc.

Traveller accommodation

Capital Programme

Ballintесkin – 3 houses	All residents who were on the proposed site have been rehoused. Contractor appointed and due to start on site in mid August
Avondale Heights, Rathdrum – 4 houses	Approval received for funding from Department, – Part V111 approved detailed design underway
Barndarrig Group Housing scheme for 2 houses	Stage 2 approval received. Part V111 to be commenced.
Ballintесkin,	Detailed design completed for extension – discussions underway with tenant regarding decanting of Bay during works - works to start in the next few weeks

Fire safety on Halting sites were completed by members of the Housing section in October 2021 and further inspections will be carried out in 2022.

Energy Efficiency

Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

Works completed on 57 properties in West Wicklow and Rathdrum and snagging underway

Additional BERs and suitability inspections being carried out on properties listed as being down for fabric upgrades in 2022. Framework for fabric upgrade works is complete.

71 [properties given approval for energy efficiency fabric upgrade works in 2022 - Works commenced in Parnell Park Rathdrum



Ukrainian Response

- As of 20th July the numbers of Ukrainians Displaced Persons in emergency type accommodation is 893 (although we know that they are over 1200 approx in the County)

This number is broken down as follows -

- Arklow MD 65 No.
 - Baltinglass MD 85 No.
 - Bray MD 488 No.
 - Greystones MD 103 No.
 - Wicklow MD 152 No.
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- WCC are currently assessing all Displaced Ukrainians persons in the County in order to identify their accommodation needs as well linking them in with all the relevant services and supports within the community.

 - WCC are working through a list of pledged properties within the County and matching families accordingly. As of the 20th July we will have housed 79 number displaced Ukrainian people. Larger buildings and vacant units are also being identified and explored as potential options for medium to long term accommodation. –

 - Arklow Rest Centre closed at the end of May.

 - The Community Response Forum continues to meet on a fortnightly basis

2. Community

Library

County Wicklow Library Service

Mid-Year Statistics

One advantage of all local authorities now sharing the same Library Management System is that it is possible to get a snapshot of stats at any given time. The good news is that at the end of June, Wicklow County Council is leading the way for most items borrowed in 2022, and is currently the only local authority with more than one item borrowed per head of population. This is one of the primary NOAC Performance Indicators, so should ensure a good placement in 2023 report. Statistics are based on Census '22 provisional populations. Granted it's only the half way point, but as Alex Ferguson used to say - "The title is never won by Christmas, but it can be lost".

Capital Programme Update

In addition to our dedicated staff, the statistics above may be credited to our improved library buildings and facilities, which are now repaying Wicklow County Council's investment. WCC has 3 library capital projects as part of current Library Development Plan – Aughrim, Ballywaltrim & Baltinglass. These are currently progressing as follows:

Aughrim



The above is an artist's impression of the proposed Aughrim library. This was passed at Senior Management Team meeting of 28th June and is on agenda for Arklow Municipal District meeting of 13th July. All required notices are in place, and if passed by Arklow Municipal District, the Part 8 process will commence on 14th July. Allowing for the required 2 months, and subsequent tender process, if no



objections are received, tender for construction should be in place by late September / early October, and appointment of construction could take place by early 2023. A 12 month construction is envisaged.

Ballywaltrim

De Blacam & Meagher Architects are to bring proposed drawings for Ballywaltrim library for discussion and approval before end of July. Agreed drawings would then need to be developed and a Stage 2 proposal be submitted to DRCD for grant approval. The Department of Rural & Community Development has approved Stage 1 proposals, but has indicated that capital grant aid will not be approved for new library projects until 2023. It is intended to have full submission with DRCD in autumn 2022.

Baltinglass

Baltinglass library forms part of a 3-tier, ambitious project for the development of Baltinglass Courthouse. The other elements are an upgraded heritage centre, with high quality tourism potential for West Wicklow and a state of the art Co-Working Hub, which would provide 30 individual co-working stations. This was submitted for RRDF funding in late April, under the title “Baltinglass – Looking Back and Moving Forward”. The application form stated that final decisions would not be received until September. However, in recent weeks the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) has written to each applicant and requested a 3 minute video be submitted to complement each application. This was filmed on site and is currently being edited, for submission ahead of the deadline of 15th July. It will include contributions from each stakeholder including WCC library, arts & heritage and endorsement from community and architect.

Community Activities Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2021

The Community Activities Fund (CAF) provides funding to support community groups across Ireland. The amount of funding allocated to County Wicklow is €282,686. The successful applicants have been notified and payment of awards has commenced.

The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with their non-pay running costs for example utility bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills. Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment for example tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.

Community Awards Scheme 2022

Wicklow County Council operates this scheme as part of its commitment to supporting local community development and is available as grant aid to successful community groups and local organisations wishing to undertake community projects in their area. The maximum grant amount is €500 per organisation to assist with small projects and group running costs. The successful applicants have been notified and payment of awards has commenced.



Age Friendly Ireland

County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2023-2027

The development of the new Age Friendly Strategy 2023- 2027 is progressing. The stakeholder and public consultation process has been completed and the findings were presented to a joint meeting of the County Wicklow Age Friendly Alliance and the Older Persons Council on 1st June.

The next stage of development is to define the strategic goals and actions, in consultation with individual members of the Age Friendly Alliance. This will happen over the summer months and a draft of these Goals and Actions will be presented to the next meeting of the Age Friendly Alliance in September.

Avondale – Beyond The Trees

Avondale Beyond the Trees opened to the public on 22nd June. A walkability study of this unique visitor attraction is scheduled for mid-July. This will be co-ordinated by Age Friendly Ireland, as this will be the first Age Friendly Tourist destination in Ireland. The walkability checklist incorporates the relevant World Health Organisation (WHO) themes and National Transport Authority (NTA) checklist and follows on from the initial consultation workshop, with Older Persons Council representatives, accessibility groups and others, which was held in March 2021.

Older Person's Council

The Older Persons' Council AGM did not proceed in May, due to changes in support staffing. It is now proposed to hold the AGM in November, in conjunction with the annual Seminar, following a national Older Persons Council promotion campaign to be held during Positive Ageing Week in October.

Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm Training

Age Friendly Ireland's shared services team hosted an online training programme for Wicklow County Council staff, on 21st June, on Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm. In line with our National commitment to World Health Organisation's global Age Friendly Cities and Communities Programme, Wicklow County Council is committed to future proofing County Wicklow for the changing demographics of our aging population and making County Wicklow a great place to live and grow older.

The aim of this training programme was to share current best practice and models of excellence that may be applied in Wicklow, to make the county more age friendly, in both housing and the public realm. Staff from Housing, Planning and each of the Municipal Districts participated in the programme.

Disability Inclusion Steering Committee (DISC) Update

The new disability strategy is in development. A consultant has been appointed and the consultation process is now underway, with 6 public consultation workshops held in June.

Women's Try Tennis

Our Women's Try Tennis programme was a four week programme taking place in Aughrim Community Sports Centre. The programme was hugely popular, we added an session. Overall 14 women took part. We hope to have a friendly game with ladies from Arklow Tennis club in the future.



extra
near

Siel Bleu Stretch & Mobility Programme

We are currently on week three of our Stretch & Mobility Programme. programme is taking place in St. Kevin's Community Hall, Blessington people taking part. The programme is in conjunction with Siel Bleu.



This
with 10

Pickleball Taster Session

Our Pickleball Taster Session took place in St. Kevin's Community Hall, Blessington with 20 people taking part. popular demand we are planning to run a six week Pickleball in West Wicklow.



Due to
Series

Activator Poles Walking Programme

Our Activator Poles programme was a four week programme taking place in St. Patrick's Missionary Society. 36 retired priests took part in this programme with an age range of 70 – 100. The society has purchased walking poles from the sports partnership. We are now planning to deliver a Scooch programme.

Equipment Loan for Primary Schools in County Wicklow

Wicklow Sports and Recreational Partnerships offer primary schools in county Wicklow equipment loan for their active schools week. We loan out garden games and pedometers for the "One Million Step



Challenge". Many schools availed of this in June. Pictured is St Coens Rathnew completing their challenge.

Bray Sailing Club Taster Sessions for Teenagers with an Intellectual Disability or with Autism

On Friday 3rd and Tuesday 7th June, 12 teenagers participated in a Sailing taster session with Bray Sailing Club. The support of 8 sailing instructors at each session ensured a joyful experience for all involved. And 2 of the participants are further developing their sailing skills by taking up a 2 weeks sailing course with the club. Another 2 sailing sessions are planned over the summer for the same target group as the programme was booked out with a wait list.



Events in July

National Play Day took place Friday 8th July. The aim of National Play Day is to promote play (and recreation) opportunities for children and young people all across the country. To celebrate this wonderful Play Day, Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership has offered a multi-sport pack to the Direct Provision Centres & Emergency Accommodations around the county. National Play Day is funded through Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.



Wicklow Town, Direct Provision Centre - Summer Camp

This summer camp took place in the Pastoral Hall, Wicklow Town. It is aimed at children ages 3-12 years of age from the Direct Provision Centre, Wicklow Town. It is a multi – sport summer camp and is in conjunction with County Wicklow Partnership.



Yoga for Beginners in Arklow Sports Centre (Coral Leisure)



Yoga for Beginners started in Arklow Sports Centre on Monday 18th July @7pm and @8pm for 4 Weeks. Yvonne Doyle will be providing the yoga sessions. Yvonne is an experience yoga instructor teaching adults, athletes and children. Yvonne enjoys calming the mind and feeling more centred and grounded. Yoga improves balance and flexibility, builds strength and improves focus and concentration.

Swim Ireland Children's Programmes in Arklow and Wicklow Harbour in July

Swim Ireland are holding 5 day programmes aimed at children new to open water swimming. Through coached sessions, they will be given the tools and skills to feel safe and comfortable in open water and the confidence to learn to swim in open water.

Pickleball Taster Session in Arklow Sports Centre (Coral Leisure Arklow)

Wicklow Local Sports and Recreation Partnership are holding a Pickleball Taster Session on Thursday 21st July @8pm. Pickleball is played on a Badminton court with mini tennis nets, hard paddle bats and plastic balls. It is a combination of many sports like tennis, badminton and table tennis. Pickleball is a fun social and friendly sport. The rules are simple and the game is easy to play. It is a great opportunity for beginners to try it out. It can develop into a quick, fast paced, competitive game for experienced players too. It is a very popular sport in America and it has only recently arrived to Ireland.



Multi-Sport Activity Afternoon for the Ukrainian Community

Lisa Redmond from Active kids Academy is going to run a multi-sport activity afternoon for Ukrainian Children/Teenagers in Fatima Hall Baltinglass on Monday 25th July 2.30pm-4.30pm. The 2.30pm-3.30pm slot is for 9-12years and the 3.30pm-4.30pm slot is for 13-18years. These sessions will be full of energy, fun and enjoyable for all.



Disability Inclusion Summer Camps

Blessington Outdoor Disability Inclusion Camp is running again this year in July on 19th and 20th with activities on land and water over 2 days. 18 participants are expected for this camp.

Greystones Multi-Sport Camp for children with Autism or Intellectual Disability in August on 9th, 10th & 11th August. This 3 days camp will have up to 18 participants.



Further camps are being organised for Wicklow and Arklow, so that in each Municipal District, Wicklow Sports & Recreation Partnership will have facilitated a camp for children or teenagers with an Intellectual Disability or on the Autism spectrum. The Sailing Taster Sessions ran in June at Bray Sailing Club.

Blessington eGreenway

The Planning application was lodged to An Bord Pleanála on 14th January 2022. A total number of 293 submissions were received by the Bord by the deadline of the 4th March 2022.

The submissions raised were based on the following issues –

- No Toilets – 97
- Traffic Lights/Single Lane Traffic on bridges – 239
- Parking – 94
- Traffic – 98
- Lack of Public Consultation – 137
- Trees – 25
- Fencing – 38
- Environment – 70



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). LECPs detail how Local Authorities will support economic and community development in their areas.

New guidelines have been launched for the preparation of LECPs which 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 next Wicklow Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023 – 2029 will set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of County Wicklow, both directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

The new plan will take account of lessons learned and the changing needs of communities, climate action and sustainability among other things. The Economic Development unit is seeking to engage with the business, tourism and wider community to help identify priorities for the County over the lifetime of the plan.

Consultation has begun in consideration of the high level goals to inform the LECP, Community engagement workshops were held in each of the Municipal Districts, in collaboration with the PPN, ideas were also put forward at the annual Business Briefing. The members of the Economic Development and Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee have engaged in 2 workshops on the subject of the LECP to date.

Retail

Bray Central

Practical Completion Cert (PCC) was issued by the Architects for the Scheme on the 15th of February to Wicklow County Council. In accordance with the development agreement an inspection has taken place between the Council's Monitor, Conor Carty, The District Engineer Liam Bourke and the design team for the developer. Once PCC has been agreed the process of transfer of title will begin. The Legal Team for the developer and the Council's Law Agent are in communication with regard to legals.



Oakmount continue to engage with prospective anchor tenants on the two main units in the centre. It is hoped that agreements to let will be settled in the coming weeks. Oakmount has advised that there are leases in place on all of the leisure spaces and heads of terms are agreed with several new retail units. Fit out of the restaurants continues and Press Up Group has advertised for staff for these units.

Town Teams

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. The result of the review will be presented to the Council and to the Town Teams in September 2022.

Since the review was carried out, the government policy document Town Centre First was published, and the council has received sanction to appoint a Town Regeneration Officer on a three year contract.

Town Centre First Masterplan

Blessington has been awarded funding of €100,000 to develop a Master Plan for the town under the Town Centre First policy. This will also allow plans for projects identified as part of the drive to become e-Greenway ready to be advanced.

This initiative is a key part of Our Rural Future – the Government’s ambitious five-year strategy designed to reimagine and revitalise rural Ireland. It is also linked to the Government’s Housing for All strategy and a key component of the Town Centre First policy.

Wicklow County Council will work closely with local community groups, retailers and members of the Town Team in devising and delivering on the objectives of the Masterplan building on the very comprehensive Health Check carried out by Future Analytics.

Arklow Town Team



Arklow Town Team was awarded €1,000 in funding from the Community Activities Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 for a Rainwater Diversion Project. The funding will be used to purchase materials to make eight Rainwater planters which will assist in alleviating urban flooding, add an attractive colourful feature to a garden or space, help pollination of plants and improve local biodiversity. The project will be in conjunction with Arklow Men's Shed and the East Wicklow Rivers Trust. The town team will promote this on social media to encourage people to make their own planters.

A feasibility study is to commence in September on the Ballyduff River in Avoca to identify the optimum solution for fish to move through an impassable barrier at Glenart Ornamental weir.

Arklow Town Team will host an Arklow Pottery Heritage event in St Mary Park, Arklow Main Street on Saturday 20th August and Sunday 21st August.

Bray Town Team / Bray Town Recovery Team

Terms of reference were issued to the Bray MD Members in 2021. The Cathaoirleach is reviewing these and will be examining the best way forward.

Greystones Town Team

Application has been made by the Greystones Town Team for the Establishment of a Night-Time Economy Pilot Programme. If successful, the funding will allow National Cultural Institutions (NCIs) to open later than usual in the evenings and also to support events and performances with the aim of broadening and diversifying the range of cultural offerings available to the public at night.

Greystones Town Team was delighted to bring a series of outdoor wellness yoga events to the community to celebrate International Yoga Day on Tuesday 21st June.

The much awaited Greystones Train Station mural project is underway.

Wicklow Town Team

The Town Team at their June meeting discussed the progress of the following projects:

- The Wicklow Town Heritage Walks are continuing to be well attended and the LEADER funding drawdown for same is being finalised.
- The archaeological investigations works in the Abbey Grounds are underway.



- Contact with landowners to be made in respect of proposed Ballyguile Hill Walk
- Wicklow to Glendalough Pilgrim Walk – issues are being addressed to progress the walk.
- Contact is being maintained with the Court Services on the continued maintenance of the Courthouse.
- 220K funding received in respect of connecting Main Street to Quays – the project will link Wicklow Town Centre to the South Quay through its three existing routes Doctor’s Steps, Salthouse Lane and Quarantine Hill. The aim of the project is to reanimate and revitalise these central links. A Project Manager is to be appointed to oversee project.
- Pump Track – Licence being prepared to facilitate funding application.

Tourism

Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan 2018-2022

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

The Key Priorities are:

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

EcoTrail Wicklow

Following from the successful grant application, we are finalising details to enhance the EcoTrail Weekend Experience/Festival. The grant will be split between promotional activities to help promote the event, the destination and the sport, and enhancing the festival atmosphere around the event in Bray.

Telematin Promotion:

Wicklow Tourism organised a day tour with a local French guide for the busiest morning show in France (over 850k viewers for 31.8% market share). The day tour was on the back of a feature on Bloomsday the production company had travelled to Ireland for. They wanted to spend a day in a more rural ‘Irish’ setting. The tour we organised included Bray Seafront, Powerscourt Waterfall, Lough Tay and Glendalough. The Wicklow piece is scheduled to air mid-July.



Wicklow Passport

250 Passports were distributed to St Patrick's National School in Greystones to enjoy for the summer. Another 450 Passports were distributed to local schools in Rathdrum as part of the engagement with the local communities for the opening of 'Beyond the Trees – Avondale'

Track & Trails programme on RTE

The new season of Tracks & Trails was aired at the end of June on RTE. The Wicklow episode was broadcast on the 14th of July. This year's edition showcases the St Kevin's Way and the Avonmore Way. The episode was presented by Roz Purcell and enjoys an extensive amount of exposure both on TV and online.

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 consultant team is 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.

Weekend traffic management arrangements and a shuttle bus service have been introduced in Laragh to deal with the problems caused by heavy volumes of cars entering the village on Saturday, Sundays and public holidays to visit Glendalough and the surrounding area with effect from 4th June

The free (weekend / public holiday) bus service connects the Laragh carpark on the R755 and the Glendalough Visitor Centre.



The Traffic Management system warns drivers when the Upper car park and the Glendalough Visitor Centre car park are full and directs drivers to the Laragh car park.

The pilot had a very slow start mainly due to poor weather in June however numbers of users would indicate that it is having a positive impact.

Next Steps: Further Consultation, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Economic Appraisal. A number of multi-agency sub-groups have been formed to address Environmental, Financial and Management issues; these are data gathering at present. The consultants will deliver an update to the members of Wicklow County Council at the September meeting.

Outdoor Dining

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). Works have been completed on the Wicklow project, the windbreaker flower boxes with MARKET SQUARE etched on them have been installed.

The Arklow Project has been delayed.

The letter of Contract Award for design Consultants issued to the successful tenderer on the 30th March. The successful tenderer is Vincent Hannon Architects. An initial meeting with officials from the Council was held on 21st April.

Meetings have taken place with Strand Road residents, Royal Marine Terrace and Martello Terrace. A site meeting took place on the 9th May with the Design Team, Council officials and representatives from the Mermaid Theatre where the different canopy options were discussed. Initial drawings showing canopy options have been received from the Architect and will be discussed internally over the coming week.



When the final design is agreed drawings will be prepared and presented to the Members prior to commencing the Part 8 process.

Rural and Urban Regeneration Development Fund Grant Applications

Blessington has been awarded just over €1m funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF). This will be used for a major regeneration of Blessington Town Centre and related projects. It will be utilised for the regeneration of Blessington Town Centre, the development of plans for public realm works, the redevelopment of a derelict property to create an eHub and a Visitor Centre for the forthcoming Blessington Lakes eGreenway. This strategic funding along with the planned completion of the Blessington Inner Relief Road and the funding for the Blessington Lakes eGreenway will help achieve Wicklow County Council's long-term vision for Blessington and enhance Blessington as a place to visit. Combined with the proposals for developing a Masterplan for Blessington, this project will add to the quality of life of the entire community by optimising digital connectivity, supporting employment and skills and enhancing the public realm in line with the objectives that underpin "Our Rural Future" Ireland's Rural Development policy.

Two applications have been submitted for RRDF category 1 proposals in April 2022. The applications were Rathdrum RISE (Regenerate, Invest and Support Enterprise) and Baltinglass; Looking Back and Moving Forward. A decision on these applications is expected in Q4 2022.

URDF: Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Part 1 of the Arklow URDF Project involves 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.

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.

Following a presentation to the Bray members on the 11th January, RPS recently completed a draft feasibility report covering the marine and terrestrial elements of the Bray Harbour Improvements Scheme. A meeting of the Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee took place on the 24th February at which



the preferred options described in the report were presented along with some further matters that have been requested for attention.

It is recognised that space for existing and proposed recreational facility providers around the harbour remains an issue and was discussed at the meeting. RPS will be asked to further examine the regeneration opportunities on the north side of the harbour that may also facilitate the provision of improved recreational infrastructure. RPS has also been requested to address future sea level rise in the terrestrial works proposals and to outline the stakeholder engagements that took place in preparing the report.

The preferred option for the marine works provides for extending south pier northwards and extending a breakwater spur northwards from the north pier to create a smaller outer harbor. Along with another spur on the inside of the south pier this will serve to greatly reduce the wave action from the north easterly winds that are responsible for the wave damage that occurs in the harbor. This will also provide a berth for small passenger ferries and also provide a holding area for boats while waiting on the tide before entering the main harbor. Dredging is also proposed to facilitate mooring but access in and out of the current harbor will be still dependent on the tides.

An estimate of about €8.5m plus VAT has been provided for the preferred option for the marine works. A cost for the terrestrial works was not provided and this has been requested for inclusion in the report. A steering group meeting is planned for the 9th March, at which additions and amendments to the report will be discussed. Additional works, in relation to environmental assessments will also be examined with RPS to determine if they can be progressed within the current contract. The draft feasibility report has found that there are significant potential environmental impacts and that the planning decision will most likely be determined by An Bord Pleanála.

The Bray Sustainable Bridge Project is on hold until An Bord Pleanála make a determination on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

The requirement for additional environmental assessments was identified in the draft Feasibility Report. During a meeting with RPS in March, RPS undertook to carry out an EIA Scoping Exercise as an add-on to their current engagement. It was also agreed that they should provide ecological services to undertake a Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening. A fee proposal was submitted and included for additional



public consultation on the scheme and the production of a 3D model for the improved visualization of the scheme. The fee falls within the value of the original tender for which RPS were appointed in 2019 to carry out the feasibility study. RPS has been instructed to proceed with this work. A follow up meeting is proposed to clarify the extent of the terrestrial elements of the scheme to be included in the EIA scoping report or which shall be deferred to till a design is available and may be instead be subject to a Part 8 planning process.

When scoping reports are completed and agreed, a new tender will be required to procure engineering services for the preparation of detailed designs and EIAR to submit to An Bord Pleanala for planning approval. It is also proposed that the council investigate the feasibility of acquiring a portion of the foreshore by CPO for the marine element of the scheme. This can be decided in parallel by An Bord Pleanala and may avoid the need for a foreshore licence application for the scheme. At a meeting with BHJDC on the 5th May, stakeholders were updated on the status of the scheme.

Maritime

The area of offshore renewable energy is rapidly evolving. Due to the number of projects proposed off the coast of Wicklow it is important that the County engages with the process to enable the community of Wicklow to benefit from the opportunities arising while mitigating against any likely impacts that any offshore renewable project will have.

Key milestones have been:

The Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme Consultation. Wicklow County Council made a submission strongly supporting the case for the funds created as a result of the offshore renewable energy projects to be managed and distributed locally rather than centrally.

The adoption of the Maritime Area Planning (MAP) Act 2021 aimed at harnessing Ireland's offshore wind potential while protecting our marine environment.

One of the elements of the MAP is the creation of a new maritime consent process (MAP). Under the special transition provisions in the MAP Act, the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications will have the responsibility for assessing and granting MACs for a first phase (Phase One) of offshore projects, which satisfy the definition of "relevant maritime usage" under the Act (the Relevant Projects).



The relevant projects of interest to Wicklow include the Codling Wind Park and the Dublin Array. A consultation process on the Offshore Renewable Energy Maritime Area Consent (MAC) Assessment for Phase One has taken place.

The purpose of the consultation is to:

- Set out the proposed approach to MAC assessment for Relevant Projects
- Provide important information on various aspects of the new MAC regime for Relevant Projects
- Invite feedback from interested stakeholders on the proposed approach to the assessment of Phase One MAC applications

Following completion of the consultation process, the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications has announced the opening of the application process for Marine Area Consents to relevant projects, it should be noted that the Arklow Bank Wind Farm, which is Ireland's first offshore wind farm, is at an advanced stage of planning and has been operating under an earlier consent regime. SSE has recently announced its intention to apply for a larger more ambitious project under the new MAC scheme.

An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission to SSE Renewables to develop the onshore grid infrastructure necessary to connect the 800MW Phase 2 of Arklow Bank Wind Park.

Codling Windpark has submitted their Marine Area Consent application, this is a very significant milestone in the development of Ireland's largest offshore windfarm.

Shelmalere Offshore Windfarm (DP Energy Iberdola) has opened consultation on its EIAR a copy can be viewed at the offices of Arklow MD

Ocean Winds Réalt na Mara Offshore Windfarm has delivered a number of community engagement clinics during the month of July.

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 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, supported by Wicklow County Council was successful in securing funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in respect of the development of Food Trails as part of Wicklow's tourism offering. Wicklow Naturally will be working with Wicklow Tourism to develop this product. A number of trails have been identified, with photography, videography and a pilot tour to take place over the Summer months.

Wicklow Naturally continues to increase its network of members in 2022 to add to the array of County Wicklow produce. Wicklow Naturally members will be represented at a range of events throughout the year including Taste of Wicklow, the Tinahely show, Ploughing Championships, OctoberFeast and Gifted; all aimed at raising the profile of Wicklow produce. . Wicklow Naturally and its members continue to receive coverage in national and international media including Lonely Planet, Farmers Journal, Forbes and Nationwide.

Skills Event

Wicklow County Council Economic Development Unit hosted a 'Screen Skills to Green Skills' event in County Buildings on the morning of 24th June 2022 in the Council Chamber.

The aim was to create an opportunity for professionals and stakeholders to help facilitate the development and delivery of training and education to meet the skills needs of County Wicklow into the future.

The theme for the event was 'Screen Skills to Green Skills' and the focus was on film, food, and renewables as key drivers of economic development in the county.

The keynote speaker was Minister of Further and Higher Education, Innovation and Science, Minister Simon Harris T.D.

The Minister summarised his objective as Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science as "making sure we are ready for the future, so that individuals can reach their full potential and get to where they want to get in life".



Complimenting the agencies and education providers for coming together to support the event, the Minister acknowledged the role of Wicklow County Council, the excellent work of KWETB in these challenging times, and expressed delight that we now have a University presence in County Wicklow as SETU deliver lifelong learning programmes from Wicklow County Campus. He stressed the importance of having a masterplan for the development of skills infrastructure to allow us to harness the employment opportunities being discussed.

The main speakers were Kate Dempsey, Aqualicense Ltd/Ondine on aquaculture and offshore renewable energy, Graeme McWilliams, Echelon Data Centres on the use of renewable energy, James Burke on the opportunities in the food sector, and Fran Keaveney, Skills Ireland on film.

The speakers spoke about what skills and qualifications are required, spin off businesses etc. for their industries and also participated in a panel discussion led by Noel Davidson of the Entrepreneurs Academy, and comprising leaders in training and development in County Wicklow; David Denieffe, SETU; James O'Byrne, NMCI; Siobhán Keogh, Regional Skills Forum, Dr. Deirdre Keyes, KWETB; and Dr. Michael Brougham, Enterprise Ireland.



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
	2021	2022	2022
Grants Approved (number/ value)	- 33/ €641,745	- Meet Demand	-22/ € 404,782
- Measure 1	- 4 / €6,594	- Meet Demand	
- Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters			-8/ € 12,286
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
	2021	2022	2022
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	77	64	29
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers (included in total training programmes)	105	75	72
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	994	900	301
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	10	10	5



METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
Number of new clients added to database *criteria have been amended for this metric	849	750	156
Number of One to One Business Advice meetings including Businesses assigned a mentor and Brexit 1-1	530	500	189

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2020/2021	2022/2023	Year to Date 21-22
No. of Secondary Student Participants	953	1000	864

METRICS: Irelands Best Young Entrepreneur	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2021	2022	Year to Date 2022
Number of Applications	Programme review	Programme review	Programme review

Trading Online Voucher	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	2021	2022	Year to Date 2022
Trading Online Vouchers	135 Total value: € 279,127.40	50 Depending on budget and demand	34

Lean For Micro Project	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
No. of Companies who have undertaken a Lean for Micro Assessment by a Lean Expert	8	11	11



Microfinance Ireland	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2021	2022	2022
No. of Companies who have submitted a MFI loan application through the LEO	7	10	4

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- 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.
- LEO Wicklow client, Kate Dempsey of Aqualicense Ltd. won the Overall Winner Award at the National Enterprise Awards 2022, held at the Mansion House on Thursday 2nd June.
- WCC Economic Development Team and LEO Wicklow organised a skills event called ‘From Screen Skills to Green Skills: Meeting the needs of our key sectors into the future’ on Friday 24th June at Wicklow County Council. Keynote speaker was Minister Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education followed by industry speakers and representatives from the relevant education and training providers.

Business Skills and IT skills Training Programme

The Autumn/Winter business skills training programme is now being prepared. Courses will be open for bookings through our online portal on www.localenterprise.ie/wicklow.

Business Skills Training Courses recently held:-

- 7th June: Digital Marketing Clinics



2. Planning and Development

County Development Plan Review

Following consideration of the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Chief Executive's Report in respect of submissions received, the Members of Wicklow County Council, resolved in accordance with Sections 12(6) and 12(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), that the Draft Development Plan be amended. The proposed amendments constitute material alterations to the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Submissions or observations regarding the Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft Plan were invited and 76 submissions were received by the closing date of Wednesday 25th May 2022.

A report on the submissions is being prepared for further presentation to the Members for their consideration.

Local Area Plans

The Forward Planning Department has commenced work on the preparation on new LAPs for Greystones – Delgany & Kilcoole, Wicklow Town & Rathnew and Blessington (which will be delivered in that order). The team are at the data gathering and surveying stage, and will be consulting with all internal departments and state agencies over the next few weeks. It is intended to start public consultation in Q4 2022, once the CDP is adopted.

Consultants are to be appointed to carry out the SEA and AA for these LAPs. All other studies / assessments are intended at this time to be carried out in-house.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

This is a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, was enacted as a part of the Finance Act 2021, as referred to in Circular NRUP 06/2021 of 22 December 2021. The aim of the tax is to activate and bring forward the development of housing on lands which are suitably zoned and serviced, as indicated on maps to be prepared and published by local authorities for their respective functional areas. These maps are to be published by 01 November 2022. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax. The tax measure is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise owners of suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with Planning Authorities.

While residential zonings which include existing dwellings are to be included on the map(s), where connected or able to be connected to services, permanently occupied residential premises which are liable for Local Property Tax will not be liable for the tax.



Heritage & Biodiversity

Climate Action: Biodiversity Actions/ Activities currently underway

Wicklow Barn Owl Project – currently peak season for survey work as breeding birds are most active from now until August. Public awareness talk held in Arklow for Biodiversity week, lots of sightings being reported. BWI Wicklow branch held coastal survey event on 16th June as part of project. Remaining of Barn owl boxes to be erected at end of year.

Wicklow Swift Project: Resources, advice and nesting boxes distributed to schools and community groups on request. Outing held for in Rathdrum for National Biodiversity Week, 30 persons in attendance.

Pollinator resources – Advice and resources available. Over 200 ‘managed for wildlife’ and ‘Don’t mow let it Grow’ outdoor signs distributed to MDs and members of public. Noticeable increase in pollinator friendly management at roadside verges, roundabouts and open spaces.

East Coast Nature Reserve Events: Monthly seasonal free public event programme in place in partnership with Bird Watch Ireland at East Coast Nature Reserve. Crinniu na nOg event held on 11th June, next event on Wildflower theme scheduled for 17th July.

National Biodiversity Week 13th – 22nd May – c. 20 events held in Co. Wicklow.

Local Biodiversity Action Plan funding allocations - confirmed early June. Total of €48,000 allocated for the following two projects as follows:

Brittas Bay Conservation project (Works underway)

- Continuation of conservation measures, introduction of grazers (cattle)
- Recording & monitoring (incl citizen science)
- Pilot dune erosion measures
- Community Engagement programme – Dawn in the Dunes event held 22nd May, Butterfly workshop planned for Sun 26th June
- Interpretation/ branding
- Warden (PT)
- Sea Buckthorn (invasive species) control

County Hedgerow Survey – Request for tenders issued, closing date 24th June. It is proposed to engage ecological services to carry out a county Hedgerow survey using the established Hedgerow Appraisal System (approx. 20 survey samples for county) to



- Assess quality and extent of hedgerow network in county Wicklow
- Establish baseline to monitor change over time
- Make recommendations for management
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Climate Action (Built Heritage - Archaeology):

Community Monuments Fund (CMF) : Funding to increase the resilience of our Built Heritage (archaeology) to climate change via Community Monument Fund (CMF) 2022- Seven CMF projects currently underway, overseen by Heritage Officer, allocations as follows: Arklow Castle repairs, Arklow Castle repairs €84,621; Mullinacuffe Historic Church ruins repairs €14,954; Castlekevin, Roundwood conservation plan €18,682; Baltinglass Hills – Lidar Survey €29,362; West Wicklow Medieval church and graveyards –geophysical survey and access improvements €30,000; Castlekevin podcast production €7,748; Abbey Lane, Arklow – research & interpretation €7,072. Recoupments and reporting to be made in Q4.

Community Archaeologist For Wicklow:

Allocation received through County Heritage Plan Fund from the Heritage Council and WCC for appointment of a part time community archaeologist. Request for quotations (RFQ) issued for the provision of Community Archaeology Services for Wicklow County Council to work with Heritage Office to support landowners and council in their role as custodians of archaeological heritage. Yvonne Whitty, De Faoite Archaeology is appointed. One of key areas of focus will be appropriate management of Council owned monuments e.g. historic graveyards to ensure conservation and climate resilience

Climate Action (Built Heritage – Architecture): Protected Structures Grants: Projects under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and the Historic Structure Fund (HSF) grant schemes from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage underway. BHIS includes 11 projects under a county allocation of €96,000. HSF includes 3 projects; €25,000 towards Russborough Weir Wall repairs; €40,000 for St Matthews Church, Newtownmountkenedy, and €10,000 to vernacular house at Greenan More. Project, reporting and recoupment to be overseen by heritage officer on behalf of planning section.

Development Management

Planning Applications

Total valid applications received	To 30 th June 2022	To 30 th June 2021	% Increase
Received (Valid)	635	672	-6%

A total of 149 valid applications were received during June as follows:



Type of Development	30 th June, 2022 Number Received
Individual Houses	38 (36 refer to a rural house)
Housing Developments*	12
Agricultural Structures	01
Commercial	09
Other Developments**	89
Total	149

* Large housing development

22/652, Philip & Jennifer Matuschka, 10 Units, Donard

22/648, Certain Assets of Dawnhill & Windhill Lited, 97 Units, Arklow

22/714, Avelygort Cloud Dale Ltd, 30 Units, Ballyguile Beg, Wicklow

**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 115 applications in June:

Type of Development	Number of Decisions
Housing Developments	05
Individual Houses	14 (14 refer to a rural house)
Other Developments	90
Other Developments Requiring EIA	06
Total	115

Applications Lodged with An Bord Pleanala

Strategic Housing Development

ABP-305558-21, Kilgarron Hill, Parknasilloge, Enniskerry (219 Units), Members meeting 1/3/2022, CE report to be forwarded to ABP by 31/3/2022



ABP-312020-21, Lands at Bray Head House (179 Units) Members meeting 7/12, CE report forwarded 26/1/22, Granted 23/3.

ABP-313208-22 – lands at Season Park, Newtown (179 Units) Members Meeting 25/4, CE forwarded to ABP 30/5

ABP-313229-22 – Lands at Coolagad, Greystones (586 Units) Members Meeting 27/4, CE report forwarded to ABP 30/5

ABP-313314-22 – Lands at Fassaroe and Monastery, Bray (650 Units) Members Meeting 10/5, CE report forwarded to ABP 07/06

ABP-313442-22 – Lands at the former Heiton Buckley site on Castle Street, Bray, (139 Units) Members Meeting 10/05, CE report due 22/06

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, Ballyraine Lower and Ballyraine Middle, in Co. Wicklow – **Order made by ABP 26/5/2022**

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

Substitute Consent

An Bord Pleanála has received an application for substitute consent for the remainder of the development on lands at Ashford, Co. Wicklow - ABP-312283-21 refers. To be determined by 02/12/2022



E-Planning Project

The commencement of the roll out of the ePlanning system is scheduled in Wicklow for Q4 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	13
Advisory Letters	27
Warning Letters	9
Enforcement Notices	4
Legal Files	1
Closed	19

Circuit Court Cases - June

2 Cases struck out as resolved - 5 Cases adjourned to County Registrars Call Over in September

Vacant Sites

23 sites on Register

Municipal District	No. of Sites on Register
Arklow	7
Baltinglass	1
Bray	4



Greystones	3
Wicklow	8

3 sites on appeal to ABP – Section 9 (Notice of Entry)

3 sites on appeal to ABP - Section 18 (Demand Levy)

1 sites on appeal to Valuation Tribunal

€193,336.81 paid in levies in June

Derelict Sites

Municipal District	3 No sites on Register
Wicklow	1
Baltinglass	1
Bray	1

Short-Term Letting

	To 31/5/2022
Applications for Registration received to date	144
Warning Letters issued	28
Enforcement Notices issued	7
UD files opened	27
Under Investigation	56
Legal Proceedings instigated	1



3. Environmental Services

Waste Management

Litter/Waste Enforcement

No. of Complaints Created	135
No. of Cases Closed, Resolved or Completed	117
No of Litter Fines Issued	26
No. of Waste Management Files Opened	1
No. of Warning Letters Issued	5
No of Abandoned Car Notices Issued	12
No. of Burning Applications Granted	10
No. of Temporary Signs Granted	4
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	0
No. of Fixed Penalty Notices issued	2
No. of files prepared for Court and included in Court Lists	22
No. of Cases in Court under the Litter Pollution Act	1
No. of cases in Court under the Waste Management Act	2

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

The first draft remediation plan was lodged with Brownfield restoration Ireland Limited (BRIL) on 27th November 2020. Following submissions from a number of parties a revised remediation plan, which incorporated requests contained in the submissions, was circulated on the 28th April 2022.



The revised draft remediation plan also contains a Natura Impact Statement as requested by the NPWS in their submission.

Recycling Centres

Contract documents have been issued to a civil Engineering consultancy to commence work on the design of a new roof and refurbishment of Bray Recycling Centre.

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

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 County Council will commence the Advance Planning Stage of the development of the plan in Q2. This will include a review of the Climate Adaptation Strategy adopted in September 2019 and a Countywide Baseline Emissions Inventory (BEI). **Wicklow Climate Action**

The Tree Management Policy was adopted by the Council on 10th January 2022. Work is ongoing to implement the protocols in the policy. This includes the development of an app to capture all information about existing trees



on council owned land. The Climate Action budget will cover the cost of a tree survey in one town in each MD in 2022. The MDs will need to provide the budget for this survey work and any resulting recommendations in the future.

A draft Glyphosate Policy was adopted by the Council on Monday 4th July. Implementation of this policy is now required. Work is ongoing to bring an awareness to staff, community groups and the public on the environmental impacts of applying glyphosate. As with the Tree Policy, an App is being developed to record and map usage throughout the County by WCC Staff. Helen Purcell has raised the use of these apps by WCC staff with SIPTU.

Arklow Decarbonisation Project: RPS Consulting Engineers has delivered the Baseline Emissions Inventory, the Register of Opportunities and Placemaking and Active Travel Reports. We await the delivery of the Implementation Plan. CARO have been reporting on progress of the Arklow DZ Project to DECC as they are treating it as an unofficial pilot for the Country.

A National EV Strategy was launched by the Department of Transport in March. This strategy places an onus on the Public Sector to increase EV penetration in the public sector fleet, to coordinate the delivery of infrastructure across all levels of government and to facilitate the development of a comprehensive mixed-type EV charge point network serving the needs of all citizens. The Climate Action Officer is coordinating an input from a number of departments to develop a strategy for the Council on the rollout of EV Chargers in the public domain and TWES are working on transitioning fleet to EVs.

The Green Team, a cross departmental team with 16 members, is working on a policy to rollout the use of recycled paper throughout the organisation. Alternative green cleaning products are being trialled.

A tender for a consultant to develop a Conservation Management Plan for Bray Head and Wicklow Head closed on Friday 27th May 2022 – no responses were received. However, following the negotiation procedure a consultant has been appointed and will commence work at Bray Head.

Environmental Awareness

A new garden was installed on the roof top in the canteen with a range of herbs, fruit and vegetables planted in peat free soil. A composter and two worm composting systems have been installed to test composting options for food waste in the staff canteen and provide a demonstration of composting to staff. All systems are now being used to take food waste from the canteen and offices and some compost has been harvested for use on the garden.

Wicklow Naturally has formed a sustainability committee with six members of the network. Work to date has included a survey of members and preparation of blogs for the Wicklow Naturally website.



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. The project was launched in May with two collections held, one in St Mary's College and one at the recycling centre in June. A sample from each collection is being graded to see what quality of clothing is donated and how much potential there is for reuse of the material.

A new sustainability module for the GAA Future leaders programme developed by Wicklow, Kildare, and Meath local authorities with CARO was launched at Croke Park. It targets engagement of Transition year students and links up with the GAA Green Club programme

An LAPN 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. All recycling centres are now accepting bikes and a launch is programmed for July. Workshops programmed for August will target both adult and youth participation.

An LAPN project to provide training on composting has now been completed and a case study is being prepared. The project was extended to provide training Newcastle Tidy Towns with a site selected at the community centre will receive training in the coming months.

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 videos, social media posts and local papers advert have now been delivered and will be launched on the 8th of July.

Sustainable Energy Committees

Greystones/Delgany and Wicklow Town SECs both completed their energy master plans.

Work continues on the Energy Map Plans, EMPs for Enniskerry, High Park and Blessington.

Newtownmountkennedy, Glenmalure and Laragh have also completed Energy Master Plans.

Consultants have now started work on the Arklow SEC energy master plan with surveying in the town during June.

Glenmalure, Laragh and Wicklow Town held Energy Awareness Days for June,, both events well attended by the public.



Control of Dogs

Dog Licences

280 licences were purchased for dogs in the month of June 2022, of which 119, or 42.5%, were purchased on line.

Beaches

Bathing Water Season

Wicklow County Council commenced its Beach Lifeguard Service on June 1st. The service provides fully qualified beach Lifeguards at seven locations along the Wicklow Coast Line namely, Bray South Promenade, Greystones South, Wicklow Harbour, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South and Arklow South. A number of rescues were undertaken by the Lifeguards during the month of June.

Each of these locations will be patrolled from 11am to 7pm daily until the end of August, with weekend cover provided on our Blue Flag Beaches in Greystones and both Brittas Bay beaches.

Water Safety - Stay Safe this Summer

Wicklow County Council strongly advises the public to use Lifeguard Patrolled beaches. The lifeguards focus is on the avoidance of incidents by providing advice and intervening when hazards are identified. Additionally, they provide first aid for those using the beach and they are in contact with the Irish Coast Guard should they be required.

In general, never swim alone, make sure you can be seen – wear bright swim cap etc, never swim following alcohol intake and warm up fast upon getting out of the water. Your body can continue to cool for up to 30 minutes following a swim – get dressed quickly with many layers and have a warm non-alcoholic drink.

Blue Flag

Wicklow County Council retained its Blue Flags for Greystones South, Brittas Bay North and Brittas Bay South beaches, awarded by An Taisce in recognition of the excellent water quality and facilities available at these bathing areas.

The An Taisce Blue Flags programme demands consistently excellent water quality over a four-year period.

Two other bathing locations in Co. Wicklow have achieved excellent status. This brings the number of bathing locations in Co. Wicklow with the status Excellent to five:

- Brittas Bay South
- Brittas Bay North
- Arklow South



- Clogga
- Greystones South

Caravan Parks

There are a total of 28 caravan parks currently operating in County Wicklow. 21 parks have renewed their licences and the remainder are in the process of applying for their licence. This licence is issued under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948.

Public Participation: Identification of Bathing Waters

Local authorities must identify official bathing areas in their area every year so that they can be monitored for safety, water quality and their level of use. There are six bathing waters identified under the Bathing Water Regulations 2008. These are Bray South Promenade, Greystones South Beach, Silver Strand Beach, Brittas Bay North Beach, Brittas Bay South Beach and Clogga Beach.

The Council also monitors nine other waters used in the County namely; South of Bray Harbour, The Cove Greystones, Kilcoole Beach, The Murrough Wicklow, Wicklow Harbour Bathing Area, Wicklow Harbour Lifeboat/Sailing Club Area, Arklow South Beach and The Cove Arklow.

Wicklow County Council is asking 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. Closing date for submissions was 30th June 2022.

Harbours and Ports

Activity at Wicklow Port - Shipping Movements

Month / Year	Ships	Single (Import or Export)	Double (Import & Export)	Transactions	Imports	Exports
Jan-22	5	4	2	6	4	2
Feb-22	5	6	0	6	5	1
Mar-22	11	8	3	14	10	4
April 2022	9	9	0	9	7	2
May 2022	8	8	0	8	7	1
June 2022	7	5	2	9	7	2



Pollution Control

Pollution Response & Investigation

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

Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme

- 9 Lakes monitored for checking compliance with environmental quality standards
- 10 Rivers monitored involving 70 samples for compliance with environmental quality standards.

Water Framework Directive River Management Engagement and Investigations

- 2 Catchment activity/engagements/consultations on water quality matters.

Deco Paint Solvent Regulations

- 3 Vehicle Refinisher Installation were inspected.

Petrol Vapour Regulations.

- 1 Petrol filling station was inspected

Drinking Water Regulations – Non-exempted Private Supplies

- 32 Regulated Private Water Supplies were monitored and compliant with tested parameters
- 2 Regulated Private Water Supplies were monitored and 1 had non-compliances with pH and 1 had detected the presence of coliforms and faecal bacteria.
- 1 Boil Water Notice issued.
- 1 Boil Water Notices and 1 Do Not Consume Notice was lifted after remedial action and verification samples were taken.

Septic Tank Inspections - National Inspection Plan 2022-2026

- 1 Preparation of Inspection Plan
- 2 Inspections of domestic waste water treatment systems carried out and 2 found compliant.

Bathing Water Regulations

Bathing Water Quality for 21 bathing waters monitored in June were excellent.

Included Identified bathing waters- Bray South Promenade, Greystones South, Brittas Bay North and South, Silver strand and Clogga.



Included other bathing waters- Arklow South, Arklow Cove and Greystones Cove, Kilcoole, Murrough, Wicklow Harbour and South of Bray Harbours Beaches.

The public consultation period to make submission on the bathing waters that are already identified and or new ones that they wish to have identified bathing water closed on 30th June 2022.

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants – Ambient Monitoring

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

Planning & Development

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

Well Grants

Number of New Applications	14
Number of New Wells Granted	0
Number of New Pumps Granted	7
Number of New Equipment (Filters etc.)Granted	14
Number of Inspections in advance/after works	14

Arklow & Avoca Flood Relief Schemes

The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) 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 Oral Hearing took place on the 19th and 20th of January 2022. This Oral Hearing only related to the CPO.

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

There were 21 submissions on the Planning Application and 9 submissions to the CPO, all of these submissions were addressed, either by way of written response or at the Oral Hearing.

A decision is awaited from An Bord Pleanala.



3. Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Public lighting

Public lighting

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

Please find attached the latest update on the outstanding public faults. The total number of faults currently outstanding stands at **269 1.78%** Please note that some of these faults are dependent on ESB attendance and co-operation.

Status	ARKLOW MD	BALTINGLASS MD	BRAY MD	GREYSTONES MD	WICKLOW MD	Grand Total
Access Issues (Attend)	1	3	2	5	1	12
Cable Fault (Attend)	3	1			1	5
ESB Required (Attended)	6	3	5	8	12	34
Knock Down (Attended)			1	1	1	3
Materials required	1	1				2
No Supply	2	1	2	5		10
On Hold			11		4	15
Submitted	7	34	49	26	29	145
TMR	4	5	13	5	4	31
Tree cutting required			6	2	4	12
Grand Total	24	48	89	52	56	269
Percentage Not Working	0.81%	2.00%	2.67%	1.87%	1.53%	1.78%

	30/05/22	07/06/22	13/06/22	20/06/22	27/06/22	08/07/22
Access Issues (Attend)	14	13	13	12	13	12
Cable Fault (Attend)	3	4	4	4	4	5
ESB Required (Attended)	26	30	30	32	33	34
Knock Down (Attended)	2	2	2	2	2	3
Materials required	2	2	2	2	2	2
No Supply	9	9	9	9	9	10
On Hold	16	16	16	15	15	15
Submitted	165	159	146	156	139	145
TMR	37	38	33	31	31	31
Tree cutting required	14	15	12	14	13	12
Total	288	288	267	277	261	269
Percentage not working	1.90%	1.90%	1.76%	1.83%	1.72%	1.78%



Parking Income

Parking Income by Municipal District	EURO
Bray Municipal District	479,235
Greystones Municipal District	127,347
Wicklow Municipal District	183,647
Arklow Municipal District	114,580
Parking Permits	34,370
Parking Fines	166,167
Wicklow County Council	1,105,346

Transportation Statistics (General)

	Total 2020	Total 2021	Total 2022	May 2022	June 2022
Solicitors Queries	842	923	413	83	85
Road closure applications	23	53	39	7	9
Road Opening licences	1279	1575	717	91	106
Abnormal Load applications	33	54	26	4	6

M11N11 Junction 4 to 14 Improvement Scheme

The Option Selection report was published along with Bulletin #11 on the project website www.n11m11.ie on 14 December 2021. The publication followed the review of submissions received during public display in 2021. Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation was due to commence in Q1 2022. The scheme is currently suspended as no funding has been provided to continue during 2022.

Following the motion passed at the Council meeting on 7th March 2022 a letter was sent to the Minister for Transport, on behalf of the Members, requesting a meeting with the Minister to discuss the suspension of funding for the N11M11 Improvement Scheme. A response on behalf of the Minister advised at meeting would be arranged with his officials in the first instance. A follow-up letter from the Chief Executive to the Minister dated 14th April 2022 advised that, given the importance of this project to the electorate of County Wicklow, the Elected Members have stressed their preference for an in-person meeting with the Minister and requested for this to be facilitated as soon as possible.

Environmental Surveys already commenced on site will likely be continued to a logical point and concluded. The Wicklow County Council project team are continuing to meet virtually with the public and any interested parties.

M11N11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme

The N11/M11 Bus Priority Interim Scheme (BPIS) was, until the end of 2021, being progressed in tandem with the main N11/M11 scheme. The BPIS seeks to achieve the early delivery of bus priority measures along the N11/M11 corridor in advance of the main scheme.

In December 2021, the emerging preferred option for the BPIS was for a northbound and southbound bus lane linking between Junction 6 (Fassaroe) and Loughlinstown Roundabout. Bus priority south of junction 6 was expected to be discounted. Following the suspension of funding on the main scheme and clarification on the likely



EIA requirement for the BPIS, it was decided to revisit full extent of the scheme between Loughlinstown Roundabout to Junction 9 (Glenview).

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

Work by the contractor on the snagging and outstanding items is continuing. 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 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.

A noise assessment of 7 no residential properties that are adjacent to the new Parallel Service Road Scheme was carried out during April and May 2022. The draft report concluded that the change in junction layout does not change the noise levels at nearby properties when compared to the previous layout. However, when road traffic speeds are increased to 100kph along the N11, noise levels were elevated at the nearest noise sensitive locations by up to 4.5 dB Lden. This would cause a potentially significant impact to the receptors along the N11. Following on from this report, feasible noise mitigation measures are now being investigated.

N81 Knockroe Bend Realignment

The tenders for the Per Cent Art Feature will be published by the Arts Officer shortly.

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

Following completion of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Phase 1 feasibility studies (N81 Four Studies – Feasibility Report), Wicklow County Council will now look to progress the following two projects:

- N81 Whitestown Lower Project; and
- N81 Hangman's Bend and Tuckmill Project.

Wicklow County Council will commence procurement for Technical Advisors to undertake TII Project Management Guideline Phases 2 to 4 (inclusive) for the above projects, with the aim to procure an advisor and commence Phase 2 in 2022.

N81 Pavement Capital Works

Resurfacing works of 1km of the N81 between Tuckmill and Saundersgrove will be tendered for in 2022. The design of the pavement is being carried out, expected to be completed by Quarter 3.

N81 Capital Maintenance

Resurfacing work at Monaspick and Annalecky was completed in May. Applications for funding for drainage works at Mullycagh and Tinode have been approved and works are to commence in Quarter 2.

N81 Fencing Retrofit

The contract for the fencing will commence in Q3 after the VRS programme is finished.

N81 Invasive Species Removal

Two tenders were received in June for the removal of invasive species identified along the N81, works to commence in Quarter 3.

Arklow Public Realm

Works ongoing south side of Main St, from St Marys to Bradshaw's lane kerbing, footpaths.
North side of Main St to Coomie Lane site clearance and drainage works



Arklow to Shillelagh Greenway

Options Report to be finalised for a few sections of the greenway. Once discussed with the landowners, the emerging preferred route will be finalised and public consultation undertaken. Invite for Independent Agronomist to be sent out shortly.

Baltinglass Town Centre Plan

4 no. tenders submission received by deadline date of 3rd June 2022. Tender assessment report received and issued to Department of Rural and Community Development. The appointment of contractor pending all necessary Department approvals will occur in Q3.

Blessington Inner Relief Road

Wicklow County Council invited interested parties, residents of the local area and members of the public, to participate in a Non-Statutory Public Consultation for the scheme in order to provide their feedback on the identified Emerging Preferred Route Corridor. The consultation period has now ended and responses to submissions are being prepared.

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

Consultants are proceeding with detailed design and tender preparation. Notice to Treat will be issued within the next month to commence formal discussions on compensation.

Redford Junction – This is to upgrade the existing signal-controlled Redford Park Junction consisting of improvements for pedestrians and cyclist with the upgrade of footpaths and the inclusion of protected cycle track facilities, as well as an improvement through the upgrade of two existing bus stops in the immediate vicinity of the junction. Report to Members on the Part 8 Consultation is been finalised and will be brought before the Members of the Council at the first available meeting in September 2022

Active Travel

The Active Travel can be contacted on ActiveTravel@wicklowcoco.ie

- Consultants have been approved for the Safe Routes to Schools Schemes.
- Greystones Pedestrian and Cycle improvement scheme is currently out to tender for Options Selection and Preliminary Design
- Blessington Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Schemes – Feasibility study report has been accepted by the NTA and project is ready for Options Assessment stage.
- Works have been completed on the cycle parking provision in Arklow MD.
- Construction has commenced on Saville's Cross Junction Improvements in Rathdrum.
- Construction completed on Kilmalum Junction Improvement, awaiting ESB to connect.
- Construction progressing on Fernhill to Marian Villas Footpath project
- Tender issued for works on R761 Kilcoole Footpath works
- Ongoing non-statutory consultation with residents on Kilmacanogue to Bray Retail Park project.

Further details on all projects can be viewed on <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Roads-Transport/Roads-Infrastructural-Projects/Active-Travel>

Surface Dressing



Surface Dressing season started the first week in June 2022 and continues around the county.

Speed Limit Review

A county wide review of speed limits has commenced. Elected members, the Garda and a range of stakeholders are being contacted in advance of the preparation of a draft review document. Submissions have been received by a number of stakeholders. A schedule of proposed changes has been presented to each Municipal Districts. Any changes further proposed by individual MDs will be in the proposed draft speed limits which will go on public display.

Operational Fire Statistics

	Total stations	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Rathrum	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	1						1				
Fire Domestic	22	7	7	4	4						
Fire Caravan	0										
Road Traffic Collision (RTC)	21	2	4	5	5	1	1	2	1		
Fire Vehicle (HGV /motorway)	2	1	1								
Hazardous Materials Incident	0										
Fire Industrial / Commercial	4	1	1	1	1						
Fire Barn / Shed / Prefab	3				1	1					1
One Station Mobilised											
Fire Alarm or CO ₂ Activation	22	5	6	5	1	1	1	3			
Fire Outdoor: Gorse / bushes	6	1	1	1	2				1		
Fire Chimney	0										
Fire Small / bin / skip / bonfire	15	5	3	1		4				2	
Fire Vehicle	3	1				1			1		
Flooding	0										
Trees Down, Make Scene Safe	1							1			
Ambulance Assist / Medical Assist	14	4	1	3		2			4		
Garda Assist	0										
Electrical Incident	2			1			1				
Gas Leak	0										
River / Water Rescue	0										
Fire Oil / Petrol	0										
Explosion	0										
Entrapment / Rescue / Lift	2	1	1								
Oil Spill / Road Hazard	1		1								
Animal Rescue	0										
Lock In / Lock Out	0										
False Alarm – Good Intent	6		2	2	1	1					
Malicious False Alarm	0										
Mobilised into other County	6					3		1	1	1	
Times Stations mobilised	131	28	28	23	15	14	4	7	8	2	1



There were **106 incidents** attended during the month of June 2022. Individual Fire Stations were mobilised on a total of **131 occasions** including 6 incidents in other counties.

Operational activity for the month of June **decreased by 7% on the preceding month** (May 2022 – 141 mobilisations). This is accounted for by the following: mobilisations to rubbish fires decreased from 28 to 15, ambulance assists decreased from 22 to 14 and there was a decrease in chimney fires from 5 to 0. There was an increase in RTCs with mobilisations up from 15 to 21.

Operational activity for the month of June 2022 **was up 31% on the equivalent month in 2021** (June 2021 – 100 mobilisations). When compared year on year increases occurred in domestic house fires up from 5 to 22 mobilisations (most of these were derelict buildings). Alarm activations were up from 13 to 22, rubbish fires were up from 10 to 15, ambulance assist up from 8 to 14. There was a decrease in gorse fires down from 15 to 6.

Sample Incidents (June 2022)

- 02/06/2022 Crews from Rathdrum and Wicklow town attended a 2-vehicle RTC in Rathdrum, one vehicle overturned.
- 03/06/2022 Crews from Greystones and Bray attended a 4-vehicle RTC in Kilmacanogue.
- 05/06/2022 Crews from Greystones and Bray attended a long duration fire incident at the derelict clubhouse at the Charlesland Golf Club.
- 08/06/2022 Wicklow Town and Rathdrum crews attended a derelict house fire in Burkeen.
- 10/06/2022 Arklow Crew supported by a crew from Gorey attended an RTC involving a truck in the central median of the M11.
- 21/06/2022 Crews from Baltinglass and Dunlavin attended an RTC where a van left the road with trapped occupant.
- 28/06/2022 Blessington crew supported by a crew from Naas attended a domestic fire on the outskirts of the town.

Incidents in County Kildare (2-incidents):

- 02/06/2022 Baltinglass crew supported by crew from Carlow town attended a 1-vehicle RTC in Castledermot involving a vehicle on its side with occupant trapped.
- 20/06/2022 Dunlavin attended a grass fire in Kennycourt, Kildare.

Incidents in County Wexford (4-incidents):

- 07/06/2022 Arklow crew attended an alarm activation in Courtown.
- 07/06/2022 Arklow crew attended an ambulance assist in Coolgreaney.
- 11/06/2022 Carnew crew attended a rubbish fire in Craanford.
- 15/06/2022 Arklow attended a rubbish fire in Castletown.

Fire Prevention Statistics

Application type	Received	Deemed Invalid	Requested additional information	Inspections	Recommended Grant
Fire Safety Certificates	19		12		10
Regularisation Certificates	2				1
FSC as part of 7 Day Notice					



Disability Access Certificates	10	1	2		5
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Licensing	Received	Inspected	Request further info	Response Issued	Not raising an objection
District					1
Circuit	1				
Dangerous Substances Act					
Explosive Act					

Building Control

40 Commencement Notices for June 2022:

- 8 Commencement Notices with Compliance Documents
- 22 Opt Out Declarations
- 7 Commencement Notices without Compliance Documents
- 3 Seven day Notice

Submission Statistics

- 55 % of Commencement Notices - Opt Out
- 68 % of Commencement Notices Revised Information required & requested = 27 No. Commencement Notices (CN) of which
 - 8 are Compliance Documentation (30%)
 - 14 are Opt Out (52%)
 - 2 Without Compliance Documentation (7%)
 - 3 Seven Day Notice (11%)
- 29 Valid Commencement Notices
- 143 new build residential Units
- Invalidated CNs for June = 5

Certificates of Completion processed in June 2022

- 17 New No. of CCC submitted
- 11 Required Revised Information
- 22 No. Validated
- 0 No. Invalid
- 63 new residential units validated

Submission Statistics

- 22 No. Validated CCCs related to;
- 6 No CCCs submitted in May 2022
- 16 No CCCs submitted in June 2022

*BCA not notified on completion of opt out developments

Building Control continues to experienced high construction activity in June 2022.



143 new residential units were notified to LA for commencement and 63 newly completed residential units were submitted, assessed and validated in June.

Building Control continued with site inspection in June to identify non-compliances with Building Regs onsite and 2 No. Section 11 Compliance Requests were issued.

Revised Information requests remain high in Wicklow building Control, 68% of submissions required revised information in June. It should be further noted that some Opt Out Submissions are requiring 2 to 3 revised information requests which results in submissions being assessed 2 to 3 times to ensure compliance prior to commencement. 5 Commencement Notices were invalidated due to poor quality of submission to BCMS

Opt Out submissions are both extensions and single unit dwellings, generally from BCMS users who are unfamiliar with both BCMS and Building Regulations which leads to Building Control resources being directed to resolving both administration and technical issues with Opt Out Submissions. Also as the construction industry is a thriving industry at present, the quality of submissions for both Opt Outs & Commencement Notices with Compliance Documentation have reduced due to lack of resources in private practice. Rigorous assessment of submissions at commencement stage and onsite presence during constructions remains the best way to promote compliance with Building Regs.

Civil Defence Activity

Civil Defence Volunteers were tasked to break down the Arklow Rest Centre and removing all equipment from the Coral Leisure Centre at the end of May. All surplus equipment was delivered to Ballyogan Regional Rest Centre.

Civil Defence Volunteers continue to assist Dublin Civil Defence in the Ballyogan Rest Centre on a daily basis - responsibilities include providing First Aid cover for the Displaced People of Ukraine, also assisting with the intake of DPs with site familiarisation.

Wicklow Civil Defence have supplied emergency backup generator for the fridges in the Shoreline Vaccination Centre in Greystones, these generators have been in place since the setup of the Centre in June 2021. Regular inspection and testing has been carried out weekly by Civil Defence Volunteers. The vaccination centre officially closed on the 17th June 2022 and no longer requires the backup generators. Civil Defence Volunteers were tasked with breaking down the site, removal of all cables, safety matting and generators.

Wicklow Civil Defence were invited by Greystones Community Policing team to take part in the annual Local Emergency Services Community Display and Information day at Greystones Harbour, each of the local services display their equipment encouraging members of the public to ask questions on what each service provides to their local community. Always a positive day engaging with the public, giving them a better understanding of what Civil Defence can do. Displayed by Wicklow, our Drone team engaged with the public answering questions surrounding the capabilities of the Drone, our EMILY Sonar Team were also on hand to talk about the unique features the EMILY platform can provide in a missing person search. Our operational support crew provided the necessary support to make the day successful, providing logistical support and welfare facilities for all services displayed on the day.

Wicklow Civil Defence assisted Dublin Civil Defence for the Eagles concert in the Aviva Stadium on Friday the 24th June 2022, providing first aid and safety cover.







Organisational Development and Financial Matters

1. HR and Corporate Services

Recruitment

The following interviews were held in June 2022:

- Perm. & Temp. Clerical Officers (Gr III)
- Clerk of Works
- Retained Firefighters – Bray Brigade
- Retained Firefighters – Arklow Brigade
- Retained Firefighters – Blessington Brigade
- Retained Firefighters – Dunlavin Brigade
- Retained Firefighters – Tinahely Brigade
- Retained Firefighters – Baltinglass Brigade
- Retained Firefighters – Rathdrum Brigade

Employee Numbers

Employee Numbers	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022
Managerial/Administrative	304	305	303	298
Professional/Technical	121	122	117	116
Outdoor	261	262	273	264
Temporary/Seasonal	49 (reduction relates to lifeguards)	49	44	69 (Increase due to Lifeguards)
Non DOHPLG	8	8	6	6
Total	743	746	743	753



Access to Information

F.O.I. Requests

June 2022: 3	June 2021: 5
Jan – June 2022: 38	Jan – June 2021: 39

Ombudsman Requests

June 2022: 3	June 2021: 0
Jan – June 2022: 16	Jan – June 2021: 8

Press Releases

June 2022 - 20

Register of Electors

The LGMA Pilot of the PPSN API testing between Wicklow County Council and Kildare County Council is now complete, it is expected that an additional 27 Local Authorities will have this rolled out to them mid-August for additional testing.

It is expected that the Rolling Register will go live in all Local Authorities Monday 3rd October 2022.

A media campaign informing the public of the reform of the registration process and requirements should commence in November 2022, this 4 week gap will allow franchise staff to become familiar with the new databases before an expected increase in new registrations and enquiries.

Customer Service Hub

2022 - June			
Communication	No.	Public Counters	Transactions
No. of Phone Calls	10,003	Motor Taxation	2046
No. of Emails	1098	Revenue	340
No. of Elected Members Emails	40	Social Housing Applications	60
CRM Cases	307		



2. I.C.T.

Blended Working

The IT Department continue to plan and support the additional business needs required by implementation of Blended Working:

- Blended model for return-to-work arrangements
- Remote Working Requirements for staff of Wicklow County Council
- Government Networks
- Phone Systems
- Call Conferencing
- Communications and awareness

IT Helpdesk

- The IT Helpdesk continues to streamline the workflow for the technical support team with an average of 33 tickets a day in May, providing assistance for both in-house and remote workers.
- Examination of system upgrades potential is underway.
- The upgrade of PC's in libraries and general offices completed this month.

Implementation of ePlanning

- Systems and Project Plan in Place to rollout ePlanning

GIS & Systems Analysis

- In house development of an application to record the Residential Property tax has commenced.
- Preparation of the draft Greystones/Delgany - Kilcoole LAP is on-going.
- Development of a mobile app to survey Churches of archaeological interest.
- Initial consultation has begun with Galway County Council to incorporate their current MEM system into our organisation.

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.

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 June 1st, 2021, to May 31st, 2022, were 1,240,168 This is a decrease in unique pageviews of 17% compared the same period the previous year.

- Social media accounts – followers to date
 - o Facebook (Wicklow County Council) – 11,107 followers. This is an increase of 36 followers or .3% on the previous month.
 - o Twitter (@WicklowCoCo) – 7703 followers. This is an increase of 21 followers or .3% on the previous month.
 - o Instagram (@WicklowCoCo) – 2843 followers. This is an increase of 35 followers or 1.25% on the previous month.
- The Online Consultation Hub on Wicklow.ie continues to feature in enhanced consultation campaigns. These have included–
 - o Redford Junction Part 8
 - o County Wicklow Disability, Inclusion and Access Strategy
 - o Draft Customer Action Plan
- Social media campaigns have continued over the last month.
 - o #KeepWell
 - o #OutdoorsForEveryone



3. Financial

Revenue Account

REVENUE ACCOUNT							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th JUNE 2022							
	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	16,724,149	34,438,754	49%	(19,409,300)	(39,943,965)	49%	(2,685,151)
Road Transport & Safety	7,792,672	22,204,016	35%	(3,953,006)	(15,347,052)	26%	3,839,666
Water Services	2,888,861	5,394,788	54%	(3,483,926)	(6,561,262)	53%	(595,065)
Development Management	5,564,896	12,355,595	45%	(2,868,899)	(6,872,547)	42%	2,695,997
Environmental Services	5,918,247	12,130,078	49%	(811,212)	(2,083,134)	39%	5,107,035
Recreation and Amenity	4,256,550	8,498,513	50%	(585,929)	(1,148,299)	51%	3,670,620
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	704,883	1,566,840	45%	(273,622)	(809,228)	34%	431,261
Miscellaneous Services	6,421,245	10,846,102	59%	(5,644,194)	(9,033,954)	62%	777,051
Central Management Charges	9,760,674	20,213,476	48%	(514,168)	(1,000,000)	51%	9,246,505
Local Government Fund				(6,534,454)	(13,068,907)	50%	(6,534,454)
Pension Levy				0	0		0
Commercial Rates				(15,964,907)	(31,929,814)	50%	(15,964,907)
	60,032,176	127,648,162	47%	(60,043,617)	(127,798,162)	47%	(11,441)

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 June 2022 to 30th June 2022.

Capital Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th JUNE 2022					
	Opening Balance at 01/01/2022	Actual Expenditure	Actual Income	Transfers to/from Reserves	Closing Balance at 30/06/2022
	€	€	€	€	€
Housing and Building	13,706,643	29,723,406	(22,549,616)	(364,000)	20,516,434
Road Transport & Safety	(35,706,853)	4,993,875	(282,929)	(250,000)	(31,245,907)
Water Services	(10,436,363)	142,476	(380,711)	(35,000)	(10,709,597)
Development Management	(25,225,375)	1,008,755	(3,809,432)	(500,000)	(28,526,052)
Environmental Services	743,438	1,681,133	(1,534,969)	(311,250)	578,352
Recreation and Amenity	446,620	1,490,821	(302,943)	(96,588)	1,537,909
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(1,443,763)	35,583	0	(197,500)	(1,605,680)
Miscellaneous Services	(18,825,824)	3,009,884	(6,340,960)	644,735	(21,512,165)
	(76,741,477)	42,085,933	(35,201,559)	(1,109,604)	(70,966,706)



Commercial Rates, Rents and Loan Collections

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS AT 30th JUNE 2022										
Income Collection Area	Opening Balance 01/01/2022	Accrued	Vacancy Property Adjustments	Write Offs	Waivers	Total for Collection	Collected	Closing Arrears 30/06/2022	Specific Doubtful Arrears	% Collection
Rates	6,342,375	31,650,747	(70,879)	(447,753)	(1,541,915)	35,932,574	(16,684,219)	19,248,356	2,080,661	49%
Rents & Annuities	2,837,526	8,859,271	0	(17,674)	0	11,679,123	(8,278,628)	3,400,494	0	71%
Housing Loans	446,170	1,152,373	0	0	0	1,598,544	(1,151,988)	446,556	0	72%

Rates accrual represents full year accruals while rents and loans are accruals year to date. The rates collection, rent collection and housing loan collection percentages are below normal levels due to the carry forward of arrears at the start of the new financial year. This situation will be regularised over the course of the year.

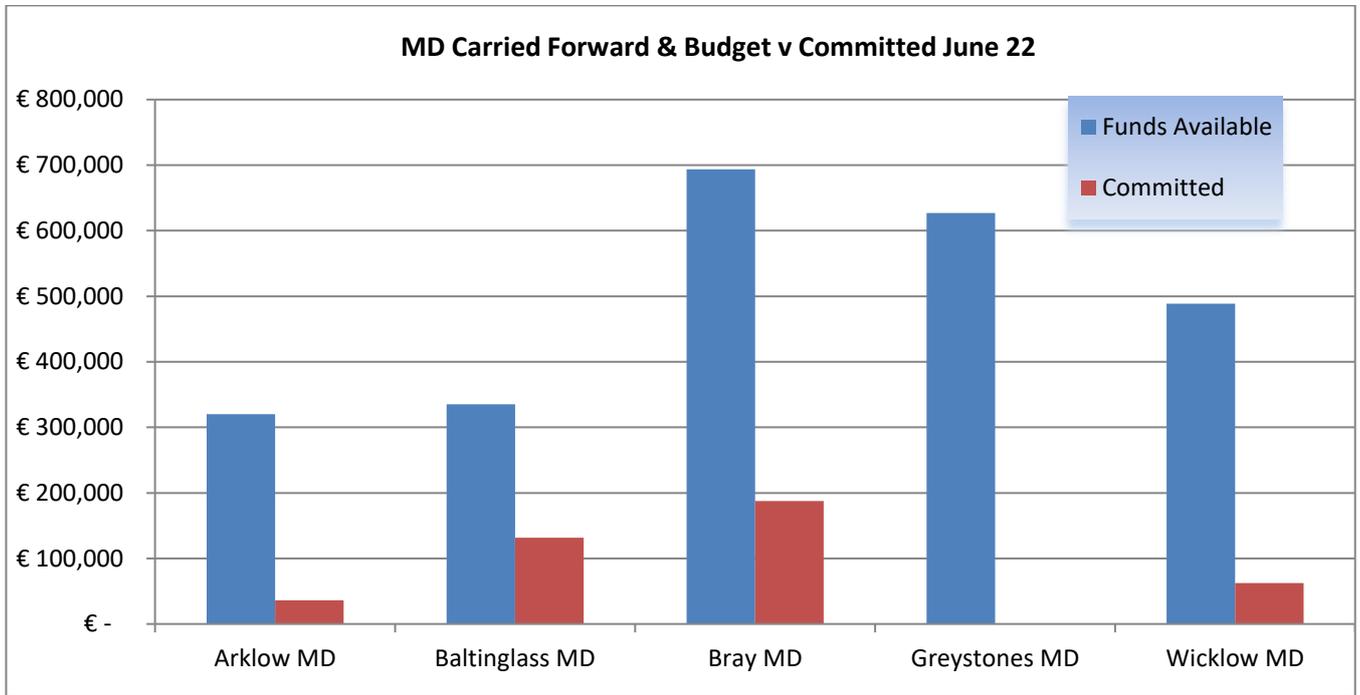
General Municipal Allocation and Discretionary Fund 2022

The decision taken by Members at the LPT meeting on July 27th 2021 to raise the LPT basic rate by 6% resulted in an additional €1,043,460 in the Revenue Budget for 2022. This money was ring-fenced for Discretionary Funding in the Municipal Districts. The total Municipal District's General Municipal Allocation funding for 2022 (excluded additional Bray MD parking income) is set out below:

Description	Arklow	Baltinglass	Bray	Greystones	Wicklow	Total
Town Twinning	6,000	3,000	10,000	6,000	6,000	31,000
Economic Development and Promotion	28,000	7,000	9,500	10,000	13,000	67,500
Christmas Festival	20,000	10,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	80,000
Festivals / Other	5,000	4,000	32,000	10,000	5,000	56,000
Civic Receptions	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,000
Discretionary Funding	195,649	195,649	260,865	195,649	195,649	1,043,460
Total	256,649	221,649	334,365	233,649	241,649	1,287,960

Municipal District carried forward allocation and budget '22 and expenditure for 2022 is as follows:

Municipal District	C/F from 2021	Adopted Budget 2022	Funds available to MD	Committed	Balance to Expend
	€	€	€	€	€
Arklow MD	63,471	256,649	320,120	36,256	283,864
Baltinglass MD	113,456	221,649	335,105	131,657	203,448
Bray MD	262,229	431,254	693,483	187,675	505,808
Greystones MD	393,074	233,649	626,723	726	625,997
Wicklow MD	246,816	241,649	488,465	62,258	426,207
Total	1,079,046	1,384,850	2,463,896	418,572	2,045,324



Capital Investment Programme 2022-2024

The Capital Investment Programme 2022-2024 for Wicklow County Council details proposed capital expenditure projects over the next 3 year period, subject to available funding, was noted by the Members at the Council meeting of March 21st 2022. The table below outlines the proposed capital expenditure by programme group.

PROGRAMME GROUP	Expected Outlay				Proposed Funding				
	2022 €	2023 €	2024 €	TOTAL €	Dev Charges ¹ €	Loan €	Grant Aid ² €	Other ³ €	TOTAL €
HOUSING AND BUILDING	107,820,000	104,427,500	107,603,750	319,851,250	-	26,000,000	288,594,000	5,257,250	319,851,250
ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY	24,647,487	29,100,107	16,356,902	70,104,496	14,713,521	7,795,000	42,632,508	4,963,467	70,104,496
WATER SERVICES	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,000	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	6,550,000	10,178,000	5,962,000	22,690,000	2,897,800	2,000,000	9,627,200	8,165,000	22,690,000
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	2,920,000	10,850,000	28,550,000	42,320,000	-	-	32,060,000	10,260,000	42,320,000
RECREATION AND AMENITY	11,281,823	22,079,000	12,091,000	45,451,823	9,525,870	-	35,025,953	900,000	45,451,823
AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE	5,150,000	16,900,000	30,682,946	52,732,946	4,585,368	-	41,647,210	6,500,368	52,732,946
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	200,000	200,000	200,000	600,000	-	-	-	600,000	600,000
OVERALL TOTAL	158,669,310	193,834,607	201,546,598	554,050,515	31,722,559	35,795,000	449,886,871	36,646,085	554,050,515



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	€1,000,000	€500,000
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	€460,000	€91,000
ORIS 2018	Vartry Reservoir Walks & Car Park	€165,157	€33,031
ORIS 2018	St. Kevin's Way	€200,000	€40,000
ORIS 2018	The Spinc	€160,000	€30,000
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	€190,700	€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 -	€52,500	€2,750
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
	Sub-Total	€56,473,021	€11,247,785



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)	Ballinaclash	€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
T&V 2021	Ballinaclash	€70,000	€7,000
T&V 2021	Donard	€29,000	€2,900
T&V 2021	Wicklow	€245,931	€24,593
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilmacanogue Nature Trail	€20,000	€2,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Lacken Mass Path	€18,000	€1,800
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Kilcoole Mass Path	€13,000	€1,300
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Avonmore Kayak Project	€16,500	€1,650
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Age Friendly Triobikes for older people	€23,160	€3,160
ORIS 2021 Measure 1	Keadeen Access	€13,500	€1,350
ORIS 2021 Project Development	Three Trout Route	€50,000	€5,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 3	The Sugarloaf Repair	€500,000	€50,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Jubilee Loop and Avonmore Way link	€180,000	€18,000
ORIS 2021 Measure 2	Cliff Walk Protection Scheme	€220,000	€22,000
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Wicklow	€68,759	€20,628
Sports Capital Programme	Coral Arklow	€28,999	€8,700
Sports Capital Programme	Arklow Running Track	€62,434	€18,730
Sports Capital Programme	Dr. Ryan Park	€45,320	€13,596
	Total to date	€59,563,621	€11,645,322