



To the Mayor and members

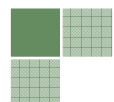
Monthly Management Report – January 2017

The following sets out the information relating to the monthly management report for December 2016 for noting by the members at the council meeting on Monday, 30 January 2017.

Financial Reports

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

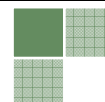
The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) is currently being prepared.



Housing

Capital Programme

Location	No. of Units	Status January 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	Final tender report submitted to DHPCLG.
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 (Phase's 2 & 3)	Demolition of 21 units, refurbishment of 19 units, construction of 16 units.	Resident information session to commence in February 2017. Part VIII to follow.
Dunmurray Rise Kildare [Phase 3]	34 units	Part VIII to be launched February 2017. Restricted EU Tender procedure commenced. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by February 2017. Tender process: May 2017.
Anne Street Prosperous	12 units	Part VIII to be launched February 2017. Restricted EU Tender procedure commenced. Shortlist of contractors to be completed by February 2017. Tender process: May 2017.
Beechgrove, Rathangan	18 units	Part VIII to be launched April 2017.
Rathasker Road, Naas	50 units	Part VIII to be launched April 2017.
Athgarvan Village	30 units	Tender for the appointment of consultants complete. Appointment of Design Team Consultants end of January 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 VIII to be launched in Quarter 1 2017
Castlefen, Sallins	29 units	Tuath Housing Association – Part VIII to be launched in Quarter 1 2017.

A schedule of housing delivery for 2016 under the capital and current programmes of the Housing Strategy 2020 is attached at Appendix 1.

Housing Needs Assessment 2016

The Social housing assessment was carried out on 21 September 2016 to count the number of households qualified for social housing support. The net need is defined as households who are eligible and in need of social housing support. Households currently living in local authority rented accommodation, voluntary/co-operative accommodation, accommodation provided under the Housing Assistance Payment, Rental Accommodation Scheme or under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme are not included. The assessment was published by the Housing Agency in December 2016.

Kildare	2013	2016
Number of qualified households	5,454	5,572

Activity Levels

The following outlines the number of applications processed in 2016 in a number of services areas compared with the same period in 2015 (where available):

Social Housing Applications

	2016	2015
Existing housing file updates	571	448
Transfer Requests	103	76
New valid applications	591	686
Refusals	67	91

House Purchase Loans

	2016	2015
Applications Received	109	80
Approvals Issued	33	32

* Value of loans approved in 2016 = €2.250m

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Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016

	2016	2015
Applications Received	102	N/A
Approvals Issued	57	N/A

Housing Grants

	2016		2015	
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
Housing Adaptation Grant	459	333	372	203
Mobility Aids	9	5	28	26
Grant Housing Aid for Older Persons	280	182	236	151

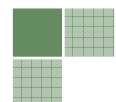
Housing Maintenance

Property Upgrades	2016
Vacant House Turnarounds	89 properties
New House Purchases	105 properties

Valid Response Maintenance Repairs	
2015	4,109
2016	3,628

Self Help Grants	2016
Number of Grants Approved 2016	85

Energy Upgrade Programme	2016
Number of Upgrades carried out	469 properties



Window & Door Replacement	2016
Number of replacements	214 properties

Serious Fire Damage	2016
Properties returned	8

Differential Rents Assessments Undertaken

Year	LA rents	HAP Rents
2015	797	54
2016	1,318	337

Homeless Presentations

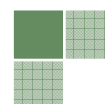
Year	Cases	Adults	Children	Single Parents	Single Males	Single Females	Couples
2015	405	521	531	138	98	53	116
2016	465	586	583	166	127	51	121

Planning, Community and Culture

Development Plans / Local Area Plans

- **Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan 2017 - 2023** were on public display from the 1st November 2016 to the 29th November 2016. 32 individual and 780 replicate submissions/ observations on these amendments were received during this period.

The Chief Executive issued his report to the members on 21 December, 2016 and the members are due to meet to consider the report on 1st February, 2017.



- **Clane Local Area Plan.** The Draft Clane Local Area Plan 2017 - 2023 was on public display until the 9th November 2016. The Chief Executive issued his report to the members on the 20th December, 2016 and the MD members are to submit their notices of motion on same by the 26th January, 2017.
- **Celbridge Local Area Plan.** The Draft LAP for Celbridge is on public display from the 13th December, 2016 to the 3rd February, 2017
- **The Draft Leixlip Local Area Plan** was on public display from the 15th November 2016 to the 5th January, 2017. 377 individual and 243 common/replicated submissions and comments have been received.
- **An informal briefing on both Celbridge and Leixlip LAP's** for the MD members has been arranged for 25th January at 2.30pm.

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.

Planning Applications

Number of planning applications received

2014	= 1,164
2015	= 1,192
2016	= 1,376
2017	= 134 (8/12/16 to 17/01/17)

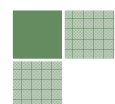
Planning applications decided 8th December 2016 to 17th January 2017:

Granted: 62

Retention: 7

Extension of Duration: 1

Refused: 16



Planning applications of note granted 8th December 2016 to 17th January 2017:

16/282 Killross Properties Limited - provision of 195 No. Dwellings off Green Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

16/635 Ballymore Naas Developments Ltd - 243 houses and associated site works at Pipers Hill, Killashee, Naas, Co. Kildare.

New Applications of note received since the 8th December 2016

16/1297 Ryevale Nursing Home Limited - Demolition of existing single storey front extension and (B) Permission for construction of a two-storey extension, consisting of 64 en-suite bedrooms at Ryevale Mill, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

16/1314 Masonbrook Holdings Ltd - 30 residential houses at Barrack Road, Castledermot, Co. Kildare.

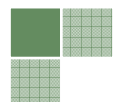
16/1320 Bord na Mona PLC - horticulture facility, outdoor storage area, administration office and associated works at Lattensbog/Blacktrench, Caragh, Co. Kildare.

16/1345 BHG Property (Kilcock) Ltd - 450 no. residential units at Branganstown, Kilcock, Co. Kildare.

16/1360 Greyabbey Investments Limited and Lidon Limited - 10 year permission to develop lands on site of approx 40.8 hectares includes lands to the east and west of the Nurney Road at Greyabbey, Kildare.

17/26 Michael Dunne - Construction of a mixed development consisting of: renovations to The Hulk (Charter School) and adjacent buildings, a residential development of 115 units, and construction of a nursing home at Skirteen, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

Barrow Blueway - planning application expected to be submitted to the local authorities concerned on the 26th January 2017.



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

Tender complete for 3 core elements of project and main contractor tender complete end Jan 2017.

Naas Library Capital Project

Evaluation of design team tender in progress.

Small library building upgrade projects

A series of small scale interior upgrades have taken place towards the end of 2016. Enhancement works have taken place to the upper gallery and the community meeting space at Celbridge Community Library. Extensive energy conservation measures are due for completion in Kilcullen Community Library by end Jan 2017 which includes insulation and heating upgrade works. Finally mini internal fit out works have commenced in Newbridge Community Library for completion end of Jan 2017.

Reader Development and Literacy Support

Shelf Help 2017 Recommended Reading for Personal Wellbeing.

Shelf Help is a collection of titles covering the topics low mood and depression, worry, stress and anxiety, general mental health and wellbeing, addiction, parenting, relationships and social issues. This capsule collection was selected in conjunction with experienced professionals working in County Kildare for the Health Service Executive, South West Regional Drugs Task Force and Mental Health Ireland. The collection is expanded upon and developed each year.

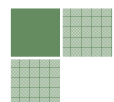
Planning is currently underway for the Shelf Help 2017 programme.

News and Highlights - December/January Library Programme of Events

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

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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.

'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.

Rua Wall Planner 2017

10,000 wall planners were distributed to homes and schools throughout the county highlighting events which will take place in libraries, and further afield, in County Kildare. The annual wall planner which features Rua, the library reading mascot is one of the successful child centered marketing initiatives of the library service.

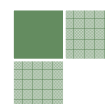
Santa in Naas Town Hall - Autism Friendly Event

The library service supported an event in December to facilitate a special visitor 'Santa' to meet children with autism and special needs from the County. Children had the opportunity to meet the special person and parents had the opportunity to find out about the 'Toys, Technology and Training' initiative run by the library service. Specially selected toys purchased by library service for autism friendly roadshow held in Naas Town Hall.

Business, Enterprise and Employment Support

Maynooth Library continues to provide support to agencies, small business, entrepreneurs, students and job seekers. As a core service the library provides the following;

- Meeting Space [pre-booking essential]
- Free Wifi and access to PCs
- Free access to VisionNet and Mintel online resources
- Access to our library catalogue at www.kildare.ie/library



- Books, periodicals and business newspapers (including the Financial Times and the Economist)
- eLearning: Free online continuing education courses
- eLanguage: Free online language courses

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

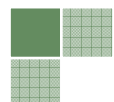
Community Awareness of Drugs at Celbridge Library (19 January 2017 - 16 February 2017)

Problems with alcohol and other drugs affect people of all ages and all walks of life. Many parents find it difficult to discuss drugs and drug related issues with their children. They may feel they know too little to have any real impact on the opinions of their young people. Yet studies clearly show that parents have a positive impact on the lifestyle choices and drug taking behaviour of their children.

Consisting of six sessions, this interactive programme promotes the role of the parent in educating their young people about the risks associated with substance use, in an effort to reduce the demand for drugs.

Revisiting Old Habits

Celbridge Library has partnered with community officers of the Housing Department to run the programme called Revisiting Old Habits. The programme is currently running once per month in the library. The focus of the group is for people to come and share tales of their past - be it of their childhood, their family traditions or old ways of life now forgotten.



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.

At the heart of our last plan, were 5 key words - curate, mentor, broker, respond & inspire - words that we felt described how the Arts Service interact with and support the citizens of Co Kildare and beyond. Kildare County Council is inviting submissions on the previous plan and programme of work and where we should go from here.

Submissions from the public were received and are being reviewed. The potential for utilising the Data Hub (following the recent briefing for the Planning, Community and Culture) will be explored

Music Generation

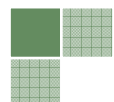
Music Generation will announce an open national call for applications from local Music Education Partnerships in Phase 2 (2017-2021) of the programme early in the New Year. The Arts Service is currently scoping the potential of making a bid for the partnership, in association with the Kildare/West Wicklow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

Creative Ireland Programme 2017 - 2022

Creative Ireland was launched in November 2016. It is an initiative of Department of the Arts, Gaeltacht, Regional and Rural Affairs (DAHGRRA) and is cross departmental.

Creative Ireland has identified local authorities as a lead partner, lead by a Director with a remit for 'culture'. In addition, each county will identify a Cultural Coordinator and set up a Culture Committee.

Creative Ireland intend to consult with local authorities on a county by county basis and will contact local authorities in the coming weeks to organise to meet them.



Programmes/Events/News

Places Matter: What Happened When We Invest In The Arts?

Arts Council of Ireland hosted a national conference on the arts in Ireland in Dublin Castle on Thurs 12th January 2017. The welcome address was made by Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Housing, Community, Planning and Local Government:

The Past Times Community Choir, an initiative by Kildare County Council and the HSE was showcased at the conference, with a performance by the choir. Margarita Solan, Mc Auley Place, Naas also spoke about the benefit of arts participation to older people

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 will take place throughout the county in advance of the deadline.

Kildare Decade of Commemorations

Centenarian Ceremony and 1916 Competition Recipients Award Ceremony

The event took place on December 10th in Aras Chill Dara. The day will consist of two ceremonies. At the first special event, Mayor of Kildare, Cllr Ivan Keatley presented County Kildare centenarians with a Kildare 1916 commemorative lapel pin, followed by a reception.

The second event consisted of a presentation of prizes to winners and runners up of the County Kildare poetry competition and lapel pin design competition. The event showcased elements of the commemorative programme throughout the year: a selection of work from the Little Stories Little Prints exhibition; the 1916 Sackville Street Project; the Eamon O'Modhrain exhibition; commissioned centenary notebooks and a display of the poetry and lapel pin winning entries. A short film highlighting the diverse range of events and activities which the Decade of Commemorations Committee had supported was screened.

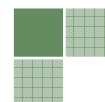
Centenary Book Launches

'Seven Signatories - The Family Histories of the Signatories of the Proclamation'

10th December: As part of the county Closing Ceremony - the launch of *Seven signatories. A genealogical history of the men who signed the Proclamation*, by Paul Gorry, commissioned by the Irish Family History Foundation and the Kildare Decade of Commemoration Committee.

13 December, 7pm: Book launch of *Curragh Life in 1916* by Monsignor John MacDonald, in Ceannt's NCO Mess, Curragh Camp. The book celebrates the centenary through the stories

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of people who lived and worked there in 1916. General Joe Mulligan, GOC DFTC also appointed Reggie Darling Historian in Residence in the Curragh Camp

Exhibitions and Events Nov/Dec

4 December, 5pm: Unveiling of 1916 Proclamation Stone and Memorial Bench, Canal side, Robertstown.

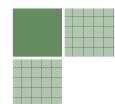
10 December: The Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee and Maynooth Tidy Towns planted fifteen oak trees to honour the fifteen men from Maynooth Company, Irish Volunteers, who travelled to Dublin on Easter Monday 1916 to take part in the Rising.

15 December: 'The Plough and the stars,' a unique production of Seán O'Casey's play in the Celbridge Manor Hotel, Celbridge. This was collaboration between Run of the Mill Inclusive Theatre Company and Choices Day Programme, St. John of Gods Services Liffey region.

18 December, 4pm: 'From the plains – The story of John Devoy,' a play by Eoghan Burke (Fia Rua) at the Duck and Cup Café, the Moat Theatre, Naas. A one man play, featuring recitations, music and song from Fia Rua and friends.

28 December, 11am-3pm: Narraghmore Vintage Club organised a historic themed celebration of the local area with participation from the Narraghmore Development Association, The Griese Theatre, Kildoon High Nelly Bicycle Club, Narraghmore Pipe Band and Kildare Hunt Club. The event featured music, re-enactments, food and focused on agriculture of the period. The event which was aided by the Decade of Commemorations Committee had the support of many community organisations in the locality.

29 December, 8pm: Book launch of *William A. Byrne. Teacher, scholar, poet* in Dillon's, of Rathangan, author and literary tutor Des Egan. William A. Byrne, wrote under the pen name 'William Dara' and was a teacher in Knockbeg College, Carlow. In 1916 he became assistant professor of English at UCD succeeding the executed patriot Thomas McDonagh. This book is collaboration between the Bluebells and Buskers Committee and the Rathangan Historical Group.



31 December, 3pm: Closing ceremony of the Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee took place with the lowering of the Maynooth 15 flag at the Town Square. A guard of honour was formed by Defence Forces veterans, An Garda Síochána, Maynooth Scouts and 1916 re-enactors, with musical salutes by the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band.

31 December, 3pm: Unveiling of the monument to the Laois Volunteers, who under direct orders from P. H. Pearse, cut the wires on the railway line at Maganey on Easter Sunday night, 1916. Among the attendance was Laois TD, Seán Fleming, a descendant of the OC of the Volunteers, Eamon Fleming, and other family representatives of the men. This monument was joint collaboration between Laois 1916 Commemoration Committee and the Kildare Decade of Commemorations Committee. There was a reception in the Clanard Court Hotel afterwards where the Kildare 1916/2016 promotional film was featured.

Local Community and Development Committee [LCDC] December/January 2016/17

The last LCDC meeting was held on November 23rd 2016.

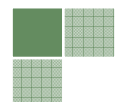
A. Social Inclusion Programme (SICAP)

A senior representative Paul Lemass from the Dept visited CKLP to gain an understanding of the SICAP implementation in Kildare as part of county wide visits. He visited a number of programmes and met with SICAP participants in breakfast clubs, refugee's and people supported to start businesses. He held a short discussion with CKLP and LCDC representatives. This was received very positively and subsequent communication highlighted the value of the visit. He is keen to attend an upcoming LCDC meeting to discuss SICAP post 2017.

The SICAP social inclusion sub group have to review the 2016 End of Year report presented by CKLP. All targets were met with the vast majority exceeded. This will be presented to the next LCDC meeting for approval.

B. Rural Development

The LCDC rural development sub group met and the implementation roll out of the programme will be presented at the next LCDC meeting.



C. Mental Health supports- Mojo men's pilot programme

Funding has been secured to roll out Mojo across the county in 2017. The first programme for 2017 is commencing in Kildare Town on the 24th of January.

D. Area Focus

A second meeting of the LCDC representatives aiming to work more collaboratively in Athy took place in December. This was a very positive meeting with a follow up scheduled in February.

Water Services and Environment

Water Services

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

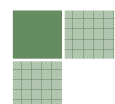
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Upper Liffey Valley

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.

Kildare Town

Kildare Town Network Contract – Works commenced on site in January 2016. Works are substantially completed. The works are scheduled to be commissioned in February 2017.

Minor Capital Projects

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

Drinking Water Quality

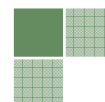
Environmental Compliance

Water and Wastewater availability – new developments

Business efficiencies

Asset condition and performance

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



the next three years.

This is considered to be a positive development for the county as there is now an expectation that quite a number of minor capital projects will be given approval, in response to Kildare County Council's 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:-

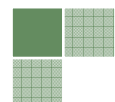
Allenwood to Kilmeague Mains Replacement - Advance works at Allenwood Crossroads have been carried out in collaboration with KCC Roads & Transportation upgrade works to prevent the requirement of disturbing a newly laid tabletop ramp. Site Investigation works have been completed. Design works are currently 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.

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. Design and site investigation tender documents have been prepared and submitted to Irish Water for tendering.

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. Kildare County Council 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.

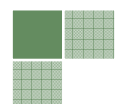
Ladychapel Cross to Taghadoe Watermain - KCC are preparing the design and tender documents to progress this new watermain scheme.

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 due to commence in Q1-2017. 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 Kildare County Council.

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 and 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 Kildare County Council and has been submitted to Irish Water for tendering. The consultant will prepare a Condition Report and Recommendations Report identifying required upgrade works.

Red Bog Borehole Removal - Approval was received to remove the Red Bog borehole source from operation and connection of the local network to the Poulaphouca Regional water supply. Works consist of the construction of a booster pump and approximately 2.5 km of watermain. 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.

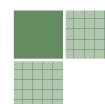
Timeline WWTP – Preparation works for a Part 8 planning application has been prepared by KCC and approval will be sought. The proposed upgrade will then be tendered out to Irish Water's MEICA lot 5 framework for new package wastewater treatment plant, subject to Part 8 planning approval.

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 ongoing.

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 Kildare County Council:-

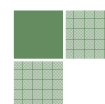
Cluain Dara, Derrinturn – Construction of a pump station in the unfinished housing estate has been completed and commissioned. The scheme is now fully complete and Final Account being closed out.

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 (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.

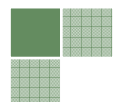
Works are proposed for 2017 at several group schemes, however confirmation of funding allocations for the Kildare Rural Water Programme have yet to be confirmed by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.

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 (estimated for Q1-2017). A decision on funding is expected shortly. We are hopeful that construction of this scheme will begin in 2017. A Public Information Day for affected residents will be held at the end of January.

Ballymore-Eustace Scheme – Complete.

Hazlehatch – A meeting took place with Minister Canney and his officials on the 6.12.2016. The outcome was positive and it is hoped to progress the project by advertising for Consultants in Q2- 2017. In the interim, 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.

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.

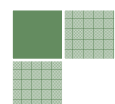
CFRAM Programme - The final draft report was presented to the elected members at a special briefing held at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 24th October, 2016 prior to full Council meeting.

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 published and planning report awaited.

Newbridge – Complete.

Derrinturn – Complete.

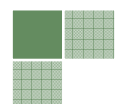
Lullymore – Complete.

Churchtown – Preferred location for cemetery extension identified and survey/design work being progressed. Road traffic aspects revisited and are now largely resolved. It is proposed to publish the Part 8 documents in the first week of February 2017.

Athy (St Michael's new) – Up-grade of car parking area now complete. Further works to internal roadways including resurfacing and kerbing have commenced. The unauthorised entrance has been blocked.

Rathangan – land acquisition being finalised and a draft design is now to hand.

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Leixlip – land acquisition being examined.

Dog Control – Design details relating to the proposed upgrade of the pound at Ballitore 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. It is proposed to publish the Part 8 documents in the first week of February 2017.

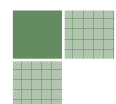
North Kildare Civic Amenity (Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth) – The Environment Section has reviewed the suitability of sites within its ownership following an invitation for public expressions of interest. A preferred location is now being progressed at Kilmacredock Upper (beside existing road maintenance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

Emily Square Up-grade – The initial conceptual design was presented to the MD 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 first week of February 2017. As part of the ensuing public consultation process, a number of local presentations will be made.

***Tidy Towns** – The next meeting of the network is scheduled for 7.00 p.m. on the 25th January, 2017 in the offices of Kildare County Council.

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.

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

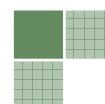
- A presentation on the final decision of the end use was presented to Naas Municipal District on Tuesday, 15th November, 2016 where it was announced (subject to statutory consents) that the end use will be a park with multi uses pitches, change rooms, playground and walking/running tracks.

2. Demolition contract

- Priority Construction has been awarded the contract.
- The demolition works have commenced and the Community Liaison Group were briefed on the 19th October. Further briefings will take place if there are any significant changes.
- The works were programmed to continue until March 2017, however, the contractor is making exceptional progress with contract completion anticipated to be at the end of January.
- The works also includes moving waste already on site into the lined cell. This waste was within the structures that have been demolished and were unsafe to access.
- The Community Liaison Group was briefed on the 19th October. Further briefings will take place if there are any significant changes.

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

- IGSL have been awarded the contract.
- Works have commenced on site.
- All the boreholes and gas wells are installed. The commissioning of the wells with some fencing should be completed by the end of January.
- The Community Liaison Group was briefed on the 19th October. Further briefings will take place if there are any significant changes.



4. Preliminary Design/Planning/EIA

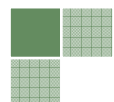
- Outline design works are now at an advanced stage.
- A final site shape/formation has been identified with the inclusion of the end use design.
- Environmental monitoring and background studies are substantially completed for the Environmental Assessment but will continue to be monitored.
- Contact has been made with statutory bodies.
- It is still expected that all licensing and planning applications will be finalised by the end of Q1 – 2017 and ready for legal review before submission at end of Q2.
- A CPO process will be commencing in tandem with the EIA and documents are currently being drafted.

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. It is now proposed that the remit of the team will be widened to include Climate Change Adaptation and it is now being restructured accordingly. A one day workshop with a view to scoping the climate change action plan was arranged on the 9.12.2016. The members of the SPC were also invited. The outputs from this workshop are currently being assessed and collated.

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.



Roads, Transportation and Public Safety

enet's plans for Newbridge

enet has met with the relevant infrastructure sections in KCC to discuss their plans for Newbridge. They intend investing €0.6M constructing Fibre Network in the town.

enet, are best known for operating the Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) on behalf of the Irish Government.

The Company has informed KCC that the installation of duct, sub duct and fibre optic cable will be deployed across the town connecting major commercial and industrial zones, educational institutions, as well as sites for Government Networks. Already a number of secondary schools St Mark's Special School, Patrician Secondary School, Holy Family Secondary School, St Conleth's Community College and Newbridge College have signalled their interest in connecting to the infrastructure and demand is seen to be very positive.

The enet network will be operated in an open access fashion, meaning that all service providers can have access. This model is contrary to the exclusive way that traditional operators' networks functioned and allows for competition in a way that had not previously happened. enet's experience has shown that the existence of open access fibre has a major impact on boosting the range, quality and value of communications solutions for businesses in the area.

Subject to the necessary approvals construction work is due to commence in Feb / Mar 2017 and the network is scheduled for completion in June, 2017.

Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF)

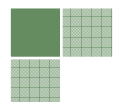
The formal announcement in regard to LIHAF funding will be made by the Department at the end of March.

Naas & Sallins Parking Bye-Laws

Parking Bye-Laws for Naas & Sallins were on public display until 17th January 2017. The closing date for submissions is 8th February 2017.

Proposed Parking Bye-Laws for Clane & Castledermot

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

Pay by Phone Parking Trial

A free trial of Pay by phone parking is now in operation in Newbridge, Kildare Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth and is operating satisfactorily. This service is being provided in conjunction with APCOA Ireland Ltd who currently enforces pay parking in the above towns.

Feedback from the public has been positive. This trial will be in operation for a minimum of 6 months and the Roads Section will monitor progress and use of the facility.

Smart Parking Metres Trial in Newbridge

Smart parking meters at 6 locations have been installed and are operational in Newbridge. While there were some teething problems initially with the configuration of the software, these issues have now been resolved. The public have been positive with regards to the new facility. This trial will continue for a minimum of three months. The Roads Section will monitor progress and use of the facility.

These machines provide contactless payments with debit or credit cards as well as the normal pay by coin at the metre facility.

Traffic Management Study - Maynooth

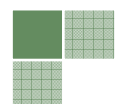
AECOM are continuing with the preparation of a Traffic Management Study for Maynooth. It is planned to present the draft recommendations to the MD members in February 2017 to be followed by a final public consultation exercise in early 2017.

Newbridge and Kildare Sustainable Projects

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA in regard to agreeing funding and the project brief. The 2017 NTA allocation is due to be published before the end of January.

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.

Kilcock Parking Bye Laws

An examination and analysis of the 39 submissions received is currently underway. In addition an alternative parking option for commuters is currently being examined, (see Kilcock Park and Ride below).

Proposed Kilcock Park & Ride facility

Public consultation on the development of a Park and Ride has just been concluded and the submissions are currently being considered

Sheep Grids – Athgarvan

The installation of 2 sheep grids, gates and associated fencing in the area of Athgarvan School has been completed.

Brownstown / Curragh footpath and pedestrian crossing.

The construction of a footpath between Brownstown and the Curragh Camp has been completed. The erection of the traffic signals at the pedestrian crossing and the installation of new public lighting standards are due to follow in the coming weeks.

LIS Schemes.

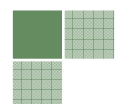
The LIS schemes at Roseberry and Tankardsgarden, Newbridge, were completed before Christmas 2016.

Bollards at Tesco, Kildare Town.

The Municipal District Office is currently erecting bollards along the footpath at Tesco in Kildare Town and also on the opposite side of the road. These bollards have been supplied by Tesco and are being erected by the Municipal District.

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 MD members and other stakeholders are being organised.

Naas MD Road Improvement Works 2016 (Package 3)

The Naas MD awarded the third package of road surfacing projects for 2016 and the following works are now complete.

- Mylerstown, Kilcullen Road (R448) – (Complete)
- Silliotthill, Kilcullen Road (R448) – (Complete)
- Mullacash Junction (L2023) – (Complete)
- Clane / Sallins Road (R407) – (Complete)
- Johnstown village (L6034) – (Complete)

Naas MD Footpath Improvement Works 2016

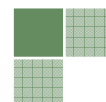
The following is the current situation with the Naas MD contracts for footpath improvement works for 2016:

- Sunnyhill, Kilcullen – (Complete)
- Hillcrest, Kilcullen – (Complete)
- Tipper Road, Naas – (Complete)
- Sarto Park, Naas – (Complete)
- Johnstown Manor, Johnstown – (Complete)
- St. Brigids, Sallins – (Complete)
- The Gables, Kill – (Substantially Complete)
- Thompsons Cross, Kilcullen – (Complete)
- Moanbane, Kilcullen – (Complete)

New Footpath - Naas Road, Kilcullen

The NTA agreed to fund a new Footpath between Lui na Greine and Laurel Wood Housing Estate on the Naas Road, Kilcullen. The works are now complete.

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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.

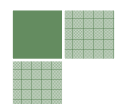
The Part 8 process for the Naas to Kill cycleway will commence in Jan/Feb 2017. A public information day was held on 18/01/17 and a report to the Naas MD Members will follow.

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.



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, and we expect them to commence work on the scheme in the very near future

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. The contractor is currently working on the installation and commissioning of traffic lights at Shaw Bridge.

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

Maynooth North South Corridor Project

Phase 3 of this project, entails the redevelopment of the cycle lanes and road resurfacing between the Maxol garage traffic lights and the Glen Royal traffic lights on the Straffan Road. This work commenced on the 19th September.

These works will be completed during the Weekend 20th to 22nd January. A tender competition to award consultants for Phases 4-6 of this scheme commenced just before Christmas.



Footpath Schemes in the Maynooth MD

Footpath construction works on LPT schemes at (1) Greenfield , Maynooth, (2) Bridge Street, Kilcock and (3) Woodlands, Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth were just completed before Christmas, and the final scheme on the Kilcock road Clane is nearing completion.

Prosperous Urban Park Scheme

Work has commenced on the preparation of a Part VIII document for public consultation and internal and external discussions with the relevant stakeholders. We intend to commence the formal consultation process by the end of the January.

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 February.

Fire Service

Incident Statistics for Kildare Fire Service

Operational Calls		
Station	Total Calls 2015	Total Calls 2016
Newbridge	456	446
Naas	458	484
Athy	208	262
Maynooth	281	319
Monasterevin	201	190
Leixlip	229	235
TOTAL	1833	1936

Station	Operational Calls 2016					
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Newbridge	39	34	40	43	37	34
Naas	52	37	51	45	45	46



Athy	25	18	17	20	15	18
Maynooth	17	22	32	26	25	24
Monasterevin	18	14	17	17	18	15
Leixlip	10	20	23	18	24	21
TOTAL	161	145	180	169	164	158
Operational Calls 2016						
Station	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Newbridge	40	35	26	42	40	36
Naas	23	24	29	56	42	34
Athy	10	30	28	21	30	21
Maynooth	20	32	25	33	32	31
Monasterevin	10	15	11	14	18	33
Leixlip	18	14	19	26	23	19
TOTAL	121	150	138	192	185	174

Fire Prevention

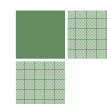
	No. Inspections	No. Premises Inspected
2015	175	145
2016	127	107

	No. Fire Safety Complaints
2015	22
2016	19

Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services

Shop Front / Town Centre Improvement Grants

This highly successful grant scheme will re-open in 2017 offering financial support to independent business owners to re-decorate their shop fronts. Applications are now invited. Full details are on the Council's website.



Head of Enterprise / Kildare LEO - Jacqui McNabb will give a presentation to the January Meeting

“Choose Kildare”

As the members are aware the Council commissioned a short video to promote County Kildare as a place to do business. The video was produced by Trilogy Media and features 3 Kildare businesses – CarveOn (based in Kilcullen) Colourtrend (based in Celbridge) and Kerry Group (based in Naas). The video will be launched at the January Meeting.

Purple Flag for Maynooth

Maynooth is celebrating being honoured with the Purple Flag, the internationally accredited award for excellence in the night-life of a town or city.

Maynooth joins 22 other towns/cities in Ireland who have achieved Purple Flag status and is the first town in Ireland to have a University within the Purple Flag zone.

Purple Flag status for Maynooth is estimated to be worth €3.1 million to the local economy in the next 3 years. The award follows the completion of a rigorous 11 months of hard work and commitment by North Kildare Chamber, Kildare County Council, An Garda Síochána, Maynooth University, Businesses and Community Groups in Maynooth.

A panel of experts assessed Maynooth between 5.00pm to 5.00am under headings including security, movement, place, and policy, and advised that Maynooth offered a well-managed, diverse, entertaining and enjoyable evening and night out. Maynooth was deemed to offer the highest quality in shopping, dining, pubs and entertainment ensuring a visitor has all they need for a great evening out.

On the 8th of February, Maynooth will be officially awarded the Purple Flag status at an awards ceremony.

Emergency Works

No emergency works have been carried out in the preceding month.

P Carey
Chief Executive

20 January 2017

