



To the Mayor and members

Monthly Management Report – February 2017

The following sets out the information relating to the monthly management report for January 2017 for noting by the members at the council meeting on Monday, 27 February 2017.

Financial Reports

The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2016 is currently being prepared it will be presented to Council when complete.

Actual expenditure v budget for 2017 will be submitted to Council as part of the monthly management report from March onwards.

Requirements and progress in respect of the introduction/roll out of Government Policy through the local government system.

Further training on Agresso Milestone 4 for those raising requisitions and approvers has taken place in January and February.

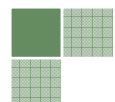
P35 for 2016 is completed and submitted to Revenue and P60's have issued.

Schedule of uncollected Rates

The schedule of uncollected rates was completed in January 2017, the total amount collected in 2016 was €50.9million, similar to 2015. The closing arrears balance has reduced slightly from €12.3million at 31 December 2015 to €12.1million at 31 December 2016. The overall collection percentage for 2015 was 82% for 2016 it is 83%.

Rates Revaluation

As you are aware the revaluation of commercial properties in the Kildare County Council rating area commenced in November 2015. The Valuation Office have been collecting and



analysing information to assess the Net Annual Value (NAV) for each property since this time and have issued valuation information forms to the occupiers of all rateable property. The Valuation Office will issue Proposed Valuation Certificates to all ratepayers/occupiers of commercial properties on March 9th 2017.

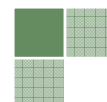
There will be a publicity campaign, including radio and newspaper advertisements and website updates to inform ratepayers of the publication. Valuation Office staff will be on site in our Council Offices in Aras Chill Dara, Naas on 20th and 21st of March to meet with ratepayers/occupiers who have queries on the Proposed Valuation Certificates.

An information document including a sample proposed certificate of valuation with explanatory notes will be circulated to the members to assist with your queries.

Housing

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status February 2017
Highfield/The Paddocks, Kilcock	20 units	Construction commenced on site December 2016. Contractor: Kercon Construction. Construction programme: 11 months.
Athgarvan Road, Newbridge	13 units	Approval Stage 4 received Q1 2017
Dominican Priory, Athy	7 emergency accommodation units and 1 staff accommodation unit	Work commenced in November 2016. Completion anticipated in March 2017.
Tankardsgarden, Newbridge	4 units	Tender for consultants to commence February 2017.
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works (Phase 1)	Refurbishment of 23 Units	Lot 1 (4 units): Works commenced on site in January 2017. Contractor: Noonan Construction Ltd. Construction programme: 14 weeks.
St. Patricks Park Rathangan Remedial Works	Demolition of 21 units, refurbishment	Resident information session to commence in February 2017. Part 8 to follow.



(Phase's 2 & 3)	of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	32 units	Part 8 to be launched February 2017. Restricted EU Tender procedure commenced. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by March 2017. Tender process: May 2017.
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Part 8 to be launched February 2017. Restricted EU Tender procedure commenced. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by March 2017. Tender process: May 2017.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part 8 to be launched April 2017.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Part 8 to be launched April 2017.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Tender for the appointment of consultants complete. Appointment of Design Team Consultants end of February 2017.
Dominican Lands Athy	25 units	Approval Stage 1 application submitted to DHPCLG in December 2016.
Flinter's Field, Athy	33 units	Respond Housing Association – Part 8 to be launched in Quarter 1 2017
Castlefen, Sallins	29 units	Tuath Housing Association – Part 8 to be launched in Quarter 1 2017.

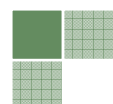
Housing Maintenance

A total of 546 calls were logged and assigned by the Response Maintenance Team in January. Of these, 364 were assigned to either a Clerk of Works or a contractor for completion. The remaining number of 182 require further assessment or are deemed to be the responsibility of the tenant.

Rent Pressure Zones

As of 27 January 2017 Rent Pressure Zones were designated in Co Kildare. A copy of the map outlining the RPZs in the county can be accessed via the following link

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http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/rpzs_all_maps_26_january_2017.pdf

Recent Publications

Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness second quarterly progress report was recently published and can be accessed via the following link:

http://rebuildingireland.ie/install/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Second_Quarterly_Progress_Report_-RBI-Final.pdf

The report outlines progress across the five pillars identified in the Action Plan: Address Homelessness; Accelerate Social Housing; Build More Homes; Improve the Rental Sector; Utilise Existing Housing.

The Housing Agency has published a report in February 2017 – National Statement of Housing Supply and Demand 2016 and Outlook for 2017-2018 and can be accessed via the following link:

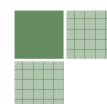
[https://www.housingagency.ie/getattachment/f4d363c9-4969-4a05-9627-0c55cae7e22a/Housing-Supply-Demand-Report-2017-WEB-\(2\).pdf](https://www.housingagency.ie/getattachment/f4d363c9-4969-4a05-9627-0c55cae7e22a/Housing-Supply-Demand-Report-2017-WEB-(2).pdf)

This is the second edition of the National Statement of Housing Supply and Demand and brings together up-to-date information on housing trends in 2015 and 2016 and looks ahead to future demand. The report notes that, while housing completions continue to rise, the rate of increase is still below supply requirements, particularly in urban areas, where affordability is also an issue.

Planning, Community and Culture

Development Plans / Local Area Plans

- The members met on 1st February, 2017 to consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan 2017 - 2023 and agreed to make the County Development Plan 2017 – 2023. The County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 will come into effect on the 1st March, 2017.
- Clane Local Area Plan. The members of Maynooth Municipal District considered the Chief Executive's Report on The Draft Clane Local Area Plan 2017 - 2023 at a special meeting on the 8th February, 2017 and decided to make material alterations to the Draft Plan. Those material alterations will go on public display for a period of four weeks and submissions will be invited.



- Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Chief Executive has prepared a report on submissions received to Draft Local Area Plan for Celbridge and this was issued to the members of Leixlip/Celbridge Municipal District on 16th February, 2017.
- Leixlip Local Area Plan. The Chief Executive is preparing his report on submissions received to the Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan and this will be issued to the members for their consideration.

National Planning Framework

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government launched Ireland 2040 the National Planning Framework, a national 20-year strategy for the spatial and place-making development of Ireland. Submissions to be made to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government by the 16th March 2017.

Development Management

Number of planning applications received

	January	Year
2015:	56	1,192
2016:	70	1,376
2017:	93	93

Planning applications decided: January 2017

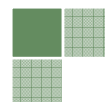
Granted:	52
Retention:	12
Extension of Duration:	1
Refused:	17

Planning applications of note granted: January 2017

- **16/1249** Cumann Luthchleas Gael Cill Dara: - Refurbishment and extension of the existing clubhouse facility and minor modification to the playing field at St. Conleth's, Newbridge.

New Applications of note received January 2017

- **17/81 Waterways Ireland:** The development of a multi-use shared leisure route (Blueway) approximately 115 km in length on the existing navigation towpath from Lowtown, Co. Kildare to St. Mullins, Co. Carlow with approximately 47 km of the route in Co. Kildare.



Building and Development Control – Taking in Charge

Building and Development Control has engaged with Irish Water in relation to completing the taking in charge of those estates which have been previously advertised. On receipt of consent from Irish Water, recommendations to take in charge the remaining estates will be finalised and listed for consideration for taking in charge by the members at the respective Municipal District meetings.

Heritage Officer

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 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.

Heritage Plan Projects Funding 2017

The Heritage Office has applied to the Heritage Council for co-funding of the County Kildare Heritage Plan Projects in 2017. We will also be applying to the Irish Walled Towns Network, with the Athy, Castledermot and Kildare Towns to fund interpretation and conservation projects to the former medieval walls of these towns. Notification of grants is due in March/April.

Community Heritage Grants Scheme

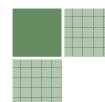
The above scheme is open for projects from Community groups with a heritage focus. These projects assist in the implementation for the County Kildare heritage and Biodiversity Plan.

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

Tenders evaluated for the main contractor, work to commence onsite in March.

Naas Library Capital Project

Tenders are being evaluated for a fully integrated design team (architect led) for proposed library at Naas Town Hall.

Library Management System - National Implementation

This national project is now in phase 3, a further 13 counties will be added to the library catalogue by the end of March. This will allow Kildare members to access all services and material from each library authority in the Country.

National Book Distribution Service

Kildare has been participating since mid 2016 in a pilot book distribution service. This pilot is now moving to full implementation. A national tender process has taken place and DX Distribution has won the national distribution delivery service. **What does this mean to our members?** With effect from March, Kildare members will have speedy access to books and other materials held in library authorities nationwide.

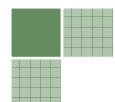
SMS Text notifications

Kildare has been participating in a national pilot to introduce SMS library services. With effect from Jan 2017 library members if they choose to opt in can receive text messages for book requests that are available, reminder for overdue items etc.

News and Highlights - January/Feb Library Programme of Events

Creative Ireland

Marian Higgins has been appointed as the nominated 'Creative Ireland Co-ordinator' for Co Kildare. The county co-ordinators attended a national meeting with department representatives in National Concert Hall on 14th February. Each local authority has been



asked to prepare a Culture & Creativity Plan and to establish a Culture Team. A public meeting will be held in the coming weeks to inform the Culture & Creativity Plan.

Toys Technology and Training 2017 Programme

Specialist collection and series of talks designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs. Based in Athy, Leixlip and Naas Libraries this specialised collection of toys, software and assistive technology can be accessed free of charge throughout the county.

The 'Training' element of the programme provide an annual series of free lectures and workshops which offer guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers and healthcare professionals. Topics covered in 2017 include behavioural therapy, stress management for teens, bully-proofing your special needs child and empowering people with autism.

Discover Explore Learn - STEAM at your library

This free programme aims to create an environment to explore, test, engage, inspire and provide an avenue for library members to experience science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM) at their local library. These events have been organised by Kildare Library Service with the support of SEAI, North Beekeepers Association, IPCC and the NRDO. Events such as 'StarDome on Tour', CSI Forensics Workshop and E2 - LEGO challenge will enthral and amaze our young people.

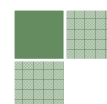
'Let's Talk About Parenting' 2017 Programme

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. Talks scheduled for this year are on topics such as bullying, first aid for parents, parenting toddlers, coping with an anxious child, self-harming behaviours in young people, understanding eating disorders, raising boys and building your daughters self-esteem.

Celbridge Integrated Service Programme Library Interventions

Better Basics

Better Basics is a reading enhancement programme designed to support and advance reading skills amongst primary school age pupils. Kildare Library and Arts Service partnered with County Kildare Leader Partnership and local schools on this project. It is a paired reading initiative aimed at children who require some additional assistance to improve their



reading, but are not in receipt of mainstream learning supports. The programme supports improvement in children's reading ability through one to one paired learning with a reading volunteer. The programme will run in Celbridge in 2017. Additionally, the programme will run in schools in Naas, The Curragh and

Arts Service

Arts Strategy

Kildare County Council continues to review '(Continue to) Make Inroads: An Arts Development Plan for Kildare Local Authorities 2012-2106 and is planning a new arts strategy for 2017-2021.

Music Generation

Music Generation will announce an open national call for applications from local Music Education Partnerships in Phase 2 (2017-2021) of the programme early in the New Year. The Arts Service is currently scoping the potential of making a bid for the partnership, in association with the Kildare/West Wicklow ETB. Closing date for applications is 31st May. Closing date for expressions of interest is 17th February 2017.

Programmes/Events/News

Public Art

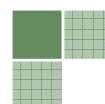
A recent email to all Kildare County Council staff regarding Per Cent for Art has regenerated interest in the scheme. The Arts Service is working with Architects and Engineers to establish eligibility of capital schemes for the scheme.

The Arts Service will support a permanent art commission for Kildare Town, awarded by IBAL for Kildare's recent Tidy Town award. It is envisaged that the successful award will be announced in April.

Choir for Dementia

Kildare County Council, in association with Kildare Age Friendly County programme and HSE are supporting the development of another community choir supporting people living with dementia, their families, carers and community north of the county.

A sister to the Past Times Community Choir based in Naas, this too is an inclusive choir. The first workshop took place in The Mill, Celbridge on 15th February



Arts in Education

The Arts Service are reviewing their Arts in Education programme. A research/residency programme will be developed in the coming months with Froebel Education Dept., Maynooth University and local schools.

Arts Grants/Awards

The suite of arts grants and awards 2017, for community groups, artists and arts collectives will be advertised shortly, with a closing date of 20th March 2017. Information clinics for applicants are currently taking place throughout the county in advance of the deadline and have been well attended.

Film

Two new film commissions of €12,500 have been advertised

'Gridlock', one of Kildare's short film commissions, which was shortlisted for the Oscar awards, will be screened at the Dublin Film Festival on Sunday 19th February.

County Capital Projects

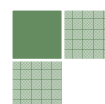
Riverbank Arts Centre

Riverbank Arts Centre has welcomed the announcement today of the awarding of €1 million in Capital Grant funding by the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys.

The Arts and Culture Capital Scheme provides funding for enhancing the existing stock of arts and culture centres throughout the country.

In making the announcement, Minister Humphreys stated "This €9 million announcement is the most significant investment in regional arts and cultural centres in a decade. The Creative Ireland Programme places a focus on investing in our cultural infrastructure, because high quality infrastructure is critical for a vibrant arts and culture sector, which in turn underpins social cohesion and supports sustainable economic growth."

The venue has seen significant growth in audience figures. In the past 12 months alone, ticket sales have increased over 30%. This has come about from a strong, diverse programme of events across Theatre, Music, Comedy, Visual Arts, Family, Cinema, and Workshops.



There has also been a significant increase in schools participation from across Kildare and further afield; with students attending shows, workshops, talks, and educational screenings.

Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC) January/February 2017

Kildare Rural Development Leader Programme

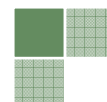
The Kildare LCDC approved the Rural Development Programme Implementation Plan for 2017 proposed by CKLP at their last meeting on 25th January. CKLP will commence advertising for calls for expressions of interest for Tourism related projects in the coming weeks.

Water Services and Environment

Water Services

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

- **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 scheduled for completion in Q1 - 2017. The plant is currently being process proved until October 2017.
 - **Osberstown Sewerage Sludge Treatment Facility Upgrade** – Irish Water intend delivering the Osberstown wastewater treatment plant 'sludge stream' works as part of an upgrade to the Osberstown Sludge Treatment Facility.
 - **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 Q1-2017. Short listing of contractors is being finalised by Irish Water. Tenders to market are due to issue by Irish Water in Q1/Q2-2017.
 - **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 Q1/Q2-2017. Short listing of contractors by Irish Water is ongoing. Tenders to market are due to issue by Irish Water in Q2-2017.



- **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 are preparing a Design Review Report to address sewerage network capacity constraints in the Celbridge catchment. Final route selection is at an advanced stage.

- **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.

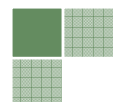
Minor Capital Projects

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 have agreed a new Capital Project Team structure with Irish Water for the delivery of this programme over the next three years.

This is considered to be a positive development for the county as there is now an

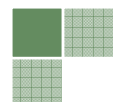


expectation that quite a number of minor capital projects will be given approval, in response to KCC ability to deliver such schemes locally.

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

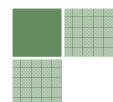
A total of 22 schemes have currently been approved by Irish Water for progression by Kildare County Council Minor Capital Team. The estimated value of works is in the region of **€7 million**. Five of these schemes have been completed by the team and several others have been placed on long term hold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

- **Allenwood to Kilmeague Mains Replacement** - Advance works at Allenwood Crossroads have been carried out in collaboration with KCC Roads & Transportation upgrade works to prevent the requirement of disturbing a newly laid tabletop ramp. Site Investigation works have been completed. Design works are currently being progressed by KCC
- **Allenwood Vacuum System Modification & WWTP Upgrade** - An engineering consultant is progressing design and site investigation works. The planning application is also being prepared by the Consultant. This is a combination of two ANBs.
- **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.
- **Kildare Town Backyard Services** - Design works are to take place in conjunction with the Maynooth Watermains Rehabilitation Scheme. Site investigation works being tendered separately and are expected to be carried out in Q2 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 is being appointed and works are due to commence in the coming weeks.
- **Kilmeague 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. KCC have progressed some minor manhole rehabilitation works to reduce network infiltration and a subsequent flow & load survey. The results of this additional flow & load survey will be used to help identify upgrade requirements.
- **Ladychapel Cross to Taghadoe Watermain** - KCC are preparing the design and tender documents to progress this new watermain scheme.
- **Maynooth Watermains Rehabilitation** – A Consultant has been appointed to progress this scheme. The tender process for Site Investigation and Construction has been completed. Appointment of a Contractor is taking place and works are now due to commence in Q2 - 2017 due to the contractors current workload. This scheme is being carried out in conjunction with Kildare Town Backyard Services. The Maynooth scheme is being prioritised. Advance works to remove lead services on the Dublin Road has been progressed to completion by KCC.
- **Monread Road Sewer Line Repair** - Approval was received for the replacement of 900m of foul sewer pipe. This work will be carried out predominantly with night work during Q1 & Q2 2017.
- **Narraghmore Wastewater Treatment Plant** - Appointment of Contractors for improvement works at treatment plant is ongoing.
- **Oak Park, Narraghmore** - Preparation of Tender Documents for improvement works at pumping station and new rising main to Narraghmore WWTP ongoing.
- **Rathangan WWTP** - Preparation of a Consultants Brief was prepared by KCC and has been submitted to Irish Water for tendering. The consultant will prepare a Condition Report and Recommendations Report identifying required upgrade works.
- **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. Design and site investigation tender documents have been prepared and are ready for submission to Irish Water for tendering. An ecological assessment is required prior to tendering to ensure the proposed works do not adversely impact on the surrounding environment. This is currently being progressed.
- **Timolin WWTP** – Preparation works for a Part 8 planning application has been prepared by KCC and approval will be sought. 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.

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



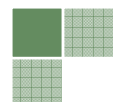
- **Athgarvan Septic Tank Diversion** – Construction of a new foul sewer is now completed thereby eliminating the requirement of a communal septic tank with its associated groundwater pollution potential and maintenance works. Final road reinstatement has been carried out and all works have now been 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 to be 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 has been carried out.

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

- **Cluain Dara, Derrinturn** – Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete and Final Account being closed out.
- **Mill Brook, Timolin** - Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete.
- **The Paddocks Crookstown** - Exploratory survey/design work is ongoing for the connection of this estate to the public foul sewer. Should this be feasible and at reasonable cost, it is then proposed to decommission the existing treatment system. The scheme is subject to funding being provided.

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.

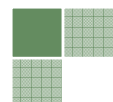
Kildare County Council Rural Water Section met with Ballindoolin GWS in 2016 with an aim to progress proposed network upgrade works. This scheme was identified as a "shovel ready" scheme in the Rural Water Programme funding submission for that year. The interim grant funding allocation received allowed 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 OPW subject to some minor changes, to which we have no objection. We have now submitted the Feasibility Study and outline planning strategy to the OPW. 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.
- **Hazelhatch** – 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, survey work will commence.
- **Dara Park** – Construction works and landscaping are now completed. The landscaping contract included the planting of 80,000 bulbs and over 100 trees. A certificate of substantial completion has been issued. Any snagging issues will be dealt with during the maintenance period.
- **Oaks, Newbridge** - A solution to the flooding issues has 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, 24th October, 2016 prior to full Council meeting.
- Draft plans for the South East Region (Barrow) were published on 18th September and the consultation period has now closed.
- Draft plans for the Eastern Region (Liffey) were published on 23rd 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

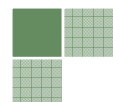
A further study is recommended for both Hazelhatch and Naas. Once the Public Consultation period is completed and the submissions dealt with, the final plans will be sent to the relevant Minister for approval. They will then be sent back to the local authorities for adoption. Once adopted, we can apply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

River Cleaning & Drainage Channel Maintenance

This year's programme is now complete, with a significant number of channels cleaned, including 1.5km at Derrymullen, Allenwood and a pilot scheme on the Clonshambo, which aims to improve both flood protection and water quality. 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.

Environment

- **Kilcock (Royal Canal)** – This facility has now re-opened.



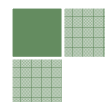
Cemetery Extensions

- **Staplestown** – complete
- **Ballybracken** – complete
- **Crookstown** – Part 8 approved -contractor appointed.
- **Newbridge** – Complete.
- **Derrinturn** – Complete.
- **Lullymore** – Complete.
- **Churchtown** – Preferred location for cemetery extension identified and survey/design work being progressed. Road traffic aspects revisited and are now largely resolved. Part 8 documents now being published.
- **Athy (St Michael's new)** – Up-grade of car parking area now complete. Further works to internal roadways including resurfacing and kerbing have been completed. The unauthorised entrance has been blocked.
- **Rathangan** – land acquisition is currently being finalised and a draft design is now to hand. Part 8 process to commence shortly.
- **Leixlip** – land acquisition being examined.

Dog Control – Design details relating to the proposed upgrade of the pound at Ballytore have finally been agreed. Discussions are ongoing with the owner with a view to agreeing financial arrangements and progressing the matter to Part 8 stage. Design aspects have since been finalised subject to any conditions which might be imposed by the Chief Fire Officer. Discussions are also ongoing with ISPCA regarding possible amendments to Service Level Agreement as a result of the proposal.

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 drawings should be available very shortly.

Emily Square Up-grade – The initial conceptual design was presented to the Athy Municipal District on the 28th November. This received a very favourable response though will be subject to a number of amendments as requested by the elected members. It is proposed to formally publish the Part 8 documents in the coming week. As part of the



ensuing public consultation process, a number of local presentations will be made. One-to-one briefing meetings with business owners on the Square are currently taking place.

***Tidy Towns** – A network meeting took place on the 25th January 2017. This was really well attended and particularly successful.

Irish Business Against Litter - Kildare Town has been voted the cleanest town in Ireland. This exciting result was achieved through the efforts of many associated with the town. It is a great boost to all towns and villages in the county and highlights the great work carried out by all concerned. The town also secured a prize of a sculpture to the value of €40K. Discussions are currently ongoing with the Tidy Towns Group regarding a range of proposed improvements with a view to taking full advantage of the momentum generated.

Kerdiffstown - Kildare County Council formally accepted responsibility for the management and remediation of the site on the 5th 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

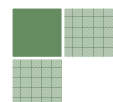
- A presentation on the final decision of the end use was presented to Naas Municipal District on Tuesday, 15th November, 2016 where it was announced (subject to statutory consents) that the end use will be a park with multi uses pitches, change rooms, playground and walking/running tracks.

2. Demolition contract

- Priority Construction has been awarded the contract.
- The demolition work and the moving of waste into the lined cell is now complete ahead of programme without incident.

3. Additional Site Investigation, Gas and Ground Water Monitoring Wells

- IGSL have been awarded the contract.
- Works are now complete without incident.



4. Preliminary Design/Planning/EIA

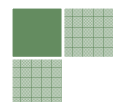
- Outline design works are now almost complete. A community presentation will be arranged in March
- A final site shape/formation has been identified with the inclusion of the end use design.
- Environmental monitoring and background studies are complete for the Environmental Assessment but will continue to be monitored.
- Contact has been made with statutory bodies.
- It is still expected that all licensing and planning applications will be finalised at the end of Q1 – 2017 and ready for legal review before submission at end of Q2. We are currently on programme to meet these deadlines
- A CPO process will be commencing in tandem with the EIA and documents are currently being drafted. Discussions with people who may be affected has commenced.

Energy Management

The Energy Management Team continues to progress a range of initiatives in this regard. 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.

Athy MD Initiatives

- Subject to formalities, agreement has been reached with the owner of the Model School and KWETB regarding a proposal to converting part of the building (formerly VTOS) to an apprentice training centre. Design and tender documents have been prepared since.
- The tender process has concluded in respect of the proposed new branch library (St. Dominic's Church) and a preferred Contractor identified. Works will commence in circa 4 weeks.



Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

The formal announcement in regard to LIHAF funding will be made by the Department at the end of March.

Naas & Sallins Parking Bye-Laws

Parking Bye-Laws for Naas & Sallins were on public display until 17th January 2017. The closing date for submissions was 8th February 2017 and the submissions are currently being assessed.

Proposed Parking Bye-Laws for Clane & Castledermot

The drafting of Clane and Castledermot Parking Bye-Laws is in progress.

Traffic Management Study - Maynooth

AECOM are continuing with the preparation of a Traffic Management Study for Maynooth. The consultants presented their draft recommendations to the MD members in February 2017 and will meet the Maynooth Municipal District members again on 22nd February for a more detailed analysis session.

It is intended that a final public consultation exercise will be held within the next 2 months.

Newbridge and Kildare Sustainable Projects

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

Maynooth Northern Outer Orbital Route

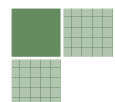
Rathoath Municipal District members approved the Part 8 for the section of the Outer Orbital Route which connects the Moyglare Road with the Dunboyne Road in Maynooth.

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 in regard to the ongoing service issues across North Kildare on 15th February and we await the outcome of those discussions.

Athy Distributor Route

Preliminary Design, Business Case and Draft EIS were submitted to DTTaS for approval. Following approval the scheme will be published to An Bord Pleanála.



Newbridge Link Road - Industrial Estate to Curraghgrange

Construction is underway and is due to be completed in March 2017

Dublin Road Corridor, Naas

The Council has appointed the consultant for the detailed design and contract documentation preparation phase of this project. Consultations with the Naas Municipal District members and other stakeholders are being organised.

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
- 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 16/12/16. The submissions report is being prepared 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 will commence in March 2017. A public information day was held on 18/01/17 and a report to the Naas Municipal District Members will follow.

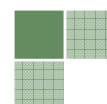
The Greenway from Newbridge Road (Naas) to Sallins train station is planned to go to Part 8 in Q1 2017.

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. This process is in preparation for award of the construction contract in Q2 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.

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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.

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 construction of the KCC section of this Cycleway through Kilcock commenced construction on the 17th October, and is nearing completion.

Waterways Ireland has recommenced preparatory works on the section between Jacksons Bridge and Maynooth.

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 detailed analysis, design, site selection, planning and relocation issues will commence in early March.

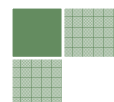
Economic, Community and Cultural Development

Realising our Rural Potential - Action Plan for Rural Development

On 23rd January a €60 million Rural Action Plan was announced.

The plan is structured around five themes:

- supporting sustainable communities
- supporting enterprise and employment



- maximising rural tourism and recreation potential
- fostering culture and creativity in rural communities
- improving rural infrastructure and connectivity.

The link to download the plan is as follows:

<http://www.ahrrga.gov.ie/app/uploads/2017/01/162404-rural-ireland-action-plan-web-2-1.pdf>

Economic Development / Business Support

Local Enterprise Office Business Briefings

8 th February	Athy	The Clanard Court Hotel
16 th Feb	Kildare/Newbridge	The Keadeen Hotel
23 rd Feb	Maynooth/Clane	The Glenroyal Hotel
28 th Feb	Celbridge/Leixlip	Celbridge Manor Hotel
9 th March	Naas	Aras Chill Dara

Enterprise week 5th – 10th of March

14 events across the county including;
 Launch of the Management Development Network
 Brexit Briefing
 Launch of Lean for Micro €50,000 fund
 Intertrade Ireland Workshop
 Launch of Craft display area in Aras Chill Dara – Level 0

IYBE

Jenny Reynolds was selected at the Regional Finals in the “Best Start Up” category and she now goes forward to the National finals which will take place on the 5th of March

Student Enterprise programs

16 Secondary Schools will take part in the Student Enterprise Finals in Killashee Hotel on the 21st March.

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Chief Executive

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