



# Longford County Council

## Annual Report 2021



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## Message from the Cathaoirleach

I am honoured, as Cathaoirleach of Longford County Council to introduce and welcome this Annual Report which outlines the extensive programme of work and achievements of the Council in 2021.

This Annual Report offers an opportunity to reflect on the work and achievements of Longford County Council. Continuing to work under the challenges brought by COVID-19, the Council has adapted and innovated to best serve the people of Longford.

As Cathaoirleach, I wish to acknowledge and thank all the employees of the Council for their continued professionalism and dedication. They have shown great commitment to the people of Longford and to the Council, delivering excellent services with flexibility in difficult circumstances during the pandemic.

I thank our Elected Members for continuing to put County Longford and its people first. They illustrate what it means to be great leaders for our county. They have shown and continue to show dedication in public service for the betterment of society and in the representation of Longford people.

Finally, much thanks also goes to the Council's Chief Executive and Management Team. They have given great support to me in my role as Cathaoirleach, as well as to the Elected Members. They are exemplary in their work. I look forward to the continued successes of Longford County Council under their and the Elected Members' leadership.

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Cllr Peggy Nolan  
Cathaoirleach  
Longford County Council



## Message from the Chief Executive

As Chief Executive, I welcome this publication of the Longford County Council Annual Report 2021. This document is a comprehensive record of the work of the Council over the past year. It demonstrates the scale, complexity, and diversity of activities within the Council.

This year brought Longford County Council's largest budget to date, which showed great confidence in the local authority to meet the needs of our people. I would like to thank the Management team and employees for their continued commitment and professionalism.

Despite the continued challenge of COVID-19, the Council maintained excellent service delivery, as well as offering new many initiatives. Highlights included:

- Longford.ie launched, promoting Longford as a place to visit, live and invest
- Edgeworthstown Community Library opened the first civic building in the Midlands to be a Nearly Zero Energy Building
- Longford Live & Local showcasing and supporting local talent with over 2,400 attendees
- Royal Canal Greenway launched
- Camlin Quarter Regeneration Project investment announced
- Recognised as a Consistent High Achievers with Outstanding Workplace Standards at the All-Ireland Annual Occupational Safety Awards

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of Cathaoirleach Cllr Peggy Nolan and her predecessor Cllr Paul Ross. I would like to thank the Elected Members for their support in serving the people of County Longford.

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Paddy Mahon  
Chief Executive  
Longford County Council



# Elected Members of Longford County Council

## Ballymahon Municipal District



**Cllr Mick Cahill**  
Fianna Fáil



**Cllr Paul Ross**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Colm Murray**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Mark Casey**  
Non-Party



**Cllr Gerard Farrell**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Pat O'Toole**  
Fianna Fáil

## Granard Municipal District



**Cllr Paraic Brady**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Garry Murtagh**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Turlough McGovern**  
Non-Party



**Cllr Colin Dalton**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr PJ Reilly**  
Fianna Fáil

## Longford Municipal District



**Cllr Peggy Nolan**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Uruemu Adejinmi**  
Fianna Fáil



**Cllr Gerry Hagan**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Seamus Butler**  
Fianna Fáil



**Cllr John Browne**  
Fine Gael



**Cllr Martin Monaghan**  
Fianna Fáil



**Cllr Gerry Warnock**  
Non-Party

# Ballymahon Municipal District

**Meetings:** Eight meetings took place, including an Annual General Meeting and a General Municipal Allocation meeting.

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Mick Cahill was elected Cathaoirleach, and Councillor Paul Ross was elected Leas Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting in June.

**2021/2022 Register of Electors:** 11,113 were registered to vote in Ballymahon Local Electoral Area.

€90K **General Municipal Grant** Allocation.

€71,475 in funding awarded under the **Community Grant Support Scheme.**

**Broadband Connection Points** at Abbeyshrule, Ardagh, Edgeworthstown, Moydow launched.

**Streetscape Enhancement Measure** had 20 approved applications for €37,000 in approved funding for Lanesborough.

**Pobal le Cheile Project** received €6.6 million funding for works including the renovation of three historic town centre buildings under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

**Edgeworthstown Community Library** was officially opened in November. It was funded by the Department of Rural Community Development, Longford County Council, and the community in Edgeworthstown.

**The Yard Village Hub, Abbeyshrule, Longford** took another step forward with construction contracts signed in November.

**Red Bridge, Ballymahon project** complete with a floating jetty on the River Inny, a car park and solar powered lighting in place.

€70,000 allocation under the **Community Monuments Fund 2021** for emergency conservation repair works at the tower house to Abbeyshrule Abbey.

Items Adopted by Elected Members in 2021
Municipal District Works Programme for 2021
Community Grants 2021
Special Projects Fund 2021
Part 8 Report (Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations 2001) (as amended) in respect of the development of The Yard Village Hub, Abbeyshrule, County Longford
General Municipal Allocation 2022
Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2022-2024

For estates taken in charge by the municipal district and roads taken in charge by the municipal district and Ballymahon Municipal District schedule of road works, see **Appendix One.**



# Granard Municipal District

**Meetings:** Eight meetings took place, including an Annual General Meeting.

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Paraic Brady was elected Cathaoirleach, and Councillor Garry Murtagh was elected Leas Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting in June.

€63,439 in funding awarded under the **Community Grant Support Scheme.**

**2021/2022 Register of Electors** 9,958 were registered to vote in Granard Local Electoral Area.

**Streetscape Enhancement Measure** 37 approved applications for €55,100 in approved funding for Granard Town and 13 approved applications for €31,100 in approved funding for Drumlish.

Funding allocated for **Broadband Connection Points** at Moyne and Mullinalaghta.

An **Official Twinning Agreement** between Granard and East Rouen in Normandy, France was signed by the French Ambassador and Cathaoirleach Cllr Peggy Nolan and Chief Executive Paddy Mahon.

€3.5m funding secure for **Granard Motte** from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and Fáilte Ireland to create a Norman heritage park.

€200,000 funding secured for **North Longford Rebel Trail Granard Greenway** under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme.

**Regeneration strategy** with paths to enterprise and job creation was prepared for Granard.

Items Adopted by Elected Members in 2021
Municipal District Works Programme for 2021
Community Grants 2021
Special Projects Fund 2021
Part 8 Report (Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations 2001) (as amended) in respect of the construction of a path to enhance existing heritage and amenity trail in the village of Aughnacliffe
General Municipal Allocation 2022
Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2022-2024

For estates taken in charge by the municipal district and roads taken in charge by the municipal district and Granard Municipal District schedule of road works, see **Appendix Two.**

# Longford Municipal District

**Meetings:** 12 meetings took place, including an Annual General Meeting.

**Cathaoirleach:** Councillor Uruemu Adejinmi was elected Cathaoirleach, and Councillor Gerry Hagan was elected Leas Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting in June.

€99,700 in funding awarded under the **Community Grant Support Scheme**.

**2021/2022 Register of Electors** 12,377 were registered to vote in Longford Local Electoral Area.

Funding for **Broadband Connection Point** in Longford Town.

€10.4m awarded to **Camlin Quarter Regeneration project** under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, with additional funding of nearly €14m provided by the Irish Government and Longford County Council.

Works on the €4m **Longford Connected** project progressed. It will improve the accessibility, appearance and walkability between Albert Reynolds Peace Park, St Michael's Boys National School, Longford Shopping Centre and St Mel's Cathedral.

Detailed design was finalised for the **Royal Canal Spur Gateway project** which will lead to enhanced connectivity between Longford Town and the Royal Canal Greenway. Work is expected to start in quarter two of 2022.

N63 at **Majors Well Road** works started in November 2021.

**Streetscape Enhancement Measure** had 66 approved applications for €113,600 in approved funding for Longford

## Items Adopted by Elected Members in 2021

Municipal District Works Programme for 2021

Community Grants 2021

Special Projects Fund 2021

Part 8 Report (Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations 2001) (as amended) in respect of the construction of a greenway at Newtownforbes, County Longford and the Battery Road Rehabilitation Scheme

Schedule of Longford Municipal District Works and Footpath Replacement Programme

Light up landmarks and public buildings yellow on the 26 March 2021 at the request of the Irish Cancer Society

General Municipal Allocation 2022

Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2022-2024

For items discussed, estates taken in charge by the municipal district and roads taken in charge by the municipal district and Longford Municipal District schedule of road works, see **Appendix Three**.



# Strategic Policy Committees

Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) assist policy development and review and help direct the work of the Council. SPCs are made up of County Councillors and sectoral representatives.

## Climate Action and Planning SPC

Chair: Cllr Garry Murtagh

Met: Four times

Discussions included:

- Supplementary Standing Orders – Remote Meetings
- Mid Shannon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve proposal
- Briefing from the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO)
- Longford Green Keep It Clean Campaign
- Circular Economy
- Food Provenance in Longford Town

Policies adopted:

Derelict Sites Policy

Changes in Dog Pound Fees

## Strategic Infrastructure SPC

Chair: Cllr Turlough McGovern

Met: Three times

Discussions included:

- Poles on footpaths affecting people with Disabilities
- Columbarium wall proposal for Ballymacormack Graveyard
- Traffic calming and speed ramps
- Impact on Housing Strategy for all on the housing situation in Longford
- Update on Action Plan for Homelessness in Longford

Policies adopted:

Traffic calming and ramps policy

Policy on signage for children at play

Paid parking policy for waivers

## Placemaking SPC

Chair: Cllr Gerard Farrell

Met: Four times

Discussions included:

- Business Incentive Scheme
- N4 Mullingar to Longford (Roosky) Road Scheme – Public Consultation
- Outdoor Dining Scheme
- Healthy Age Friendly Homes pilot programme
- Longford Community Safety pilot partnership
- Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024

Policies adopted:

Longford County Council Library Development Plan 2021-2025

## Governance SPC

Chair: Cllr Mick Cahill

Met: Four times

Discussions included:

- Corporate Plan 2019-2024 implementation
- Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO)
- Longford County Councils draft policy for Strategic Vision on Rural Working Hubs
- Prioritisation of Regeneration projects
- Sanction for new Director of Services
- COVID-19 remote working arrangements

Policies adopted:

Longford County Council Draft Policy Strategic Vision on Rural Working Hubs  
County Longford Digital Strategy 2021-2023

# Community Development

## CLÁR 2021

CLÁR is a targeted investment programme for rural areas funding small-scale infrastructural projects in disadvantaged areas. It aims to support sustainable development by attracting people to live and work in these areas.

In October, CLÁR funding of €344,227.34 for County Longford was approved. Longford County Council will fund up to 5% towards the estimated cost of projects, all of which started in 2021 and are due to be completed in 2022.

### Measure One: Support for Schools and Community Safety Measures

Organisation	Project Description	Allocation (€)
Colehill Community Group and St Sinneach's National School	Public footpath, landscaped apron, road markings and signage	45,000
Colmcille Area Development Group	Footpath, hedge clearance and replacement, drainage works, fencing, safety measures	30,000
St. Patrick's National School, Killeen	Safety signs and outdoor covered area	24,355.30
Clonbroney Parish Hall Committee	Public lighting in car park for national school, a community centre and a footpath	21,624.14

### Measure Two: Schools, Outdoor Community Recreation Facilities and Community Play Areas

Organisation	Project Description	Allocation (€)
Dromard Rural Development	Develop a new playground	44,951.40
Killoe Development Group	Walking track, picnic tables and outdoor exercise stations.	37,800
Sensory garden and playground equipment	Sensory garden and playground equipment	40,500

### Measure Three(a): Developing community gardens, outdoor spaces, and allotments

Organisation	Project Description	Allocation (€)
Abbeylara Tidy Towns	Sensory garden, outdoor stage, children's play area, picnic benches.	49,999.50
Abbeyshrule Tidy Villages Association	Parking, access path to the riverbank, creation of a community garden	49,997

## Community Grant Support Scheme 2021

The Community Grant Support Scheme supports projects that make a positive contribution, develop strong local communities, and improve the quality of life of citizens.

Under this Scheme, countywide funding of €19,658, Longford Municipal District (MD) funding of €99,700, Granard MD funding of €63,439 and Ballymahon MD funding €71,475 was awarded.



# Community Development

## Longford Comhairle na nÓg

Longford Comhairle na nÓg help ensure the voices of young people are heard and represented. Longford Comhairle na nÓg secured €20,000 in funding from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to operate in 2021.

Longford Comhairle na nÓg Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in November with 71 young people, representing all nine post-primary schools and youth services in County Longford in attendance. The Longford Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee held four meetings in 2021. Members held 35 meetings and eight subcommittee meetings in 2021.

Members participated in several national consultation forums such as the National Climate Action Plan, United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child consultation on experiences of being a child in Ireland and on a Rural Youth Assembly. Members had training on committee skills, communication and presentation skills, facilitation, and team building. Members also worked on a climate project and an outdoor summer camp.

## Longford Intercultural Working Group

Longford Intercultural Working Group provided a forum to share information, to promote inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the delivery of services. The group held four meetings in 2021. Support continued for community groups as part of the Longford County Council Intercultural Fund to engage new communities and promote integration.

Around €28,000 in grants was used by groups and in supports of services working with new communities. For example, grants were allocated to Longford Women's Link to work with a migrant women's group, to Midlands Polish Community for an information desk supporting Polish nationals, and to the Ethnic Minority Hub to print a magazine created by the African community. The Family Resource Centres were also allocated funding for translation services to support their work with the more disadvantaged communities.

## Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Sláintecare Healthy Communities was launched in October. Longford County Council are represented on an implementation group for Longford and Westmeath. Groups in Longford were selected to deliver a social prescribing, a parenting, and a smoking programme in County Longford.

€75,000 will be made available to support the delivery of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities programme. A Local Development Officer will be employed to engage with communities and local groups to address the wider determinants of health.

€250,000 was secured for enhancement work under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities programme. This includes the installation of cycleways, enhanced pedestrian connections, and environmental improvements at Ballyminion.

# Community Development

## Longford Local Community Safety Partnership

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership (LSCP) 24-month pilot was established in June 2021 and replaced the Joint Policing Committee.

It has 30 members which were nominated by Longford County Council, statutory bodies, local organisations, and Longford Public Participation Network. A Community Safety Coordinator was appointed and the first meeting of the LCSP took place in September.

The initial aim is to raise awareness of the initiative and to engage in a countywide public consultation. This will identify the main community safety concerns and priorities and enable the development of a Community Safety Plan to address safety issues.



## Community Resilience Fund

Funding to the Council for the delivery of actions under the Community Resilience Fund was approved in 2021. Target groups for these actions included vulnerable older people, people with disabilities and local community groups.

Community Resilience Fund programmes included an information pack for older people, health and wellbeing programmes for Community TV, Longford Keep Well Health and Fitness Challenge 2021, Switching Off with Music, local radio programmes, Longford Women's Link Domestic Violence Service, and an Age Friendly Communications Directory.

The Council worked with partners including Longford Libraries, Longford Age Friendly, Longford Local Sports Partnership, Longford Community Resources CLG, Longford Older Persons Council, Longford Public Participation Network, and Longford Women's Link.

# Community Development

## Disability Participation and Awareness Fund

Under the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund, €75,000.00 was made available for disability awareness training, town accessibility improvements, sports equipment and a social farming project.

## LGBTI groups Dormant Accounts Funding

Dormant Accounts Funding of €21,500 was secured to run projects for the LGBTI community in conjunction with community groups.

## Pride Month

In May, a local LGBTI youth group presented then Longford County Council Cathaoirleach Cllr Paul Ross with the Pride Flag to fly on the Council building during the month of June in recognition of Pride Month and to show support for the LGBTI community in County Longford.



## Connecting Women to Local Government

In collaboration with Longford Public Participation Network, Longford Women's Link and the See Her Elected programme, the Connecting Women to Local Government booklet was produced. The publication aims to help more women and people from diverse backgrounds get involved in local government.

## Africa Day

Longford African Network were supported in an online celebration of African Day. An evening of entertainment included an award for members of the African community and those who have made a significant contribution to Longford's African community.

# Community Development

## Longford Local Community Development Committee

Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) brings together Elected Members, state agencies and individuals working within community development, and economic, cultural, and environmental organisations. This cross-sectoral group brings a joined-up approach and coordination to local and community development.

Seven LCDC meetings were held in 2021. The committee's main tasks are to develop and implement the Local Economic and Community Plan for the county and coordinate, plan, and oversee local and community development funding.

## LEADER

LEADER, a rural development programme, is administered by Longford LCDC in partnership with the Council and Longford Community Resources CLG. In 2021, 21 LEADER projects valued at €1,437,663.59 were approved. Following payment by the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Council processed 47 grant payments totalling €1,979,935.63.

## Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) provides funding to tackle poverty and social inclusion at a local level. Longford LCDC awarded Longford Community Resources CLG the contract to implement SICAP. The SICAP budget for 2021 was €526,906. €33,034.25 was also carried over from 2020, leading to a total budget of €559,034.25.

## Community Activities Fund

Under the Community Activities Fund, €264,769 was allocated to Longford LCDC. The fund supports community groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, with running costs, equipment costs and repairs and improvements to facilities. Grants will be awarded in 2022.

## County Longford Pilot Community Development Programme

A County Longford Pilot Community Development Programme to put in place a community development project managed by members of Roma and new communities was allocated €125,000. It was allocated to Longford County Council, to be administered to Longford Community Resources CLG, under the guidance of Longford LCDC.

## Community Enhancement Programme 2021

Longford LCDC awarded €132,385 to 76 community group projects under the Community Enhancement Programme for the enhancement of community facilities in disadvantaged areas. This is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Longford LCDC.



# Community Development

## Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021

In 2021, €24,411.61 was awarded to six social enterprises in County Longford under the Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme. This scheme provides small capital grants to social enterprises. It is administered by Longford LCDC.

## Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland aims to create a society where good physical and mental health is enjoyed by all. The Healthy Ireland Fund supports innovative, cross-sectoral, evidence-based projects that support national policies in areas such as obesity, smoking, alcohol, physical activity and sexual health.

€246,050 was allocated under round three of the Healthy Ireland Fund, which runs from July 2019 to March 2022. Actions included the following:

Action	Purpose	Funding (€)
Mental Health	Establish an affordable subsidised counselling service for teenagers	32,000
Mental Health	Employment development information centre to deliver a health and wellbeing programme	12,000
Spaces and Places for Wellbeing	Foróige and Attic House to deliver wellbeing programmes for young people including those from disadvantaged areas.	30,000
Health and Wellbeing	Longford Community Resource CLG to deliver health and wellbeing courses for women and young unemployed persons	8,000
Physical Activity	Sports inclusion programme, Community Connect programme, accessible public amenity areas, development of walking and cycling digital platform	72,000
Community Engagement	Activities to promote community engagement in Healthy County initiatives.	30,000
Community Mental Health Fund	Delivery of a Community Mental Health Fund Community Small Grant Scheme	30,000
Community Mental Initiative	Development of a coordinated mental health initiative for Longford.	32,050

## COVID-19 Emergency Fund 2020

Early 2021, Longford LCDC were awarded €42,964 for grant for 35 community groups. This funding assists community groups in adapting their operations to fit the new COVID-19 reality and to become more involved in the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign.

# Public Participation Network

## Membership and Meetings

In 2021, County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN) registered 24 new groups, bringing its total group membership to 474.

The County Longford PPN Secretariat consists of nine voluntary members elected to oversee the work of the PPN. In 2021, elections were held for a community vacancy on the County Longford PPN Secretariat, with one representative elected to the Secretariat.

County Longford Plenary meeting of the PPN was held in November. A representative from Social Justice Ireland also spoke about the future of PPNs.

## Connecting Women to Local Government

In collaboration with the Community section, Longford Women's Link and the See Her Elected (SHE) programme, €5,000 in funding was secured. The aim of this funding was to increase the presence of women and individuals from diverse backgrounds in local government. This funding was utilised for the Connecting Women to Local Government booklet. It outlines how local government functions and highlights opportunities for getting involved. It has been translated into Polish, Lithuanian, Slovak, Latvian and Portuguese. Longford PPN intercultural representative were featured in a short promotional video for the publication.



## COVID-19 response

In the continued response to COVID-19, County Longford PPN were represented on the Community Response Forum and involved in rolling out many initiatives.

For the national Keep Well campaign, Longford PPN's collaboration with the Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA) guilds was extended to 28 February 2021. For this, each guild made sure people in the area who are living alone received phone calls and letters to help to combat isolation.

# Public Participation Network

## Minority women's group

The PPN funded and supported the establishment of a minority women's group. This group were provided with information on services available to them, including on early years services, domestic violence support and training and education opportunities.

The group explored the SHE programme and a personal effectiveness programme. This community collaboration with Longford Women's Link, Lus na Gréine and Bridgeways Family Resource Centre (FRC) Ballymahon. In all, 26 women participated in this group.

## Operation Blue Santa

Longford PPN teamed up with Granard and Longford Municipal District Community Gardaí for Operation Blue Santa to raise awareness and funds for organisations who work with families in need.

For this, the Garda Band performed a concert in St Mel's Cathedral. Over €6,000 was raised. An Operation Blue Santa children's book and Christmas cards were also launched. Funded by Longford PPN, the book was written by journalist Jessica Thompson and illustrated by artist Nicole Forster. Over €6,000 was raised. The money benefitted ten charities.

## Sustainable Development Goals

Three online workshops on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which help us achieve better and more sustainable future, were delivered. These workshops covered Fairtrade and ethical consumption matters, women, wellbeing, climate change and a youth-led workshop called Protecting the Planet, the Animals and the People. The SDGs were tied into Longford PPN Community Wellbeing Vision Statements.

## Citizenship and Democracy Programme

Longford PPN was the first PPN in the country to get involved and sponsor the Citizenship and Democracy Programme. This is a government, local government and European Union-funded programme for Irish secondary schools. It aims to engage, inform, and inspire young people. Students have the opportunity to experience how European democracy works by visiting the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Moyne Community School student Sebastian Scheiner was one of the prize winners under this programme.

## Football camps with Longford Football Association of Ireland

Longford PPN Development Officer and Longford Football Association of Ireland (FAI) Development Officer collaborated on summer football camps rolled out for 15 children with autism. This type of initiative with FAI involvement was a first for the country, with the FAI planning to roll it out elsewhere.

Since this summer camp, parents have completed FAI safeguarding and disability awareness training. They also participated in a five-week autism programme in Edgeworthstown. This involved parents assisting as coaches, with a view to building a club in Longford that can implement a 'Football for All' structure. This will help these type of community programmes to become more sustainable.

# Longford Local Sports Partnership

## Running and walking

Over 100 participants took part in our 6 weeks virtual beginners 5K Your Way programme with Longford Athletics Club, weekly training plans with podcast and video advice; weekly online exercise session and Strava Club in run up to the Longford Athletics Club St Patrick's Day Virtual Ireland Run.

Be Active Night had 150 participants register to walk or run the Ready, Set, Glow 5K.



468 people registered for community and virtual walks as part of the Summer Walking Series. Guides for each walk included a description and video of the trail. This programme was delivered with Longford Tourism.

Walking with Poles Programme for older adults had over 200 older adults take part in locations around County Longford.

## Soccer

Seven Football Association of Ireland (FAI) camps had 360 participants. This included a FAI summer camps and a Football for All (FFA) camp. The latter FFA camp led to a five-week Autism programme which will become part of the first FFA Club in Longford, as part of Melview Football Club in 2022.

Eight County Longford soccer clubs have registered for FAI Club Mark, an award based on best practice in the governance, management, and administration of a football club. Two further clubs have achieved the Entry-Level Award.

Ireland U19 International player, Rebekah Carroll assisted in the delivery of the FAI Intercultural school programme with four schools in Longford. Show Racism the Red Card initiative was delivered through schools to raise awareness of racism.

Additionally, a volunteer recruitment workshop was delivered. This led to a volunteer open day with UCL Harps soccer club. 21 people participated, which led to eight new volunteers at the club.



# Longford Local Sports Partnership

## Cycling

For Bike Week 2021, 328 people cycled along the Royal Canal Greenway. 267 participants took part in the Transition Year Greenway Cycle, 41 participants took part in the Royal Canal Family Cycle and 20 participants took part in the Greenway Guided Cycle Tour.

Additionally, hundreds of primary school students took part in the Safe Cycling in Longford competition.

## Kayaking, Canoeing and Paddleboarding

Women on the Water and Men on the Water programmes had 131 participants achieve their Canoe Ireland Kayak proficiency skills certification. 52 participants registered to get in their kayaks for the 10km Blueway Challenge.



Up to 83 children participated in children's paddleboarding and kayaking programmes. Meanwhile, the school water sports programme had 406 primary school students and 207 transition year students experiencing kayaking and paddleboarding.

## Horse Riding and Welfare Programme

The Horse Riding and Welfare Programme had 15 young people from the travelling and Roma communities and from low-income backgrounds learn about horses, responsible horse ownership and career opportunities working with horses. This six-week programme was run with Longford Community Resources CLG, in association with the Department of Agriculture.

## Sports Inclusion Disability Programmes

Under Sports Inclusion Disability Programmes, 413 people with disabilities participated in 22 initiatives. Programmes included horse riding, water sports, athletics, Zumba and fishing and were run through disability services, schools and sports clubs. Programmes were supported by the Health Service Executive (HSE), Healthy Ireland, and Sport Ireland.

One such programme included the Woodlands for Health initiative in which participants were referred from HSE Mental Health Services. Five walks took place, with transport and refreshments provided.

# Longford Local Sports Partnership

## Healthy Ireland Funded Programmes

The Balance Ability programme had 384 children from nine preschool and childcare services using unique ergonomic balance bikes. 720 primary school children participated in the Longford Sports Hall Athletics Programme. Parkour programmes continued to be delivered to schools. 942 young people participated in 2021.

## Drumlish Community Sports Hub

Over 150 adults and children have participated in activities in Drumlish Community Sports Hub since its official opening in October 2021.

Highlights of activities at the hub include a kids Halloween camp which was attended by 30 children taking part in soccer, hurling and football. Children's basketball and hip-hop dancing classes have also taken place.

At Christmas, a concert and 5K fun run took place at the hub. The programme of activities were delivered by a new Sports Hub Coordinator who had recently started.

## Edgeworthstown Community Sports Hub

Edgeworthstown Community Sports Hub online classes including an Operation Transformation-style programme in which 68 participants were given a couch-to-5K programme and two weekly workouts.

International Women's Day was marked in the Hub with 22 women taking part in free online classes including Pilates.

## Training and education

Longford Local Sports Partnership delivered 45 training and education courses, workshops, and webinars to 888 people. This includes soccer coach education for over 181 participants.

## Funding

Club Development and Participation Grant supported 44 clubs with grants valued at €13,850. These grants are used to support clubs' junior structures, coaching and education initiatives and group programming.

COVID-19 Small Grant Scheme saw €40,422 awarded to 39 clubs in Longford. This scheme was implemented through Sport Ireland and Local Sports Partnerships.

In 2021, over €684,268 in direct funding and €107,433 in benefit-in-kind funding was secured by Longford Local Sports Partnership. This includes:

- €274,326 from Core Funding, Sport Ireland

# Longford Local Sports Partnership

- €8,400 from Women in Sport, Sport Ireland
- €151,450 from national and local funding from Longford County Council, the HSE, Department of Agriculture and Food, Age and Opportunity Ireland, Department of Children and Youth Affairs
- €24,334.63 from Sports Capital from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- €59,000 from Healthy Ireland and the Community Resilience Fund
- €154,824 from the Dormant Accounts funding for the Community Sports Hubs in Edgeworthstown and Drumlish, Sports Inclusion Disability Projects, Youth Leadership, Urban Outdoor Adventure Initiative, Volunteer Supports, Aspire Graduate

# Local Enterprise Office Longford

## Training and Mentoring

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Longford provided 57 training courses, in which 945 people participated. These courses included training on environmentally-sustainable business practices, digitalisation, and innovation and exporting.

Provided 141 people mentoring in areas including marketing, human resources and access to finance.

## Financial Support for Businesses

Supported the occupancy of vacant industrial units and the enhancement of shop fronts through the Business Incentive Schemes, which had nine approved applications in 2021.

New schemes in 2021 included the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme and Outdoor Seating and Accessories for Tourism and Hospitality Service grant. 60 businesses availed of funding under these schemes.

19 business availed of business priming and expansion grants. 32 business were approved Trading Online Vouchers.

## Student Enterprise Programme

Seven County Longford schools across participated in the Student Enterprise Programme, which helps foster entrepreneurial spirit in young people. Approximately 80 students participated in the County Final event.

Of the finalists, CMG Skinny Bottoms and Halfzips from Cnoc Mhuire Secondary School, Granard and Saoirse's Bakes and Cakes from Moyne Community School went through to the first round of the national finals. Saoirse O'Toole from Saoirse's Bakes and Cakes picked up the Best Endeavour prize in the intermediate category at national level.





# Local Enterprise Office Longford

## Increasing Investment

Supported county and regional committees in their work on projects to increase investment to the region. The Lanesborough Food Hub under Just Transition and co:worx digital hub in Edgeworthstown are prime examples of the type of projects that are undertaken to attract new enterprises, create new jobs and facilitate remote working.

LEO Longford also worked to develop new networks to create business partnerships, working with stakeholders to promote County Longford as a business location. For this, comprehensive follow up was also provided to those who expressed an interest in investing in Longford.

# Longford Tourism

## Longford.ie

Longford.ie was launched in February and host Longford Tourism under its 'Visit' section. Accessibility tools allow the website to be available in over 100 languages, which helps Longford Tourism in promoting the county across the globe.

## Royal Canal Greenway launched

The Royal Canal Greenway was officially launched in March by Waterways Ireland and Minister of Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan TD. The longest greenway in Ireland, the route is great for walking and cycling. This key tourism offering has brought many visitors into the region.

Also known as the Famine Way, this amenity allows a tracing of history – remembering difficult journeys made by people from this region in the past. Longford's section of the greenway has storyboards along the route from Abbeyshrule to Clondra, informing people about the past, present, and future of the greenway.



## EZxploring maps and multilingual souvenir audio player launched

EZxploring maps were launched with seven walking trails to explore around the county, including Ardagh, Ballymahon, Longford Town, Edgeworthstown, Granard, Lanesborough. The Royal Canal Greenway and National Famine Way were also included in these maps. Stocked in attractions and libraries throughout the county, the maps make sightseeing fun and education for all ages.

Promotion of the EZxploring maps included a video shared ahead of the Halloween break to encourage people to get out and explore County Longford with their maps. A multilingual souvenir audio player was launched to complement Longford Town walking trail.

# Longford Tourism

## 'County by County' TV Series

County Longford took part in the Ireland 'County by County' series. Filmed in April, the series will be aired in the United States in Spring 2022 and will be shown on Aer Lingus inbound flights.

## Spring and summer promotion of County Longford

Two short promotional videos (Longford in Spring and Longford in Summer) produced by local company Harp Media were released during 2021 with great success and feedback. They feature things to do in Longford and are the final two videos in the series (two more videos, Longford in Autumn and Longford in Winter were previously launched in 2020).

County Longford was promoted online and in print as a place for a summer staycation. Longford Tourism collaborated with journalist and travel blogger John Quinn by organising an itinerary, activities, and accommodation. John documented this online through his website and travel blog.

## Collaborative Projects

Longford Tourism continues to collaborate with its many partners through its work in promoting County Longford. Partners include Fáilte Ireland and their Ireland's Hidden Heartlands' brand, Waterways Ireland, and the regional Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Project (USEFE) group.

## 'Promoting Tourism Together' with Local Enterprise Office Longford

An example of Longford Tourism's collaborative approach is the 'Promoting Tourism Together' online networking event. Carried out with Local Enterprise Office Longford, over 50 tourism providers attended. There were presentations from Fáilte Ireland, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and Longford Tourism. 'Elevator pitches' from tourism providers were also shown to highlight what Longford has to offer. Four follow-up workshops were held, as well as an 'Optimising your Digital Marketing Platforms' workshop for tourism businesses.

## Podcast with In Hand Guides

Working with the company In Hand Guides, Longford Tourism created a series of podcasts promoting County Longford. The series will be launched early 2022.

## Healthy Ireland tourism trails

A new project with Healthy Ireland Longford on mapping out the tourism trails in County Longford started in 2021. These maps will be used for online promotion and will also be included in a Walking and Activities booklet. Work is continuing with the content and production of this booklet which will launch in quarter one 2022.

# Longford Tourism

## Festive funding supports

The Fáilte Ireland Regional Festival and Participative Events Fund was promoted by Longford Tourism. This included information distributed to festivals taking part in County Longford.

## Events Guide

Longford Tourism's monthly Event Guides continued, with publication in the Longford Leader and on Longford.ie. Through these guides many things happening around the county were promoted. This included Longford Live and Local events, as well as festive events in the special Christmas Events Guide.



# Longford Arts Office

## Funding received

Longford Arts Office received approximately €1m in funding from Arts Council of Ireland in 2021.

Additionally, €282,800 in funding was received from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. This funding went towards Longford Live and Local, which supported more than 90 events across County Longford.

## Longford Live and Local

Longford Live and Local took place in two phases in 2021 with both summer and winter programmes. The Arts Office administered funding of €282,800 for these events by providing financial and event management supports for both phases. This funding was provided by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under their Local Live Performance Programming Scheme.



## In The Open Faoin Spéir Arts Festival

For the In The Open Faoin Spéir Arts Festival, funding of €89,814 provided by the Arts Council of Ireland. Longford Arts Office partnered with Backstage Theatre and Republic of Culture to curate a festival of events from local talent within the arts sectors. Events included concerts in Connolly Barracks in August. It also included an unique walking live-performance production of The Fabulous True and Timeless Tales of Sergeant Virgil in late October. This unique piece took audiences around the Camlin Quarter of Longford Town.

## Culture Night

Longford Arts Office supported Culture Night with €7,886 in funding towards the cost of the events taking place in County Longford in September.

# Corporate Services

## Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests	60
Internal Reviews on FOI Requests	4
Appeals to the Information Commissioner on FOI decisions	5
Information on the Environment Requests	10

## Protected Disclosures Act, 2014

There were no complaints received under the above Act in 2021.

## Register of Electors

2021/2022 Register of Electors came into force in February 2021. 33,398 people were registered to vote on this Register of Electors. This includes 11,113 in Ballymahon Local Electoral Area (LEA), 9,958 in Granard LEA, and 12,377 in Longford LEA.

## Official Languages Act

In December, the new Language Bill, which amends the Official Languages Act 2003, was passed in the Dáil. This legislation aims to strengthen the status of Irish in the state system. The bill has several objectives, including for 20% of public service new recruits to be required to work through Irish by 2030.

## Cumann na nOifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge

Cumann na nOifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge (COFG) is the Irish Language Development Officers Association. It had three online meetings in 2021. At these meetings, discussions focused on the new Language Bill, Seachtain na Gaeilge and the launch of COFG.ie.

In October, COFG received official recognition from the County and City Management Association (CCMA). It is hoped this status will give Irish Officers the opportunity to work with the CCMA to clarify the role of Irish Development Officers in Local Government.

## Data Protection

In 2021, Data Protection introduced a data protection compliance monitoring framework, as well as an innovative process for employee training. All data protection legal requirements were adhered to in 2021.

Data Protection policies in 2021 include the Data Protection Policy, Data Subject Rights Policy, Personal Data Breach Policy, Elected Representatives Representations Policy and the Longford County Council Privacy Statement.

# Corporate Services

## Council Meetings

Council meetings in 2021 included:

Longford County Council	11
Ballymahon MD	8
Granard MD	8
Longford MD	12
Finance	2
Joint Policing Committee	2
Strategic Policy Committees	4 each
Corporate Policy Group	11
Oireachtas	1



Longford County Council meetings included presentations by:

- Department of Justice on the Local Community Safety Partnership,
- National Broadband Ireland
- Waterways Ireland on Royal Canal Greenway and Mid Shannon Master Plan
- Eir Grid on Shaping our Electricity Future
- Industrial Development Agency

At the Longford County Council Annual Meeting on 30 June 2021:

- Councillor Peggy Nolan was elected Cathaoirleach
- Councillor Paraic Brady was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach

## Civic Receptions

Civic receptions included the Freedom of Longford which was conferred on Shaunagh Connaire in December 2021. It recognised her outstanding contribution to society through her work as a journalist and filmmaker.





# Corporate Services

## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee provide an independent expert review, assessment and advice on financial management and reporting processes, internal control systems and procedures, risk management and audit matters. Its role is primarily advisory. It met six times in 2021.

## Communications

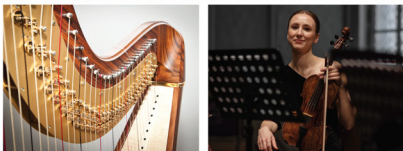
Longford County Council’s Communications unit was established in early-2021 with the recruitment of a Communications Officer. This appointment is evidence of the Council's understanding of the importance of communicating with its many stakeholders.

## Strategic Communications Plan 2021-2024

Strategic Communications Plan 2021-2024 was approved by Management. The work set out within this plan started, including an external review of communication taking place. This audit gave much valuable information and guidance that supported the Council's Communications team. Internal operational documents, including a Style Guide and a Publicity Protocol were also developed to help direct future communications.

## Communications Activities

Throughout the year, 110 press releases were issued to local and national media, promoting the work happening throughout the Council. Communications also worked on many Council events, including the Civic reception for Shaunagh Connaire, and the Roscommon-Longford Garda Youth Awards. The Communications completed numerous publications, including the monthly Chief Executive Report and the Customer Services Charter.



Longford County Council  
Chief Executive Report  
March 2021



Longford County Council  
Chief Executive Report  
June 2021



Longford County Council  
Chief Executive Report  
November 2021



# Corporate Services

## Social Media

Throughout 2021, Longford County Council's corporate social media pages achieved excellent follower growth:

- Facebook: 4920 followers (up 39%)
- Twitter: 3064 followers (up 11%)
- Instagram: 1092 followers (up 40%)



## #YourCouncilDay

#YourCouncilDay lets people know some of the many services the Council is responsible for. Our videos posted throughout the day showed many familiar faces at work! On Facebook, these videos reached an audience of 8,771. They also gained 313 overwhelmingly positive reactions, including 58 shares. People also clicked on these posts 507 times, helping them to learn more about what the Council does.

## Longford Live and Local

Longford Live and Local, including Faoin Spéir and Culture Night, supported our many local entertainers, with the Council's social media promoting these events. On Twitter, 52 Longford Live and Local tweets earned 42,541 impressions and 1,189 engagements, with many clicking through to book their place at an event or two!

## COVID-19 Social Media Communications

The Council worked hard to get the many different COVID-19-related messaging out to our citizens. On Instagram, the Council posted 81 times about COVID-19, including vaccinations, boosters, COVID-19 business supports and how to #KeepWell and #StaySafe. These posts reached 18,982 people, with 20,179 impressions and 344 likes.

## Social Media promoting the work of the Council

Social media also supported and promoted the work of many Council section. This included working with Environment to produce with 75 posts across our social platform. Topics included Longford's Green, Keep It Clean, sheep worrying, stopping food waste and waste collections. These posts gained 455 likes, with 65,634 impressions. Work was also completed with Longford Local Community Safety Partnership to introduce this new initiative and to promote different funding schemes, including CLÁR 2021.



# Corporate Services

## Health and Safety

### ISO 45001:2018 Certification

Longford County Council's Health and Safety section maintained its ISO 45001:2018 certification following an audit completed by the National Safety Authority of Ireland. All Council sections were included in the audit. This international standard specifies requirements for an occupational health and safety management system which aims to prevent injury and ill-health.

### Health and Safety Awards 2021

Longford County Council won the Regional Midlands award and Consistent High Achiever award at the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) Annual Occupational Safety Awards. Evidence of compliance to many aspects of health and safety throughout the Council had to be submitted as part of these awards.



### Safety Statement

Longford County Council and Fire Services Safety Statement were updated. Safety Statements specify how the Council manages health and safety. Longford County Council are the first local authority to obtain the 'plain English' mark for their Safety Statement. This mark ensures the document is more accessible to people of different literacy levels and is obtained from the National Adult Literacy Agency.

### Safety Inspections

In 2021, 350 safety inspections were completed throughout all directorates in Longford County Council. These inspections help determine compliance with health and safety throughout the Council.

### Health and Safety Auditing

Longford County Council continued auditing the health and safety management system. Eleven days of internal auditing were completed in 2021. The National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) carried out two audits over four days.

### COVID-19

COVID-19 compliance was the responsibility of the Acting Health and Safety Officer, who met regularly with Management. The Council developed a COVID-19 Business Response Plan and Health and Safety developed risk assessments to help continue operational activities to safely during COVID-19.

# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

## Library Visitors and Members

Visitor 43,308 across all County Longford library branches with 40,092 books and other items lent to people. There were 3,536 registered library members at the end of 2021.

## Edgeworthstown Community Library Opened

Edgeworthstown Community Library was officially opened by Minister of Community and Rural Development, Heather Humphries TD in November. This state-of-the-art library is key to the town's regeneration. It is the first civic building in the Midlands to meet the nearly zero energy building (NZEB) rating.

For the project, €2.4m was received under the Libraries Capital Programme. Additional funds were received from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The overall cost of the development was just under €4.5 million.



## COVID-19 Outreach and Digital Services

Throughout COVID-19 restrictions, County Longford Library Services reached out and developed online services for the local community. 272 online events were delivered, included on coding, mindfulness, music, art, gardening, and digital skills. Digital services such as online newspapers, e-Books, and e-magazines were in demand.

All branches took part in Ireland Reads Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Cruinniú na nÓg, Bealtaine and much more. Videos of these events attracted 83,500 view online.

# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

## Grow it Forward

Grow it Forward launched in March. This gardening initiative would inspire people to grow their own food and plants. Seed packs were delivered to libraries and over 3000 packs were distributed to individuals, schools, and community groups around the county.

## Granard and East Rouen Official Town Twinning

An Official Twinning Agreement between Granard and East Rouen in Normandy, France was signed by the French Ambassador and Council Cathaoirleach Cllr Peggy Nolan and Chief Executive Paddy Mahon.



## Digital Skills Training

Basic digital skills training for citizens wishing to increase their experience of technology was delivered online. This courses was brought to Broadband Connection Points across Longford with the help of the Council's Broadband Officer. Through digital equity and social inclusion funding, 10 Acorn Age Friendly digital tablets were purchased for training for older citizens.

## Touch, Type, Read, Spell (TTRS) Literacy Programme

Through the Department of Community and Rural Development under the Dormant Account Fund, 50 Touch, Type, Read, Spell (TTRS) licences were purchased to assist young people with learning challenges such as Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. TTRS licences were distributed through library branches, schools, home school liaison teachers, Education Training Board Adult Literacy and Community Education Coordinators and on social media.

## Healthy Homes Pilot

Longford is one of nine counties taking part in a two-year Healthy Homes pilot. It aims to ensure older people are supported to continue living in their own homes and communities. A Healthy Homes Coordinator started in May to support this programme.



# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

## Creative Ireland Longford

Many online and live events took place under the Creative Ireland Longford programme, including the Cruinniú na nÓg festival, Still Voices Short Film Festival and Longford Memories launch.

The annual Cruinniú na nÓg festival celebrated the creativity of children and young people in June. A family passport to County Longford's 24 playgrounds and parks initiative was launched in Ballymahon.

The Still Voices Short Film Festival in Ballymahon featured 150 short films. It included the work of award-winning international film director Terence Davies, who attended the event.

Longford Memories: Reflections in a time of Pandemic launched in December. Created by former picture editor for the Irish Independent, Brian Farrell, it features interviews and photographs from 30 older Longford citizens. The book is now in its second print run.

## Longford Live and Local and Faoin Spéir

Longford Live and Local and Faoin Spéir events were enjoyed by almost 6,000 people with 49 events held across County Longford. Over 119 musicians were employed.

Funded by the Department of Tourism, Gaeltacht, Arts, Sports and Media, Longford had one of the largest and most diverse summer programmes of outdoor events in the country. The programme culminated in the largest attendance at a County Longford Culture Night.

The winter version of Longford Live and Local launched in November. For this, Longford County Council was awarded €143,000 to engage local creatives for events around the county. Over 61 events took place. It was coordinated by Creative Ireland Longford and local company Republic of Culture.



# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

## Bealtaine Festival

The Bealtaine festival which celebrates creativity and resilience in older people took place in May. Many online events took place, as well as 10 concerts in nursing homes and day care facilities over five days. Longford soprano Emer Barry took part.

## Positive Ageing Information Day

Positive Ageing Information Day took place in November with 95 older persons attending. Longford County Council, the Health Service Executive, An Garda Síochána, Longford Community Resources CLG, Alone, and Age and Opportunity all contributed.

## Archives

### Jude Flynn Collection Digitisation

The Jude Flynn Collection, which consists of 524 cassettes, were sorted, and listed, with its digitisation commissioned. The collection spans from 1983-2020 and is the most important oral history collection in County Longford.

### Commemoration of the centenary of the destruction of Custom House

The Council Archivist took part in the 'People, Place and Power: Grand Jury Records and Local History' webinar to commemorate the centenary of the destruction of Custom House. It was organised by Beyond 2022, local government archivists and records managers.

### The Decade of Centenaries programme

The Decade of Centenaries programme included:

- Commemorations of the Clonfin ambush
- Ireland and Longford in Times of War and Revolution, 1914-23 schools resource pack
- Commemoration of the Truce in Longford town
- '1921: Partition, Truce and Treaty' online conference
- 'The Circle of Courage' sculpture by Gary Robinson
- Commemorating the War of Independence in County Longford supplement for the Longford Leader
- Work on the documentary film Clonfin





# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

## The Robert McNally Project

The Council Archivist was involved in The Robert McNally Project. This project is led by University of Tasmania Professor Pam Sharpe. The project involves producing edited version of the journals (c. 1815-37) of a Longford soldier named Robert McNally. These are unique sources for the history of Van Diemen's Land, now called Tasmania.

## Tourism projects

The Council Archivist worked with Longford Tourism and Heritage Office for the EZxploring project, as well as work for The Farrell Clan.

## Acquisitions

Archives acquired include:

- Ledger from an unidentified business in Longford town, c. 1881-1909,
- Four photographs of Ardagh village, c. 1920s,
- Minutes of Newtownforbes Irish Countrywomen's Association guild, 1989-97
- War of Independence medals

## Heritage

### County Longford Heritage Plan 2019-2024

In 2021, support for County Longford Heritage Plan 2019-24 projects was received from The Heritage Council and the National Biodiversity Action Plan Fund.

### County Longford Wetlands Survey 2021

County Longford Wetlands Survey 2021, which is an annual survey of non-designated wetland sites to access their potential biodiversity value continued. This year, Heritage worked with the Local Authority Waters Programme and the water scientist for the Midland and Eastern Region, who recently completed their water survey of the River Camlin. It was decided to concentrate on areas surrounding the River Camlin to give a more holistic overview of the area.

Overall the condition of the wetlands surveyed were good. Two sites were deemed to have 'countywide conservation value'.

### World Wetlands Day 2021

World Wetlands Day 2021 was promoted by highlighting wetlands within 5K of County Longford towns and villages. This complied with COVID-19 restrictions which were in place at the time.

### Biodiversity Week and Heritage Week

Wetlands Surveys Ireland developed a video introduction to wetlands for Biodiversity Week and undertook a live talk on the surveys for Heritage Week 2021.

# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

## County Longford Education Heritage Project 2021

County Longford Education Heritage Project aimed to develop engagement and awareness of education heritage by working with community heritage groups. This included:

- Work with a research committee at the Latin School Visitor Centre in Moyne to develop a schools information pack to promote engagement with an exhibition
- A virtual tour of mythical Brí Leith, working with Harp Media and Brendan Farrell
- Support for The Swinging Sixties publication by Paddy Egan
- Support for the Maria Edgeworth Centre Ambassador Programme. For this, two third-level students worked within the centre
- Biodiversity Week video presentations by Wetlands Surveys Ireland
- A built heritage conservation grants webinar with former conservation grant applicants Jane Meade Architect and Sweeney Architects

## County Longford Popular Music Research Project

With funding from the Heritage Council, the Longford Popular Music Heritage Project was established in 2021. This project seeks to develop database of County Longford music bands, musicians, and venues. This project will continue into 2022.

## Conservation of Plaster Oliver Goldsmith Statue at Pallas by John Henry Foley

County Heritage Plan funding was sought for an assessment of the nature and condition of the Oliver Goldsmith statue at Pallas More, Ballymahon. This statue is by eminent Dublin-born Victorian sculptor, John Henry Foley. It is a plaster version of the bronze sculpture of Oliver Goldsmith at Trinity College Dublin. In 1974, on the bicentenary of Goldsmith's birth, the statue was erected at the site of the old rectory at Pallas More, his childhood home.

A review of press coverage of the bicentenary showed that the statue was likely to be from Foley's studio and much older than previously thought. It was also uncovered that it was originally on display in the Round Room of the Mansion House, overlooking the First Dáil in 1919. Scientific testing, including x-rays and 3-D scans, were undertaken. Recommendations have been made for its repair.

## Heritage Week 2021

Heritage Week 2021 had a mix of online and in-person events. Events included:

- Restoring the Balance online series by Scéalta Beo. This won the County Award in the National Heritage Week Awards 2021.
- Videos on 'Surnames of County Longford' with Aidan O'Hara; 'Breeding Birds of Ardagullion Bog' with Birdwatch Ireland, a virtual tour of Ardagh with Ardagh Tidy Towns.
- The Longford Soldiers of World War 2 online event with Hugh Farrell
- Making your space swift friendly online event with Lynda Huxley, Swift Conservation Ireland
- 'Explore St John's Church, Longford' video by Harp Media, with Church of Ireland Longford Group of Parishes. This was broadcast on Culture Night.
- Norman People event at Knights and Conquests in Granard. It featured medieval life re-enactments, falconry display, traditional foods, and crafts

# Library, Cultural, Heritage and Archives

- Exploring public art workshops in Longford and Ballymahon, with EZxploring
- Readings on the Camlin with author John Connell to celebrate Water Heritage Day
- A walking tour of Ballinalee with Fr Tom Murray and Bernard Sexton with Longford Decade of Centenaries

## Conservation Grants

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 allocated €77,000 for essential conservation repairs of ten protected structures.

The Historic Structures Fund 2021 allocation of €70,000 supported three structures in County Longford. Work included repairs to the 'Longford' gate house at Carrickglass, Creevaghmore House near Ballymahon and St. Mel's College, Longford. Additional funding from private investment and other funding was also secured for works.

The Community Monuments Fund 2021 allocation of €70,000 under stream one. This enabled emergency conservation repair works at the tower house to Abbeyshrule Abbey. €13,000 under the second stream of the fund allowed a non-invasive archaeological assessment and conservation management report on Rosduff Castle, near Aughnacliffe to take place. This funding was applied for by the Three Provinces Heritage Group.

# Human Resources

## Recruitment and selection

As of 31 December 2021, Longford County Council had 377 employees. Throughout 2021, there were:

- 41 competitions advertised
- 691 applications received
- 49 interview days
- 30 interview boards
- 39 job appointment
- 11 promotions
- 12 retirements
- 18 resignations

## Transition to People XD Version 28

This Transition to People XD Version 28 took place in 2021. This portal is more user-friendly and accessible. It is used by our employees to record attendance, access payslips and pension details and view training records.

## Performance Management and Development

Helped by the Institute of Public Administration and the Council's IT section, an electronic performance management and development system (ePMDS) is now in place. ePMDS helps with the management of performance and helps build capacity through learning and development. In 2021, 214 employees attended ePMDS workshops and training.

## Learning and Development

The Council enables continuous and lifelong learning. Training for 25 different competencies were delivered in 2021, for which 1232 people attended. This includes climate action training for 304 employees, and health and safety training for 373 attendees.

## Open Learning Scheme

23 employees participated in Longford County Council's Open Learning Scheme for the 2021/22 academic year. The scheme supports employees who wish to undertake studies in further education building capacity across the organisation.

## Health and Wellbeing

60 programmes were delivered to 720 employees through the health and wellbeing programme. In June, 89 employees availed of health screening. In September, 94 employees availed of blood pressure reading. The influenza vaccination was given to 72 employees in November. In May, the Longford County Council Choir took part in in IBEC Workplace Choir of the Year online competition

# Human Resources

## Statutory Reporting and Departmental Returns

In 2021, 17 statutory and departmental returns were made.

## Electronic Document Management

Transition to an electronic document management system started in 2021. As part of this, 973 files were identified for destruction, 166 identified for archiving and 46 for scanning.

## COVID-19

11 COVID-19 Employee Updates were issued to keep employees up-to-date with national announcements and decisions of the Management Team.



# Finance

## 2021 in Numbers



**€57.2** revenue budget for 2021



**€3.08m** in rates waived for local businesses



**90%** rents collected (up 1%)



**€212K** grants for 56 applications under the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID



**69%** housing loans collected (up 5%)

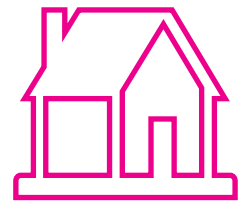


**84%** rates collected (up 3%)

**9,876** Motor Tax transaction valued at **€1,588,399** took place



**49** housing loan applications received, with 19 approved, 20 refused and 12 loans advanced



**0** interest penalties incurred under the Prompt Payments of Accounts Act, 1997 and the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2002



**2022 Budget** adopted by Elected Members

# Finance

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year to Date Ending 31 December 2021

	2021 Gross Expenditure (€)	2021 Income (€)	2021 Net Expenditure (€)	2020 Net Expenditure (€)
Housing and Building	9,988,925	10,548,466	(559,541)	(1,145,471)
Roads, Transport and Safety	18,661,348	13,970,285	4,691,063	4,579,345
Water Services	4,168,773	3,789,913	378,860	50,338
Development Management	9,999,791	6,025,003	3,974,788	3,692,260
Environment Services	5,207,735	930,676	4,277,058	4,673,084
Recreation and Amenities	4,241,102	1,135,294	3,105,808	3,109,124
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	477,344	291,477	185,868	224,672
Miscellaneous Services	6,573,888	7,289,147	(715,259)	(1,154,762)
Total	59,318,906	43,980,261		

	2021 Net Expenditure (€)	2020 Net Expenditure (€)
Net cost of division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax	15,338,645	14,028,590
Rates	9,978,084	8,632,835
Local Property Tax	9,242,927	9,224,712
Surplus (Deficit) for Year before Transfer	3,882,365	3828,957
Transfer from or (to) Reserves	(3,773,599)	(3,824,341)
Overall Surplus or (Deficit) to Year	108,766	4,615
General Reserve 1 January	250,963	246,348
General Reserve at 31 December	359,729	250,963

Note: This Statement of Comprehensive Income is unaudited, as of 3 June 2021.

# Finance

Payments to Councillors in 2021	
Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act	
Mayor and Other Allowances	€75,245
Entertainment and Associated Expenses	€0
Representational Payments and Expenses	€476,150
Total	€551,395

## Motor Tax

Motor tax transactions	2021 (No)	2021 (€)	2020 (No)	2020 (€)
Vehicle licence discs	7,446	1,446,698	10,750	1,914,895
Vehicle registration certificates, trade plates and other transactions	2,430	141,701	2,787	172,910
Total motor tax transactions	9,876	1,588,399	13,537	2,087,805

# Information Technology

## Longford Connected Communities Officially Launched

Longford Connected Communities was officially launched in June. Eight Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) now provide high-speed broadband to rural communities and help remote working across Longford. The BCPs also host events for the community, including a Talking Art Online class with the Irish Museum of Modern Art.



## Connected Hubs Call 2021

Funding of €234,677.84 was secured for four Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) and co:worx Edgeworthstown. The funding was used for upgrades, providing additional functionality, privacy and improved equipment. Funding was applied for with the Regeneration team.

## Longford Text Alert

Longford Text Alert project was awarded €14,000 under the Our Rural Future: Digital Innovation Programme 2021. This smartphone app will unify community communications across County Longford. It will update users on crime prevention and safety initiatives, community-led initiatives, including from Tidy Towns groups and activities happening in local BCPs. The app will be launched in 2022.

## Council Meetings and Remote Working Support

Use of Microsoft (MS) Teams increased throughout the Council due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in 2021. Use of MS Teams was championed and supported by IT, facilitating remote working and a blended approach to meetings, including Council meetings. This work included updating security protocols to ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability of remote working solutions.

## Meet and Code 2021

Funding was secured under Meet and Code 2021 for two coding events which took place in Bridgeways Family Resource Centre, Ballymahon and St Colmcille's National School in Aughnaclyffe.

# Information Technology

## Longford County Council Digital Strategy: Centred and Connected

The Council's first Digital Strategy: Centred & Connected was approved in September. At the National Oversight and Auditing Committee's annual Good Practice in Local Government seminar, IT and the Regeneration team presented a case study on this strategy. Information on the Broadband Connection Point network and the Rural Working Hub Strategy was also presented.



## Network Infrastructure Upgrades

A new hybrid cloud Information and Communication Technology (ICT) architecture was implemented in 2021. This allows the Council to move towards more innovative work processes and practices which are scalable, adjusting for additional demands for computing resources, if required.

## IT Helpdesk

5,994 Information Technology (IT) helpdesk issues were resolved in 2021.

## Applications

Many application (app) projects were progressed in 2021. These include:

- mobile housing inspections app
- electronic Performance Management and Development System (ePMDS)
- eService Plan
- County Longford walking trails and playgrounds. This included the mapping of these trails using IT's geographic information system (GIS)
- GIS web application development and enhancement to facilitate spatial data collection and analysis
- Longford County Council property register map application
- Community Activities Fund. Submissions to this fund were through a web-based app, with processing of submission all done electronically

## Website accessibility

Council websites now have accessibility software which provides text-to-speech and translation options and assistive technology for people with disabilities.

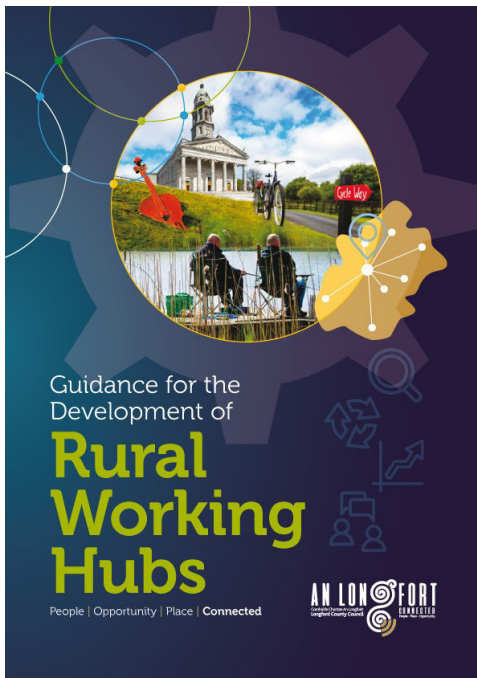


# Regeneration

## Rural Working Hub Strategy

Longford County Council is the first Irish local authority to develop a Rural Working Hub Strategy specific to the needs of the local community. It addresses need of people who commute to outside of County Longford for work by aiming to provide opportunity to work within the local communities. Through this, workers bolster economic activity within their local County Longford communities.

The Strategy and Guidance Document on Rural Working Hubs was shortlisted for the Local Authority Innovation category at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021. It was also nominated for the Economy category of the European Innovation in Politics Awards 2021.



## Connected Hubs Call 2021

Regeneration worked with the Council's Information Technology section and local community committees to set up Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) under the Connected Hubs Call 2021. BCPs offer high-speed broadband to communities with poor connectivity. They are located in Abbeyshrule, Aughnacliffe, Ardagh, Carrickedmond, Corlea, Granard, Moyne and Mullinalaghta. Some of these spaces offer remote working facilities.

## Regeneration strategies for Granard and Lanesborough-Ballyleague

Regeneration strategies were prepared for Granard and Lanesborough-Ballyleague. These strategies contain short, medium and long-term paths to enterprise and job creation. They build on existing and planned investment and innovation initiatives. Further work will be undertaken by Regeneration to delivery of the actions in these strategies in 2022.

# Regeneration

## Camlin Quarter Regeneration

Camlin Quarter Regeneration project in Longford town was awarded €10.4m under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). Additional funding of nearly €14m was provided by the Irish Government and Longford County Council. Together with the €4m Longford Connected project, it will transform Longford Town's centre, increasing footfall, improving the commercial environment and attracting future investment.



## Pobal le Cheile, Ballymahon

€6.6m was secured for the Pobal le Cheile, Ballymahon project. This involves renovating three historic town centre buildings: a former convent building, an old boys school and the former Dean Egan Library. They will be transformed into a coworking space, a youth hub and a community centre. This will provide key services for the local community and have a significant and sustainable impact on social and economic development.

## Granard Motte Project

€3.5m in funding from the RRDF and Fáilte Ireland secured in 2021 will be used for Granard Motte Project. This will lead to the creation of a Norman heritage park at Granard Motte. Working with the Granard Motte Community Enterprises Limited and the consultants, work on this project progressed throughout the year.

## Longford Connected

Works on the progressed €4m URDF project in Longford town in 2021. This project will improve the accessibility, appearance and walkability between Albert Reynolds Peace Park, St Michael's Boys National School, Longford Shopping Centre and St Mel's Cathedral. The construction contract for the public realm at Longford Shopping Centre and Market Square was awarded in November, with work expected to start in quarter two of 2022.

# Regeneration

## Red Bridge Ballymahon

Working with Waterways Ireland, the Red Bridge, Ballymahon project was completed in October. For this, a floating jetty at the Red Bridge on the River Inny at Shrulce was installed. A car park and solar powered lighting was also put in place. This is an example of a Regeneration project to develop and enhance waterside amenities.



## Royal Canal Spur Gateway Project

Royal Canal Spur Gateway project will lead to enhanced connectivity between Longford Town and the Royal Canal Greenway. It includes improved walking and cycling facilities from Market Square to the greenway, as well as a multi-use urban space located on the former harbour. Detailed design was finalised in 2021. Construction tender documents are being prepared and work is expected to start in quarter two of 2022.

## Enhancement and Attractiveness of Lanesborough as a Tourism Destination

Under the Enhancement and attractiveness of Lanesborough as a Tourism Destination project, funding was acquired, and consultants appointed for design and environmental assessments for an amphitheatre, visitor centre and link road in Lanesborough. This will reposition Lanesborough as a tourism destination within Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. This project will be progressed in 2022.

## Mid-Shannon Wilderness Park Greenway

Work continued throughout 2021 on the construction of the Mid-Shannon Wilderness Park Greenway. This work creates a loop through the bogs which links back into the Royal Canal Greenway. It will ultimately link the Royal Canal Greenway at Clondra with Lanesborough.



# Regeneration

## The Yard Hub project in Abbeyshrule

In November, work started on the Yard Hub project in Abbeyshrule. This involves redeveloping a derelict site to create space for economic activity. Offering offices and coworking spaces, it will give local people the opportunity to work close to home. It will also be the new home to Abbeyshrule Canoe Club.



## URBACT UrbSecurity

Regeneration, recognising the issue of urban security, are now involved in UrbSecurity under the URBACT programme. Working with project partners, UrbSecurity aims to plan safer urban spaces. For this, the group will analyse urban design and planning strategies and concepts that prevent anti-social behaviour and improve quality of life for citizens. An integrated action plan for each project partner is aimed for. The project includes Madrid (Spain), Parma (Italy), Pella (Greece) and Longford. This work also allows for the promotion of the Council's work on a European stage.

## Keenagh Village Enhancement

Drafted by Keenagh and District Development Association, the final part of the Village Enhancement Plan was completed in 2021. New cast iron poles and energy efficient lighting has greatly enhances the village streetscape. They also added to other projects under the plan, including the new community playground, and new walkways and cycleways along the Royal Canal, as well as in the Corlea Bog and around the village itself. The plan has contributed to increased visitors to the area.

## Unfinished Estates

Work continues to ensure all estates are of a sufficient standard to ensure enhanced quality of life for residents. There were originally 128 unfinished estates within County Longford. As of November, there are eight sites remaining to be taken in charge by the Council. Site resolution plans for these remaining estates were negotiated and work will continue in 2022.

# Regeneration

## Funding Announcements for 2021

Regeneration had 17 successful funding applications in 2021 were successful.

Funding Stream	Grants	Funding (€)
Mid Shannon Wilderness Park	1	1,460,000
Connected Hubs	1	234,677.84
Carbon Tax Fund	1	27,552
Outdoor Public Space Scheme 2021	1	224,889.30
Regeneration and Development Fund 2021	1	1,115,400
Regeneration and Development Fund 2020	1	672,882.90
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020	10	651,830.94
Regeneration and Development Fund 2019	1	218,901.77
Total	17	4,606,134.75

## Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme funding

Under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funding of €651,830.94 for ten projects was announced in 2021. This includes the following projects:

- North Longford Rebel Trail Granard Greenway (funding of €200,000)
- Royal Canal Greenway car park at Stonepark (funding of €20,000)
- Aughnaclyffe amenity trail enhancements (funding of €20,000)
- Lime Tree walk in Keenagh (funding of €20,000)
- Derrycassin Woods enhancement (funding of €20,000)



# Housing

## Maintenance and Refurbishment

€1,493,302 was provided in the Council 2021 Budget for the maintenance and repair of Council properties. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, efforts were made to carry out as many repairs as possible throughout 2021. More than 2,300 repair requests were responded to in 2021. Pre-letting repairs were also completed on 52 properties. These repairs allowed these properties to be brought up to a high standard ahead of new tenants moving in.

## Energy Retrofitting Scheme

Under the Energy Retrofitting Scheme, €3.3m was allocated to the Council for the retrofitting of local authority-owned houses. Retrofitting work started on 70 properties, with 24 completed by the end of 2021.

Condition surveys identified the work needed to bring an additional 89 properties up to the required standards. Retrofitting will reduce energy costs for these properties, while making them warmer and more comfortable to live in.



## Housing Grant Schemes

To meet the needs of people with accessibility issues, 156 housing grants valued at €875,394 were approved across the three categories:

- Mobility Aids: €185,538 awarded
- Housing Adaptation: €342,588 awarded
- Housing Aid for Older People: €347,268 awarded.

In addition, work costing €243,398 was carried out on 24 Council-owned properties to improve accessibility. This work included making bathrooms accessible, installation of stair lifts and specialised equipment to accommodate the needs of individuals. This work greatly improved the quality of life of people living in these properties and in many cases allowed these individuals to continue to live outside of care settings.

## Private Rented Property Inspections

The Council conducted 331 Private Rented Property Inspections in 2021. These inspections help to enforce standards in the private rental sector. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the target for inspections (570) could not be met in 2021.

# Housing

## Social Housing Support

Social housing support is provided to people who are assessed as being unable to afford housing from their own resources. From the Approved Housing List, 267 tenancies were allocated social housing in 2021. Social housing was obtained through various options including:

- tenancy of a Council property
- Rental Accommodation Scheme leases
- long-term social housing leases
- housing provided by approved housing bodies
- Housing Assistance Payment

There were 828 applicants on the Approved Housing List on 31 December 2021.

In 2021, the numbers of units that were provided to first-time tenancies were:

- Second-hand property acquisitions: 15
- Social Housing Leases: 17
- Turnkey New Build Properties: 69
- Rental Accommodation Scheme Leases: 6
- Housing Assistance Payment Leases: 80

The output figures represent the continued commitment of the Council to delivering for those on the Approved Housing List.

During 2021, a number of Approved Housing Bodies that had not previously worked in County Longford expressed an interest in doing so and efforts will be made to build relationships with some of these in 2022.

## Traveller Accommodation

The Longford Traveller Accommodation Plan 2020-2024 was adopted by the Council in 2021. The includes agreed targets for the number and type of accommodation to be provided.

The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee worked on progressing the development of a Traveller accommodation group housing project within the lifetime of the newly-adopted Traveller Accommodation Plan. Training and focus group discussions were also conducted to determine how to better address the needs of the Traveller community.

## Homelessness

Homelessness is dealt with on a collaborative basis in the Midlands. Westmeath County Council is the lead agency, in partnership with Longford, Laois and Offaly County Councils. Advice and assistance are provided to those who present as homeless to Longford County Council. 87 people presented as homeless in 2021.

# Planning

## County Development Plan

The County Development Plan 2021-27 was adopted by the Elected Members in October 2021 and came into effect in November 2021. This sets the planning framework for development in the county.

The recently-established Office of Planning Regulator assessed and made recommendations on the plans as prepared by the Planning Authority. Similar input is expected when the Town Plan will be prepared in 2022.

In addition, the Forward Planning Section is regularly involved with other projects that require substantial time allocation such as Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs), Route Corridor Studies and other projects from national to local level.

## Planning Applications

Planning applications in 2021 covered a mix of developments, including residential, agricultural, retail, amenity and employment. The following number are application statistics in relation for 2021:

Applications received	376 (up from 327 in 2020)
Applications granted	312 (up from 269 in 2020)
Applications refused	25 (up from 18 in 2020)
Appeals to An Bord Pleanála	6 (down from 15 in 2020)

## Part 8 Planning

Part 8 Planning is a reference to Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, which sets out the procedure for carrying out certain Local Authority developments. Such works would include developments such as the construction of houses, roads, public amenities and more. In 2021, the following Part 8 applications were advertised and adopted:

Part 8 applications advertised	7	17
Part 8 applications adopted	4	15

Pre-planning consultations are integral to development management process, providing an informative and transparent planning service to the general public. Planning held numerous pre-planning consultations in 2021. During COVID-19 restrictions, Planning also increased its online activities to maintain a consistent service including facilitating pre-planning meetings and availability of documents online.

## Development Contributions Scheme 2018-2022

Development Contributions Scheme 2018-2022 had a positive impact on the delivery of infrastructure in County Longford since its introduction. It has generated funds for infrastructure, include the acquisition of land, provision of open spaces, recreational and community facilities, roads, carparks and footpaths. The implementation of a new debt management system to manage the Development Contributions Scheme has led to improved customer service and audit and tracking of the scheme.

# Planning

## Forward Planning

The Forward Planning team is responsible for researching, preparing and producing all development plans, local area plans and other forward-looking initiatives.

Forward Planning contribute to national and regional planning, with employees attending national and regional planning working groups. Submissions were made by the Forward Planning team to national and regional guidance documents in 2021, as part of this work.

## National Housing Policy

Planning works closely with the Council's Housing section to identify suitable land for development under the new Housing for All policy. This work includes site assessments and layout design for sites to determine its potential for housing developments.

## Tourism, Community and Regeneration Initiatives

Planning worked with Regeneration, Fáilte Ireland, Longford County Council's Tourism Committee, Local Enterprise Office Longford, Elected Members and community groups on tourism, community and regenerations initiatives in 2021. These include the:

- Mid Shannon Wilderness Plan Lough Ree UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Roscommon and Westmeath County Councils
- Walking trails at Newcastle Wood, in association with Coillte
- Mid Shannon Wilderness Walks and Corlea Trackway Biodiversity Park, in association with Bord na Mona.

## Planning Enforcement

The Planning Enforcement team continue to investigate public complaints regarding unauthorised developments and non-compliance with planning permissions, taking legal proceeding, if necessary. The team have achieved success through negotiation and resolution at pre-warning letter stage, resulting in the minimisation of enforcement notices and legal proceedings.

# Roads

## Roads Expenditure

A budget €13,789,810 was allocated for County Longford roads in 2021. Transport Infrastructure Ireland allocated €4,479,822 to Longford County Council for national roads in 2021. This included:

	Allocation (€)
Improvement Works	3,108,573
National Primary and National Secondary Maintenance	392,134
Highway Design Pavement Renewals and Surveys	729,438
Winter Maintenance	143,309
National Primary and National Secondary Route Lighting	106,368

Longford County Council contributed €895,809 to non-national roads in 2021. The Department of Transport allocated €8,414,179 for non-national roads in County Longford in 2021. This included:

	Allocation (€)
Specific Improvement Grant	119,036
Restoration Improvement Works	4,240,497
Restoration Maintenance Works	1,216,498
Discretionary Maintenance Grant	1,328,000
Low-Cost Safety Improvement works	268,789
Drainage	332,086
Bridge rehabilitation	209,248
Training Programme	34,000
Community Involvement Scheme	109,802
Former National Roads	17896
Active Travel	242,103
Climate Adaption	284,224
Pavement Survey Condition Index Survey Support	12,000

## Capital Maintenance Pavement Repairs

Capital Maintenance Pavement Repairs at N55 in Edgeworthstown, N55 at Ballymahon, N63 in Lanesborough and N4 Ederclon and Clooniher in County Longford. The Capital Maintenance Pavement Repairs, is the repairs of defects on National Roads with a value between €50,000 and €250,000, funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

## Restoration programme for regional and local roads

The Restoration programme improved 74.25km of regional and local through surface restoration and road reconstruction. The Restoration programme also helped to maintain 74.58km of regional and local roads by use of surface dressing to protect the structural integrity of the roads.



# Roads

## National Road Pavement Improvement Schemes

National Road Pavement Improvement Schemes are selected on the basis of recent condition surveys of the network. The following works under this scheme were carried out in 2021:

- N4 at Newtownforbes: work includes footpath improvements, undergrounding of electricity wires and new public lighting
- N63 at Barnacor: resurfacing of 1.2km section between Lanesborough and Killashee
- N63 at Market Square: work includes improvements to footpaths, provision and improvements to pedestrian crossings
- N63 at Lanesborough: design and tendering for scheme. Works due to start in 2022.
- N63 at Majors Well Road: design and tender for scheme, with works started in November 2021. It includes reconstruction of 600m section approaching Longford Town, installing footpaths and cycle tracks, undergrounding of electricity wires and new public lighting



## Low-Cost Safety Improvement Grants

The Low-Cost Safety Improvement Grants enable low-cost safety improvement works on regional and local roads. Work under this scheme includes upgrading a pedestrian crossing at Ballymahon Primary School, signage and road markings from Lisduff Hill to Lisduff Cross and other works at Coolagherty, Derryoghil and Clooncallow.

## Local Improvement Schemes

In 2021, the Council was allocated €386,892.40 under the Local Improvement Schemes, with 14 of these schemes completed across the county. This scheme allows for non-Council roads to be repaired at a relatively-modest cost. It is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development

## Public lighting

Of the 5729 public lights taken in charge by the Council, 3563 are now upgraded to LEDs. The Council will continue upgrading public lighting to LEDs in 2022.

# Roads

## Climate Change Adaption and Rehabilitation

Under a Climate Change Adaption and Rehabilitation allocation, three projects were constructed:

- R198 road at Tawnagh: Embankment stabilised and widened with additional piped drains installed.
- Abbeylara Village: Installation of drainage system to collect runoff water from adjoining land and farmyard, this will alleviate flooding which was becoming more regular and pronounced.
- L-10070 road, Ballagh-Drumlish: Edge strengthening and road widening to help with the issues of trucks meeting one another. This work was especially important as this is the only diversion route available when the N4 is closed between Newtownforbes and Roosky.

## Community Involvement Schemes

Four approved schemes were completed under the Community Involvement Scheme in 2021. Three schemes were in the Granard MD-Soran, Esker, and Kiltycon, and one in the Longford MD Kilnashee, Drumlish.

## Active Travel

In 2021, the Council were allocated over €2m from the National Transport Authority for Active Travel schemes. For this, an Active Travel Team was recruited to manage a multi-annual Active Travel Investment Programme for developing walking and cycling infrastructure in County Longford. Active travel works undertaken in 2021 include:

- R198 Battery Road Longford: Designs for a pedestrian and cycle scheme
- Harbour Row-Killashee Road: Designs for junction improvement and footpath scheme
- St Matthews National School, Ballymahon: Part-funding of new pedestrian crossing
- N63 Ballinalee Road: Preliminary designs for pedestrian and cycle scheme
- Ennybegs village to St Teresa's National School, Ennybegs: Preliminary designs for footpath
- Templemichael College in Longford Town and at Scoil Mhuire National School in Newtownforbes: Preliminary engagement with Green Schools and An Taisce to deliver safe routes to schools schemes

## Road Safety

Longford Road Safety Working Together Committee includes the members of the Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána, as well as the Council's Road Safety Officer, the Council's Sports Coordinator, a Longford Fire Service representative and a member of Longford County Childcare.

The committee met in May 2021 and discussed items relating to road safety under the four key pillars, of Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. Actions were agreed. The committee is to meet again in 2022 to prepare a Local Road Safety Strategy, when the National Government Road Safety Strategy is launched and finalised nationally for local adoption.

Longford County Council is also one of 11 local authorities that took part the Tik Tok Road Safety Campaign which was run in partnership with the Local Road Safety Officers Group and iRadio. It won a Silver award for Best Digital and Social Innovation Campaign at the Investment Management Regulatory Organisatio (IMRO) Radio Awards for 2021.

# Roads

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AXA Road Safe Roadshow which aims to promote road safety among young road users was unable to be delivered locally in 2021. Instead, four local schools, capturing 275 transition year students and teachers, signed up to a live national presentation on 22 April, in conjunction with Mayo County Council, emergency services and AXA Insurance. It was organised in conjunction with the Longford County Council Road Safety Officer.

Roads helped to promote several road safety campaigns including Road Safety Week in October by engaging with local primary schools and running road safety competitions. Roads also promoted National Slow Down Day, which is run with An Garda Síochána. World Remembrance Day for road traffic victims in November was also marked by the Roads section.

## Bike Week 2021

Roads participated in Bike Week in September, along with the RSA and Longford Local Sports Partnership. A Play it Safe programme was delivered to local schools, high-visibility vests were distributed to schools also, as well as to sports clubs.

## Parking Fines

1188 fixed charge offence notices or 'parking fines' were issued by the Council in 2021. These fines help to tackle careless or illegal parking. 285 fines were also issued for non-display of tax.

## Parking Permits

The Council issued 69 quarterly permits for off-street car parks, 53 resident permits, four over-65s permits and 265 Longford County Council employee carpark permits.

# Water

## Water Services Budget

In 2021, Longford County Council Water section had an annual operations budget of €6.2m and capital spend of €1,293,917.

## Annual Service Plan

The Annual Service Plan sets out targets covering water quality, wastewater, expenditure, procurement, achieving efficiencies, value for money and more. Assisting against these targets, Water Services ensured that all water supply zones operated at maximum efficiency levels.

## Irish Water Service Level Agreement Key Performance Indicators

The Council's Water section scored highly against Irish Water Service Level Agreement Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). These KPIs measure performance of all local authority and indicates that, in County Longford, all water supply zones operated at maximum efficiency levels. The scoring for each quarter of 2021 is as follows:

Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021
97.6%	96.3%	91.8%	95.1%

## Find and Fix Programme

The Find and Fix Programme continued to repair leaks in the water network throughout 2021. It achieved the following water savings:

- Rathcline Road in Lanesborough: 192,000 litres per day
- Lanesborough area: 288,000 litres per day
- Whitehill and Granard area: 110,400 litres per day
- Whitehill and Ballymakeegan: 62,800 litres per day
- Ballymakeegan area: 78,000 litres per day
- Moydow area: 86,000 litres per day
- Foygh area: 70,000 litres per day
- Cornhill and Drumlish area: 58,000 litres per day



# Water

## Capital Network Upgrade Schemes

Capital network upgrade schemes, which were deemed to be essential activities, continued. This work includes the installation of new watermains to improve the water network and increase security of supply. Capital network schemes were completed at Ballymakeegan, Templemichael and Bannon Terrace, Clonboney and Rathcline Road in Lanesborough, Creevy in Granard, and Cahanagh-Pucklish in Ballinamuck.

## Early Contractor Involvement Works

The Early Contractor Involvement Works is a national programme aimed at carrying out improvement works at water treatment plants to ensure the continued delivery of safe drinking water. In 2021, Early Contractor Involvement Works were progressed at:

- Lough Kinale (Granard)
- Lough Gowna (Smear)
- Lough Forbes (Longford Central)

## Water services during COVID-19

Water services are essential, and every effort was made to ensure the continuation of high-quality water and wastewater service during COVID-19. A Water Services Business Continuity Plan was implemented and worked well, with none of County Longford's water services compromised due to the pandemic. Water services wastewater team kept all treatment plants and networks operational to meet environmental standards throughout the year.

Strict operating procedures were implemented across all sites to protect employees. These procedures included social distancing, staggered working arrangements, increased hygiene requirements and the use of additional personal protection equipment.



# Environment

## National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean 2021 and Longford's Green, Keep it Clean campaigns led to over 30 tonnes of waste being collected all over the county. As well as handing out litter pickers, gloves, bibs and bags, Longford County Council organised the collection of waste from across the county. Over 200 individuals and groups took part in these clean-ups.



## Waste and Litter Management and Enforcement

During 2021, 1781 waste and litter complaints were received and investigated, with 1,801 complaints resolved (this figure includes outstanding complaints from 2020).

Ten prosecutions for non-payment of litter fines were initiated in 2021. Fines and costs awarded by the courts to Longford County Council amounted to €5,790.

Environmental investigations into illegal dumping led to the removal of 77.14 tonnes of waste this year. Street sweeping and servicing of litter bins in towns and villages took place, costing €557,338 in 2021.

## Waste Management Provision of Facilities

There are 23 bring bank sites in County Longford. Green, brown and clear glass and aluminium cans are accepted at all sites. 962 tonnes of glass and 29 tonnes of aluminium cans were collected for reprocessing in 2021.

## Anti-Litter Awareness Grants

The Anti-Litter Awareness Grant 2021 of €22,800 was divided between community groups, school workshops, anti-litter advertising and materials. Thirty local groups received €13,000 in funding for local litter projects.

## Anti-Dumping Initiative 2021

Longford County Council undertook two large clean-ups on fly-tipping black spots. 14.72 tonnes of waste was collected. This work was helped by local household waste surveys and awareness and preventative measures.

# Environment

## Waste Collections

One large goods collection and one hazardous waste collections were held in Longford during 2021. 8.56 tonnes of hazardous waste and 9.28 tonnes of general waste and recyclable materials was collected.

**AN LONGFORD COUNCIL**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**  
10am-1pm, Friday 9 July  
Mulleady's Civic Amenity Site Drumlish

**YOU CAN BRING ALONG:**

- OLD PAINTS
- OLD HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS
- HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES
- WASTE OIL
- OBSOLETE MEDICINES
- OLD BATTERIES

Charges apply (Cash payments only) No commercial waste permitted  
Contact Environmental Awareness Officer Gary 043 3343451 for more info

**AN LONGFORD COUNCIL**

**Large Goods Waste Collection**  
10am-1pm, Friday 1 October  
Mulleady's Civic Amenity Site Drumlish

**YOU CAN BRING ALONG:**

- MATTRESSES
- FURNITURE, INCLUDING SOFAS AND BEDS
- CHILDREN'S TOYS
- HOUSEHOLD SCRAP METAL

Charges apply (Cash payments only) No tractors and trailers permitted  
Not permitted: paint, hazardous waste, electrical goods, PVC, plastic oil tanks, lead, tiles, ceramics, broken glass.  
Contact Environmental Awareness Officer Gary Brady on 043 3343451 for more information

## Pollution Control and Water Quality Management

Under pollution control and water quality management legislation, 39 investigations of water pollution incidents and 22 farm inspections took place in 2021. Also this year, there were:

- Inspections relating to licenses for discharging to waters: 20
- Samples from small private and group water supplies: 33
- Monitoring activities occurred for rivers and lakes: 69
- Inspections of historic landfills: 10
- Septic tank inspections: 11

Environment also facilitates a catchment focus group which includes representatives from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Teagasc, the Environmental Protection Agency, Local Authorities Water Programme and other stakeholders. This group investigates causes of high levels of the acid herbicide MCPA in the Lough Forbes catchment area. This catchment area is the source of Longford's largest public water supply. This group met four times in 2021.

## River Basin Management

Catchment inspection work was coordinated with the national Local Authority Water Community Office. Extensive work was undertaken in the River Black (Ballinamuck) catchment area to improve water quality. The Council monitored water quality in rivers and lakes in line with the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027.

## Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections Plan

The Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Plan 2021 outlines correct procedures for environmental inspections. Mandatory reporting to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in place also. Environment must annually compile an inventory of all waste data for County Longford for submission to the EPA.

# Environment

During 2021, the Council's routine waste inspections focused on three priority areas of waste, water and air. Areas and actions under these priorities included:

- Waste: tackling significant illegal waste activity, household and commercial waste collection, and tracking waste flows
- Water: farm inspections, monitoring private water supplies, bathing water monitoring, and septic tank inspections
- Air: compliance of solid fuel merchants, retailers and households, ambient air monitoring programme, and air and noise control complaints and planning

## Energy

In 2021, the Council surpassed its target of a 33% reduction based on 2009 figures, achieving a 44% reduction. The Council is on course to meet its 2020 target of 30% reduction in energy usage.

## National Tree Week

National Tree Week was organised by the Tree Council of Ireland and supported by Coillte and the Council. For this, community groups, Tidy Towns groups and other organisations plant young trees around their communities. Over 300 free saplings were given out to over 25 groups and 15 individuals.

## Green Schools

During 2021 eight schools in County Longford renewed their Green Schools Green Flags. This recognised the work of these schools to tackle litter and waste, to improve energy and water conservation, and to raise awareness of the impact of travel, biodiversity and global citizenship. Environment helped schools with their applications, as well as by providing workshops, meetings and in person visits.

## Invasive Species

The treatment of Japanese Knotweed continued with €30,000 in funding granted for a countywide treatment programme along the county's road network. Over 320 sites have been treated, with 10 new sites identified during 2021. This work will continue in 2022.

## N4 Bypass and Roundabout Pollinator and Biodiversity project

The N4 Bypass and Roundabout Pollinator and Biodiversity project continued with four of the five roundabouts populated with pollinator-friendly perennial plants and flowers. Native Irish trees were also been planted on the roundabouts on the recommendation of Transport Infrastructure of Ireland.

## Veterinary

### Food Safety

There was a drop of 10% in the throughput of small slaughterhouses in County Longford. This compared to a 28% and 36% increase in 2019 and 2020, with the decrease in 2021 attributed to COVID-19 restrictions.



# Environment

All owners and staff in small slaughterhouses in County Longford now have of Competence in Welfare certificates. Meat products produced in the county are under official veterinary controls.

Recently, a new Food Safety Official Controls, Regulation (EU)2019/625, was introduced. This regulation requires a proactive approach to preventing food fraud and deception.

## Dog Control

The number of stray or unwanted dogs in 2021 was 122. This figure is part of a continued downward trend in stray or unwanted dogs since 2019 and indicates improvements in responsible dog ownership. Of those seized, three were re-homed, twenty were reclaimed by their owners and 107 were transferred to dog welfare groups.

There were five incidences of livestock worrying dealt with by the Council in 2021.

Inspections of dog breeding establishments continued in 2021 under the Dog Breeding Establishment Act. Additionally, a lot of work related to the control of restricted breeds of dogs, with the Council's Dog Control Service providing significant assistance to An Garda Síochána.

## Horse Control

In 2021, 22 horses were seized in Longford under the Control of Horses Act 1996. This was a reduction of 33% on 2020 figures and a trend in the right direction.

Throughout the year, the Council cooperated with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on a plan for an Urban Horse Project.

The fourth Pony Riding and Animal Welfare project for training young people in responsible horse ownership. Longford Local Sports Partnership and Longford Community Resources Limited supported this education project for the young people in County Longford.



# Fire Services

## Inspections, Callouts, Certificates and Applications

Thirty-one fire safety inspections of commercial premises were carried out in 2021 and 339 callouts took place.

Twenty-three fire safety certificates, 43 planning applications and 15 court licence application referrals were assessed or processed in 2021.

## Operational Costs

Longford Fire Service cost €2,140,000 to operate for 2021. This is lower than previous years due to employee vacancies and lower number of callouts this year.

## Recruitment

Recruitment of firefighters is an ongoing issue. Three firefighters left Lanesborough fire brigade in 2021, with these posts remaining vacant.

## New Fire Engine

Contracts have been signed for the purchase of a new fire engine worth €340,000. Capital funding has been provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for this vehicle, with its expected delivery in quarter two of 2023.

## Fire Fighter Training and Drill Programme

Fire Fighter Training and Drill Programme was completed in accordance with the Fire Service Annual Operational Plan 2021. All crew members in each Fire Station attended drill programmes, making up 40 drill nights in 2021.

The other training carried out includes courses on breathing apparatus, compartment fire behaviour, road traffic collisions, aerial ladder platform instructor and operator courses, and chainsaw operation.





# Civil Services

## Duties and Tasks

Longford Civil Defence completed 63 duties and tasks in 2021 including:

- 19 COVID-19 related tasks, which made up 163 volunteer hours. This included transport for vulnerable persons for vaccinations, delivery of supplies on behalf of Longford libraries and administration duties at the HSE walk in COVID-19 test centre.
- 25 sporting events equalling 393 volunteer hours, including Longford Town Football Club soccer matches, as well as GAA matches and athletics events.
- 19 community events equalling 261 volunteer hours, including Longford Live and Local, the Carrick Camino, assistance with the Irish Blood Transfusion service
- 817 volunteer hours were provided to the community

## Training

Training was completed online, outdoors or with reduced numbers in order to adapt successful to adapt to COVID-19 restrictions. Training carried out includes courses on first aid response, Tusla child protection, approved driving instructor training, water and flood awareness, and critical incident stress management

Training was also provided to County Longford community and voluntary groups. This includes cardiac first responder training provided to Longford Town Football Club stewards and coaches. An online first aid information session was presented to Longford Women's Link's Migrant Women's Group. A first aid demonstration was also delivered to Ardagh Brownies and Girl Guides at an international camp.

An emergency medical technician's portfolio was assessed by the pre-hospital emergency care council (PHECC). An EMT portfolio is required to be completed annually for retention of a practitioner licence.

## Equipment and vehicle purchase

A communications unit was purchased with grant funding from the Department of Defence. This vehicle will be used for major emergencies, missing person searches and in larger duties. The vehicle will be ready to add to the fleet in 2022.

A Mitsubishi L200 4X4 was purchased after successful application to the Dormant Account Fund. This vehicle will be used to assist in severe weather events.

A Department of Defence grant helped to purchase equipment for mapping, online training and furniture for Civil Defence headquarters.

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## Appendix One: Ballymahon Municipal District Annual Report 2021

### 1. Notices of Motion and/or Items Discussed

Footpath and cycleway from Carrickboy village to Ballycloughan village
Connecting the Ardagh Mountain walk down to Garrycam and into Drumming, Ballycloughan and connect back to Ardagh village by the Lyanmore Road
Provision of additional car parking at Newcastle Woods
Assessment of Willow Crescent Estate for complete retrofit under the Just Transition programme
Public lighting on Royal Canal from Longford Bridge to Brannigan Harbour
Abbeyderg Cemetery drainage works
Signage along the Royal Canal Greenway
Disabled parking at HSE health centre at upper Main Street, Ballymahon
Streetlights at dark corner in Newtowncashel village
Making safe the junction leading to Rathcline Graveyard
Incorporating dedicated horse-riding trails into plans for future development of recreational amenities in cutaway bogs and similar areas
Bridge and culvert repair on the L1101 Ardagh Road at the Danes Hill
Provide suitable safe access to the national school in Killashee
Regulate and control the use of the green public park in Edgeworthstown
Review of speed limit and road safety measures be carried out at the Lissaniskey, Castlecore, Shrulie link road from the R392 to the N55 in Ballymahon
Assist in setting up a family resource and youth services in Edgeworthstown
Assessment of Leo Casey Terrace, Ballymahon for deep retrofit under Just Transition programme
Feasibility study on the provision of Bridle Pathways from the Longford bridge in Ballymahon to Abbeyshrule and/or from Mosstown Kenagh to Lyneen Bridge
Provision of car parking at Newcastle bridge
Speed detection sign at Derryhawn housing estate
Supply signage and facilities to help with dog fouling issues at community track in Lanesborough
Stop sign at the exit of Knockmanner Lanesborough
Walkway and cycleway between Red Bridge and the Town Bridge in Ballymahon,
Copy of proposed R392 realignment be made available
Provision of seating on the Ardagh mountain walk
Low-cost safety scheme to be applied for on the Drumming R393 junction at Ballycloughan in the interest of public safety
A review of the footpaths in Ardagh Village be undertaken and new footpaths prioritised
Remedial works on the walls of the bridge at Belton's Colehill and the bridge at the Hazelwood houses in Colehill in the interests of safety
Carry out works at the junction of the R399 and the L1105 Belton's cross to improve sight lines for road safety

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Resurface the carpark area at Cashel cemetery
Provision of pedestrian pathway between Ardagh village and St Patrick's GAA grounds
Repair the bridge at Belton's Cross in Colehill
Flashing lights be installed at the approach to the new estate in Legan at Smithfield
Discussion on the ownership of Ardagh Clock Tower
Works to be carried out at a dangerous turn at Bawn, Moydow
Additional street lights at N63 Longford Road at Lanesborough
No overtaking sign on the N63 Derryad junction
Review the junction between L5248-0 and L5247-0 Gurteenboy and to carry out the necessary works to make this junction safer
Improvement works on the Causeway to Saints Island

## 2. Estates Taken in Charge

No estates were taken in charge in Ballymahon Municipal District in 2021.

## 3. Roads Taken in Charge

No roads were taken in charge in Ballymahon Municipal District in 2021.

## 4. Bye-Laws Adopted

No bye-laws adopted in 2021.

## 5. Ballymahon Municipal District Schedule of Road Works 2021

The Ballymahon Municipal District has responsibility for the maintenance and repair of 70km of Regional Road, 519km of Local Road and 46km of National Road. The below Road Works Programme 2021 was approved by the Municipal District.

### Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grants

Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grants	Grant (€)
N55 Ballymahon Traffic Management	1,000,000
N55 Ballymahon Street Pavement Strengthening	950,000
N63 Lanesborough Pavement	500,000

### Restoration Improvement Grants for Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Grant	Grant (€)
Ballymahon Regional Road	292,594.50
Ballymahon Local Road	1,333,637.25

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Regional Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From Brickeen 4 roads to Derryaghan	R398-210	136,710.00
From Killinlastra 4 roads to Cooleeny 4 roads (Clabby's)	R393-1762	40,624.50
Keenagh- along new footpath at Aghnacranagh	R397- 982	31,500.00
Foyagh- From bridge to stabised embankment in 2020	R392-1955	67,500.00
Ballycloghan to Carirckboy	R393-1485	16,260.00
Total		292,594.50

Local Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Ballinakill, Clonacloy	L11623-0	103,500.00
N 3444 Junction with L11622-0 in Killeeny Td	L11652	63,000.00
Junction with L5265-0 in Cloonbonny Td past football pitch	L52652	39,000.00
From Carrickmorán 3 roads to the Shannon at Cullentragh	L11582	32,550.00
From Killashee to Lyneen bridge	L1148	93,500.00
Carrool Fox N3612, junction with L1144-0 in Corrool Td	L11441-0	22,950.00
From County Road at Ledwithstown (Kelly's house) to Derryveigh Bog Pass	L11392	72,270.00
From Corlea 3 roads to Keenagh 3 roads (South)	L1136	175,950.00
N3529, junction with L1126-0 in Abbeyderg Td to N1906, junction with L-1129-0 in Cartrons Td	L11261-0	70,335.00
N1911, junction with L1123-0 , L1122-0 and L5219-0 in Moydow Td to N1912, junction with L5209-0 in Keeloge td	L5219	29,700.00
From Ledwithstown 3 roads to Foygh 4 roads	L1135	108,500.00
From Co Rd L5199-0 at Mornin to Neal Farrell's gate at Mornin with spur leading to Getting's cottage, Mornin	L11131	29,025.00
From Ardnasillagh to monument Cross	L5199-0	93,500.00
From Ardandragh 4 roads to Tully 3 roads	L5190	62,000.00
From Cullyvore 3 roads to Liscahill 3 roads	L5168	40,250.00
From junction with L5165-0 in Gneeve Td to junction with L-51701-0 in Lissanure td	L5170	37,200.00
From junction with L51701-0 in Lissanure td to N1830 in Lissanure Td	L51701	39,525.00
From Ballymacshane 3 roads to Colehill 4 roads	L-5197	100,000.00
From junction with R392-2383 in Clooncallow Td to N3346 in Clooncullen Td	L11201-0	24,750.00
From junction with L1120-0 in Clooncullen Td to junction with L5224-0 in Keelbaun Td	L5215-0	48,000.00
From L1103-0 Skelly's Bridge to aqueduct	L5193	16,500.00

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From Foyagh to Clonculleen	L1120-0	31,632.25
Total		1,333,637.25

## Restoration Maintenance Grant for Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Maintenance Grant	Total (€)
Ballymahon Regional Road	57,174.25
Ballymahon Local Road	214,919.00

Regional Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From R392 Tirlicken to Coreana Cross	R397	48,942.00
Ballycloghan to Carirckboy	R393-1485	8,232.00
Total		57,174.00

Local Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From Fermoy (Newcomen) 3 roads to the Shannon at Aghakeel	L5261	9,191.00
N2130 in Lismacmanus Td to N3462, junction with L1160-0	L11601-0	4,334.00
N2130 in Lismacmanus Td to N3462, junction with L1160-0	L1147	22,185.00
From Clooncallow 3 roads (West) to Keel (Deerpark) 3 roads	L5222	30,062.00
From Smithfield 3 roads (at Legan Church) to Ratharney 3 roads (West)	L1102	61,544.00
From junction with R392-2383 in Clooncallow Td to N3346 in Clooncullen Td	L11201-0	4,995.00
From Bawn Mountain 4 roads to Curraghmore 4 roads	L5209	62,808.00
From junction with L5228-0, L5221-0 and L5227-0 in Loughan Td to junction with L5210-0 in Morin Td	L5221-0	19,800.00
Total		214,919.00

## Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant Total Allocation

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant allocation	Total (€)
Ballymahon Regional Road	34,983.00
Ballymahon Local Road	159,451.50

Regional Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
N3199, junction with N55-200, R393-1762 and R393-1485 in Carrickboy td (4 roads)	R393-1762	34,983.00
Total		34,983.00



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Local Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From Moydow Glebe 4 roads to Brickeen 4 roads	L1122	51,300.00
From junction with L-1126-0 , L-52093-0 , L-5231-0 & L-5209-0 in Curraghmore Td to junction with L-1129-0 & L-5228-0 in Abbeyderg Td	L1126	14,749.00
From junction with L-1123-0 , L-1122-0 & L-5219-0 in Moydow Td to junction with L-5209-0 in Keeloge td	L1129	18,090.00
Killashee to Clondra	L1162	75,312.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>159,451.50</b>

## Discretionary Grants

Regional Road Maintenance	Total (€)
Includes patching and repair, drainage, verge trimming, culverts road markings	80,488.50

Local Road Maintenance	Total (€)
Includes patching and repair, drainage, verge trimming, culverts road markings	366,864.25

## Low Cost Safety Scheme Ballymahon

Location	Road Number	Total (€)
Ballymahon Primary School	R395-1955	30,000.00
Cloncallow R392/I-5126-0	R-392	40,000.00
Derryoghill – Junction of R398/L-52514-0	R398-417	30,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>100,000.00</b>

## Bridge Rehabilitation Grant

Location	Road Number	Total (€)
Foygh Bridge, Ballymahon	R392-1629	4,555.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,555.00</b>

## Specific Improvement Grant

Location	Road Number	Total (€)
Realignment, Newcastle Wood to Forgney Roman Catholic Church	R392	50,000.00
Main Street Ballymahon Improvement	R392	300,000.00
Ballymahon to Center Parcs Improvement Works	R392	20,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>370,000.00</b>

## Drainage Grant Total County Allocations

Local Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Ballinakill, Killashee	L11623-0	28,000.00
Cullouge Edgeworthstown	L51604-0	31,000.00

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Cam Edgeworthstown	L51603-1	7,000.00
Cross Newtowncashel-	L5245-0	6,000.00
Clearaun Elfeet (Pulloge) Newtowncashel	L5249-0	6,000.00
Grillagh Ardagh West-	L1126-0	5,000.00
Lisduff (Montgormney)	L1101-0	5,000.00
Ballintempan Curry	L52351-0	8,000.00
Abbeyderg Moydow	L1126-0	6,000.00
Lisduff (Montgomery)	L11012-0	8,696.33
Total		110,696.33

## Active Travel Allocation carried forward from 2020

Location	Works	Total (€)
Active Travel Keenagh North	2020 Bal C/F Keenagh Footpath North	5,140.00
Active Travel Keenagh South	2020 Bal C/F Keenagh Footpath South	39,860.00
Active Travel Edgeworthstown	2020 Bal C/F Edgeworthstown	15,000.00
Total		60,000.00

## Climate Adaption Allocation carried forward from 2020

Location	Works	Total (€)
Climate Adaption Foygh	2020 Bal C/F climate adaptation Foygh	36,822.80
Total		36,822.80

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## Appendix Two: Granard Municipal District Annual Report 2021

### 1. Notices of Motion and/or Items Discussed

Granard public art features
Irish Cancer Society- Annual Daffodil Day
Funding for works at St John's Church and graveyard in Ballinalee
Walks and trails – a coordinated approach
ATM in Granard Town
Car parking facilities at Cairn Hill,
Cycle path from the village of Ennybegs to Killoe National School
CCTV in Granard
Safety and realignment works at the Purth Cross junction
Public water line at Ballywillan-Creevy
Trees on the R395 between Clonca and Coolamber,
Naomh Columba National School- Safe Routes to School Programme
Safety measures at France road and Clonbroney/Edgeworthstown road junction
Access to The Driver Theory Test
Risk Assessment RA-CV-031- Attendance at Council meetings
Proposed Projects/Expression of interest
Erin Ross on winning the All Ireland Scór Na nÓg
Public car park in Granard
Crash barriers on the road at Castlenugent, Lisryan
Sewerage issue in Drumlish
Drainage program for North Longford
Notifying landowners of hazards or dangerous trees
Low-cost safety scheme adjacent to Annagh swimming pool,
The entrance into Dring public amenity car park
Laminated signage for the refurbishment of directional signage,
Granard Regeneration Strategy
Footpath repair works on the R194 Granard to Ballyjamesduff road
Refreshing road markings along roads and junctions,
Provision of Speed ramps in Teemore Industrial Estate, Granard
Speed survey on the N55 in Granard Town
Winter Salting Roads Programme 2021/2022
Electric power point for charging electric cars in Granard
Tuath - multimillion-euro refurbishment earmarked for Colmcille Terrace, Granard
Road works and improvements around the Greville Apartments, Granard
Local Improvement Schemes

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## 2. Estates Taken in Charge

Radharc na Choille, Cullyfad

## 3. Roads Taken in Charge

No roads were taken in charge in Granard Municipal District in 2021.

## 4. Bye-Laws Adopted

No bye-laws adopted in 2021.

## 5. Granard Municipal District Schedule of Road Works 2021

The Granard Municipal District has responsibility for the maintenance and repair of 59km of Regional Road, 636km of Local Road and 13km of National Road. The below Road Works Programme 2021 was approved by the Municipal District.

### Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grants

Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grants	Grant (€)
N55 Ballymahon Traffic Management	1,000,000
N55 Ballymahon Street Pavement Strengthening	950,000
N63 Lanesborough Pavement	500,000

### Restoration Improvement Grants for Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Grant	Grant (€)
Granard Regional Road	242,251.00
Granard Local Road	1,657,493.00

Regional Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Ballynascrow to Brown's Cross	R194-1830	51,520.00
From Granard to Ballwillin	R194-2638	113,850.00
R-198-1971	R198-1971	36,327.00
Monaduff	R198-1381	40,554.00
Total		242,251.00

Local Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Tawnagh from junction of Local Rd LP 01025 to junction of Local Rd LT 50581 at Tawnagh	L10253-0	40,455.00
Fostrá junction with L5081-0, L5066-0 (4 Roads) Fostrá (Part)	L1036-0	53,940.00
Soran (Part)	L5080-0	43,065.00
Creelaghta to junction with L1015 (Part)	L10152-0	41,108.66

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Derawley (Part)	L1016-0	36,946.00
Aughakilmore from junction with L1062 to junction with L1051 (Part)	L1054-0	36,569.00
Corbeagh from junction with L-1065 to Castlebrock (Part)	L1079-0	43,703.00
Lismagoneen from junction with L5148 to junction with L1083 (Part)	L1080-0	25,504.00
Molly to Aghamore Upper (Part)	L5081-0	37,000.00
Creelaghta cul-de-sac to junction with L10152-0	L10153-0	40,165.00
Crowdrumman full cul-de-sac to junction with L1022-0	L10222-0	5,883.00
Corneddán full cul-de-sac to L1031-0	L10312-0	8,580.00
Lettergullion cul-de-sac to junction with L1034	L10341-0	10,299.00
Monaduff cul-de-sac to junction with R198	L50411-0	14,290.00
Corrinagh to junction with L5066-0 (Part)	L5071-0, L5071-1	20,580.00
Glenmore	L50811-0	19,006.48
Carrowlinan from junction with L-5074 to junction with L-5080	L5074-0, L5080-0, L5086-0	49,072.00
Glenoghill from junction with L-5135 to Farrafgrove Cross (Part)	L5120-0	45,090.00
Glenoghill from junction with L-5120 to junction with L-5131 Glannagh	L5135-0	58,132.00
Derrynacross from junction with L-1034-0 to junction with L-50621-0 (Part)	L5063-0	24,750.00
Glenmore	L5076-0	18,000.00
off France Road	L51111-0	21,735.00
Molly cul-de-sac to junction with L1051	L10512-0	8,358.00
Molly cul-de-sac to junction with L1051	L10513-0	13,625.70
Molly Cul-de-sac to junction with L1051	L10511-0	26,355.20
Cammagh to Edenmore (Part)	L5066-0	32,168.46
Firmount from junction with L1080	L1083-0	38,737.00
Cartrongolan full cul-de-sac to junction with L1027-0	L10105-0	10,096.00
From Cleenrath to Mollyglass (Part)	L10421-0	20,160.00
From Legga 3 roads to Aghamore Lower (Part)	L5065-0	73,950.00
From Farmullagh to Sheridan's	L10212-0	22,185.00
From Crott 3 roads to Smear 3 roads (Part)	L10292-0	52,200.00
From Smear 3 roads to Smear 3 roads	L10293-0	30,885.00
From Drumhalry to J Sheridan's	L10331-0	18,705.00
Rossduff to Dunbeggan (Part)	L5079-0	99,000.00
From Aghakine 3 roads to Ballinrooey 4 roads (Part)	L1045-0 L1049-0	55,440.00
From Higginstown to Robinstown 3 roads (Part)	L1078-0	77,280.00
From Killasona 4 roads to Abbeylara 4 roads (Part)	L1077-0, L1081-0 L1085-0	88,254.00
From Willsbrook 4 roads to Coolagherty 3 roads (Part)	L5132-0	47,104.00
Larkfield to Degnan's	L10506	18,880.00
Derrycassin to Cloonagh at Keogh's (Part)	L10571	37,664.00
From Clooneen 3 to Drumnacrehir road	L5114	69,802.00



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Cloonagh to McNerney's	L10572-0	13,340.00
From Ballybrien to Nannery's	L10682-0	17,980.00
From Moyne 3 roads to Berrinagh (Part)	L10282-0	32,190.00
Aughnacliffe 3 roads to Mulligans	L10441-0	9,483.00
Aghaward from junction with L-1047 to junction with L-1053	L5094-0	49,777.50
Total		1,657,493.00

## Restoration Maintenance Grant for Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Maintenance Grant	Total (€)
Granard Regional Road	49,847.00
Granard Local Road	268,009.00

Regional Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Longfield from junction with L-5164 to junction with L-51462-0 (Part)	R395-501	29,446.00
From Moyne 4 roads to county boundary at Crannagh Bridge (Part)	R198-2868	20,401.00
Total		49,847.00

Local Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Drumbad (Part) from junction with L-10142 to junction with L-5041-0	L1014-0	18,456.00
Gaigue (Part) from Ballinamuck village to junction with R-198	L1017-0	28,332.00
Cloontumpher full cul-de-sac to junction with L-10271-0	L10271-0	5,536.00
Kiltyclough from junction with L-10462-0 to junction with L-1053 (Part)	L1046-0	11,616.00
Kiltyclough, full cul-de-sac to junction with L-1046-0	L10462-0	4,842.00
Edenmore from junction with L-50661-0 to junction with L-1036 (Part)	L5070-0	15,764.00
Lisaghtigan from junction with L-5145 to junction with L-1083	L51453-0	9,794.00
Drumderg from junction with L-5094 to junction with L-1046	L5091-0	11,880.00
Cartrongolan full cul-de-sac to junction with L-1010-0	L10104-0	10,292.00
Drumbad full cul-de-sac to junction with L1014-0	L10142-0	2,810.00
Shanmullagh cul-de-sac to junction with L-1020 (Part)	L10171-0	10,160.00
Drumhalry 3 roads to Drumhalry (Currans)	L50671-0	5,444.00
Cuingareen to J Reilly's	L50324-0	4,380.00
Robinstown to Ballyboy (Kilbride Lane)	L10781-0	13,456.00
From Toneyamore to Masterson's	L10731-0	6,960.00
From Feriskill to Brown's Cross (Part)	L5134-0	18,000.00
From Prucklishtown to Killeen (Part)	L5121-0	21,360.00
From Enaghan to Lough Gowna	L50771-0	11,648.00
From Rossduff to Smear	L1037-0	17,600.00
Sonnagh to Mulligan's	L50891-0	9,047.00

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From Ballyduffy Mill to John Reilly's, Ballyduffy	L50553-0	13,464.00
From Fihoragh (R194 (East) to Aghagah (R194)	L5067-0	17,168.00
Total		268,009.00

## Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant Total Allocation

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant allocation	Total (€)
Granard Regional Road	78,023.00
Granard Local Road	149,113.00

Regional Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Cammagh from junction with L-5066-0 to junction with L5058-0 (Part)	R198-1971	26,800.00
Schoolland from junction with L-1063 to Ballyreaghan (Part)	R194-1396	36,000.00
From Moyne 4 roads to County Boundary at Crannagh Bridge (Part)	R198-2868	15,223.00
Total		78,023.00

Local Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Derawley full cul-de-sac to junction with L-10221-0	L10161-0	8,196.00
Gaigue cul-de-sac	L10251-0	10,960.00
Corglass county border to junction with L-1024	L5048-0	31,612.00
From Culray 3 roads to Culray	L50962-0	3,944.00
From Ballinulty (near old School) to Ballinulty	L10581-0	14,112.00
From Toome to Westquarters	L50984-0	7,504.00
Kilmore Bog Road	L50992-0	14,848.00
From Dring to West of GAA grounds	L1060-0	8,800.00
From Aghnagarron to Carrickduff (Dalystown)	L5119-0	24,720.00
From Creevy to County Boundary at Creevy	L51264-0	4,944.00
Cartronbore 3 roads to Brady's and Kiernan's	L51223-0	5,280.00
Moyne to T Farrell's House	L10281-0	6,565.00
Crott 3 roads to Philip Mulligans	L1029-0, L10291-0	4,640.00
Cartron	L51382-0	2,988.00
Total		149,113.00

## Discretionary Grants

Regional Road Maintenance	Total (€)
Includes patching and repair, drainage, verge trimming, culverts road markings	66,490.50

Local Road Maintenance	Total (€)
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Includes patching and repair, drainage, verge trimming, culverts road markings	456,101.50
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## Low Cost Safety Scheme Ballymahon

Location	Road Number	Total (€)
T-Jn of L5132 with L-1076 at Coolagherty	L1076, L5132	30,000.00
T-Jn of L-1058 with the L-1057 at Dring	L1057, L1058	25,500.00
Purth Cross	L1049, L1058, L1059, L1061	50,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>105,500.00</b>

## Bridge Rehabilitation Grant

Location	Total (€)
Foygh Bridge, Ballymahon	1,855.00
Killinlastra Bridge	1,350.00
Camagh North Bridge, (No 445)	40,000.00
Clonbrony Bridge (No 102)	70,000.00
Melkagh/Esker North Bridge (No 162)	70,000.00
Drumhahara Bridge (No 150)	50,000.00
Gaigue Aghadowry Bridge	85,000.00
Kiltykeary Cartronreagh	25,000.00
Prucklishtown Bridge	30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>373,205.00</b>

## Drainage Grant Total County Allocations

Reginal Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
R198-1381	R198-1381	8,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,000.00</b>

Local Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
L10104-0	L10104-0	16,500.00
L51611-0	L51611-0	11,848.16
L5086-0	L5086-0	7,000.00
L10152-0	L10152-0	6,000.00
L51111-0	L51111-0	6,000.00
L5065-0	L5065-0	15,000.00
L5055-0	L5055-0	9,000.00
L1073-0	L1073-0	17,348.17

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L10294-0, L50722-0	L10294-0, L50722-0	14,000.00
Total		110,696.33

## Active Travel Allocation carried forward from 2020

Location	Works	Total (€)
R194 from Ardscoil Padraig to houses west of school	Widening and resurfacing path to facilitate walkers from houses to school and also from factories to Granard Town.	15,000.00
R194 from Ardscoil Padraig east to Pat the Baker factory.	Widen and repair existing path to allow for children to walk to and from school	62,000.00
R194 from Ardscoil Padraig to houses west of school	Resurface road, to include an inbound cycle lane in the hard shoulder	15,000.00
Total		92,000.00

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## Appendix Three: Longford Municipal District Annual Report 2021

### 1. Estates Taken in Charge

Brickfield, Abbeycarton

### 2. Roads Taken in Charge

Brickfield, Abbeycarton

### 3. Bye-Laws Adopted

No bye-laws adopted in 2021.

### 4. Longford Municipal District Schedule of Road Works 2021

The Longford Municipal District has responsibility for the maintenance and repair of 25km of Regional Road, 238km of Local Road and 37km of National Road. The below Road Works Programme 2021 was approved by the Municipal District.

#### Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grants

Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grants	Grant (€)
N4 Newtownforbes	600,000
N63 Majors Well	90,000
N63 Farranyoogan	1,300,000
N63 Market Square, South to Roundabout	900,000

#### Restoration Improvement Grants for Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Grant	Grant (€)
Longford Regional Road	101,772.00
Longford Local Road	612,752.25

Regional Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Athlone Road from junction with N-63 to junction R-397-516 in Crane TD (Part)	R 397-516	101,772.00
Total		101,772.00

Local Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From Longford Town Boundary at Ballymakeegan Td to jcn w L – 7008 (Part)	L5271	36,000.00
From Whiterock 3 roads to Cooleeney 3 roads (West Trunk T 3) (Part)	L5143	43,200.00
From Kilmacannon 3 roads (West) to Currygranny 3 roads (South)	L5016-0	27,426.75
From Kilmacannon 3 roads (West) to Currygranny 3 roads (South)	L5016-4	26,578.50



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From Leitrim 3 roads (West) to Newtownforbes 3 roads (at Convent)( Part)	L5017	78,000.00
From jcn w R-198 at Aghadegnan to Clonbalt	L50192	33,600.00
From Clooneen Bridge to County Boundary at Tomisky	L 5009	35,380.00
From Michael Mulvey's cottage to a pt opposite Kiernan Masterson's house in Kilmore Lower td	L52692	15,732.50
From Ballagh Bridge to Sragarrow 3 roads (North) (Part)	L5020-0	44,370.00
From jcn with L-1151-0 to Casey's in Clontirm Td	L11511	13,398.00
Feraghfad 3rds at Junction w L-7008-0 to Feraghfad 3rds at jcn w L-7010-0 (Part)	L7010-0	80,000.00
From Kiltyreher 3 rds to Kiltybegs	L10405-0	56,000.00
From Eddercloon 3 roads (Jcn w L-5011-0) to Eddercloon 3 roads (Jcn w N4)	L5012	28,156.50
Connolly Crescent cul de sac	L30033-1	17,360.00
From jcn with L-1010 in Corraabaun Td to Crowe's	L10102	11,890.00
From jcn with R-198 at Elm Lodge to Moorehead's house	L7002-0	52,500.00
From jcn with L-5003-0 to Beatty's	L50031	13,160.00
Total		612,752.25

## Restoration Maintenance Grant for Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Maintenance Grant	Total (€)
Longford Regional Road	17,028.00
Longford Local Road	102,522.75

Regional Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From Knockahaw Td to Feraghfad 3 roads	R-393-131	17,028.00
Total		49,847.00

Local Roads		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Corry 3 roads(North) to jcn w L-5003-0 in Lismore Td (Part)	L5004-0	16,779.75
From Lisnabo 3 rds to jcn with L-5004 in Lismore	L5006-0	10,206.00
From Bohernameeltoge 3 roads to Kilnashee 3 roads (East)(Part)	L5036-0	12,960.00
From jcn with L-3009 at Glebe cross to former Town council boundary at Lisduff(Part)	L3013-0	14,175.00
From Corboy 4 roads to Creeve 3 roads(Part)	L5147-0	15,390.00
Viewmount lane	L70051-0	6,732.00
From Gorteenorna 4 roads (North) to Killeenatruan 3 roads (Part)	L5057-0	14,400.00
From jcn with N- 5 in Cartronlebagh to Dan Moore's gate	L50021-0	11,880.00
		102,522.75

## Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant Total Allocation

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Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant allocation	Total (€)
Longford Regional Road	12,168.00
Longford Local Road	73,261.50

Regional Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
From Knockahaw Td. to Feraghfad 3 roads	R393-131	12,168.00
Total		12,168.00

Local Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Clonmacart road from Cloonagh to Oghill(Part)	L5039-0	14,118.00
From Glannagh 3 roads (West) to Farraghroe 4 roads(Part)	L5131	15,318.00
From Briskil 3 roads to Cloonellan 3 roads	L5027	21,991.50
From jcn with N63 to Clooneeny	L11274	21,834.00
Total		73,261.50

## Discretionary Grants

Regional Road Maintenance	Total (€)
Includes patching and repair, drainage, verge trimming, culverts road markings	27,996.00

Local Road Maintenance	Total (€)
Includes patching and repair, drainage, verge trimming, culverts road markings	168,559.25

## Low Cost Safety Scheme Ballymahon

Location	Road Number	Total (€)
Lisduff Cross-Lisduff Hill. From Jn with L7008 to jn with L5179	L1112	30,000.00
Lisduff-Whitfords Lane Jn	L7008, L70081	30,000.00
L70081		60,000.00

## Bridge Rehabilitation Grant

Location	Road Number	Total (€)
Killeter Bridge (No 108)	R194-614	60,000
Soran Bridge	L5093	4,195
Total		64,195.00

## Drainage Grant Total County Allocations

Regional Road		
Road Name	Road Number	Total (€)
Jetting Town	Various	20,000.00

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Demesne	L30011-1	20,000.00
M Connollys Lisduff	L1112-0	15,000.00
Dublin Road	R393	15,000.00
Tennis Court Lane	L7002-0	10,174.08
Ardnacassa Lawns	L70094-0	10,174.08
Teffia Park	L3007-0	10,174.08
Garrowhill	L50322	10,174.09
Total		110,696.33

## Active Travel Allocation carried forward from 2020

Location	Works	Total (€)
R194 from Ardscoil Padraig to houses west of school	Widening and resurfacing path to facilitate walkers from houses to school and also from factories to Granard Town.	15,000.00
Total		92,000.00

## Former Non-National Roads

Location	Works	Total (€)
Longford Section of Battery Road (former N4)	R198-131 (N4)	300,000
Total		300,000

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## Appendix Four: Council Membership of Committees

Committees	Councillors
Appointment of nominee of Longford County Council to attend annual meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Colin Dalton
Association of Irish Local Government	Mick Cahill, John Browne, Paraic Brady
Board of Backstage Theatre	Director: Colm Murray
Members: Peggy Nolan, Paul Ross	
Creative Ireland Culture Team	Martin Monaghan, Pat O'Toole and Paraic Brady
County Longford Heritage Forum	Peggy Nolan, Paul Ross and Turlough McGovern
Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly	John Browne, Colm Murray
Health Service Executive Regional Health Forum, Dublin-mid Leinster	PJ Reilly, Paraic Brady, Paul Ross
Joint Policing Committee	Seamus Butler, Pat O'Toole, PJ Reilly, Martin Monaghan, Uruemu Adejinmi, Turlough McGovern, Peggy Nolan, Paul Ross, Gerry Hagan, Garry Murtagh, John Browne, Colin Dalton, Gerry Warnock
Local Authority Members' Association	Gerard Farrell
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)	Seamus Butler, Colm Murray, Colin Dalton, Paraic Brady
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Martin Monaghan, Uruemu Adejinmi, John Browne, Peggy Nolan, Gerry Warnock
Longford Community Resources Ltd	
Longford County Council Audit Committee	
Longford Enterprise Development Company Ltd	Seamus Butler, Uruemu Adejinmi, Mick Cahill, Colin Dalton
Longford Pool Construction Ltd	Gerry Hagan, Gerry Warnock, Martin Monaghan
Longford/Westmeath Education and Training Board	Pat O'Toole, Peggy Nolan, Gerry Hagan, Garry Murtagh
Longford/Westmeath Rural Community Transport Association	Paraic Brady
Regeneration Committee	Paul Ross, Gerry Warnock, John Browne, Uruemu Adejinmi, Martin Monaghan, Gerry Hagan, Peggy Nolan and Seamus Butler, Gerard Farrell, Paul Ross, Mick Cahill, PJ Reilly, Turlough McGovern, Paraic Brady

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Midlands Region Drugs and Alcohol Task Force	Colm Murray
Midlands Energy Agency	Colm Murray
County Longford Tourism Committee	Uruemu Adejinmi, Gerard Farrell, Garry Murtagh
Rural Water Monitoring Committee	Seamus Butler, Paul Ross, Garry Murtagh
Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	Colm Murray
Sports Partnership Board	Mick Cahill, Garry Murtagh, Peggy Nolan
Longford Road Safety Working Together Committee	Paul Ross
Tender Committee	Paul Ross, Pat O'Toole, John Browne
Business Incentive Scheme Committee	Seamus Butler, Colm Murray, Colin Dalton, John Browne



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## Appendix Five: Conferences attended by Elected Members

Date in 2021	Conference	Location	Councillors in Attendance
18 September	AILG Module 1 Training	Tower Hotel, Waterford	Mick Cahill, Paraic Brady
23 September	AILG Module 1 Training	Glendalough Hotel, Wicklow	Paul Ross, Uruemu Adejinmi, John Browne, Colin Dalton, Colm Murray, Garry Murtagh
2 October	AILG Module 1 Training	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	PJ Reilly, Gerry Hagan
15 and 17 October	A Practical Guide to Budget 2022	Clonakilty, Cork	Paul Ross, Garry Murtagh, Colm Murray, Peggy Nolan
3 and 5 November	LAMA Autumn Training Seminar	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	Paul Ross, Mick Cahill, Colm Murray, Paraic Brady, Garry Murtagh, PJ Reilly, Peggy Nolan, John Browne
6 November	AILG Module 2 Training	Clayton Hotel, Galway	Colm Murray, PJ Reilly, Mick Cahill, Peggy Nolan
10 November	AILG Module 2 Training	Avalon House, Kilkenny	John Browne, Paraic Brady
17 and 19 November	IPI Annual Conference	White's Hotel, Wexford	John Browne, Paul Ross, Paraic Brady, PJ Reilly, Colin Dalton
3 and 5 December	Mental Health and Wellbeing	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Louth	Colin Dalton, PJ Reilly, Turlough McGovern, Paraic Brady, John Browne

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## Appendix Six: Performance Indicators

Corporate (C1,C2, C4, C5)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
Wholetime equivalent staffing number at year end	334.61	334.66
% paid working days lost due to sickness absence through:		
medically certified leave	4.58%	2.56%
self-certified sick leave	0.30%	0.17%
Number working days lost to sickness absence through:		
medically certified leave	3,582	2,189
self-certified leave	226.5	129.5
Number unpaid working days lost to sickness absence through:		
medically certified leave	102.5	244.5
self-certified sick leave	0	0
All ICT expenditure in the year divided by the WTE number	€2,337.07	€3,307.77
Total ICT expenditure in the year	€782,007.05	€1,106,978.98
All ICT expenditure calculated as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	1.60	1.75
Total revenue expenditure in the year before transfers to or from reserves	€48,956,521	€63,229,760

Corporate (C3)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
Per capita total page views of the local authority's (LA) websites in 2020		16.39
The per capita total number of followers at end 2020 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)		1.18
Total page views of all websites operated by the LA	714,682	669,970
Number social media users following the LA on social media sites	38,858	48,049
Number social media accounts operated by the LA	23	2

Waste (E1)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Number households in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service (census)	3,385	3,593
% households that the number at A. represents	22.43%	23.81%

Environmental Pollution (E2)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
Number of pollution cases:		
in respect of complaint during the year	1,732	1,848
closed during the year	1,831	1,832
on hand at year end	60	76

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carried forward from the previous year	159	60
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Litter Pollution (E3)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
Percentage of area:		
unpolluted by litter	32%	38%
slightly polluted by litter	53%	47%
moderately polluted by litter	15%	14%
significantly polluted by litter	0%	1%
grossly polluted by litter	0%	0%

Green Flag Status (E4)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A % schools awarded Green Flag Status (introduced 2018)	59.57%	38.30%
Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2020	0	0
Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2020	10	8
Schools which held a Green Flag from 2019 and therefore do not require renewal until 2021	18	10

Energy Efficiency (E5)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Cumulative % of energy savings achieved by 31 December 2020 relative to base year (2009)	37.37%	1.00%

Fire Service (F1)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
AFS Programme E expenditure divided by Census population served by the Fire Service	€52.57	€56.51
AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 – Operation of Fire Service and E12 Fire Prevention	€2,519,329	€2,708,203

Fire Service (F2, F3)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
Average time (minutes) to mobilise fire brigades in:		
A. Full-Time Stations in respect of Fire	0 min	0 min
B. Part-Time Stations in respect of Fire	6.89 min	6.05 min
C. Full-time stations in respect of other (non-fire) emergency incidents	0 min	0 min
D. Part-time stations in respect of other (non-fire) emergency incidents	6.91 min	6.88 min
% cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is:		
A. within 10 minutes	36.05 %	36.82 %

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B. after 10 and within 20 minutes	54.51 %	54.81 %
C. after 20 minutes	9.44 %	8.37 %
% cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at scene is:		
D. within 10 minutes	26.56 %	26.92 %
E. after 10 and within 20 minutes	65.62 %	62.82 %
F. after 20 minutes	7.81 %	10.26 %
Total number call-outs in respect of fires in the year	233	239
Number fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is:		
within 10 minutes	84	88
after 10 and within 20 minutes	127	131
after 20 minutes	22	22
Total number callouts in respect of all other emergency incidents	64	78
Number non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is:		
within 10 minutes	17	21
after 10 and within 20 minutes	42	49
after 20 minutes	5	8

Housing (H1, H2, H4)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Number of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1 January 2020	1,975	2,067
B. Number of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during the year (constructed or acquired)	125	64
C. Number of LA owned dwellings sold in the year	14	18
D. Number of LA dwellings demolished in the year	10	1
E. Number of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at year end	2,076	2,112
F. Number of dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme	0	1
A. % of total number of LA owned dwellings vacant at year end	8%	6.35%
Number of dwellings within the overall stock not tenanted at year end	166	134
A. Expenditure on maintenance of housing divided by number dwellings in stock at year end	€242.66	€336.50
Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock incl. planned maintenance qualifying for grants	€503,760	€710,358

Housing (H3, H5)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Average time taken from date of vacation of dwelling to date new tenancy commenced (weeks)	84.69	48.78
B. Average cost expended on getting dwellings re-tenanted ready for re-letting	€30,535.54	€20,865.21
Number dwellings re-tenanted on any date in year (excl. those vacant for estate refurbishment)	58	49

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Number weeks from date of vacation to date when the dwelling is re-tenanted	4,912	2,390
Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,771,055	€1,022,395.20
A. Total number registered tenancies at end June	2,807	2,716
B. Number rented dwellings inspected in the year	295	218
C. % of dwellings inspected found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	64.07%	97.26%
D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2020 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		124

Housing (H6)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Number adults in emergency accommodation long-term as a % of total no. of homeless adults	40 %	100 %
Number adults classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation at year end, on PASS	15	10
Number adults at year end who were in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months	6	10

Economic Development (J1, J2, J3, J4)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Number jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office per 100,000 population		-29.3592
Number jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office	73	-12.0
A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020 per 100,000 population		288.6991
B. The no. of trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2020 per 100,000 population		117.4369
Number trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office	18	118
Number trading online vouchers drawn down	8	48
A. The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 per 100,000 population		327.8448
Number participants who received mentoring	104	134

Library Service (L1)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	6.68	2.00
B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	119,491	75,754
C. Library active members per head of population		0.14
D. Number of registered library members in the year	8,017	10,613



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Number library visits during the year	273,020	81,890
Number trading online vouchers drawn down	8	48
A. The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 per 100,000 population		327.8448

Library Service (L2)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2020 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€46.02	€57.61
B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 1/01/2020 to 31/12/2020	€1.94	€1.85
A. AFS Programme F data consisting of F02- Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2020	€1,880,797	€2,354,776
B. The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€792,221.66	€75,423

Finance (M1, M2, M3, M4)					
Performance Indicator					
Cumulative balance in Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS:					
	A. End 2016	B. End 2017	C. End 2018	D. End 2019	E. End 2020
	€174,151	€231,830	€233,046	€246,348	€250,963
				2019	2020
F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at year end as a % of Total Income from the AFS statement				0.74%	0.37%
G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2020				€1,197.77	€1,546.98
H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2020 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure				€1,197.77	€0
Total Income figure from Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS				€33,236,436	€67,058,717
Total Expenditure figure from Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS				€48,956,521	€63,229,760
The 2020 Revenue expenditure excluding county / shared service expenditure for the service providers of HAP, MyPay, DRHE and Dublin Fire Services				€48,956,521	€0
Summary of % of collection levels for major revenue sources:					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rates	84%	89%	89%	88%	81%
Rent and Annuities	90%	92%	93%	90%	89%
Housing Loans	57%	60%	55%	59%	65%
Public Liability Claims:					
A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2018					€13.94
A.2 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2019					€7.43
A.3 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2020					€16.00

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IPB Insurance: Number of notified claims for 2018		52
IPB Insurance: Number of notified claims for 2019		35
IPB Insurance: Number of notified claims for 2020		41
IPB Insurance: Number of settled claims for 2018		27
IPB Insurance: Number of settled claims for 2019		20
IPB Insurance: Number of settled claims for 2020		22
IPB Insurance: Total cost of settled claims for 2018		€569,909.98
IPB Insurance: Total cost of settled claims for 2019		€303,539.04
IPB Insurance: Total cost of settled claims for 2020		€653,862.94
Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2018		€0
Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2019		€0
Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2020		€0
Self-insured: Number of notified claims for 2018		52
Self-insured: Number of notified claims for 2019		35
Self-insured: Number of notified claims for 2020		41
Self-insured: Number of settled claims for 2018		27
Self-insured: Number of settled claims for 2019		20
Self-insured: Number of settled claims for 2020		22
Self-insured: Total cost of settled claims for 2018		€0
Self-insured: Total cost of settled claims for 2019		€0
Self-insured: Total cost of settled claims for 2020		€0
Overheads:		
A. Overall central management charge as a percentage of total expenditure on revenue account		14.06%
B. Total payroll costs as a percentage of revenue expenditure		35.34%
Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget		€8,891,629
Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2020 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)		€22,344,168

Planning (P1)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Buildings inspected as a % of new buildings notified to the local authority	52.03%	3.26%
Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	148	92
Number of new buildings notified, subject of at least one inspection	77	3

Planning (P2, P3)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Number of planning decisions subject of appeal to An Bord Pleanála determined by Board	7	10

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B. % of the determinations which confirmed (with or without variations) decision made by the LA	57.14%	80.0%
Number determinations confirming the LA's decision with or without variation	4	8
A. Total number planning cases referred to or initiated by the LA in year that were investigated	42	39
B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during the year	42	38
C. % cases at B dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation, or closed because statute barred or exempted development	33.33%	34.21%
D. % of cases at B resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	26.19%	2.63%
E. % Cases at B closed due to enforcement proceedings	40.48%	63.16%
F. Total number planning cases being investigated as at year end	62	63
Number cases at B dismissed under Section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	14	13
Number cases at B resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	11	1
Number cases at B closed due to enforcement proceedings	17	24

Planning (P4, P5)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. AFS Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area	€41.15	€41.30
AFS Programme D consisting of D01, D02, D03 (inclusive of the central management charge)	€1,682,091	€1,688,142
A. % of applications for fire safety certificates received that were decided (granted or refused) within 2 months of their receipt	96 %	37.04 %
B. % of applications for fire safety certificates received that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	4 %	22.22 %
Total number of applications for fire safety certificates received that were not withdrawn by applicant	25	27
Total number of applications for fire safety certificates received that were decided (granted or refused) within 2 months of the date of receipt of the application	24	10
Total number of applications for fire safety certificates received that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	1	6

Roads (R1, R2)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
% road kilometres with a PSCI rating:		
Regional	99.72 %	95.20 %
Local Primary	98.97 %	97.80 %
Local Secondary	99.09 %	98.20 %
Local Tertiary	84.53 %	84.70 %

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% Total Road Kms with PSCI Ratings:								
	2019				2020			
	1-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	1-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
Regional	1.68	14.17	39.53	44.41	.7	12.4	43.7	43
Local Primary	.32	12	63.38	23.86	.7	8.8	58.3	32.3
Secondary	1.49	21.36	60.49	16.28	1.1	18.4	52.8	27.4
Tertiary	6.14	21.37	34.77	22.7	4.5	19.9	33.5	29.4
A1. Kilometres of regional roads strengthened					4.4 km		4.0 km	
A2. Amount expended on regional roads strengthening work					€741,610		€763,820	
A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m <sup>2</sup> )					€26.13		€30.06	
B1. Kilometres of regional roads resealed					4.6 km		10.9 km	
B2. Amount expended on regional road resealing work					€139,639		€293,134	
B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m <sup>2</sup> )					€4.58		€4.27	
C1. Kilometres of local roads strengthened					47.7 km		63.2 km	
C2. Amount expended on local road strengthening work					€2,989,370		€3,223,547	
C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m <sup>2</sup> )					€14.84		€12.59	
D1. Kilometres of local roads resealed					50.5 km		63.8 km	
D2. Amount expended on local road resealing work					€719,113		€823,974	
D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m <sup>2</sup> )					€3.71		€3.32	

Motor Tax (R3)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
% of motor tax transactions online	62.80 %	77.66 %

Water (W1, W2)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
% of private drinking water schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	96.98%	1%
The number of registered schemes monitored by each local authority as a percentage of total schemes registered		
The number of registered schemes monitored in 2020		
Total number of registered schemes in 2020	19	

Youth and Community (Y1, Y2)		
Performance Indicator	2019	2020
A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council or Comhairle na nÓg scheme	100%	100%
Total number of second level schools in the LA area at year end	9	9

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Number second level schools from which representatives attended the Comhairle na nÓg AGM	9	9
Number organisations included in the County Register and the proportion who opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	14.40	13.02
Total number organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area	375	453
Total number those organisations that registered for the first time	74	78
Number organisations opting to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College when registering for the PPN	54	59



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## Appendix Seven: Corporate Plan Progress Report

### A Safer County

Longford County Council honoured at a national level with two awards: Regional (Midlands) Award and Continuous High Achiever Award at the annual NISO/NISG All Ireland Safety Awards. This is the seventh consecutive year the Council have won an NISO award. ISO 45001:2018 Accreditation of Council's Safety Management System with an extended remit for the accreditation secured – Corporate Services

Ensured consistent enforcement of our powers under various Environmental legislation – Environment

Since 1 January 2021, 76 approaches by homeless persons have been dealt with in the Housing Department. The provision of emergency accommodation for these 21 individuals over a total of 1,537 bed-nights so far in 2021 has cost €90,606.00 – Housing

Road safety improvement works to the value of €265,500 at various locations throughout the county – Roads

The Fire Service helped to support and maintain safe, sustainable and active communities in our county by maintaining the current operational Fire Service throughout the pandemic – Fire

The Fire Service promoted and implemented best practice in Health and Safety through audits of work practices, procedures and documentation resulting in getting ISO 45001 accreditation for our Safety Management System – Fire

The Fire Service partnered with other principal response agencies to plan and respond to emergencies by ensuring necessary planning, preparedness, capacity, training and coordination is in place – Fire

The early contractor involvement works is a nationally programmes aimed at carrying out improvement works at water treatment plants to ensure the continued delivery of safe drinking water – Water

Training for 17 health and safety competencies was delivered in 2021, catering for 373 employees – Human Resources

Funding received from the Department of Justice to establish a new Local Community Safety Partnership in Longford on a pilot basis – Community

Award grants of €43,000 through the Local Community Development Committee to support frontline organisations – Community

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## A County for Everyone

Communications Unit established with dedicated Communications Officer appointed in January. Strategic Communications Plan 2021-2024 was developed and approved in October 2021 as a framework to give strategic direction to all Council's communication activities – Corporate Services

Delivered environmental awareness and education strategies through Green Schools programme. Veterinary and Longford Local Sports Partnership developed a very successful Urban Horse-Riding Programme 2021 – Environment and Veterinary

To date in 2021 a total of 476 new Social Housing Support Applications have been received from individuals and families seeking to get onto the Council's Housing Waiting List. So far this year, a total of 647 Housing Applications have been either processed for the first time or have been reviewed – Housing

Successful Live and Local summer and winter programmes, funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. Longford Live and Local celebrated local artists and performers in summer 2021 with the return of outdoor performances marking a successful programme of events. A selection of over 50 local performers collaborated with almost 50 live events across nearly every town and village in the county, with talents both young and old getting a chance to perform again in front of a live audience. Almost 6,000 fans attended – LEO

Road and bridge improvement works were carried out throughout the county in both urban and rural areas enhancing physical connectivity throughout the county – Roads

The Fire Service support local democracy in our decision making by having a five-year operational plan in place which is adopted by our Councillors. This plan is reviewed on a yearly basis and an annual service operational plan is developed and implemented. The goals of this plan for 2021 are completed – Fire

Training for 25 different competencies was delivered during 2021, catering for 1,232 employees. Twenty-three employees participated in the Open Learning Scheme for the 2021/2022 academic year. Sixty programmes were designed and delivered to 720 attendees through the health and wellbeing programme – HR

Continuing to host hybrid meetings to facilitate local governance during the changing COVID-19 restrictions – Information Technology

Successful rollout of Longford Live and Local, Faoin Spéir, Longford Age Friendly and Healthy Homes initiatives – Libraries

Success for Creative Ireland projects, Decades of Centauries programme in Archives section – Beyond 2022 – Library

Maximising engagement with the public in preparing the Draft County Development Plan ensuring the plan takes into account the wider communities' considerations and needs – Planning

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Nine social inclusion projects approved for LEADER funding . Over €132,000 awarded to 76 organisations under the Community Enhancement Programme. – Community

Deliver and administer an investment of €413,283 allocated to date in 2021 for Community Sports Hubs, sports clubs, and sport and physical activity initiatives from various sources. 450 participants in walking programmes. – Community

Funding of €250,000 received under Healthy Communities Programme for works at Ballyminion

Over €300,000 Community Grant Support Scheme to support community groups through county-wide and Municipal District funding. Over €277,000 awarded to nine projects under the CLÁR scheme – Community

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## A Thriving County

In June the Council's Customer Services Charter was formally launched and implementation commenced. Customer Relationship Management System introduction in November in Corporate Services – Corporate Services

A waste facility permit was issued for a site at Carrickboy quarry which can take up to 200,000 tonnes of soil and stone – Environment

Forty-two properties have been added to the Council's Social Housing Stock since 1 January 2021. Of these, two are Council constructed new properties and 23 are second-hand properties that were acquired by the Council and refurbished before being allocated to families on the Council's housing waiting list. A further 17 new properties, that were delivered via turnkey contracts, were also added to the Council's social housing stock and are now occupied. Work is ongoing on a number of other acquisitions and developments and it is hoped that a substantial number of additional properties will be added to the Council's social housing stock before the end of the year – Housing

Longford was allocated €236,800 under the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme run by the Department of Rural and Community Development, as part of the Our Rural Future development policy. This scheme encouraged business owners to upgrade and enhance the business properties in four selected towns in the county: Longford Town, Granard, Lanesborough and Drumlish – Local Enterprise Office, Longford

Local Enterprise Office, Longford delivered this scheme on behalf of Fáilte Ireland encouraging hospitality businesses to enhance their properties promoting opportunities for outdoor dining. This allowed them to continue to trade but also enhanced the streetscape and the visitor experience. A fund of €165,000 was administered under this scheme to 48 businesses spread across the whole county – Local Enterprise Office, Longford

Major pavement schemes were completed in Longford Town on the N63 from Market Square, south to the roundabout, on the N63 at Barnacor and on the N4 in Newtownforbes. Ongoing design of future minor improvement work schemes on the N4, N5, N63 and N55 – Roads

Notable achievements delivered in 2021 included regional and local road improvement works to a value in excess of €4,240,500. Restoration maintenance works (surface dressing) to a value in excess of €1,216,500. LIS Funding of €393,041 received – 14 schemes completed. Drainage works to the value of €332,089 were carried out at various locations throughout the county. Community involvement schemes to the value of €101,561 were undertaken – Roads

Longford County Council in partnership with Irish Water progressed the installation of new watermains to replace older problematic mains in a number of locations to improve the water network and increase security of supply to those areas. Capital network schemes were completed at Ballymakeegan, Templemichael and Bannon Terrace, Clonboney, Lanesborough, Cahanagh-Pucklish – Water

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Competitions advertised numbered 41,691 applications were received, 49 interview days were held, 31 interview boards were set up, nine temporary and 29 permanent promotions took place, ten employees retired and 14 employees resigned – Human Resources

In partnership with the IPA and the Information Technology section, an electronic performance management and development system was created to assist with the delivery of the objectives of the Corporate Plan. This put in place structures for the management of performance, build capacity through learning and development and to assist employees with their health and wellbeing. A total of 177 employees have attended workshops, training and coaching sessions during 2021 – Human Resources

Implemented a new hyperconverged infrastructure solution to provide a highly-available and robust Information Technology infrastructure for the Council's suite of services – Information Technology

Launched the Longford Digital Strategy. A key part of which was the successful roll out free public WIFI in three towns, which has averaged 1,200 returning users each month. There was also the successful rollout of the Broadband Connection Point (BCP) network with more than 400 connections up to 31 October 2021. Secured funding of almost €250,000 under the Connected Hubs Call to upgrade four of the Longford's eight BCPs, as well as the co:work digital hub in Edgeworthstown – Information Technology

Edgeworthstown Community Library, a long awaited new community library and civic space for the town was opened to the public on Monday 22 November. This project will be the focal point for the regeneration of the whole town – Library

County Development Plan process completed and adopted setting out the policy to allow for the sustainable growth of Longford as a county – Planning

Due to the timely completion of the AFS, Longford County Council was the first in the country to have an audit completed for the second consecutive year – Finance

Record revenue expenditure budget of €61.2m for 2022 – Finance

Restart Grants for 664 ratepayers worth €1.97m and Restart Grants Plus for 672 ratepayers worth €4.23m; 'wet pub' top ups to 80 pubs worth €280,000; Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID to 82 ratepayers worth €280,000; rates waivers worth €2.62m was processed for 623 ratepayers for Q3 year-to-date and €464,000 for Q4; €59,000 collected on fire charges in 2021 year-to-date versus €15k,000 collected in 2020 (full year). €1.3M compensation secured for Lanesborough Power Station Rates 2022. Twelve projects approved for LEADER funding – Community

In 2021, the Regeneration team submitted 27 applications for funding to central government under a number of funding streams, of which 13 were successful. Awaiting announcements on a further 14 submissions totalling €2,978,903.81. As of November 2021, the Regeneration team are working on projects totalling €43.6 million which have been completed or are ongoing in 2021/2022.

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Fund	Project	Funding (€)	Cost (€)
Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) 2020	Camlin Quarter Regeneration Project	10,440,941	13,921,255
URDF 2018	Longford Connected	2,990,355	3,987,140
Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) 2020	Pobal le Cheile, Ballymahon	6,664,799	7,405,332
RRDF 2020	Enhancement of Attractiveness of Lanesborough as a Tourism Destination.	468,750	625,000
RRDF 2019	Abbeyshrule Project-Rural Working Hub and Enterprise Space	748,668	998,788
RRDF 2018 and Fáilte Ireland	Granard Motte Heritage Tourism Project	3,500,000	4,457,500
RRDF 2018	Edgeworthstown Community Library and public realm works	1,270,000	4,548,794
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	11.5k Greenway for Southern section of Mid Shannon Wilderness Park	1,460,000	1,460,000
Fáilte Ireland	The Royal Canal Spur Gateway Project-Rear of Market Square	500,000	923,265



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## A Greener County

Longford County Council succeeded in reducing our energy consumption resulting in a 44% reduction based on 2009 baseline, thereby exceeding the governments targets – Environment

Funding of €4,231,933 has been allocated to the Council for the retrofitting of some of its social housing properties. This funding has been allocated from the Midlands Energy Retrofitting Programme (Just Transition Fund) and the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Work on the retrofitting of an initial tranche of 159 Council social houses has already commenced – Housing

Local Enterprise Office, Longford led a Going Green pilot programme in 2021 where 32 participant businesses across the Midlands worked with environmental consultants to investigate ways their business might become more environmentally sustainable. A programme budget of €220,000 allowed for a grant of €5,000 per company which was used to introduce a green solution to each business identified during the audit process – Local Enterprise Office, Longford

Construction of climate change adaption schemes totalling €249,250 in 2021. Formation of an active travel Team and delivery of active travel projects throughout the county. Continued roll-out of energy efficient lantern replacement programme to reduce energy consumption – Roads

Longford County Council Water Services section continues to operate at a high-level under the Irish Water Service Level Agreement Key Performance Indications (KPIs). The KPIs cover all aspects of water and wastewater delivery from onsite treatment, treatment plant operations, budget management, compliance and back office supports. Figures for the first half of 2021 show KPI score averaging 96.95% – Water

A total of 134 employees participated in climate action training. Climate action is incorporated into the contracts of employment for new employees. Climate action has also been incorporated into the Performance Management and Development System as a value-based objective for all employees – Human Resources

Have championed the use of digital first business processes, commencing the implementation of a number of systems that will see environmentally-friendly paperless processes implemented. These processes will reduce paper consumption, travel and massively facilitate a low carbon usage business model – Information Technology

The new community library building in Edgeworthstown has achieved the Nearly-Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Standard, the first of our civic buildings in the county to achieve this standard. With grant funding of €100,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Council have improved energy efficiency through the branch library network though upgrading lighting and heating, replacing windows and carrying out essential repairs – Library

The Longford County Development Plan sets policies which will protect our natural and built resources. The Planning Department assists individuals and communities to protect our built heritage – Planning

