



To the Mayor and Members

### Monthly Management Report – May 2017

The following sets out the information relating to the monthly management report for April 2017 for noting by the members at the council meeting on Monday, 29 May 2017.

#### Finance

##### Report for inclusion in May 2017 Monthly Management Report

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. See Appendix A attached.

#### Housing

##### Capital Delivery Report

Location	No. of Units	Status May 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 April 2017.



		The Council are finalising documentation in connection with the award of contract and hope to award this contract within the next 2 weeks.
Dominican Priory, Athy	7 emergency accommodation units and 1 staff unit	Work commenced in November 2016. Awaiting final Fire Safety Certification before occupation can take place.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	4 units	Tender for design team services to be issued to the National Framework Agreement for Architect Lead Design Team Services administered by the Office of Government Procurement.
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 May 2017
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase's 2 & 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurbishment of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Residents' information session held 2 March 2017. KCC in negotiation with private owner in scheme. Part 8 to follow
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Part 8 on display 28 February 2017 to 11 April 2017. Submissions by 28 April 2017. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by May 2017. Tender process: June 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 to be completed by May 2017. Tender process: July 2017. MD Meeting: 14 June 2017
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part 8 to be launched May/June 2017
Rathasker Road	50 units	Part 8 to be launched June 2017



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. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by May 2017. Tender process: 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 8 to be launched in Q2.

### Infill Schemes

Narraghmore	4 units	Stage 1 Approval received 23/03/2017
Newtown House	4 estimated	Pre-Stage 1- design phase for scheme in progress
Glandore, Athy		Feasibility Investigations in progress



Skenagun, Castledermot		Feasibility Investigations in progress
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### Maintenance Section

A total of 345 calls were logged and assigned by the Response Maintenance Team in the last month. Of these, 262 were assigned to either a Clerk of Works or a contractor for completion. The remaining number of 83 calls require further assessment or are deemed to be the responsibility of the tenant.

### Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2017

We have been directed by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, under Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, that each housing authority is required to prepare a summary of housing needs of the social housing assessments carried out in its administrative area. The Minister has directed that the summary be prepared on 28 June 2017. The 2017 summary is the continuation of the process of annual assessments of national housing need, commenced with the 2016 Summary. The applications that require review are those that have not been assessed for the first time or reviewed since 9 June 2016.

The key output of the summary remains the net need figure i.e. the number of qualified households on our housing list whose housing need has not been met. It is, therefore, essential that all households included on the list of qualified households meet the criteria of eligibility and need set out in the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, and also that our total figure does not include certain households, such as those on transfer lists or in accommodation provided under RAS or HAP.

Over the coming weeks the housing department will be making contact with the relevant applicants on our housing list to ensure that all applicants are compliant with the social housing assessment regulations and are still in need of housing. In the meantime we would encourage housing applicants to ensure that their housing applications are up to date.



Planning and Strategic Development  
**Planning**

**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 the 10 May and adopted the Clane Local Area Plan 2017 – 2023.
- Leixlip Local Area Plan. The Draft LAP for Leixlip is on public display from 10 April, 2017 to the 22 May, 2017 and submissions may be made during this period. Two public information sessions were held in Leixlip during May.
- Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Material Alterations to the Draft LAP for Celbridge went on public display from 16 May, 2017 to the 14 June, 2017 and submissions may be made during this period.

**Development Management**

**Number of planning applications received**

	April	Year
2015:	112	1,192
2016:	123	1,376
2017:	141	490 (to end April)

**Planning applications decided: April 2017**

Granted:	68
Retention:	23
Extension of Duration:	2
Refused:	14

**Planning applications of note granted: April 2017**

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**16/833 Ardstone Residential Partners** : 57 Residential dwellings at Johnstown, Naas.

**16/955 Thoval Properties:** 110 two-storey dwellings at Temple Mills, Yellow Lough, Rathangan.

**16/1265 Power Capital Renewable Energy:** 10 year permission for the construction of up to 25 megawatt solar PV farm within a site of 35.6 hectares at Dysart, Johnstownbridge

### **New Applications of note received April 2017**

**17/371 Garyaron Homes Ltd:** Permission for 14 houses at Rathbride Road, Kildare.

**17/383 Minister for Education:** Permission for a two-storey 16 classroom primary school for Maynooth Educate Together at Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

**17/393: Jim Rainsford:** Permission to develop the village centre site surrounding the Athgarvan Inn at Athgarvan.

### **Heritage**

- **Local Authority Heritage Officers continue to sponsor Tidy Towns Award**

Local Authority Heritage Officers & Biodiversity Officers have secured agreement from the National Tidy Towns Unit to continue with a new award in the national competition. The award recognises work done by Tidy Towns groups to conserve our threatened pollinator species such as bees and insects, in line with the actions in the All Ireland Pollinator Award. Details will be announced soon.

- **Training for Tidy Towns groups- Pollinator Plan**

Training was provided by the Heritage Officer and the National Biodiversity data centre regarding the implementation of the Pollinator Plan. 70 participants attended.



- **Heritage Plan Projects Funding 2017**

The Heritage Office secured funding from the Heritage Council for co-funding of the County Kildare Heritage Plan Projects in 2017 Funding was secured for the following projects:

- Biodiversity Action Plans for 8 towns and Villages.
- Promotion of the Heritage of the River Liffey (joint project with 5 LA).
- Value of Heritage Info-graphic (joint project with 4 LA)

- **Irish Walled Towns Network**

Athy, Castledermot and Kildare Towns have applied to the Irish Walled Towns Network for funding to fund interpretation and conservation projects to the former medieval walls of these towns. Notification of grants is due in May 2017.

- **Community Heritage Grants Scheme**

A total of 58 applications was received under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2017. The projects applied for cover a number of themes which are compatible with the County Heritage Plan i.e. gathering data, raising awareness, dissemination of information, tourism and the creation and conservation of heritage sites or items. 49 of the applications were deemed to be eligible for grant purposes.

The total amount allocated by Kildare County Council under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2017 is €51,000. A report on grant recommendations is currently being brought to each MD meeting for approval during May.

- **Biodiversity Week 2017 - Saturday 20 May to Sunday 28 May**

A programme of events has been developed with natural heritage groups, Tidy Towns, Castletown House and NUI Maynooth with events taking place throughout the county beginning on Saturday 20 May.



## Library and Arts Service

### 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.

#### Naas Library Capital Project

Awaiting return of tender documents.

#### Library Management System (LMS) - National Implementation

Kildare and other library authorities have begun the bulk opt-in process for SMS text notifications. This will enable patrons to receive notifications of overdue items or to tell them that a book on request is available for collection. This process will be completed by the end of May.

#### Library Management System (LMS) - Acquisitions API

Kildare completed the testing of an online ordering system of stock acquisitions for the whole country. This employs the use of a Sierra Acquisitions API and means orders appear in real-time, is much more efficient, streamlined approach to ordering book and non-book material.

#### Review of National Library Public Library Policy

The current policy 'Opportunities for All' is under review, Kildare staff have participated in consultations in Dublin and have delivered a public focus group in the area of Adult Learning to assist informing the new public library policy. Kildare staff





also facilitated a regional staff consultation in Munster to explore future trends and objectives. Further consultations are ongoing locally.

### **News and Highlights - May & June Library Programme of Events**

#### **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 Sensory Processing Disorder, Dyspraxia in Primary School, Assertiveness Training for Teenagers with Aspergers, Music Therapy by Bill Ahessy, Presentations on Dyslexia by the Dyslexia Association and Speech and Language Therapy. This specialised lecture series can be accessed free of charge throughout the county. To date this year over 530 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. 13 talks took place this month in our 7 main libraries including 'First Aid for Parents', 'Helping your Child Sleep Better 'Children who worry too much' 'Coping with an Anxious Child and Panic Attacks' and "Understanding Eating Disorders". To date over 650 parents have attended talks this year as part of the programme.

#### **Support to Secondary Schools Programme 2016/17**

This year's programme has now ended. During the school year from September 2016 to June 2017 over 3,500 students from 10 secondary schools attended workshops, events and activities Celbridge, Leixlip, Naas and Kildare Libraries. Plans are underway for next year's programme which will be ready in late August.

#### **Leixlip Library Celebrated its 10 Year Anniversary**

Leixlip Library hosted a month of events to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the official opening The programme included children's and family events - Reubens Variety

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Show, Storytime and Pottery workshops. Also heritage, cultural and creative events such as author visit from Mia Gallagher, Creative Writers Gathering, Carnation Theatre, Local History talk and an evening of Music Appreciation. We had hobby and craft events such as Gardening, Knitting and Crochet and Health and Well-being events including safe TALK Suicide Alertness Training, Music Therapy and X-Pert Diabetes classes.

The highlight of the month's celebrations was held on the evening of 11 May when the library staff hosted an anniversary event. The opening address was given by Cllr. Michael Coleman who congratulated the staff on all the achievements of the last 10 years and referred to Leixlip Library as an unsurpassed community resource. Over 100 people attended the event which included the screening of a documentary about Leixlip Library created by the Kildare Young Film Makers, contributions from the County Librarian, library staff and the Leixlip Creative Writing Group followed by light refreshments.

### **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!". Some events take place during school hours and are reserved for schools only. There are also open events available which can be booked by parents outside of school hours.

### **Library Family Days**

This year Library Family Day will take place in Leixlip, Maynooth and Celbridge Libraries on Saturday 17 June. A day off 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.

### **Better Basics**

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The 2016-2017 Better Basics programme will be completed in May 2017. Thirty children from four primary schools in the county took part in 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. A prize giving ceremony for the children will be hosted by the library service in June.

### **Biodiversity Week Events at Libraries**

During Biodiversity week, ReCreate will be setting up shop in Naas Library. Using their vast array of unusual and diverse reuse materials, a recreate artist will be on hand to assist with all sorts of creations and imaginings.

There will be an Open Family Walk, with facilitator from the Irish Wildlife Trust, starting from Naas Library with an introduction and walk along the canal identifying and learning about plant, water and wildlife. A display of library books relating to biodiversity will also be on display in the libraries and there will be GYO (Grow Your Own) workshops for children to introduce participants to GYO where they will plant a pot and bring it home to grow.

Television and radio presenter Éanna Ní Lamhna will give talks at seven of our libraries to primary school children.

North Kildare Bee-keepers will also travel selected libraries to give talks to young children as part of the programme.

### **Lego Exhibition**

On 19 May from 2pm and during library hours on Saturday 20, over 20 brick.ie members will reveal their latest creations at Naas Library. This is believed to be the largest gathering of AFOL (Adult Fans of Lego) builders ever in Ireland, not even counting those brick.ie members amongst the visitors. In what has become a brick.ie flag-ship event, this year's models will include everything from large city buildings to moving trains, trams, buses and trucks. There will be a Jurassic zone featuring as part of a dinosaur display. Star Wars fans will love the expanded Hoth base in the midst of an exhibition that also includes medieval scenes, a castle siege, a replica of



the White House and much more. For literary fans, for the first time in Ireland, there will be a display replica of the Secret Garden from the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett, and LEGO plant lovers will be happy that even that won't be the only garden there. There will be 'brick pits' to let the little ones (and perhaps not so little ones) play with some bricks and show off what they can build. It promises to be a very exciting weekend.

### **Older Wiser Laughter - OWL Programme**

So far this year the programme has included talks on de-cluttering, eating for health and well-being as we age, music appreciation, gardening and an illustrated talk on the history of cinema in County Kildare, as well as workshops on felt-making, learning to draw, library eServices and upcycling old furniture.

On the 12th May we had the first 'Kildare Libraries Age Friendly Day' at libraries in Athy, Celbridge, Kildare, Leixlip, Maynooth, Naas and Newbridge. Members of the public were invited to drop in, have some light refreshments, chat to library staff and learn more about the library has to offer them. A book bag with the OWL programme logo will be given out to the public on the day.

### **Work Matters: Business & Employment Support Programme**

Maynooth Library has a "Drop in Service" in place as part of the national pilot of Work Matters and this service is being promoted to existing and new users. Maynooth Library is working with the Citizen's Information Board on future joint initiatives and is liaising with the Local Enterprise Office. A series of workshops has commenced at Maynooth Library for 2017 and will continue into the summer. These workshops cover topics such as confidence and self-empowerment, goal setting and motivation, decision making tools, effective communication, self presentation, resilience and wellbeing. A further set of workshops will be organised for the autumn/winter schedule.

### **Creative Ireland**



The Kildare Creative Ireland Team submitted the Kildare 2017 Action Plan and it will be launched nationally (with other counties) on 25 May. The team is currently working on the development of Kildare's Creative Ireland Strategy.

### **Kildare Decade of Commemorations**

The committee are currently organising an Irish Military Seminar for 9th-11th June 2017. This will be a national orientated seminar, but with a local twist. The seminar will be opened by the Mayor and the keynote address will be delivered by Brig. General Joe Mulligan, GOC of the Curragh. There will be a visit to the Rath of Mullaghmast on Sunday morning 11 June - in partnership with June Fest, Merrion Press, Ireland's Military Story and the Co. Kildare Federation of Local History Groups. It is hoped that this may become an annual seminar.

'Witness' the book on Kildare witnesses to the 1916 Rising book is expected to go to print shortly and copies will be made available to secondary schools and libraries as an 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.

### **Young Film Makers**

Kildare Young Film Makers Group have worked with facilitator John Conway to devise a 10 minute documentary looking back on the history of the library and its impact to the local community, through a series of interviews with library users. The film was showcased at the 10 Year Celebratory event in Leixlip Library, and was introduced by the young film makers.

### **Arts and Wellbeing**

Kildare's Creative Well mental health and visual arts programme was showcased at a 'Arts and Health Check In' in Sligo on May 5th. Presentations were made by artist Emma Finucane, Arts and Health Coordinator Carolann Courtney and HSE Health Promotion Officer, Catherine O'Grady.

'Inspirational Colours' is an exhibition of artworks by artists from the KCAT studio, selected and curated by artists from the art group, KARE. It represents the first



collaboration between the two groups. The exhibition came about as part of a curatorial project of the Creative Well 'This Must be the Place' residency at Riverbank Arts Centre.

### **Public Art**

'Heart of Oak' sculpture. Following a competition and adjudication process, sculptor Noel Scullion has been awarded the 'Irish Businesses Against Litter' sculpture commission for Kildare Town, The Arts Service are acting as project manager on behalf of IBAL and the Tomar Trust.

### **Film**

Details of the 2017 Short Grass Films Kildare commissions have been announced. Awards were made for two films to be shot on location in Co. Kildare, with funding of €12,500 to support the productions. Written by Cian McGarrigle, directed by Paudie Baggott and produced by Sarah Barr, 'Rip to the Rescue!' is a dark sci-fi comedy. The film is set in post-apocalyptic Ireland where a suave American jet pilot tries to rescue a beautiful young woman from her domineering mother - but he soon finds out that in the midlands, family can be deadly. The creative team said that they were 'over the moon', in receiving the commission. 'Taking Stock' - A farmer threatened, slowly comes undone protecting his farm' - written and directed by Siobhan McMahon and produced by Emma Owen of Babyjane Productions

## **Local Community and Development Committee [LCDC]**

### **May 2017**

The last Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on Wednesday 01 March 2017.

#### **A. Interdepartmental Group**

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Representatives from Kildare LCDC were invited to attend the Interdepartmental Group in the Customs House on 03 May. This was attended by senior officials across all Government departments. Kildare LCDC was invited to present the work and progress to date. Kildare LCDC and Local Economic and Community Plan were highlighted as models of best practice.

### **B. 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 on 11 May in advance of the next LCDC meeting. Work is progressing well and the mid-term review will be submitted in mid-June.

### **C. Rural Development LEADER programme**

The LAG met on 26 April to review the initial expression of interests under tourism. There were 58 applicants and 44 have been invited to submit a full plan which will be submitted within three months.

The second call by County Kildare LEADER Partnership for expressions of interest under enterprise and renewal energy took place with a closing date of 15 May.

The rural development sub group of the LAG is scheduled to meet on 19 Friday of May.

### **D. Mental Health supports- Mojo men's pilot programme**

The Mini Mojo programme was very successful in Kilcock and is commencing in Newbridge on 19 May.

14 men commenced the full Mojo programme in Celbridge.

### **E. Area Focus**

The Interagency group was re-scheduled to meet on Wednesday 24 May in advance of the LCDC meeting.



*Next LCDC meeting: 24 May 2017*

## Water Services and Environment

### WATER SERVICES

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. The CPO is due to be published by Irish Water in May / June 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. 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 Q3 - 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 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 Kildare County Council 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:-

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- **Allenwood to Kilmeague Mains Replacement** - Advance works at Allenwood Crossroads have been carried out in collaboration with Kildare County Council 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 Kildare County Council. Kildare County Council 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 and at commissioning stage.



- **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 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** - KCC are preparing the design and tender documents to progress this new watermain scheme. An archaeological assessment has been completed. Irish Water to decide if this scheme will be progressed through Minor Capital.
- **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 by end of May 2017.  
Advance works to remove lead services on the Dublin Road has been completed by Kildare County Council.
- **Monread Road Sewer Line Repair** - Approval was received for the replacement of 900m of foul sewer pipe. The contractor has completed the works.
- **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 Kildare County Council and has been submitted to Irish Water for tendering. The consultant will prepare a Condition Report and Recommendations Report identifying required upgrade works.
- **Red Bog Borehole Removal** - Approval was received to remove the Red Bog borehole source from operation and connection of the local network to the Poulaphouca 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. Kildare County Council has finalised the design and has submitted the tender documents to Irish Water for the tender process.
- **Timolin WWTP** – Preparation works for a Part 8 planning application has been prepared by Kildare County Council and approval will be sought. The proposed upgrade will then be tendered out to Irish Water's MEICA lot 5 framework for a new package wastewater treatment plant, subject to Part 8 planning approval.

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

- **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.
- **Newbridge Main Street Sewer Replacement** – Works required due to ongoing operational problems and blockages. Initial blockages have been cleared. The appointment of a consultant to design the works has taken place and design works are ongoing to allow for long term improvement measures.
- **Emergency Showers & Eyewash Stations** - The preparation of tender documentation for a county wide replacement at all water and wastewater treatment plants have been carried out.

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

- **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** - complete

### 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

- **Morell** - The final feasibility study, including the Cost Benefit Analysis, has received approval from the Office of Public Works 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.
- **Ballymore-Eustace Scheme** – Complete.
- **Hazlehatch** - A meeting took place with Minister Canney and his officials on the 6.12.2016. 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 is pleased to meet with them on Wednesday, 18 May as requested by the elected members.





- **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 MD office. This will be subject to funding.
- **Johnstown** – complete.
- **Ardclough** – complete.
- **CFRAM Programme** - The final draft report was presented to the elected members at a special briefing held at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 24 October, 2016 prior to full council meeting.
- Draft plans for the South East Region (Barrow) were published on 18 September and the consultation period has now closed.
- Draft plans for the Eastern Region (Liffey) were published on 23 September and the consultation period has now closed.
- 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 awaited from the Planning department.
- **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.

**Dog Control** – As requested by the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA) there may have to be some (minor) design changes prior to progressing to Part 8 stage.

**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 Strategic Policy Committee and Municipal District.

**Emily Square Up-grade** – The Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening has commenced and a report on the outcome is awaited.



**\*Tidy Towns** – The network will enter into a partnership agreement with Kildare GAA – to be formally launched on 29 May. 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. Project planning has now been completed and the Project Management phase has commenced. The local community and the Municipal District have been fully briefed. The project team is now fully in place and Jacobs International have been appointed to provide technical assistance for seven tasks including end-use definition, EIA, engineering supports, demolition of dangerous structures etc.

### **1. End Use**

- A presentation on the final decision of the end use was presented to Naas Municipal District on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

- A public consultation for the purposes of the EIA was held in Lawlors Hotel on Tuesday 7 March from 6pm to 9pm, where a presentation by the Kerdiffstown Team was also given of the project and of the draft design. The feedback received was all positive with good engagement from the public.



- 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 being reviewed by KCC staff and will be ready for legal review shortly, before submission in early 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.

### **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 Wednesday, 10 May.

### **Athy MD Initiatives**

- Subject to formalities, agreement has been reached with the owner of the Model School and 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.
- A public realm strategy has been agreed by the municipal district members. projects will be prioritised at next meeting.
- Arrangements are being made for a formal opening of the new centre for water-based activity.

### **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 Department has issued the draft contract governing the issuing of LIHAF funding to KCC and this will be discussed with our Law Agent on 18th May and with the Department on 23 May.

#### **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 Municipal District 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 are now preparing to hold the final public consultation exercise before publishing the Study.

### **Newbridge and Kildare Sustainable Projects**

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

### **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.

### **Roll out of green machines.**

Two green machines are now operating in Newbridge and Kildare Town. 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 Municipal District members approved the Part 8 for the section of the Maynooth 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 Cumpulsory Purchase Order and Environmental Impact Statement was submitted to An Bord Pleanála in April. It is estimated that this stage of the process will take 6 months to complete. The CPO is currently on display in Aras Chill Dara.

### **Naas MD Drainage works 2017**

The Naas Municipal District awarded a tender for minor improvement works to the drainage system at Ballyhays, Straffan (L2007). The works are now complete.

### **Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2017 (Package 1-FRAMEWORK)**

The Naas Municipal District 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 tender stage)

### **Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2017 (Package 2)**

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

- R410 – Blessington Road, Naas
- L6012 – Sherlockstown (LPT) – (at construction stage)
- 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)

### **Naas Municipal District Road Improvement Works 2016 (Package 3)**

The Naas Municipal District will commence the third package of road surfacing projects in Q2 2017

### **Naas Municipal District Footpath Improvement Works 2017**

The Naas Municipal District 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 and is near agreement. Phasing of the project is agreed and preliminary contracts for surveys etc are ongoing.

### **NTA GDA Cycle Network Design (Naas)**

Three schemes are being progressed to public consultation stage and this work is funded by the National Transport Authority. 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 16/12/2016. 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.

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



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

### **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 pre-qualified contractors and the closing date for receipt of tenders is 29 May. This process is in preparation for award of the construction contract in Q3 2017 which remains subject to provision of funding from both funding agencies, DTTaS and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The construction contract duration is approximately 30 to 36 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.

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

### **Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Dublin County Boundary**

The Part 8 report for this scheme was approved at the October 2016 full council meeting.



A procurement competition for the appointment of consultants is now complete and Atkins Consultants have been appointed. The project team has begun design preparation work.

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 €797,000 for this project.

This funding will allow Kildare County Council to complete the works between Chambers Bridge and Maynooth which would fully complete the section between Maynooth and Kilcock. Waterways Ireland will be also funded to commence the works between Kilcock and Enfield and will commence this section in late summer.

The Kildare County Council element of this work will go to tender in late June.

### **Replacement of the Machinery Yard**

The Kildare County 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.

### **Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District**

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.



The members recently agreed the Local Property Tax (LPT) for the district and have allocated €277,000 to transportation for improvements to the districts roads and footpaths.

## Fire Service

### Incident Statistics for Kildare Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2016	To date in 2017
Newbridge	446	139
Naas	484	146
Athy	262	88
Maynooth	319	89
Monasterevin	190	56
Leixlip	235	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1936</b>	<b>576</b>

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

### Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2016	127	107
2017	34	33



	<b>No. Fire Safety Complaints</b>
2016	19
2017	12

	<b>No. Fire Safety Certificates</b>
2016	154
2017	26

	<b>No. Planning File Comments</b>
2016	432
2017	170

### **Civil Defence**

Kildare Civil Defence successfully ran the Regional Competitions / Exercise on Saturday 1 April 2017. Teams from Westmeath, Meath, Dublin, Wicklow and Laois participated in the event. Skills were tested in the following disciplines: Foot Drill, Search and Radio Communications, Casualty Site, Team Building, Flooding Tabletop Exercise. There was also a Drones demonstration.

Kildare Civil Defence provided First Aid cover at the World Irish Dancing Championships at Citywest for eight days, provided assistance for five days at the Punchestown racing festival and also provided Safety Boats at Aoibheanns Royal Walk (Kilcock to Leixlip) and the Dragon Boat Festival in Athy.

## **Economic, Community and Cultural Development**

### **Economic Development**

#### **Town and Village Renewal just launched**

Head of Enterprise attended a briefing in Thurles on Town and Village renewal Scheme.



Expressions of Interests are invited from communities for the scheme and in order to facilitate and support communities Kildare County Council will host a Business & Community Workshop for the Town & Village Scheme 2017 on 23 May 2017 at 7.00pm in Áras Chill Dara. The Town and Village Renewal Scheme is an initiative under the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development, Realizing our Rural Potential, and is part of a package of national and local support measures to rejuvenate rural towns and villages throughout Ireland. A National Fund of €20m will be made available on a competitive basis for projects developed at local level. This scheme is open to rural locations in County Kildare and excludes urban towns of populations of 10,000 or more. ]

### **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) –Dublin**

Head of Enterprise attended the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) briefing provided by Conor Simpson, Regional Manager, IDA and hosted in Athy by Mr Joe Boland Director of Service to discuss potential industrial development in the Athy Municipal District in an effort to attract inward investment.

### **Intervention in to Hewlett Packard**

Head of Enterprise delivered a Pathway to Enterprise program on site in Hewlett Packard to 96 employees, this has been followed by two by one day idea generation workshops in conjunction with National University of Ireland Maynooth and two start your own business programs.

### **Summer Business Expo**

The Kildare Local Enterprise Office collaborated with the Chamber at this year's Business Expo and part funded 20 companies to Exhibit in Sheehy Motors, Naas.

### **Allenwood Enterprise Sub Committee**

Head of Enterprise has just joined the Allenwood Enterprise Sub Committee. Work is progressing to develop a new strategic plan for the centre 2020



## Action Plan for Jobs – Dublin Regional Action Plan

This Local Enterprise Office has provided updates on a series of actions that Kildare County Council was responsible for delivering under the Mid East Regional Action Plan for jobs.

### 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. Bookings for a stand can be made through the Local Enterprise Office, who will host design exhibition in the Kildare County Show and winners will be announced at 2pm on 18 June on the grounds. Details are on our website and distributed through the Nationalist.

### Shop Front Grant Scheme update To May 2017

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

### Local Enterprise Activity

#### Local Enterprise Office has circulated its Strategic Plan 2017

Details of support and full list of objectives, actions and timelines are detailed in the plan, Head of Enterprise can provide clarification if required on any action listed.



### Community Concept Competition (design of the future )

The launch of the county's first Community Concept competition takes place on 19 May 2017 .We hope to involve community and youth groups as well as schools we will host design exhibition in Kildare County Show and winners announced at 2pm on 18 June on the grounds. Details are on our website and distributed through the Nationalist.

### Search is on for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Awards 2018

This is a national initiative run through the Local Enterprise Offices which aims to encourage and support a culture of entrepreneurship among young people in Ireland, to promote entrepreneurship as a career choice, and to encourage the establishment and development of new innovative businesses by Ireland's young entrepreneurs.

The 2018 Irish Best Young Entrepreneurs competition is open to people aged between 18 -35 years

- Best Business Idea: (not yet trading)
- Best Start-up: (trading less than months 36 months)
- Best Established Business: (trading more than months36 months )

### Competition Stages

One winner and one runner up from each category who go forward to represent Kildare at the Regional Finals.

Kildare Investment Fund:

<b>Best Idea</b>	<b>Start Up</b>	<b>Established</b>
<b>Winner - €7,000</b>	<b>Winner – €15,000</b>	<b>Winner – €15,000</b>
<b>Runner Up - €3,000</b>	<b>Runner Up - €5,000</b>	<b>Runner Up - €5,000</b>





### Key Dates:

- October Kildare Business Model Bootcamp day – for all applicants
- November – Shortlisting to 15 (5 x 3 each category)
- November –Kildare Bootcamp
- December – Kildare County Finals –
- January 2018 - Regional Finals
- March 2018 - National Finals Google HQ

### **Craft hub Launched in addition to meet the maker monthly event,**

With a prime location on Level 0 of Áras Chill Dara, the use of this public space will showcase the best in Craft & Design from across the county and will provide visitors with the opportunity to see the broad range and high quality designers that live in the community'. Each month, a new designer will be featured and the Local Enterprise Office Kildare will work with craft artists to promote their businesses.



During April 2017, Angelina Foster of Angelina's ArtVentures is currently featured. Thus has been the level of interest that we are currently commissioning a second piece for the reception area and will be hosting a monthly meet the maker event .



### **LEAN Business Programme Kildare**

Lean tools and processes are seen very much as a way of industry remaining competitive .A tendering process is currently underway to select a provider to provide lean consultancy & training in quarter 3 2017. The programme will consist of days of workshops training to provide an introduction to LEAN concepts, and mentoring support up to a value of €5,000 for each of the eight businesses

- Following the conclusion of each participant's LEAN assignment the programme provider will submit a report of actual savings and benefits incurred by the participant.

### **Export Grant €2,500 just launched**

A programme aimed to assist business find alternative markets in the wake of Brexit has been launched ,this allows businesses travel and attend trade shows and meets across the globe .

### **Brexit Support**

Kildare 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

### **General Grant Applications**

The members of the Evaluation Committee next meeting will take place on 28 June Applications are currently been sought and processed deadline for expression of interest for this round of funding is the 13 June and criteria can be found on [www.localenterprise.ie /Kildare](http://www.localenterprise.ie /Kildare)



## Business Advice

The Local Enterprise Office Kildare offers 3 different types of Business Advice Clinics. The following Business Advice Clinics are run on a regular basis in Local Enterprise Office Kildare:

- The Business Pathway Programme – Half-Day Business Workshop (9.30 – 1.30) for Pre-Start Up.
- One-on-One Business Advice Clinics – 1 hour Appointment with a Business Advisor for people who are in business.
- Access to Finance Workshop - Half-Day Business Workshop (9.30 – 1.30).  
Details can be found on [www.localenterprise.ie /Kildare](http://www.localenterprise.ie /Kildare)

## Local Enterprise Office e-zine

The Local Enterprise Office e-zine promoting events and providing information on supports offered by the LEO office is circulated to approximately 4,000 people by e-mail.

The e-zine is a valuable promotional tool for the range of events provided by to businesses in the County . A survey is being conducted with e-zine recipients and other LEO clients to establish how we could improve our digital communication.

## Training Programme 2017

A wide range of training courses are available for booking on the Local Enterprise Office website. There has been a strong response to the variety of courses provided that assist individuals who want to set up business and build skills and knowledge on a wide range of topics that are critical for start up and scaling microenterprises.

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**P Carey**  
**Chief Executive**

**19 May 2017**

