



To the Mayor and Members

Monthly Management Report – June 2017

The following sets out the information relating to the monthly management report for May 2017 for noting by the members at the council meeting on Monday, 26 June 2017.

Finance

The Local Government Auditor Mr Maurice O'Neill is on site in Aras Chill Dara conducting his audit of the Kildare County Council Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2016.

The shared ownership restructuring project team continue to work through the Shared Ownership loans with a view to converting as many as possible to Annuity type loans.

IT security awareness training was provided to staff.

Revenue Account Summary by Service Division to period to 31/05/2017
See Appendix 1



Housing

Capital Delivery Report

Location	No. of Units	Status June 2017
Highfield/The Paddocks, Kilcock	19 units	Construction commenced on site December 2016. Contractor: Kercon Construction. Construction programme: 11 months. Revised Part 8 for the replacement of two units to one unit. Part 8 on display 2 May 2017 to 16 June 2017. Submissions by 4 July 2017. MD Meeting: 12 July 2017
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Initial approval Stage 4 received Q1 2017. Original contractor unable to stand over original tender. Revised stage 4 approval received 28 th April 2017 The Council is finalising documentation in connection with the award of contract and letter of Intent issued.
Dominican Priory, Athy	Family Hub x 7 units	Work completed and initial transfers being progressed.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	4 units	Tender for design team services issued to the National Framework Agreement for Architect Lead Design Team Services administered by the Office of Government Procurement. Tenders for the design team due back 23 rd June 2017.
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurbishment of 23 Units	Lot 1 (4 units): Works commenced on site in January 2017. Contractor: Noonan Construction Ltd. Initial phase of six units completed. Going to tender for remaining units June 2017
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase's 2 & 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurbishment of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Resident information session held 2 March 2017. KCC in negotiation with private owner in scheme. Part 8 to follow.



Location	No. of Units	Status June 2017
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Part 8 approved 29 May 2017. Shortlist of contractors completed. Tender process: July 2017.
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Part 8 on display 14 March 2017 to 2 May 2017. Submissions by 19 May 2017. Shortlist of contractors completed. MD Meeting: 14 June 2017 Tender process: July 2017
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Stage 2 submission made to the Department for approval to launch Part 8. Response awaited.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Stage 2 submission to the Department for approval to launch Part 8 planned for July.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Tender for the appointment of consultants complete. Design Team Consultants appointed. Design proposals currently being prepared.
Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Approval Stage 1 application submitted to DHPCLG in December 2016.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge		Feasibility Investigations to be undertaken.

Approved Housing Body Schemes

Flinter's Field, Athy	35 units	Respond Housing Association- Part 8 on display 4 May 2017 to 16 June 2017. Submissions by 3 July 2017. MD Meeting: 24 July 2017.
Castlefen, Sallins	28 units	Tuath Housing Association – Part 8 to be launched in Quarter 2 2017.

PPP Schemes

Craddockstown, Naas	74 units	Section 85 agreement approved by Members at March meeting. Part 8 on display 11 April 2017 to 25 May 2017 Submissions by 12 June 2017. MD Meeting: 18 July 2017
Butterstream, Clane	80 units	Design Development stage. Part VIII to be launched in Q2.



Infill Schemes

Narraghmore	4 units	Stage 1 Approval received 23 March 2017
Newtown House	4 estimated	Feasibility Investigations in progress
Glandore, Athy		Feasibility Investigations in progress
Skenagun, Castledermot		Feasibility Investigations in progress

2017 Part V

Completed	4 units
In Progress	13 units
Appraisals approved by the Department	13 units Maynooth 12 units Naas

2017 Acquisitions

Completed	39 units
In progress	65 units

Self Help Scheme

Unprocessed applications received in 2016 for the Self Help Scheme have now been assessed. As a result, 66 households have qualified for inclusion in the Scheme this year. Applicants are now being requested to submit two quotations to the Maintenance Section by the 16 June. The Scheme will support the following improvement works: Windows and Doors, Stoves/Heating Upgrade, Kitchens.

Maintenance Section

A total of 491 calls were logged and assigned by the Response Maintenance Team in the last month. Of these, 367 were assigned to either a Clerk of Works or a contractor for completion. The remaining 124 calls require further assessment or are deemed to be the responsibility of the tenant.

Repair and Leasing

The scheme was re-advertised at the end of May, to coincide with a national advertising campaign.



Planning and Strategic Development

Local Area Plans (LAPs)

- Clane Local Area Plan. The members discussed the Chief Executive's report on submissions received during the public consultation period of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Clane LAP on 10 May and adopted the Clane Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023.
- Leixlip Local Area Plan. The Draft LAP for Leixlip was on public display from 10 April 2017 to 22 May 2017 and 1,912 submissions were received during this period. The Chief Executive is preparing his report and recommendations on those submissions
- Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Material Alterations to the Draft LAP for Celbridge were on public display from 16 May 2017 to 14 June, 2017 and submissions were invited during this period. The Chief Executive is preparing his report on the submissions received and this report will issue in July.

Development Management

Number of planning applications received

	May	Year
2015:	98	1,192
2016:	114	1,376
2017:	145	635 (to end May)

Planning applications decided: May 2017

Granted:	67
Retention:	21
Extension of Duration:	4
Refused:	20

Planning applications of note granted: May 2017

16/1145 Ardstone Residential Partners : 175 Residential dwellings at Jigginstown, Naas.



16/1229 Intel Ireland: 10 year permission for development at Collinstown, Leixlip (under appeal)

16/1337 Castlebrook Investments Ltd: Part demolition of existing shopping mall , extension and modification at Newbridge Shopping Centre, Newbridge.

Recent Applications of note:

17/507 LeMonde Holdings: Permission for 18 residential dwellings at College Road, Clane.

17/533 JAJ Construction: Permission for 46 residential dwellings at The Willows, Allenwood.

17/521 Intel Ireland : Modifications to existing FAB facilities at Collinstown Leixlip

17/535 Harmony Solar: Permission to develop a 74,172 sq. m. photovoltaic solar panel array at Smithstown and Roosk, Maynooth.

17/539 Value Retail Dublin Ltd: Extension to the existing Kildare Tourist Outlet Village (29 retail units & 2 cafes), Kildare Town.

17/563 & 17/564 Lidl Ireland GmbH: Permission for the development of regional warehouse and section of the Newbridge South Orbital Relief Road at Great Connell, Newbridge.

Taking-in-charge Residential Estates :

A total of twenty four estates will be presented for consideration of the members for taking in charge at each of the Municipal District meetings in June as follows -

Maynooth MD - 8 estates, Celbridge/Leixlip MD - 2 estates, Athy MD- 4 estates, Naas MD - 5 estates and Kildare/Newbridge MD- 5 estates.



Library and Arts Service

Arts and Culture Capital Scheme

The Moat Club have been awarded €120,000 in funding under the. The project involves addressing Health & Safety issues, investing in new energy equipment, replacing seating deck, emergency lighting and fire safety equipment upgrades. The total cost of the project is estimated to be €260k. They have matched funding available of €120k.

Library Development Programme

Strategies Actioned from: IDEAS REALISED: Spreading the Word...

Kildare County Council Library Services Development Plan 2015 - 2019

Capital Projects and New Service Provision

Athy Capital Project

The contractor is currently onsite and works are progressing well.

Naas Library Capital Project

Tender returns for design team due 8 August.

Library Management System (LMS) - National Implementation

Kildare library service has completed the bulk opt-in process for SMS text notifications for our patrons. This month we have begun the addition of email notifications for requests for patrons.

Library Management System (LMS) - Acquisitions API

It is expected that Sierra 3.1 will be available this month which will enable us to move to live ordering using the Acquisitions API. This will make a more efficient and streamlined ordering process for library material.

Grant-aid to support the RFID enabling of book stock in public libraries

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government have recently offered grant aid to assist in RFID enabling book stock in public libraries. The grant is €1,000 per qualifying branch. Kildare Library Service is applying for aid to RFID tag Athy and Kildare

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town libraries and for RFID tags and RFID tagger (staff pad) for 12 other libraries. This will be a significant step in the process to RFID enable all branches in the future in the provision of self-service for our patrons.

Creative Ireland

The Kildare Creative Ireland plan was launched nationally on 25 May. The Kildare Culture team of Sonya Kavanagh, Marian Higgins, Lucina Russell, Mario Corrigan, Denis McDermott, Anne Marie Conneely, Bridget Loughlin, Syl Merrins and Peter Black are currently developing the Kildare Cultural Strategy which will be launched later in 2017. The 2017 plan which highlights events, festivals and programmes which are already well established in Kildare also takes the opportunity to promote Kildare's natural landscape and wonderful heritage to inspire creativity.

News and Highlights - Library and Arts Service

Toys Technology and Training 2017 Programme

This series of talks designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs, continues throughout 2017. Current talks include presentations from Dr. Dorothy Armstrong on Study Skills for Students with Dyslexia, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, Mental Health Support and App Technology and Dyslexia by the Dyslexia Association. This specialised lecture series can be accessed free of charge throughout the county. To date this year over 580 parents, teachers and professionals have attended the talks and workshops as part of this programme.

'Let's Talk About Parenting' 2017 Programme

A series of talks organised with support from the HSE, Tusla, Kildare Youth Service, Community Awareness of Drugs, Teach Tearmainn and Kildare County Childcare Committee. 8 talks took place this month in our 7 main libraries including “Helping Children who Worry Too Much”, “The Transition from Preschool to Primary School” and “Helping Children to be Resilient” To date over 700 parents have attended talks this year as part of the programme.

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Beyond the Book – Kildare Young Readers Festival

Our first ever Young Readers Festival will take place 12- 24 June in libraries throughout Kildare. The programme includes an exciting series of visits from children’s authors such as Shane Hegarty, Dave Rudden, Julliette Saumande and more, storytelling and book themed workshops suitable for children of all ages. The festival aims to encourage reading and a love of literature through interactive events and activities that go “Beyond the Book!”.

Library Family Days

This year Library Family Days take place in Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge Libraries on Saturday 17 June. A day of fun for all the family with events such as storytime with facepainting and a special visit from Rua the Library Squirrel followed by a puppet show from Moon & Sixpence Marionette Travelling Theatre.

Summer Star Reading Challenge

Kildare Library Service will run the *Summer Stars Reading Adventure* for children in all library branches during the summer from the beginning of July to the end of August. *Summer Stars* is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to children across the country.

Each child is invited to register for the adventure at their local library and enjoy reading many books as part of the adventure during the summer holidays. Children will be encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme and there will be rewards and incentives along the way. At the end of the adventure, all children who participate are invited to attend an award event at which they will be presented with their own *Summer Stars* certificate.

Summer Events for Children

A packed events programme for children will be held in all 7 main libraries during the summer. These events are free but advance booking will be required. Further information is available from your local library and on www.kildare.ie/library

Play to Read Programme

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This 4 week programme was successfully completed by 24 children and their parents in the Athy area. The programme which engages with both the child and parent builds on pre literacy skills. A special ceremony and presentation will take place at the end of June for all participants.

Better Basics

The 2016-2017 Better Basics programme has been a great success for the fourth year. Thirty six children from four primary schools in the county completed the programme this academic year. Better Basics is a paired reading literacy programme run in conjunction with County Kildare Leader Partnership. The aims of the programme are to increase confidence in reading ability and promote greater involvement and interest in school life. The prize giving ceremony for the children will be hosted by the library service and will take place in Solas Bhríde, Kildare Town on 20 June.

News and Highlights - Local Studies, Genealogy & Archives

The Local Studies team have seen a busy May and June, whilst providing core research services the service also had a strong outreach programme in May, giving talks on 'Cinema in Kildare' in Naas and Athy libraries as well as a visit to Naas Day Centre all as part of the 'OWL' Age Friendly Festival. Talks took place in primary schools on the Famine and history was taken outside classrooms with a walking tour for Kildare Town Community School.

The service also got the opportunity to add to the local studies collection by purchasing two rare items, Lord Kildare's Photograph Album and an English visitor to Gordon Bennett Motor Race Photo album.

Over the Gordon Bennett Weekend on the Friday night a talk was given on Gordon Bennett and National Stud. On the Sunday, Ballitore Library opened it's doors to host a talk on Gordon Bennett, Mary Leadbeater and the Quakers.



Kildare Decade of Commemorations

- * Unveiling of flag in Maynooth library as part of Maynooth Centenary Programme.
- * 'Witness' a book on Kildare witnesses to the 1916 Rising is expected to print shortly and copies will be made available to secondary schools and libraries as a unique important historical resource.
- * A ten minute video montage of 1916 commemorations has been finalised and will be available to view online shortly. There will also be 250 copies available.

Irish Military Seminar 9-11 June 2017.

The inaugural seminar was opened by the Mayor of Kildare with a keynote address delivered by Brigadier General Joe Mulligan, GOC of the Curragh. The extensive programme with notable speakers was further enhanced with a field trip to visit the Rath of Mullaghmast on Sunday morning. Over 100 people had the opportunity to learn more about this historic Kildare landmark with an onsite talk by Archaeologist Noel Dunne. The gory history of the site was further brought to life by a special performance delivered by The Griese Youth Theatre.

The seminar which was developed and delivered by the Kildare Decade of Commemoration Committee enjoyed partnerships with Creative Ireland, June Fest, Merrion Press, Ireland's Military Story, County Kildare Fáilte and the County Kildare Federation of Local History Groups. Feedback from the event was hugely positive, many commenting on the potential to grow the event to become the key Irish Military Seminar.

Arts Council Partnership Scheme

The Arts Service was doubly successful in the recent Arts Council 'Invitation to Collaboration' funding scheme to encourage large scale collaboration between local authorities. Kildare is the lead partner on a project examining the impact of contemporary dance and specifically 'Dance and Health' in regional areas. Other partners are Kerry County Council and Tipperary County Council

A second project is a partnership between Limerick, Leitrim, Fingal and Kildare County Councils. INDECON and Professor John O'Hagan, economist Trinity College will examine the impact of arts participation and how to capture social capital.

Arts Council Framework Agreement



Kildare County Council will prepare an application to the Arts Council to participate in the first round of discussions towards creating a 'Framework Agreement' between KCC and Arts Council. The invitation is further to the 'Framework for Collaboration 2016-2025' between CCMA and Arts Council, a national initiative to work better strategically at a county/city level. Application to Arts Council by 30 June.

Music Generation

An application has been made to Music Generation, with Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board, with the Arts Service leading the application process. 16 applications were received and 5 awards will be made. The results will be announced in July. The Music Department and the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Maynooth University were most helpful in preparing the application.

Culture Night

Training recently took place for participants in Culture Night, to up skill them in social media tools, alongside consultative meetings to inform Culture Night this year.

Local Community and Development Committee [LCDC]

The last LCDC meeting was held on Wednesday 24 May 2017.

A. AIRO- Update Census 2016

It was agreed that AIRO in Maynooth University will carry out two pieces of work commencing in the coming weeks:

- a) Update the LECP Socio Economic Baseline report. This report provides a range of datasets comparing Kildare to regional and state indicators. As it is based on Census 2011, the new Census data available in July 2016, will provide an up to the minute report which will provide accurate information from which to base decisions and make submissions.
- b) Assess additional social inclusion indicators to supplement the Haase deprivation indices. National indices (Haase) are based on a range of indicators including social housing. It does not take into account people living in rent supplement, HASS or RAS. Therefore, the accurate picture of social inclusion across the county is not fully



scoped. AIRO will work to provide an analysis of social inclusion across Kildare based on social welfare and housing data.

B. DEIS schools

Issues pertaining to the lack of any new DEIS school provision in the county and issues experienced by Kildare Town Community School to sustain existing resources were discussed.

C. Children and Young People's Services Committee

A local protocol adapted from the national template was signed between the LCDC and CYPSC. There is a very strong working relationship across both committees. This is evident through work to inform Minister Zappone of the service shortages across Kildare.

D. Youth Officer Post

The Department of Children and Young People, recently sanctioned the KW ETB to employ a Youth Officer dedicated to Kildare. This post will provide a needed service to support youth service development across the county. The Chief Executive of KW ETB thanked the LCDC for their support in securing the post through ongoing dialogue with Minister Zappone.

E. Community Facilities Fund

A new fund supporting capital infrastructure is now open. €64,500 was awarded to each county, and five awards of €13,000 will be made (one per MD) to groups working with disadvantaged youth people or disadvantaged men. The closing date for receipt of applications is 30 June 2017.

F. Social Inclusion Programme (SICAP)

Work is progressing to roll out the SICAP programme through County Kildare LEADER Partnership based on their 2017 plan. The SICAP sub group met in advance of the LCDC meeting. The mid-term review is currently underway and will be presented at the next LCDC meeting.



Procurement for the next social inclusion programme (post 2017) will commence in August. This will be advertised on e-tenders in line with national requirements. The tender will be awarded before the end of the year.

G. Mojo

The mini Mojo programme in Kilcock ran very successfully and the full Mojo programme is currently underway. The first Mojo programme in Athy is commencing shortly, with referrals currently being taken.

H. Area Focus

The Interagency group met in advance of the LCDC meeting. A baseline study will commence shortly.

I. Rural Development LEADER programme

The Local Action Group met after the LCDC meeting.. It discussed a report from the sub group which had met on 19 May :Key points included:

- Brian Kelly, formerly CKLP Project Development Officer, has been appointed as the Rural Development Manager
- Work is progressing to support tourism and economic development/renewable energy applicants to submit their full plans.
- An evaluation sub group is currently being established, and the LCDC will agree their final composition, in July, in line with Department requirements

Next LCDC meeting: July 2017

Water Services and Environment

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Major Capital Projects (Irish Water's Capital Investment Plan 2014-2016 and 2017 - 2021)

- **Upper Liffey Valley**



- **Osberstown Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Contract** - The plant was up-graded to 100,000 PE treatment capacity in May 2016. The final phase (bringing the “liquid stream” treatment capacity to 130,000 PE) is currently being completed. The plant is currently being process proved until October 2017.
- **Osberstown Sewerage Sludge Treatment Facility Upgrade** – The Sludge Treatment Facility upgrade is being delivered together with the Wastewater Treatment Plant ‘sludge stream’ works as part of a variation to the DBO contract. The construction period is 24 months from the 8 May 2017.
- **Contract 2A (Newbridge Eastern Interceptor Sewer)** – The Planning, Design and Procurement stage is under way. Planning permission has been granted to Irish Water for the Little Connell Pumping Station. Landowner meetings were held in May 2017. The CPO was published by Irish Water on 23 May 2017. Short listing of contractors has been finalised by Irish Water. Tenders were issued by Irish Water in March 2017.
- **Contract 2B (Network)** – The Planning Design and Procurement stage is under way. Planning permission has been granted to Irish Water for the Monread and Clane Pumping Stations. Landowner Meetings were held in May 2017. The CPO is due to be published by Irish Water in Q3 - 2017. Short listing of contractors by Irish Water is ongoing. Tenders to market are due to issue by Irish Water in Q4 - 2017.
- **Lower Liffey Valley**
 - **Castlewarden to Ballygoran Pipeline and Reservoir Contract** – Operational.
 - **Ballygoran to Collinstown Watermain Contract** – Operational
 - **North Leixlip Sewerage Scheme** – Operational



- **Leixlip Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Contract** – The plant upgrade to 150,000 PE treatment capacity has been commissioned. The plant is being process proved for 12 months until June 2017.
- **Celbridge Road Network Reinforcement Project** - Consultants were appointed in April 2016 and have prepared a Design Review Report to address sewerage network capacity constraints in the Celbridge catchment.
- **Kildare Town**
 - **Kildare Town Network Contract** – Works commenced on site in January 2016. Works are now substantially complete, commissioned and have been handed over to KCC Operations Section. The scheme has now entered a 12 month defects period.

Minor Capital Projects

Irish Water have identified the Minor Capital Programme as a means of getting value for money and cater for investment drivers namely:-

- Drinking Water Quality
- Environmental Compliance
- Water and Wastewater availability – new developments
- Business efficiencies
- Asset condition and performance

Hence they have requested that Kildare County Council (KCC) I set up and lead a Minor Capital Team for delivery of such projects across the county. Kildare County Council has agreed a new Capital Project Team structure with Irish Water for the delivery of this programme over the next three years.

This is considered to be a positive development for the county as there is now an expectation that quite a number of minor capital projects will be given approval, in response to KCC ability to deliver such schemes locally.



Many smaller treatment plants require up-grades for compliance purposes and to cater for future housing developments. In addition, schemes in water supply areas will improve service to customers and help contain our leakage levels.

A total of 22 schemes have currently been approved by Irish Water for progression by Kildare County Council Minor Capital Team. The estimated value of works is in the region of €7 million. Five of these schemes have been completed by the team and several others have been placed on long term hold by Irish Water. The following is a list of active schemes in this area:-

- **Allenwood to Kilmeage Mains Replacement** - Advance works at Allenwood Crossroads have been carried out in collaboration with KCC Roads & Transportation upgrade works to prevent the requirement of disturbing a newly laid tabletop ramp. Site Investigation works have been completed. The design has been completed by KCC. KCC has submitted the tender documents to Irish Water for the tendering process.
- **Allenwood Vacuum System Modification & WWTP Upgrade** - An engineering consultant is progressing design and site investigation works. The planning application is being prepared by the Consultant and will be submitted upon completion of landowner agreements.
- **Athy Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – A topographical survey and site investigation works have taken place. Design works and planning are being progressed by an engineering consultant. A Recommendations Report to construct an Inlet Balancing Tank has been prepared by the Consultant. Irish Water will now decide whether to progress this scheme.
- **Kildare Town Backyard Services** – Part of the design for this scheme includes backyard services in Maynooth. The design is currently being finalised and will be ready for tender in mid 2017.
- **Coill Dubh WWTP up-grade** – is currently at commissioning stage.



- **Crophill, Castledermot Cast Iron Replacement** - Approval was received for the replacement of 500m of cast iron watermain. A contractor has been appointed and has completed the site investigation. Main contract is substantially complete.
- **Kilmeage Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – An Engineering Consultant has been appointed to progress design options in conjunction with the Athy Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. A Recommendations Report has been completed and treatment options are being confirmed prior to commencement of the tender process for improvement works.
- **Rathcoffey, Milltown and Calverstown WWTPs** – A recommendation report has been prepared by the appointed engineering consultant. Tender documents have been prepared and submitted to Irish Water on the basis of the conclusion from this recommendations report.
- **Ladychapel Cross to Taghadoe Watermain** – Kildare County Council are preparing the design and tender documents to progress this new watermain scheme. An archaeological assessment has been completed. Irish Water will progress this scheme in 2018.
- **Maynooth Watermains Rehabilitation** – A Consultant has been appointed to progress this scheme. The contractor has completed the Site Investigation and is finalising the design. The main contract will commence in August 2017. Advance works to remove lead services on the Dublin Road have been completed by KCC.
- **Narraghmore Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Appointment of Contractors for improvement works at treatment plant is ongoing.
- **Oak Park, Narraghmore** - Preparation of Tender Documents for improvement works at pumping station and new rising main to Narraghmore WWTP ongoing.



- **Rathangan WWTP** - Preparation of a Consultants Brief was prepared by KCC and has been submitted to Irish Water for tendering. The consultant will prepare a Condition Report and Recommendations Report identifying required upgrade works. IW has appointed a consultant to progress this scheme.
- **Red Bog Borehole Removal** - Approval was received to remove the Red Bog borehole source from operation and connection of the local network to the Poulaphuca Regional water supply. Works consist of the construction of a booster pump and approximately 2.5 km of watermain. The required ecological assessment has been completed. KCC have finalised the design and has submitted the tender documents to Irish Water for the tender process.
- **Timolin WWTP** – Part 8 planning application documents have been prepared by KCC and Part 8 planning procedure to commence at end of June 17. The proposed upgrade will then be tendered out to Irish Water's MEICA lot 5 framework for new package wastewater treatment plant, subject to Part 8 planning approval.
- **Newbridge Main Street Sewer Replacement** – Works required due to ongoing operational problems and blockages. Initial blockages have been cleared. The consultant has designed the scheme and it is currently at tender stage.
- **Station Road, Leixlip** – Irish Water have approved the scheme to replace this cast iron watermain by end of 2017.
- **Thomastown, Rathangan** – Irish Water have approved the 2.5kms of watermain replacement by end of 2017.

Several Schemes have been progressed to completion by the KCC Minor Capital Scheme. The following is a list of completed or almost completed schemes:

- **Monread Road Sewer Line Repair** - Approval was received for the replacement of 900m of foul sewer pipe. The contractor has completed the works.



- **Athgarvan Septic Tank Diversion** – Construction of a new foul sewer is now completed thereby eliminating the requirement of a communal septic tank with its associated groundwater pollution potential and maintenance works. Final road reinstatement has been carried out and all works have now been completed. Final Account review has been completed and agreed.
- **Ballitore WWTP** - Construction of access road and pipeline. All works have been completed on this scheme
- **Newhall Pumping Station Upgrade** – Works have been completed. Final Account Review ongoing.
- **Old Grange (Monasterevin) Watermain** – The new watermain has now been laid and all houses connected to the new main. All outstanding works have been completed and final account payment has been closed out.
- **Tankardsgarden Pumping Station Upgrade** - Works to replace pumps, control systems and flowmeters have been completed.
- **Emergency Showers & Eyewash Stations** - The preparation of tender documentation for a county wide replacement at all water and wastewater treatment plants has been carried out.

The following non-Irish Water Schemes (**Unfinished Housing Estates**) have been progressed by KCC:

- **Cluain Dara, Derrinturn** – Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete and Final Account being closed out.
- **Mill Brook, Timolin** - Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete.



- **The Paddocks, Crookstown** - Exploratory survey/design work is ongoing for the connection of this estate to the public foul sewer. Should this be feasible and at reasonable cost, it is then proposed to decommission the existing treatment system. The scheme is subject to funding being provided.
- **Oak Park, Narraghmore** – Wastewater upgrade complete.
- **Kilmead** – Specification and cost plan agreed.

Rural Water Programme

In 2016, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (formerly Department of Environment, Community & Local Government) announced a multi-annual funding programme for 2016 - 2018. Kildare Rural Water Section's funding submission for the Rural Water Multi-Annual Programme has been prepared and submitted. This identified proposed upgrade works at various group schemes throughout the county for each of the years from 2016 to 2018 inclusive.

Kildare County Council Rural Water Section met with Ballindoolin GWS in 2016 with an aim to progress proposed network upgrade works. This scheme was identified as a "shovel ready" scheme in the Rural Water Programme funding submission for that year. The interim grant funding allocation received allowed for the progression of works at Ballindoolin. The upgrading works for part of the Ballindoolin GWS were successfully completed in Q3 2016.

Taking in charge of group water schemes is now subject to approval of Irish Water and need to meet certain standard criteria. It is anticipated that several group water schemes will be taken in charge in 2017.

Works are proposed for 2017 at several group schemes, however confirmation of funding allocations for the Kildare Rural Water Programme have yet to be confirmed by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.

Flood Protection

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- **Morell** - The final Feasibility Study, including the Cost Benefit Analysis, has received approval from the OPW subject to some minor changes, to which we have no objection. We have now submitted the Feasibility Study and outline planning strategy to the OPW. The Environmental Impact Assessment is also complete. A formal submission will be made to An Bord Pleanála as soon as the OPW have approved funding for the scheme. A presentation was made by the Council to the OPW on the 10.2.2017 seeking funding approval and a positive outcome is anticipated. It is hoped that construction of this scheme will begin in late 2017/early 2018, subject to the relevant approvals being in place.
- **Ballymore-Eustace Scheme** – Complete.
- **Hazlehatch** - A meeting took place with Minister Coveny and his officials on the 6 December .2016. The outcome was positive and it is hoped to progress the project by advertising for Consultants in Q2- 2017. In the interim, locations for flow gauges have been identified and will be in place shortly and groundwater survey work will commence.
- **Dara Park Surface Water Upgrade** – All works relating to hard infrastructure are fully complete and this will resolve the recurring flooding issues which have persisted over the years. As promised, snagging issues in relation to the restoration of green areas has also commenced and any remaining concerns on the part of the local community will be addressed in the context of these works. The Director of Services and the project team met with representatives from the community on 18 May 2017. Works should be finalised in circa 4 weeks.
- **Oaks, Newbridge** - A solution to the flooding issues have been identified and a consultant has been appointed to carry out detailed design. It is hoped that construction of the scheme will begin in summer 2017 and will include co-operation from Water Services and the municipal district office. This will be subject to funding.
- **Johnstown** – complete.



- **Ardclough** – complete.

- **CFRAM Programme** – The OPW Eastern CFRAM Study is reaching a conclusion with the final Flood Risk Management Plans nearing completion. A steering group meeting will take place on 17 August 2017 to provide information on how the consultation submissions on the draft plans are being addressed and, in addition, what the next stages will involve for both local authorities and OPW.

- The Draft Plans have identified flood management measures for the following towns:
 - Leixlip
 - Maynooth
 - Celbridge
 - Clane
 - Newbridge
 - Suncroft
 - Castledermot
 - Athy

A further study is recommended for both Hazelhatch and Naas. Once the Public Consultation period is completed and the submissions dealt with, the final plans will be sent to the relevant Minister for approval. They will then be sent back to the local authorities for adoption. Once adopted, we can apply to the OPW for funding of the schemes.

River Cleaning & Drainage Channel Maintenance

This year's programme has been identified and ecological surveys completed. Tree cutting, in advance of river cleaning is complete. It is hoped to carry out another joint water quality and flood protection programme, in the Lyreen catchment, subject to approval from fisheries. A meeting was held with representatives from Laois County Council to develop a co-ordinated approach to carrying out cleaning works on the River Barrow and stretches to be cleaned by each Local Authority have been identified.



ENVIRONMENT

- **Kilcock (Royal Canal)** – This facility has now re-opened. The Council was pleased to sponsor a local competition to mark this event.

Cemetery Extensions

- **Staplestown** – complete
- **Ballybracken** – complete
- **Crookstown** – Almost complete
- **Newbridge** – Complete.
- **Derrinturn** – Complete.
- **Lullymore** – Complete.
- **Churchtown** – Part 8 report to be considered at the June monthly MD meeting.
- **Athy (St Michael's new)** – A further phase of work is now planned and scheduled to commence shortly.



- **Rathangan** – land acquisition is currently being finalised and a draft design is now to hand. Part 8 process has commenced.
- **Leixlip** – land acquisition being examined.
- **Bodenstown** - ditto

Dog Control – As requested by the ISPCA there may have to be some (minor) design changes prior to progressing to Part 8 stage. These have now been agreed.

North Kildare Civic Amenity (Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth) – The Environment Section has reviewed the suitability of sites within its ownership following an invitation for public expressions of interest. A preferred location is now being progressed at Kilmacredock Upper (beside existing road maintenance depot). Donnachadh O'Brien, Consulting Engineers, have been commissioned to prepare a preliminary design and layout. Draft proposals have been presented to the SPC and MD and a funding submission has been made to DCCAE.

***Tidy Towns** – The Council entered into a partnership agreement with Kildare G.A.A. – on 29 May 2017. A joint presentation was made to the Newbridge/Kildare Tidy Towns groups regarding possible approaches to Urban Design upgrades. The feedback was very positive.

Irish Business Against Litter – The commissioning of the sculpture (to the value of €40k) is being co-ordinated by the Council's Arts Service.

Kerdiffstown - Kildare County Council formally accepted responsibility for the management and remediation of the site on the 5 June, 2015.

1. End Use

- A presentation on the final decision of the end use was presented to Naas Municipal District on Tuesday, 15 November, 2016 where it was announced



(subject to statutory consents) that the end use will be a park with multi uses pitches, change rooms, playground and walking/running tracks.

2. Preliminary Design/Planning/EIA

- Environmental monitoring and background studies are complete for the Environmental Assessment but will continue to be monitored.
- The licensing and planning applications including an EIS are almost finalised. The documents are being reviewed by KCC staff and will be ready for legal review shortly, before submission in Q3 to An Bord Pleanála.
- A CPO process will be commencing in tandem with the EIA and documents are currently being drafted. Discussions with the people who may be affected has commenced.

3. Detailed Design/Tender/Construction/Handover

- Procurement documents for a Consultant, to bring the project to completion from Preliminary Design Stage/Planning/EIA submission, are being progressed by the project team

Energy Management and Climate Change

The Energy Management Team continues to progress a range of initiatives. All in all, the Council has reduced its energy consumption by 14% since 2009. The remit of the team has now been widened to include Climate Change Adaptation and the data gathering phase is now well advanced. The Climate Adaptation Plan is now being progressed by the team, with input from the SPC. The annual low energy day took place on 10 May.2017

Athy MD Initiatives

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- Subject to formalities, agreement has been reached with Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board (KWETB) regarding a proposal to converting part of the building (formerly VTOS) to an apprentice training centre. Design and tender documents have since been prepared. It is understood that the KWETB have secured funding in order that the project can proceed. In the interim, the model school is being transferred to public ownership
- Works commenced on the new Branch Library on 2 May 17 and is now progressing well.
- A public realm strategy has been agreed by the MD members. Projects will be prioritised at the next meeting.
- Arrangements are being made for a formal opening of the new centre for water-based activity.
- A review of the delivery structures of the regeneration strategy is ongoing.

Emily Square Up-grade – The Appropriate Assessment screening has recommended a Phase 2 assessment. This will commence shortly.

Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

The formal announcement in regard to LIHAF funding has been made. Kildare County Council has received approval for €21.4 million for three projects: Naas Inner Relief Road, Maynooth Eastern Relief Road and Sallins Community Amenity project. The projects will now move toward the procurement of services and initial planning.

The Kildare County Council (KCC) Steering Group consisting representatives from all the relevant service areas in KCC has now been formed and has commenced its work on progressing the Naas and Maynooth projects.

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M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade, M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass

As Members are aware the M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade and R407 Sallins Bypass projects have been included in the Department of Expenditure and Public Reform Programme entitled "Building on Recovery - Infrastructure and Capital Investment 2016-2021". The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) have agreed that both projects are to form one contract.

Contract documents were issued in December 2016 to the shortlisted five pre-qualified contractors and the closing date for receipt of tenders was 29th May and extended to 8th June. Tenders were received on 8th June and opened on 9th June 2017. The assessment process is currently underway.

This process is in preparation for award of the construction contract in Q3 2017 which remains subject to confirmation of funding from both funding agencies, DTTaS and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The construction contract duration is approximately 24 to 30 months.

Notices to Treat for the M7 Naas to Newbridge Bypass Upgrade, the M7 Osberstown Interchange and R407 Sallins Bypass were issued in December 2015. Land negotiations are continuing. Notices to Enter will be issued shortly.

Advanced works/testing are progressed in preparation for the main contract. This includes landowner accommodation works, archaeological testing and resolution, ground investigation, the Sallins Railway underbridge and the M7 hard shoulder strengthening.

The Sallins Railway Underbridge contract is being carried out as a separate contract by Irish Rail. Irish Rail are currently at tender to appoint a contractor to carry out these works and tenders are currently being assessed.

Second Crossing of the River Liffey in Celbridge

Following discussions between the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) and the Roads Department in KCC in regard to the future delivery of a second river crossing in Celbridge, KCC will now commence the procedure to prepare a Multi-Criteria Analysis.

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This analysis represents the first stage of the Department's Common Appraisal Framework for Transport Projects and Programmes and in effect takes the form of a Business Case which outlines objectives, scope, feasibility, options appraisal, planning and design, evaluation plan and recommendations.

Once prepared the Multi-Criteria Analysis will be submitted to the DTTaS who in turn will consider whether or not the proposal will be submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for consideration.

Naas & Sallins Parking Bye-Laws

Parking Bye-Laws for Naas & Sallins were on public display until 17 January 2017. The closing date for submissions was 8 February 2017 and the submissions are currently being assessed and site inspections are being carried out. The aim is to formally submit these Bye Laws to the Naas MD members at the July meeting.

Proposed Parking Bye-Laws for Clane & Castledermot

The drafting of Clane and Castledermot Parking Bye-Laws have been finalised in draft form and will be brought before the Members "in committee" prior to public consultation.

Traffic Management Study - Maynooth

AECOM is continuing with the preparation of a Traffic Management Study for Maynooth. The consultants presented their draft recommendations to the MD members in February and May 2017.

The Consultants have taken the final recommendations/suggestions by the Maynooth MD members into account and the final public consultation exercise is planned for 28th June with the publishing of the Study online.

Roll out of Green Machines

Two Green Machines are now operating in the Newbridge and Maynooth MD's. These path sweepers will operate from Monday to Friday. When necessary, Rathangan will also be cleaned by the Green Machine from Kildare Town.

Maynooth Northern Outer Orbital Route



Rathoath MD members approved the Part 8 for the section of the Outer Orbital Route which connects the Moyglare Road with the Dunboyne Road in Maynooth. The Developer that has proposed to construct this section of the MOOR is now awaiting the outcome of discussions with Irish Water in regard to Water and Waste Water capacity issues. Discussions were held with senior management from Irish Water and consequently Irish Water has engaged consultants who are currently investigating short term and long term solutions for improving the Foul Sewer network capacity across North Kildare.

Athy Distributor Route

The CPO and EIS was submitted to An Bord Pleanála in April and the council recently received notification from An Bord Pleanála that the Oral Hearing is scheduled for the first week in July.

Replacement of the Machinery Yard

The council Machinery Yard and Stores is currently located in Newbridge. It is proposed to relocate the machinery Yard and maximise the use of the existing site in Newbridge. The design services contract commenced in early April.

Newbridge and Kildare Sustainable Projects

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA in regard to agreeing funding and the scoping/project brief.

NTA GDA Cycle Network Design (Naas)

Three schemes are being progressed to Public Consultation Stage and this work is funded by the NTA. The routes are:

- Naas to Kill;
- Kilcullen Road, Naas; and
- Greenway from Newbridge Road (Naas) to Sallins train station along the route of the canal

The closing date for receipt of submissions for the Kilcullen Road, Naas Cycleway Part 8 was 16 December 2016. The submissions report is being finalised by the scheme consultants



for review by the Planning Section, before going before the Members of Naas Municipal District in July 2017.

The Part 8 process for the Naas to Kill cycleway is planned to commence in July 2017.

The Greenway from Newbridge Road (Naas) to Sallins train station is planned to go to Part 8 in August 2017.

Road Improvements in Kildare Town.

The contract to carry out road improvements in Kildare Town has commenced. These works will extend from Lidl to Pigeon lane and from Market Square, along Nugent Street to Railway Stores. In order to limit disruption to traffic and businesses the contract will include night works.

This work commenced on 6 June 2017. Nugent Street to the Railway Stores has been completed to wearing course with the raising of the iron work and lining to follow this week. Work commenced on 9 June on Dublin Street in front of the Garda Station and will continue this week. It is expected that work along Claregate Street will commence next week and finish by 23 June or early the following week.

Kildare – Newbridge MD Area Surface Dressing Works

The Kildare-Newbridge MD area will be carrying out surface dressing work commencing on 19 June in the following areas:

1. Maddenstown North (LS7028-0, approx. 1400m)
2. Cut Bush (LS7030-5, approx, 1400m)
3. Suncroft (LP3007-2, approx. 1600m)

Advance notice will be published on the Kildare County Council website this week and diversions will be put in place for the duration of the works.

JuneFest, Newbridge



As per previous years, the Kildare-Newbridge MD area assisted the JuneFest Committee and the Garda Síochána with the Family Fun Day on the Bank Holiday Monday 5 June. This assistance included street and footpath cleaning and assistance with the closure of Main Street on the day for the event.

Kildare-Newbridge MD Road Improvement Works 2017

A tender for road improvement works to sections of the Barrettstown Road (Newbridge College Roundabout to College Grove) and Sexes Road (Mount Carmel to Newbridge College Roundabout) in Newbridge has been advertised and will be awarded in the coming days. It is envisaged that this work will commence and be completed in July.

Naas MD Drainage works 2017

The Naas MD has awarded a tender for minor improvement works to the drainage system at the following location within the Naas MD:

- L2007 – Ballyhays, Straffan (Complete)

Naas MD Road Improvement Works 2017 (Package 1-FRAMEWORK)

The Naas MD included the following project in the Multiparty Framework Agreement for Road Resurfacing and Associated Minor Works for Kildare County Council (stage 2 process), which is now at tender stage:

- L2004 – Castlekeely – (At Construction stage)

Naas MD Road Improvement Works 2017 (Package 2)

The Naas MD has awarded the second package of road surfacing projects for 2017 and the works are at construction stage:

- R410 – Blessington Road, Naas – (At construction stage)
- L6012 – Sherlockstown (LPT) – (Complete)
- L6038 – Crab Road (LPT) – (At construction stage)
- L6073 – Harristown Common (LPT) – (At construction stage)
- L6044 – Mullacash – (At construction stage)
- L2002 – Bodenstown Cross to Millicent Bridge – (Complete)
- L2991 – Morrell Avenue (Ramp) – (Complete)



Naas MD Road Improvement Works 2016 (Package 3)

The Naas MD will commence design of the third package of road surfacing projects in Q2 2017 including:

- R448 – Kilcullen Road (Whitehall to Hacklow X)
- L2030 – Victoria Bridge
- L2021 – Rathmore to Eadestown (Section)
- L6030 – Punchestown Upper, Killeel (LPT)

Naas MD Footpath Improvement Works 2017

The Naas MD will commence the development of footpath schemes within the Naas MD for 2017 including the LPT funded schemes in Q3 2017.

Dublin Road Corridor/Poplar Square, Naas

The Council has appointed the consultant for the detailed design and contract documentation preparation phase of this project. A project execution plan has been submitted to the NTA for discussion.

Maynooth MD Road Improvement Works

The first works package of roadworks is fully complete (Ticknevin, Knockanally, Mucklon and Barry's Boreen). The second and third packages (Courtown, Healeys Bridge, Millicent and Straffan Road) have been tendered and will commence in the coming weeks.

Surface Dressing

Surface dressing commenced in the Celbridge MD on the 6 June and will continue on throughout the county for a further 8-10 weeks weather permitting.

Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Dublin County Boundary

Atkins has commenced the detailed design of this section of Greenway and will be submitting the first draft in the coming month which will be reviewed by the NTA prior to confirming available budgets. Topographical and surveys and Ground investigations are also under way.



This scheme will consist of the construction of a cycleway and pedestrian facility along the canal tow path. The scheme is 8.4km in length and will consist of a 2.5 to 3m wide shared walking and cycling facility.

Royal Canal Greenway - Maynooth to "The West"

The DTTaS smart travel group has confirmed that funding has been approved for an amount of €2.11m for this project in 2017 and €1.75m in 2018.

This funding will allow the council to complete the works between Chambers Bridge and Maynooth which would fully complete the section between Maynooth and Kilcock. This will also fund Waterways Ireland to commence the works between Kilcock and Enfield and Moyvalley and Kilmore in late summer.

The KCC element of this work will go to tender in July.

North South Corridor - Maynooth - Phase 4

The detailed design is ongoing of Phase 4 of this scheme which involves the construction of a dedicated Cycle/ pedestrian road across the harbour field. This project has a potential site start date of late 2017.

The design for Phase 6 of this scheme (Moyglare road) has also commenced with a planned site completion date of September 2018.

Celbridge/Leixlip MD

Street Sweeping at the weekend is currently operational for a half day on a Saturday in both towns.

The road works programme has been agreed for 2017. This will involve the investment of €426,075 in road resurfacing and €45,000 in surface dressing. These works will mainly be carried out over the summer months when traffic is lighter.

Restoration Improvements (road resurfacing)

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Package 1 (Contractor Appointed)

- R404 Celbridge Road, Leixlip
- St Marys Park, Leixlip

Package 2 (Tendered Stage)

- Aghards Road, Celbridge
- R405 Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge

Package 3 (Design Stage)

- Ardclough Road, Celbridge – Design Stage

Restoration Maintenance (surface dressing)

Surface dressing works have been completed on the Barrogstown to Kilmacreadock road by the Oblisk.

The Members agreed the LPT for the district and have allocated €277,000 to transportation for improvements to the districts roads and footpaths.

Projects at Design Stage

- Easton Road Leixlip
- Footpath and Bus Stop at Killeenlea
- Easton Park Entrance realignment
- Fencing in Crodaun Forest Park
- Loughnamona Traffic Calming
- Road and footpath improvements in Leixlip
- Leixlip Main Street Footpath improvements
- Castletown junction realignment (Leixlip)
- Footpath from Celbridge GAA to Tennis Club
- Footpath repairs from The Mill to St John of Gods



- Pedestrian Crossing on Shinkeen Road , Celbridge
- Road Repairs St Patricks Park, Celbridge
- Footpath repairs in Ardclough

Projects Completed

- Extension of Anti Skid on Captains Hill footpath
- Footpath repairs at Primrose Hill School

Civil Defence

Two Kildare Civil Defence Members were presented with the 1916 Commemorative Medal from the Minister with responsibility for Defence, Paul Kehoe T.D. at an event in Croke Park Stadium on 26 May 2017.

We provided assistance at the Darkness into Light event in Athy, Irish Vintage and Veteran Car Club event in Punchestown, Africa Day held in Newbridge, First Aid at event held in Sarsfield GAA and Safety Boat at a Regatta in Blessington.

Fire Service

Incident Statistics for Kildare Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2016	To date in 2017
Newbridge	446	180
Naas	484	146
Athy	262	88
Maynooth	319	89
Monasterevin	190	56
Leixlip	235	58
TOTAL	1936	576

	Operational Calls 2017
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Station	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	35	33	23	48	41	
Naas	39	29	32	46	34	
Athy	25	20	20	23	18	
Maynooth	30	16	18	25	22	
Monasterevin	12	18	9	17	12	
Leixlip	17	8	17	16	15	
TOTAL	158	124	119	175	142	

Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2016	127	107
2017	42	40

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2016	19
2017	13

	No. Fire Safety Certificates
2016	154
2017	60

	No. Planning File Comments
2016	432
2017	219



Economic, Community and Cultural Development

Economic Development

Town and Village Renewal

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017 recently launched for 2017, there will be €20 million in funding for rural towns and villages for projects. The scheme is specifically targeted at rural towns and villages with populations of less than 10,000. Applications from towns can range from €20,000 to a maximum of €100,000. Funding of up to €200,000 will also be considered for a limited number of projects which can deliver exceptionally strong economic benefit to a town and its outlying areas.

Following a open forum and information meeting 13 expression of interests were received – 2 are ineligible as it stands (1 may re-submit) as they applied for too little i.e. the minimum grant available is 20k. Kildare County Council may submit a maximum of 15 applications to government for consideration. All applicants have been notified and are either submitting feasibility of capital applications by close of business 28 June 2017. Applicants were offered assistance to complete submissions by the LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE office.

Town/Village Covered	Category	Applicant Group	Funding Requested
Towns on the Gordon Bennet Route	5001-10000	The Gordon Bennet Touring Route Development Group	€50,000
Derrinturn	<5000	Carbury Community Centre	€3,500
Robertstown	<5000	Robertstown Community Amenities Association	€30,000
Monasterevin	<5000	Monasterevin Community Centre	€175,000
Athy	5001-10000	Athy Enterprise Centre	€80,000
Kilcock	5001-	Kilcock Tourism Group	€200,000



	10000		
Clane	5001-10000	Clane Community Council	€40,000
Monasterevin	<5000	Portarlington Union of Parishes	€70,000
Ardclough	<5000	Ardclough Village Centre Ltd	€90,000
Ballymore Eustace	<5000	Ballymore Eustace CDA	€90,000
Monasterevin	<5000	Monasterevin Tidy Towns	€80,000
Kildare Town	5001-10000	Kildare Town Chamber of Commerce	€12,500
Narraghmore	<5000	Narraghmore Development Association	€80,000

Shop Front Grant Scheme update To May 2017

MD	Budget Allocation	LPT Allocation	Total Budget 2017	Successful Applications		Remaining Budget
ATHY MD	€ 30,000	€ -	€ 30,000	12	€ 12,180	€ 17,820
CB LX MD	€ 30,000	€ -	€ 30,000	7	€ 12,635	€ 17,365
KD NB MD	€ 30,000	€ 14,050	€ 44,050	24	€ 43,684	€ 366
MAYNOOTH	€ 30,000	€ 10,000	€ 40,000	51	€ 34,821	€ 5,179
NAAS	€ 30,000	€ 10,000	€ 40,000	17	€ 32,067	€ 7,933
	€ 150,000		€ 184,050	111	€ 135,387	€ 48,663

Kildare Local Enterprise Office (LEO) will be the “first-stop-shop” for micro and small businesses for Brexit guidance

Kildare LEO is preparing a range of financial and advisory supports for businesses challenged with future Brexit decisions:

- Businesses currently exporting directly to NI/UK
- Businesses who have business suppliers UK based
- Who’s customers are exporting to NI/UK (i.e. where they are part of a supply chain)
- Or Business trading domestically or into other EU countries where their main competitor is UK based

Services include:

Access to the ‘Brexit SME Scorecard’ online tool where micro and smaller businesses can self-diagnose their readiness for Brexit; <https://prepareforbrexit.virtual-adviser.com/> The



scorecard will enable these companies to take the first step in preparing for Brexit by conducting their own assessment of areas of potential risk and opportunity, and to then to develop a plan of action in response.

- A 'Technical Assistance for Micro-enterprises' grant to help LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE clients to find new markets and exports;
- Rollout of 'Lean for Micro' nationwide which will make small businesses more efficient and competitive
- A 'LEO Innovation and Investment Fund' pilot programme to support innovation in micro-enterprises and get them investor ready to scale their businesses;
- Tailored mentoring to address Brexit related business challenges;
- Training on specific Brexit challenges, including financial aspects; and
- Continued information, advice, and guidance across all 31 LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICES and regionally.

Local Enterprise Office and Kildare County Council are currently putting a proposal together to apply for part of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund .

A new Regional Enterprise Development Fund of up to €60m has been launched .This competitive funding has been provided by the Department of Jobs, through Enterprise Ireland and is a key action to support the Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the Action Plan for Rural Development. The fund is aimed at accelerating economic recovery in every part of the country by delivering on the potential of local and regional enterprise strengths. The Fund will support significant collaborative regional initiatives to build on specific industry sectoral strengths and improve enterprise capability, thereby driving job creation.

The Scope of the submission -deadline 18 of August 2017.

The purposely is a collaboration between Enterprise Ireland I ,Kildare County Council ,Kildare LEO ,Maynooth University ,Chamber of Commerce ,(others yet to be confirmed) the project is a new, purpose built, 'co-working' incubation and accelerator space in Naas, Kildare for technology entrepreneurs and technology businesses, specifically those involved in the digital economy, internationally traded services, and high tech manufacturing, key strengths of the Mid East Region.We will provide space, a co-working community, the supports and networks that technology entrepreneurs and businesses need to start, internationalise, and grow their businesses, and access to shared 'innovation tools' (shared



production / 'maker-space' facilities - such as rapid prototyping facilities, including 3D printers),. The intent is that the new space will be a significant 'step' change in the provision of space that fosters work, incubation and innovation, relative to existing space in the Mid - East Region.

New Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Innovation Investment Fund Launched

The LEO Innovation Investment Fund Pilot has just been launched and offers a great opportunity to clients of Local Enterprise Office Kildare. Full details of the programme and the application system are both available at www.liif.ie

This is a pilot programme which is targeting existing Local Enterprise Office clients looking to undertake innovative developments or who now want to consider starting up an innovative new business. There are 4 components to the offer:

1. €1.5m Investment Fund targeting investor ready LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE clients (clients with a short/medium term funding requirement over the next 3 to 6 months ideally). A maximum Grant Investment of €25k will be potentially available to successful clients.

Update on HP employee engagement

Kildare LEO is actively working with HP Inc plant management at Leixlip in Co Kildare providing range of entrepreneurial courses and start up mentoring to Employees who are effected by the upcoming layoff. A 4 week Start Your Own Business programme is just completed with a second starting on the 18 June . 30 individuals have participated in this program to date and are now availing of mentoring.

Women in Business Awards

Women from the world of business gathered recently to celebrate their success at the Gala Dinner and Business Awards hosted by Network Ireland Kildare and supported by Kildare Local Enterprise Office in the Manor House, Palmerstown House Estate, Johnstown .

Minister for Jobs Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor was guest speaker for
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the evening. Judges Jacqui Mc Nabb, Kildare Local Enterprise Office; David Fanning, A.I.B. and Jill Kerby, Financial Journalist/Advisor had the pleasure of choosing the deserved winners from a wealth of candidates on the evening.



Launch of Meet the maker

The LEO has launched its monthly meet the maker event. 'Sam agus Nessa' was on the premises in person in person on Friday 26th May 2017 from 09:30 am to showcase their products. They were located at the craft café unit on Level 0 outside the motor tax office where staff and public had an opportunity to meet the craft people behind this months' display. Sam agus Nessa products were purchased on the day or through their website www.samagusnessa.comreception .A second unit has been commissioned for the reception area and will be populated by clients before 27 June

Broghies Ireland won the regional award (Mid East Region) at the National Enterprise Awards



Broghies Ireland (supported by Local Enterprise Office Kildare) produce and distribute Broghies, a healthy, low fat crispy, tasty and extremely versatile snack made from wheat. The food manufacturing business is expanding rapidly, with plans to develop new varieties of Broghies made with corn and chickpeas. Broghies Ireland supplies independent and major supermarket chains, with substantial sales already achieved in Ireland, with plans to expand to the UK and Europe.

Number of Staff: 9 (full-time) **Promoter:** Martin Walsh **W:** www.broghiesireland.com

The awards - which were presented in the Mansion House - are organised by the Local Enterprise Offices every year to celebrate Ireland's micro-enterprises.

Dates For Your Diary:

Kildare County Show

Kildare County Show takes place on 18 June 2017 in Athy by way of support for the revival of this historic event Kildare County Council is providing a marquee to show case the best in craft, food and manufacturing across the county co ordinated by the Local Enterprise Office 28 companies are participating all for the first time .

Awards presentation for concept competition



Kildare County Council & LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE launched a major drive to spur entrepreneurial individuals across the community to develop innovative business proposals as part of the Concept Competition 2017. This is a great opportunity for ambitious and enterprising individuals to develop their entrepreneurial skills, whilst also giving them a chance to win prizes which includes a prize fund of over €2,500. The Concept Design competition is co-sponsored by the Kildare Nationalist. A key priority of the competition is to get the people of Kildare thinking about starting up their own business as a career option in



the future. Exhibition of finalists will take place on the 18 June at the County Show where prize winners will be announced and awarded prizes by Mayor Ivan Keatley at 2.00pm.

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) briefing for Online Trading Vouchers -€2,500 for businesses wishing to improve their online presence.

Tuesday 20 June Kildare LEO will be hosting a briefing session on access to online trading Vouchers seminar in Áras Chill Dara. The online trading voucher offers a voucher up to €2,500 for businesses wishing to improve their online presence. LEO team will highlight key tips for improving online presence which include: Plan Your Site; Use Good Imagery; Have a High Speed Internet Connection; Minimize Clicks; Easy to Pay; Use Social Media and Analytics. Participants are also afforded the opportunity to work with web developers.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO) SUBSIDISED SHARED KITCHEN FACILITIES IN BALITORE KILDARE TO BE LAUNCHED ON 27 JUNE AT 5.00 PM

Kildare LEO has worked with Tom Tracey Acorn Kitchens to provide a brand new facility in Ballitore for start-ups providing a space to cook, prepare and store food. The rent is subsidised by LEO for all food start ups in County Kildare ,potential clients should contact the LEO office for further details . The official launch is on 27 June in Balitore is at 5.00 pm and will be launched by Mayor Ivan Keatley



<http://www.acornkitchens.ie/>



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

The local businesses under 10 employees manufacturing or international traded services can apply for Priming, Business Expansion and Feasibility Study Grants, Export Marketing Grants, Any Business can apply for Trading Online Vouchers and Shopfront Improvement



Grants, all of which are enabling them to take advantage of emerging commercial opportunities and become more competitive both at home and overseas. Grants are available on an ongoing basis and we urge all local businesses to keep in contact with us and refer to our website for upcoming deadlines. For further information

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/>

Grant schemes, training, mentoring and business advice is in continuous demand and full participation figures by MD area will be made available in the Quarter 2 report in July.

P Carey
Chief Executive

16/6/2017

