



To the Mayor and Members

Monthly Management Report –

The following sets out the information relating to the monthly management report for August 2017 for noting by the members at the council meeting on Monday, 25 September 2017.

Finance

Rates Revaluation

The Valuation Office has now completed its revaluation of all commercial properties throughout County Kildare and has issued valuation certificates to all ratepayers on 7 September, 2017. The new valuations will take effect from 1 January, 2018 and will form the basis for commercial rates in 2018.

Revised Indicative ARV for County Kildare for 2018 is 0.228

Further Information

The Valuation Office website, www.valoff.ie, sets out detailed information about the revaluation process. The Valuation Office also has a dedicated Customer Support Team to deal with revaluation queries. They can be contacted by email at reval2017@valoff.ie, or by Telephone at 01 8171033 between 9:30am and 5:30pm from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. Please have your Property Number and Pin Number provided on the Valuation Certificate to hand.

The new Valuation Lists for Kildare will be published on 15 September and from that date will be available to view on the valuation website www.valoff.ie. Access to this website will also be available in our public offices 9:00am – 4:00pm.

How are Rates Calculated?

The Valuation (Net Annual Value/NAV) of the property as shown on your Valuation Certificate is multiplied by the “Annual Rate on Valuation” (ARV) to calculate the amount of commercial rates payable for 2018. Ratepayers in County Kildare can calculate their **estimated** rates liability for 2018 by using the indicative ARV of .228

This is an indicative ARV and the actual ARV will be determined by Kildare County Council as part of the budgetary process in November.



Examples

(Example 1) - Peter O'Brien (fictional business) – Valuation/NAV as advised = €15,790

Estimated Rates Liability for 2018 = €19,360 x 0.228 = **€4,414.08**

(Example 2) - Mary Murphy (fictional business) – Valuation/NAV as advised = €25,000

Estimated Rates Liability for 2018 = €25,000 x 0.228 = **€5,700.00**

Appeals

Ratepayers who are dissatisfied with any material aspect of the Valuation Certificate can appeal the valuation to the Valuation Tribunal within 28 days from the date of issue of the valuation certificate but no later than 12 October, 2017. Further information is available from the Valuation Tribunal website at [Revaluation Appeal](#).

Walk-in Clinics

The Valuation Office intends to hold walk-in clinics to answer queries relating to the recent issue of Valuation Certificates. No appointment will be necessary. Ratepayers attending the clinics are asked to bring their Valuation Certificate along with them. Details of dates and locations for these clinics are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
26/09/2017	11.00 – 4.30	Kildare County Council Council Chamber Level 2
27/09/2017	9.30 – 4.30	Kildare County Council Council Chamber Level 2

Local Property Tax Setting of Local Adjustment Factor

Public consultation has taken place with regard to Local Property Tax (setting of local adjustment factor) from July 11 to August 11.

The setting of local property adjustment factor is to be considered at the council meeting on Sept 25.

Housing Loans

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.



See Appendix 1

Housing

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status September 2017
Highfield/The Paddocks, Kilcock	19 units	Expected completion; six units- w/e 17 November 2017, thirteen units- w/e 18 December 2017
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Contractor commenced on site 10 July 2017. Expected completion Q3 2018
Dominican Priory, Athy	Supported transitional accommodation	Family hub now open and operational.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	4 units	Tenders for the design team currently being assessed.
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurbishment of 23 social Units	Lot 1 (4 units) completed. Tender for remaining 19 units being assessed.
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.
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Tender process: July 2017. Stage 3: Approval received 3 August 2017
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Tender process: July 2017 Stage 3 approval with DHPLC 13 July 2017
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part 8 launched 4 July 2017 Public Consultation Period to 17 August 2017. Submission due date 1 September 2017 Kildare Newbridge MD Meeting date: 20 September 2017
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Part VIII to be launched Q4 2017
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Tender for the appointment of consultants complete. Design Team Consultants appointed. Design proposals currently being prepared.



Location	No. of Units	Status September 2017
Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Approval Stage 1 received from the DHPLG on 25 July 2017. Progressing to stage 2 approval.
Clogherinkoe	14 units	Rapid Build Proposal - Progressing to Stage 1 approval submission.
Ardclough Road, Celbridge		Progressing to Stage 1 approval submission
Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge		Progressing to Stage 1 approval submission

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 3 2017.

PPP Schemes

Craddockstown, Naas	74 units	Part 8 approved 18 July 2017 Shortlisting Tender Process underway.
Nancy's Lane, Clane	80 units	Design Development stage. Part VIII to be launched in Q4 2017

Infill Schemes

Narraghmore	4 units	Stage 1 Approval received 23 March 2017. Progressing Stage 2, Part 8 estimated Q4 2017
Newtown House	4 units	Stage 1 Approval requested June 2017 Progressing Stage 2, Part 8 Estimated Q4 2017
Glandore, Athy		Design phase - Progressing to Stage 1, Part 8 Estimated Q1 2018
Skenagun, Castledermot		Design phase- Progressing to Stage 1, Part 8 Estimated Q1 2018

Acquisitions

Purchase Type	Completed	In Progress
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Part V	5	105
Acquisition Programme	71	125

Vacant Homes Action Plans

In advance of the publication of the Government's Vacant Homes Strategy, which is expected to be published during September in tandem with a targeted review of Rebuilding Ireland: An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has asked each local authority to initiate work on preparation of a Vacant Homes Action Plan with a view to bringing vacant homes back into use as quickly as possible. Local authorities outside of Dublin have been asked to prepare a plan by the end of this year. In parallel with preparation of the Plan each local authority has been asked to designate a Vacant Homes Officer. We are currently reviewing what resource requirements there will be to manage this additional work.

Planning and Strategic Development

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government has issued Kildare County Council with a Notice of Intent to Issue a Direction relating to the Celbridge Local Area Plan 2017-2023.

Local Area Plans (LAPs)

- Leixlip Local Area Plan. Material Alterations to the draft Leixlip Local Area Plan were on display until 15 September, 2017. The Chief Executive is preparing a report on the submissions received.
- Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Plan was adopted on 17 August, 2017. The Minister for Housing and Urban Development issued a Notice of Intention to Issue a Direction on 13 September, 2017 concerning aspects of Celbridge Local Area Plan.
- Naas Local Area Plan. An Issues Paper is being published and will be on public display until 24 October, 2017.

Development Management

Number of planning applications received

	July	Aug	Year
2015:	118	110	1,192
2016:	118	121	1,376
2017:	105	123	992 (to end August)

Planning applications decided: July / August 2017

	July	August
Granted:	71	77



Retention:	12	12
Extension of Duration:	4	1
Refused:	16	24

Significant Applications

17/799 Vento Ludens Ltd: Permission for a solar energy development on 8.6 hectares at Kishawanny Lower, Carbury.

17/914 Tony Preston: Development of 11 dwellings at The Commons, Hazelhatch Road, Celbridge.

17/875 Thoval Properties Ltd: Permission for 9 dwellings at Temple Mills, Rathangan.

17/989 Ronan Fanning: Permission for 7 terraced dwellings at Moorefield, Newbridge

Recent Decisions

16/1227 Kelland Homes: Permission granted for 33 dwellings at Rathbride Road, Kildare town.

16/975 Tom O'Brien Receiver: Permission granted for 385 dwellings at Rickardstown and Roseberry, Newbridge.

17/379 St. Mary's National School: Permission granted for 24 classroom national school at Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Building Control

82 valid Commencement Notices were submitted in July and August through the Building Control Management System (BCMS).

91 applications for Disability Access Certificates have been submitted in 2017 (up to and including 31/8/2017). This is an increase of 54% on the same period last year.

117 applications for Fire Safety Certificates have been submitted in 2017 (up to and including 31/8/2017). This is an increase of 37% on the same period last year.

Library and Arts Service

Library Development Programme

Strategies Actioned from: IDEAS REALISED: Spreading the Word...
Kildare County Council Library Services Development Plan 2015 - 2019



News and Highlights - Library Service

Literacy and Life Long Learning

Support to Secondary Schools Programme Shortlisted for Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2017

Kildare Library Service has been shortlisted in the Best Library Service Category of the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for the Support to Secondary Schools Programme. The programme, which has run annually from academic year 2012/2013 is a programme of events, workshops and classes aimed at supporting the school curriculum as well as career and personal development for students in secondary schools. With separate tailored events aimed at the Junior Cycle, Senior Cycle and Transition Year students, the programme provides opportunities for young people to learn in an interactive way outside of the classroom setting. The awards ceremony will take place in Dublin on Thursday 23 November.

Summer Stars Reading Challenge

Kildare Library Service ran the Summer Stars Reading Challenge for children in all library branches 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 was invited to register at their local library and enjoy reading many books as part of the adventure during the summer holidays. Children were encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme and there were rewards and incentives along the way. Award ceremonies will be taking place in all of our libraries during September, where all children who participated will be presented with their own Summer Stars certificate and medal. More than 2,000 children participated in the programme this year.





Leixlip Creative Writers

Leixlip Writers' Group will be launching their first anthology of work entitled "Coffee Shorts" in September. The book contains over fifty short stories and poems from the 16 members.

The group was set up in 2012 by Kildare Library Service and they meet in Leixlip Library on a monthly basis. The anthology was grant aided by Kildare County Council Arts Service.

Writer in Residence 2017/2018

Sarah Maria Griffin and Rob Doyle, two of Ireland's leading emerging writers were recently appointed as Writers in Residence with Maynooth University and Kildare County Council Library and Arts Services. We look forward to welcoming them at the Kildare Readers Festival and to working with them to develop library based workshops in 2018.





This free annual festival, now in its eighth year, has something for everyone, including regular favourites such as **Ten Books You Should Read** with Catriona Crowe and Manchán Magan and our **Sunday Morning Session** with Dermot Bolger, who this year is joined by one of Ireland's most popular authors, Paul Howard. This year we are proud to welcome one of the most exciting new voices in Irish literature Donal Ryan, who will be in conversation with the current writer in residence at the Washington Ireland Program, Martin Dyar. The ever popular John Connolly will be appearing to talk about his latest book *he*, an extraordinary reimagining of the life of one of the greatest screen comedians the world has ever known, Stan Laurel.

Two writers stirring up the book charts and airways, Liz Nugent and Louise McSharry, will be in cahoots with Rob Doyle and we are so excited to present *Writing and Creating Modern Irish Theatre* with Phillip McMahon and Tom Swift, an event not to be missed by writers, creators and theatre goers.

There are plenty of great events taking place throughout the county over the festival fortnight with *the KRF Book Brunch* featuring Claudia Carroll and Margaret Madden in Celbridge and *An Féasta Liteartha*, an evening of Irish poetry, music, literature and merriment in Maynooth featuring Éilis Ní Dhuibhne and Colm Breathnach. A very special public lecture will take place in Naas Town Hall, conducted by Martin Dyar, in which he considers *Stepping Stones: Interviews with Seamus Heaney* by Dennis O'Driscoll. There will also be a walking tour, short stories and a look back at the Cecil Day Lewis Literary Award.

Programme Supports for Adults

Toys Technology and Training (TTT) 2017 Programme

This series of talks, designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties or disabilities recommences in September and will run until November. Upcoming talks for next month include: Visual Strategies and Self-Management, Challenging Behaviour presented by Behavioural Therapist Audrey Cully and App

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Technology and Dyslexia presented by the Dyslexia Association. This specialised lecture series and the specialised collection of toys and technology can be accessed free of charge throughout the county. To date this year over 700 parents, teachers and professionals have attended 31 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. The series of talks and workshops will resume in early September. Upcoming talks for this month include: "Helping children who worry too much", "Bullying, difficult relationships and complicated friendships", "Helping your baby sleep better", "Coming Out – a talk for LGBT young people and their supporters" and "First Aid for Parents". To date, 742 parents have attended 48 talks and workshops this year as part of the programme

Programme Support Children and Families

Summer Events for Children

A packed events programme for children ran in all 7 main libraries during the summer. Events included art and crafts, storytelling, Lego workshops, musical theatre workshops, film screenings, exotic animals and much more. More than 4000 people attended summer events in our libraries.



Coding Clubs and Workshops

The library service ran free Coding Clubs and workshops for children throughout the summer in all 7 of our main libraries aimed at 7 – 13yrs. Participants learned how to code with Scratch and Python, create 'algorithms', create their own games, how to solve problems, write code and invent their own programs.



Programme Support Business and Employment

Work Matters: Support for Business & Employment



Maynooth Library was the pilot location for the Work Matters project and following its success it is now planned to offer Work Matters on a national basis starting in October 2017.

At Maynooth Community Library there is an Autumn Programme of workshops which covers topics such as confidence and self empowerment, goal setting and motivation, time management, leadership skills, effective communication, self presentation and wellbeing. Local Enterprise Office will be running Business Advice Clinics in the library each month from September onwards.

National Programmes

Kildare Creative Ireland

'Creative Ireland - Kildare Bursaries' competition was advertised over summer 2017. In total, 27 applications were received, of which 10 were successful. Members of the Creative Kildare Culture Team evaluated the entries.

The combined applications sought were in excess of €170,000 and the quality was very high. €40,000 has been allocated from the grant received from Creative Ireland for our Bursary Scheme. The remaining unspent grant aid from Creative Ireland will go towards the development of the Strategy, consultations, monies have separately been allocated to Criunniu na Casca (a Creative Ireland initiative) and Kildare County Council supported projects such as the re publication of the tow paths trail by Kildare Sports Partnership. The winning bursaries covered areas including Visual Artists, Theatre, an Irish Sign Language Festival, Photography and Music.

Heritage Week 2017

National Heritage Week took place from 19- 27 August and Kildare Library Service hosted events in all of our 7 main libraries as part of the programme.

Events included - Information Sessions on Cultural Resources: Meitheal Dúchas.ie and Meitheal Logainm.ie , Public Lectures on “The Book of Kildare and Other Stories” *Presented by Mario Corrigan*, “ The Fenians and the Irish Diaspora” Presented by Michael Kenny.



Capital Projects and New Service Provision

Athy Capital Project

The contractor is currently onsite and works are progressing well.

Naas Library Capital Project

Following the tender evaluation process, a company has been selected and the Council are currently liaising with all companies who submitted tenders.

Library Management System (LMS) - National Implementation

All public libraries are now on Sierra - national shared Library Management System and since September all Local Authorities are sharing stock via national distribution system.

National Distribution System

Since the 4 September, *Newsread* have been appointed as company to provide the service of the national distribution of library material between all Local Authorities.

Library Management System (LMS) - Acquisitions API

Kildare has gone to live ordering via the Acquisitions API with one book supplier and is hoping to go live with a second book supplier very soon. We expect to start testing with a third book supplier in the near future.

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

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government have approved grant aid for RFID tags and tagging for Athy and Kildare town libraries and for RFID tags and RFID tagger (staff pad) for 11 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.

News and Highlights - Arts Service

Culture Night

Eric Donovan, boxer and RTE boxing commentator and analyst accepted our invitation to take on the role of the 2017 Kildare's 2017 Culture Night Ambassador. Mayor of Kildare Cllr Martin Miley Junior and County Arts Officer Lucina Russell warmly welcome Eric to the role in the Áras where a series of promotional videos have been made. Eric won his 'Celtic Featherweight' title on Saturday 10 September. The national Culture Night office will work with mural artist Solus, to create a bespoke mural for Athy Boxing Club on Culture Night.

Over 80 events will take place on Culture Night- Friday 22 September and over the weekend. All events are free of charge and take place countywide.

The Arts Service offered digital media training to groups who are organising Culture Night events, to assist them to make their own promotional videos





Irish Business Against Litter Sculpture Commission

'Heart of Oak' a sculpture by Kilcullen artist Noel Scullion will be unveiled in St. Brigid's Square, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare, Friday, 22 September 2017, 12 noon. The granite sculpture was commissioned to mark Kildare Town's achievement as Ireland's cleanest town 2016, by Irish Business Against Litter. The unveiling is the launch event for Kildare's Culture Night programme

Allianz Business to Arts Awards nomination

Kildare was well represented at the 2017 Allianz Business to Arts Awards for their nomination under the 'Community Art Award' for our Past Times Community Choir. Sincere thanks to Allianz staff member Deirdre Mc Nally for nominating the choir and attending on the night. While we did not win the category, such recognition of our work at a national level was much appreciated and we received an award of €500 for the nomination.

Representing the choir at the award ceremony were Sadhbh O'Sullivan, Choral Assistant with the choir, volunteers Tom Cotter and Marie Kelly, Anne Harris, Project Manager, Office of Patient Engagement HSE, Carolann Courtney, Kildare's Arts and Wellbeing co-ordinator and Lucina Russell, Arts Officer Kildare County Council

Music Generation

Kildare/Wicklow Education and Training Board and Kildare County Council were recently informed that their application to Music Generation for a Music Education Partnership was unsuccessful. 16 applications were submitted and 9 applications were awarded funding. The partners will meet shortly to review and look at options to progress a music education programme without the national matched funding.



Local Community and Development Committee [LCDC]

The last LCDC meeting was held on Wednesday 5 July 2017.

A. AIRO- Update Census 2016

Work is underway by AIRO in Maynooth University are commencing two pieces of work as outlined in the June/July update:

- a) Update the LECP Socio Economic Baseline report.
- b) Assess additional social inclusion indicators to supplement the Haase deprivation indices.

A report on progress will be discussed at the September meeting of the LCDC.

B. Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)

The KWETB application for a project in North Kildare to the Department was not successful.

The strengthening families programme evaluation report will be launched in ETBI on 26 September.

C. Social Inclusion Programme (SICAP)

The tender process for SICAP 2018-2022 programme was advertised on e-tenders on July 31. This follows strict national procurement guidelines. The procurement process is expected to be completed in 2017 with the contract awarded in December 2017.

D. Rural Development LEADER programme

The evaluation committee to assess LEADER applications is being formed with training scheduled for 13 September. The meeting of the committee takes place on Monday 18 September to assess tourism applications for funding.

E. Healthy Ireland

Guidelines for the LCDC and CYPSC applications for Healthy Ireland funding were circulated on 18 August. A joint application is being prepared for submission on Friday 15 September.

Next LCDC meeting: Wednesday September 27 2017 10.00-12.00pm

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. Landowner meetings were held in May 2017. The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) was published by Irish Water on 23 May 2017. A CPO oral hearing will be held on the 21 September 2017. Tenders have been received by Irish Water.
 - **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 has been completed. 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.
 - **Celbridge Local 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 in 2014 Irish Water requested that Kildare County Council set up and lead a Minor Capital Team for delivery of such projects across the county.

Irish Water by agreement nationally with the Water Sector have decided that at a near future date such Minor Capital works will be managed in one of their Regional offices with Kildare County Council staff locally involved in delivery of works on site. It should be noted that the pace of delivery of such schemes is wholly dependent on decisions by Irish Water within new processes and procedure as developed by them. 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 18 new schemes have been approved by Irish Water for progression by Kildare County Council MC Team. The estimated value of works is in the region of €5.7m.

A further seven schemes have been completed by the team totalling almost €1m 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 Kildare County Council Roads and Transportation. The design and tender documents have been completed by KCC with selection of the winning contractor due imminently. It is anticipated that works will commence at the end of 2017 or early 2018.
- **Allenwood Vacuum System Modification and Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** - An engineering consultant has progressed the design 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. Irish Water will decide how to progress this scheme.
- **Coill Dubh Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade up-grade** – is currently at commissioning stage.
- **Crophill, Castledermot Cast Iron Replacement** - The replacement of 500m of cast iron watermain has successfully been completed. The final account of this contract has been agreed.
- **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. These are subject to EPA approval.



- **Rathcoffey, Milltown and Calverstown Wastewater Treatment Plants Upgrade** – A Recommendation report has been prepared by the appointed engineering consultant. Tender documents for the upgrade of Calverstown WWTP have been finalised and are being released for tendering by Irish Water.
- **Ladychapel Cross to Taghadoe Watermain** – The council are preparing the design and tender documents to progress this new watermain scheme. An archaeological assessment has been completed. Irish Water will decide how to 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. Works are due to commence in September 2017.
- **Narraghmore Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Appointment of contractors for improvement works at treatment plant is ongoing.
- **Oak Park, Narraghmore** - Improvement works at pumping station and new rising main to Narraghmore WWTP is now completed
- **Rathangan Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Preparation of a consultants Bbrief was prepared by the council and has been submitted to Irish Water (IW) 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. Kildare County Council has 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 has commenced. 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 appointment of a Contractor is imminent.
- **Station Road, Leixlip** – Irish Water have approved the scheme to replace this cast iron watermain by end of 2017 under the Water Networks Programme.
- **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 team.

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. The Final Account review has been completed and agreed.
- **Ballitore Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** - 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 flow meters 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 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.

Rural Water Programme

In 2016, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DHPCLG) (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. The DHPCLG has announced an interim allocation of funding for the Kildare County Council Rural Water Programme based on 75% of the 2016 funding. A further allocation is yet to be announced. It is anticipated that the funding announced will allow for some minor works to be carried out on some group water schemes. The funding has not yet been provided for major improvement works on various group water schemes.



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. A meeting has taken place with Irish Water to ascertain the requirements for taking in charge.

A register of the Small Private Supplies within County Kildare has been established by the Rural Water Section. This register has been set up to maintain an overview of the private water supplies within the county. The register is being continuously updated.

Flood Protection

- **Morell** - The final Feasibility Study, including the Cost Benefit Analysis, has received approval from the OPW. The Environmental Impact Assessment is also complete. The OPW have confirmed funding and, accordingly, the formal application to An Bord Pleanála has now been submitted.
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- **Ballymore-Eustace Scheme** – Complete.
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- **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 have also been finalised.
- **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 late 2017 and will include co-operation from Water Services and the MD office. This project is now progressing to the tender stage entitled: “The Langton Road Surface Water Scheme.”
- **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 took place on August 17th wherein it was noted that matters are progressing well and it is hoped that draft plans can be formally approved by the Minister before the end of the year and formally referred to each Local Authority for adoption.
- 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. Cleaning on the River Barrow, south of Monasterevin has started, following approval from Inland Fisheries.

ENVIRONMENT

Cemetery Extensions

- **Staplestown** – complete
- **Ballybracken** – complete
- **Crookstown** – Almost complete
- **Newbridge** – Complete.
- **Derrinturn** – Complete.
- **Lullymore** – Complete.
- **Churchtown** – Part 8 application approved and project now being progressed to tender stage.
- **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 report to be considered at September meeting of MD.
- **Leixlip** – land acquisition being examined.
- **Bodenstown** - land acquisition being examined

Dog Control – Design complete and project has now progressed.

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. A meeting has been arranged with the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment to discuss funding aspects.

***Tidy Towns** – The judging has commenced and the Council would like to wish every success to our Tidy Towns groups.



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

In the latest results from IBAL there were excellent results for Leixlip with nine out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. The particularly good sites included the Rye River Project – this is a lovely riverside environment, with a relatively new addition of a 1916 Memorial. The Main Street was in excellent order with many traditional shop fronts. The residential area of Oaklawns West scored well. It was noted that Lidl was in much better shape than previous IBAL Litter surveys.

And Kildare: 9 out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms. Another fine showing by last year’s winning town, tarnished slightly by one heavily littered site.

All roads leading into Kildare got the top litter grade and this high standard was sustained for the majority of the sites surveyed within the town. Market Square, at the centre of the town, is very much a feature of Kildare – it presents very well for anybody visiting the Tourist Office in the Square. Other top ranking sites included St. Brigid’s Cathedral and Round Tower (an excellent site) and St. Brigid’s Primary School. By far the most seriously littered site was the Recycle Facility at Tesco where the contents of black sacks were ripped open and strewn about, as well as lots of discarded cardboard boxes. Some of the recycle units were full / overflowing.

Kerdiffstown – Kildare County Council formally accepted responsibility for the management and remediation of the site on the 5 June, 2015. The formal planning application with an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and draft CPO has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála.

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. Steps 2 and 6 are largely complete. Kildare County Council has applied to become the lead local authority in the East / Midlands Region for Climate Change purposes.

Athy MD Initiatives

- Subject to formalities, agreement has been reached with 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 expected that the KWETB will secure funding in order that the project can proceed. In the interim, the model school has been transferred to public ownership. The Council has now progressed the project to tender stage.
- Works are ongoing at the new Branch Library and are progressing well.



- A public realm strategy has been agreed by the MD members. Projects have also been prioritised.
- 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. It is expected that following the normal procurement process consultants for the Naas and Maynooth projects will be in place by October.

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 29 May and extended to 8 June. Tenders were received on 8 June and opened on 9 June 2017. The assessment process is nearing completion and the main works contract is expected to be awarded within Q3 subject to approval 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 to take possession of all lands have been issued.

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



The Sallins Railway Underbridge contract has now been awarded by Irish Rail and works have commenced. Subject to favourable weather conditions the bridge installation will take place over the Easter Weekend 2018.

County Speed Limit Review

The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department are currently carrying out the County Speed Limit Review. A database of representations and submissions received since the last County Speed Limit Review in 2010 has been set up and is currently being assessed. The next stage of the process involves notifying elected members, An Garda Síochána and adjoining Local Authorities about the review and to invite submissions. These submissions will be reviewed and proposed amendments will then be placed on the agenda for each MD meeting for approval.

Second Crossing of the River Liffey in Celbridge

Following discussions between the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport 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. 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

These Bye Laws received the approval of the Naas MD members on 18 July. The resultant necessary changes in regard to signage, lining, etc. are now out to tender. It is expected that these works will be carried out prior to the end of 2017. This tender will also include a full project encompassing removal of obsolete signage around Naas and modernisation of existing signage. One of the main changes resulting from the approval of the Naas Bye Laws is the reintroduction of charging for parking on Saturdays. Naas and Sallins Parking Bye-Laws commencement date is 2 October 2017.

Proposed Parking Bye-Laws for Clane & Castledermot

Clane and Castledermot draft Parking Bye-Laws were on public display with a closing date for submissions being 12 noon on 28 July. The resultant draft submission reports are now completed and will be brought before the Municipal District Members in an "in committee" meeting in September.

Proposed Parking Bye-Laws for Kilcock

Kilcock Draft Parking Bye-Laws have been put back on public display with the inclusion of Pay and Display Park and Ride Car Park facility on Harbour Street, Kilcock. The display period is from 21 August to 25 September followed by a Representation Period from 26 September to 17 October.



Proposed Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws

Draft Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws for Maynooth, Celbridge, Naas and Kilcock were on public display, with the closing date for submissions being 12 noon on 28 July.

A summary report of the submissions received is currently being prepared and will be circulated to the Municipal District Members for consideration at the October meetings.

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 An Bord Pleanála hearing has taken place. A decision can be expected in early October.

Replacement of the Machinery Yard

The KCC 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. Our aim is to commence statutory procedures in Q2, 2018

Newbridge and Kildare Sustainable Projects

The Kildare Newbridge MD members have been advised that the NTA will not fund a Traffic Management Study for Kildare town.

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

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 - Part 8 approved at Naas MD meeting held 18 July
- Greenway from Newbridge Road (Naas) to Sallins train station along the route of the canal

The Part 8 process for the Naas to Kill cycleway is planned to commence on 3 October 2017.

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

Kildare – Newbridge MD Area Surface Dressing Works

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1. Scarletstown, Newbridge (R416 approx. 1670m)
2. Baronstown, Milltown (R415 approx. 1500m)
3. Kilmeague (LS7081-1 approx.1420m)
4. Allenwood (L7034 approx. 470m)

The second phase of surface dressing work in the Kildare-Newbridge MD Area at the above locations has been completed.

Kildare-Newbridge MD Road Improvement Works 2017

L7041 Barrettstown Road and L7045 Sexes Road

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 are nearing completion.

L7026 Maddenstown

A tender is currently being prepared for the above scheme and it is expected that works will commence by early October.

L2028 Great Connell

A tender is currently being prepared for the above scheme and it is expected that works will commence by early October.

Kildare-Newbridge MD Footpath Improvement Works 2017

The Kildare-Newbridge MD will commence the development of footpath schemes within the Kildare-Newbridge MD for 2017 under the LPT/Pay Parking schemes in Q4 2017.

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. The project is at construction 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:

- R410 – Blessington Road, Naas – (Complete)
- L6012 – Sherlockstown (LPT) – (Complete)
- L6038 – Crab Road (LPT) – (Complete)
- L6073 – Harristown Common (LPT) – (Complete)
- L6044 – Mullacash – (Complete)
- L2002 – Bodenstown Cross to Millicent Bridge – (Complete)
- L2991 – Morrell Avenue (Ramp) – (Complete)
- L6054 – Truce Road (Barretstown Camp to BME) – (Complete)

Naas MD Road Improvement Works 2017 (Package 3)

The Naas MD has awarded the third package of road surfacing projects for 2017:

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

Naas MD Surface Dressing 2017

Surface dressing works have been completed within the Naas MD. Locations include sections of the R448 (Kilcullen Rd), R412 (Dunlavin Rd), L2025 (Ballymore Eustace to N81) and local road sections within the District.

Naas MD Footpath Improvement Works 2017

The Naas MD are at tender stage with the development of footpath schemes within the Naas MD for 2017. These works include the LPT funded schemes for 2017.

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Naas MD Road Improvement Works 2017 (Package 3)

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Naas MD Surface Dressing 2017

Surface dressing operations continue within the Naas MD and include sections of the R448 (Kilcullen Rd), R412 (Dunlavin Rd), L2025 (Ballymore Eustace to N81) and local road sections within the District.

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 was submitted to the NTA for discussion.

The NTA has advised KCC that funding for projects in Kildare will have to be managed in accordance with limited resources at their disposal during 2018 and 2019. As a result the work on this project will have to be managed in accordance with the availability of funding.

Kildare Co. Co. expect to be in a position to seek NTA approval for the first contract in Q4, 2017.

Maynooth MD Road Improvement Works 2017

The first works package of roadworks is 1 to 4 are complete and the tenders for the last package (Butterstream, Clane and Prosperous Main Street) have just been returned, and are awaiting Directors Order Approval.



A package of road Improvement works in Timahoe Derryvarogue, that were part funded by the development Levies from the Brady Ham facility development project have just been completed.

Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Dublin County Boundary

Atkins have commenced the detailed design of this section of Greenway and will be submitting the preliminary design package before year end. Topographical surveys, tree 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.

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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.

On the 11 September, Contractors (KNG) commenced the construction of the Greenway from Chambers Bridge (2km west of Kilcock) to Maynooth Harbour. The estimated completion date for this work is the 15 December.

WI have commenced construction of the section of the Greenway from Spin bridge (1km north of Kilcock) to Fernslock on the Meath county boundary and from the county boundary west of Enfield as far as Moyvalley. By early 2018, the Greenway will be complete from Maynooth to Athlone except for two separate problematical sections (Cloncurry and Moyvalley bridge).

A new Part VIII is required for the Cloncurry section and this will commence in October this year. A legal agreement is required with CIE/Ianród Eireann before the Moyvalley bridge section can be progressed.

North South Corridor - Maynooth - Phase 4

The scheme design for Phase 4 of the north south corridor was passed by the NTA on the 30 August and the Contract went to tender on the 8 September with a potential construction start date on site of the 11 October. At this stage, we would estimate a scheme completion date in February/March 2018.

The design for Phase 6 of this scheme (Moyglare road) has also commenced. The NTA has advised KCC that funding for projects in Kildare will have to be managed in accordance with limited resources at their disposal during 2018 and 2019. As a result the work on this project will have to be managed in accordance with the availability of funding.

Fire Service

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Incident Statistics for Kildare Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2016	To date in 2017
Newbridge	446	266
Naas	484	273
Athy	262	163
Maynooth	319	156
Monasterevin	190	95
Leixlip	235	115
TOTAL	1936	1071

Operational Calls 2017						
Station	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	35	33	23	48	41	25
Naas	39	29	32	46	34	26
Athy	25	20	20	23	18	20
Maynooth	30	16	18	25	22	12
Monasterevin	12	18	9	17	12	9
Leixlip	17	8	17	16	15	12
TOTAL	158	124	119	175	142	104

Operational Calls 2017						
Station	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newbridge	25	38				
Naas	36	31				
Athy	15	22				
Maynooth	19	14				
Monasterevin	7	11				
Leixlip	13	18				
TOTAL	115	134				

Fire Safety

	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2016	127	107
2017	74	72

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2016	19
2017	14

	No. Fire Safety Certificates
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2016	154
2017	105

	No. Planning File Comments
2016	432
2017	375

Civil Defence

Kildare Civil Defence provided assistance at the following events during July and August.

- Assisting Gardai at all Curragh Race events
- Provided First Aid Cover from Limerick to Leixlip – Leap on your Bike Charity Event
- Attended the Emergency Services Day – Barrettstown Gang Camp
- Attended the Celbridge Street Festival
- Provided cover at the Dawn Walk and Concert in Kilcullen
- Provided First Aid Cover at the Martin Earley Tour of Kildare
- Provided Boat Cover for the Barrow Splash event in Athy
- Provided Boat Cover for Biodiversity Walk in Athy
- Provided cover at the Mac Norman Charity Event
- Provided cover at the Family Picnic Day in Punchestown

Economic, Community and Cultural Development Parks

National Play Day

Play Day takes place on Saturday 23 September from 12.00-5.00pm. This year the theme for the day was Fun and Active Play. To celebrate this theme the day had taster sessions from the GAA, FAI, IRFU and Cricket Ireland. In addition to this event the day also had 25 events both indoors and outdoors which included Stage acts, drumming workshop, magic show, fairy doors, workshops , recycling workshop and reptile display. The event also saw the launch of a toolkit for children with disabilities and the staging of a sensory space for kids with disabilities to participate in the day.



Green Flag

The Mayor Cllr Martin Miley carried out the raising of the green flag for Newbridge Linear Park took place on Saturday 9 September.

The Green Flag Award is recognised internationally as a mark of excellence in the provision of green public open spaces for the enjoyment of all visitors. It is one of 36 parks awarded to Parks in Ireland this year. The award is a recognition of the huge amount of work put into the Park by Newbridge Tidy Towns and the support of this work by Kildare County Council.

METRICS: Grants	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2016	2017	2017
Grants Approved (number/value) start up & Expansion	34 (€711,837)	35 or Meet Demand	28 (€668,038)
<p>NB: Ability to meet demand is determined by the amount of funding allocated to the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) LEO Kildare has requested additional funding for grant aid support .</p>			
TOTAL By MD			
Area	Approved Amount	No of Grants	No of clients
Athy	€106,867	6	5
Maynooth	€163,877	8	8
Celbridge/Leixlip	€45,933	3	3
Naas	€233,508	14	12
Kildare/Newbridge	€128,476	4	3
Total	€678,661	35	31
	2016	2017	2017
Trading On-line Voucher Scheme	26	35	26
Export Grants	New to 2017	€10,000	€25,000



Grant applications : Our closing dates for start up or business expansion grant Applications for q4 2017 are as follows: Clients should contact the office for assistance in completing the process

Wednesday, 20 September 5.00pm
 Wednesday, 18 October- 5.00pm
 Wednesday, 22 Novembe 5.00pm

METRICS: Student Enterprise Programmes	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	
Academic Year	2016/2017	2016/2017	Year to Date
Secondary Student Participants	1240	1326	1326
Primary School Student Participants	382	400	240

METRICS: Training/ Capacity Building	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
	2016	2017	2017
Start Your Own Business Participant numbers	91	144	184 (commencing Sept 2017)
Management Development Programme Participant numbers	20	20	0 (commencing Oct 2017)
Business Skills Training Courses Participant Numbers	346	565	325
Business IT Training Courses Participant numbers	195	121 (Created longer and certified programs)	74
Women in Business Network Number of Meetings	4	10	6
Seminars	10	20	15

METRICS: Business Advice & Mentoring	HISTORICAL	TARGETS	YEAR TO DATE
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	2016	2017	2017
Number of clients meet One to One 1hr Business Advice meetings	250	200 (In addition we have introduced group clinics 2017 of 8 per workshop TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENT120)	146
Individuals meet at 3hr group clinic	n/a	150	120
Businesses assigned a Mentor	123	130	91
Businesses MFI application	18	20	12

Some detail on upcoming Events Q3 & Q4 2017

September

Launch of County wide Business advice & mentoring advice clinics

Business Advice clinics continue, in LEO office in Naas weekly at present, due to the high demand. There is also an increase in requests for mentoring, possibly due to an increase in awareness of the services of the LEO arising from an increased public profile. From Sept 4 2017 each MD will have a monthly clinic potential clients can make an appointment to receive one on one advice and guidance on all relevant business matters.

Naas is ongoing on demand currently .

Athy MD (monthly every 2nd Wednesday) 13 September in Athy Customer Services Point

Newbridge MD (monthly every 2nd Friday)15 September in Riverbank Arts Centre

Leixlip MD (monthly every 3rd Wednesday) 20 September in Leixlip Library

Maynooth MD (monthly the last Wednesday) 27 September in Maynooth Library

Training

Our spring training programme finished on 14 June. We are currently preparing our Autumn programme to commence across the county on first week in September.



(details on LEO website). Again every effort has been made to reach county wide pending demand & budget .

September

1 September	Launch of County Student Enterprise Awards 2017
1 September	Head of Enterprise (HEO) speaking and outlining LEO services @ Athy 'First Friday' Luncheon
5 September	HEO speaking and outlining LEO services @ Newbridge Network Morning.
6 September	Meeting of the LEO Evaluation Committee for grant decisions
15 September	HEO speaking and outlining LEO services @ Maynooth Chamber Network
19 September	Management Development Network Lunch with Blaise Brosnan, Osprey Naas
19 th September	LEO Kildare Trading Online Seminar to offer business advice and grant €2,500 to assist businesses improve their online presence
21 September	HEO speaking and outlining LEO services @ Celbridge Chamber Network
21 September	LEO Clients exhibit in National Ploughing championship
26 September	Launch of Start Your Own Business - Celbridge
26 September	Launch of Start your own Business in Athy
27 September	HEO speaking and outlining LEO services @ Naas Chamber Network
TBC	Launch of Kildare LEO'S Cluster Initiative- 1 st Cluster Kildare'sFood Cluster

October

Tbc	IBYE Young and Fearless Enterprise Day "The Entrepreneur Journey" under 35's
3 October	Launch of Management Development Programme
5 October	Customer Experience Mapping – Retail Business Workshop
7 October	Launch of Start Your Own Business - Naas
11 October	Meeting of the LEO Evaluation Committee for grant decisions
12 October	Women in Business conference "New Markets " & Launch of the first LEO Network /Kildare Village ,Mary Ann, O'Brien Lilly O'Brien Chocolate
18 October	Launch of Business path way program in Clane
TBC	Brexit The Real Implications - Business Breakfast "Implications of Brexit to be discussed by high powered Business leaders at special forum "



November

TBC	Intertrade Ireland Business Breakfast “tendering to win “
8 November	Meeting of the LEO Evaluation Committee for grant decisions
9 November	Social Media Marketing for Tourism Businesses
14 November	LEO Kildare Trading Online Seminar to offer business advice and grant €2,500 to assist businesses improve their online presence
22 November	Launch of Start your own Business in - Newbridge
30 November (tbc)	The inaugural Kildare Small Business Strategy Summit

December

7 December	1 st Kildare Culinary & Craft Christmas Expo, Aras Chill Dara Naas from 4.00pm -9.30
13 December	Meeting of the LEO Evaluation Committee for grant decisions

Economic Development

Shop Front Scheme

Shop Front Scheme 95 premises around County Kildare have availed of the opportunity to enhance their street by taking part in a paint scheme funded by Kildare County Council and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Grants totalling €151,000 were awarded to date and premises will be given a fresh look during the coming months.

MD	Budget Allocation	LPT Allocation	Total Budget 2017	Successful Applications		Remaining Budget
ATHY MD	€ 40,000	€ -	€ 40,000	18	€ 22,384	€ 17,616
CB LX MD	€ 40,000	€ -	€ 40,000	9	€ 17,218	€ 22,782
KD NB MD	€ 40,000	€ 14,050	€ 54,050	28	€ 49,301	€ 4,749
MAYNOOTH	€ 40,000	€ 10,000	€ 50,000	18	€ 17,336	€ 32,664
NAAS	€	€ 10,000	€	22	€ 44,776	€ 5,224

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	40,000		50,000			
	€ 200,000		€ 234,050	95	€ 151,015	€ 83,035

Town and Village Renewal Scheme update 15 Expression of Interests were received which resulted in 11 full applications going to the department , updates provided upon department decisions are announced due last week in September .

REDF FUND Kildare County Council's application under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund has been short listed by Enterprise Ireland to Phase 2 of a competitive process .Head of Enterprise and the Chief Executive of Kildare Council will make a pitch to Enterprise Ireland on Sept 20 to develop a Tech Hub and Innovation Space in Naas County Kildare that will support business throughout the region, stakeholder consultation meetings are ongoing.

For further details of events and information for your constituents' of our services please see . <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare>

Peter Carey
Chief Executive

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