



MONTH, YEAR

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report
KEVIN KELLY



Housing for All

The Housing for All - a new Housing Plan for Ireland identified a key objective for local authorities to prepare a Housing Delivery Action Plan to include social and affordable housing delivery.

On 20th September 2021, Mayo County Council received its delivery target for social housing of 730 units for the period 2022-2026. While this is a significant target, our Housing Delivery Action Plan which was submitted to the Department on the 17th of December 2021 included a target of 1,004. This figure is ambitious, and we will strive to achieve same, but it also affords some headroom given the number of variables in housing delivery which are beyond our control.

In addition to the consultation with the Members on Housing for All through a special workshop and through the Housing Strategic Policy Committee, a workshop was also organised with the Approved Housing Bodies sector in Mayo. The Minister has also approved the allocation of funding to support increased local authority staffing for social housing delivery and the number of posts approved for Mayo County Council are 11, made up of 8 technical and 3 administration grades. Arrangements are being made to put this team in place as quickly as possible so that we can fully deliver on the targets set.





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Notification from TII of 2022 Mayo National Road and Greenway allocation of €92,829,793.

N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass Phase 1 at route option stage with procurement of specialist Consultants on going.

Procurement of Consultants has commenced for the preparation of Active Travel and Transportation Plans for Westport Belmullet and Claremorris Swinford Municipal Districts

Consultants appointed by Department of Transport to undertake pavement analysis in relation on R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall road. Report being reviewed by Mayo County Council.

Dates to Note

TII Monthly Steering Meetings 2nd & 3rd February, 2022.

Irish Rail has agreed to attend the next meeting of the Roads & Transportation SPC(date tbc) to update on their Rail Freight 2040 Strategy.

MCC Housing Deliver Action Plan for Housing for All was sent to the Department on 17th December, 2021

Housing, Roads and Service Development

TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough scheme with project completion due in Q1 2023.
- Construction works ongoing to N26 Cloongullane scheme with scheme completion due in July 2022.
- Design work practically complete on N60 Heathlawn scheme and approval will be sought from TII to proceed to tender in Q1 2022 with contractor appointment to follow in Q2 2022.
- Design work practically complete on N59 Newport - Derrada scheme with the aim to secure approval from TII to proceed to tender in Q3 2022.
- Contractor to commence on site in Q1 2022 on N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme.
- Design and survey work's ongoing for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme with Part 8 planning to follow in Q1 2022.

Housing

Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows:

573 units have been completed with another 373 in different stages of progress.

HAP & RAS

4 No. delivered under HAP,

6 No. delivered under RAS

At the end of December, a total of 2,116 active households supported by RAS & HAP

Leasing

8 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: 314 No. households currently supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo at the end of December, 2021

Homelessness

9 No. homeless presentations for Dec, 2021(10 adults & 4 children)

Total presentations for 2021 is 95 presentations.(102 adults & 37 children)

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

To date: -

199 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received

94 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

16 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received – 11 of which approved

Procurement & Efficiency Unit

- RFT for Energy Retrofitting Programme for 20 houses – contract awarded.
- RFT for Refurbishment works No 14 Killasser estate
- Refurbishment works to Houses at Moygownagh, Knock more and Ballina
- RFT for refurbishment works to 4 vacant houses in Belmullet area
- RFT for Surface Dressing chips for 2022
- RFT for Bituminous Bound Materials for 2022
- Achill Sound greenway surfacing – Contract awarded
- Tender for new communications Conference Room equipment for Council chamber



Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



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Dates to Note

February 2022 – Go live of the west region control centre on to the national platform.

Drop Off Locations are being made available county-wide for free Recycling of Christmas Trees post-Christmas 2021. Tree recycling available from 6th - 21st January 2022.

Ctrí Project

All staff have successfully completed the initial training on the new command and control system as part of the Ctrí transition. Further training will be provided as part of the validation process of local data prior to going live in February 2022.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:

MyWaste Christmas Social Media Campaign - A suite of assets was made available for our social media platforms on the theme of Greening Christmas. The content is as follows:-

- Say No! No! No! to Christmas Waste
- Recycle Your Christmas Waste
- Love Your Leftovers
- Support Local Businesses
- Choose to Reuse.

Stop Food Waste Christmas Social Media Campaign

Tips and messages were prepared by the EPA for our social media platforms to assist the public in avoiding festive food waste.

CLIMATE ACTION:

Energy:

The figures for Mayo County Council energy spend for 2020 have been compiled. Just under €3 million was spent on energy in 2020. 41% of overall energy use on Public lighting, 14% on fleet and 45% in buildings (including depots and civic amenity centres).

The spend for the top 10 energy use buildings in 2020 was just over €0.5million.

The four week **Climate Action Youth Forum** between MCC, Green-Schools and secondary schools in Mayo has finished with a report on the findings to be completed and presented to the Climate and Biodiversity sub-committee in Q1 2022.

The **Climate Action Connect** page has been published with an awareness campaign to be run in January.

Decarbonising Communities:

Toumakeady SEC and Westport 2030 presented their decarbonising visions and projects they are working to their MDs in December. Decarbonising Communities grant funding has been distributed to the communities as agreed in the DZ report.



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Planning Statistics

- Planning Applications Received: 133
- Planning Decision to Grant: 72
- Planning Decision to Refuse: 3
- Forthcoming Decisions: 77
- Preplanning Applications: 17
- Appeals: 4

FOI -7 requests

Ombudsman - 2 requests

Training

103 indoor staff participated in PMDS for Line Manager training.

27 indoor staff participated in other training.

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In line with Publications Scheme guidance, the publication of FOI Disclosures Log on www.mayo.ie commenced. This excludes publication of requests for personal information. The Freedom of Information Act is under review with full public consultation to take place in 2022.

Planning, Human Resources, Communications, Information Systems, Corporate Affairs & Architectural Services

CATHERINE McCONNELL



IT

- IT security and compliance training completed by Cloud Services Team.
- Network Team workshops on technical requirements for implementation of new national Library Management System.
- Completion of online Cyber Security Awareness training programme for staff (601) and Councillors (5).
- Engagement with DHLGH on sectoral IT standards and data strategy.
- Contributed as panel member to the Sunday Business Post Connected Cities and Towns Summit 2021.

Communications

- **Public information updates** - Road Gritting, weather alerts, traffic disruption, Covid-19
- **Media** Responses to local and national Media queries.
- **Diaspora** – Co-ordination of a visit to Chicago by a delegation to reconnect and engage with the Mayo Diaspora in Chicago. Including attendance at Mayo Association Chicago events, the Irish Fellowship club annual Christmas event, meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Chicago, Hosting of a promotional evening on ‘Home to Mayo 2022’.
- Key promotional Campaigns - Home to Mayo – Information stand at IWAK for arriving passengers Christmas week, #Shop Local Mayo, Festivals & Participative events programme, Community Monuments fund, Road Safety – Be winter ready, Recycling Centre’s – Opening hours and Christmas and New year messages

Corporate Development and HR

New Appointments

- 2 Temp Pool Lifeguards ■ 1 Env Technician Grade 1

Promotions

- 2 Administrative Officers ■ 1 Temp Traveller Accommodation Officer (1 Year) ■ 1 ISTSO ■ 1 Sports Dev Officer
- 3 Assistant Staff Officers ■ 1 Env Tech Grade 11 ■ 1 WWC Grade 5

Interviews held in December 2021

- Retained Firefighters Castlebar/ Charlestown/ Westport ■ Assistant Civil Defence Officer ■ Clerical Officer

Competitions Advertised in December

- Senior Staff Officer ■ Project Manager LIFE Lough Cara

Competitions Screened / Shortlisted

- Water & Sewerage Caretake Grade 3 ■ Assistant Fire Officer

Retirements

- 1 Exec Engineer ■ 1 Clerical Officer ■ 1 General Operative

Library

- Hearing Loop Technology Aids to assist those with hearing impairment in all branches.
- Book Magic Collections provided supporting families & children dealing with emotions.
- Regular supported visits for adults with additional needs have restarted in Castlebar library in association with the National Learning Network.

Architects

Commencement on site of 22 dwellings to Lois na Circa, Castlebar, The Outdoor Regional Training Centre, Castlebar and the retiling of Claremorris Pool.

Heritage

- Publication and distribution of Mayo Heritage Calendar 2022.
- 2021 County Heritage Plan, (5 projects) national Biodiversity action plan (6 projects) and community monuments funds (4 projects) completed.

Architectural Conservation

- 9 projects funded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 were completed.
- Conservation works to Holy Trinity Church, Westport (Historic Structures Fund) and Belleek Gate Lodge, Ballina (Historic Towns Initiative Fund) completed.



Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



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- Town Centre Masterplan Initiative (Phase 1): Killala was named Mayo's successful town and awarded €100,000 to develop its Master Plan.
- MSP was awarded the National Xcessible Silver Award for sports inclusion by CARA, the body responsible for disability sport in Ireland. MSP is the first in the country to achieve the Silver Award.
- 'Culture Works' appointed as Curators for "In the Open" project, a partnership with National Museum of Ireland-Country Life, the Linenhall & Artsquad. Project will commence on site in JAN.
- The Community Futures "Community Day" for Ballyheane took place in NOV. Launch of the Action Plan is planned for JAN.

Dates to Note

- The Mayo Healthy Ireland Programme has been extended until 31/03/2022.
- Operation Transformation 2022 - Main walks will be hosted in Ballinrobe and Castlebar on 16 JAN.
- The LCDC Training Education and Skills groups are hosting an online 'Careers Webinar' on 12 JAN. Dr Brian Mooney CAO expert is the guest speaker.

Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- December LEO Evaluation Committee - €200k committed to 5 businesses.
- The LEO winter training schedule continues to be rolled out providing both technical and tailored support to businesses.
- Preparation of planning application to An Bord Pleanála is underway for Lisduff Solar Farm, Claremorris.
- Liaison continues with NBI on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan.
- Of the sixteen (16) approved Broadband Connection Points in Mayo, fourteen (14) have been connected and works are ongoing on one (1), with the final BCP in the planning phase. We continue to collaborate with the DRCD on the ten (10) projects funded by the Connected Hubs Call, which will assist the BCPs to upgrade their existing facilities.
- MCC recently conducted a tender competition for the supply, delivery and installation of a modular unit on Clare Island to facilitate the provision of eHealth services on the island.
- Construction will begin at the Bangor Erris test site in January 2022 under the EU-funded MegaAWE project.

Strategic Capital Projects

- Ireland West Airport Knock SDZ: continued engagement with NWRA in relation to ERDF Funding and technical advice through EIB.
- TVRS & CLÁR: continued engagement with MDs and DRCD staff to arrange training across all schemes and expedite audits.
- RRDF & URDF: review of all projects undertaken with a specific focus on staff resources and costs.

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

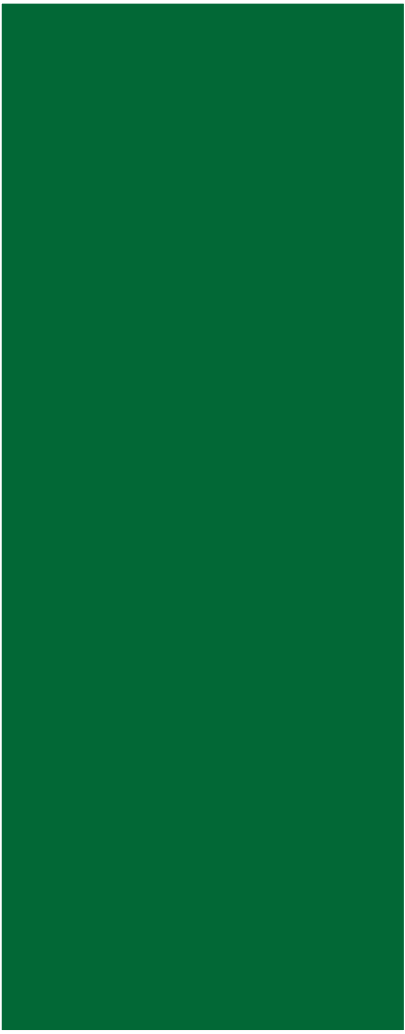
- MSP has been allocated €123,000 as part of the government's €80m National Funding for Sport. Funding will be allocated for Club Small Grant Scheme Round 3 in Spring (€93,400) and Grassroots Sports Programmes (€29,953).
- Local Live Performance Programming Scheme –Phase 2 Events– mix of live and on-line, final details to be confirmed and will be available on www.mayo.ie
- MCC has successfully secured €75,000 under the Disability Participation Awareness Fund from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth. Projects funded: beach access, sensory pod for Swinford library and support for South West Mayo Development Company social farming programme.
- Mayo County Childcare Committee is assisting in the roll out of temporary arrangements for students to work in settings during the current period of high Covid-19 incidence.
- Staff of MCC participated in the Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm Training in December delivered by Age Friendly Ireland.

Tourism, Recreation and Amenity

- Landowner liaison and construction works are ongoing on a new section of Greenway located between Achill Sound and Cashel.
- Meetings with Fáilte Ireland relating to the implementation of the Clew Bay Destination & Experience Development Plan and other associated projects.
- Development works are ongoing relating to a number of capital projects.



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Financial Management & Motor Taxation

PETER DUGGAN



APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REVIEW JAN 2022

**1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2021 Adopted Budget
 Eleven months ended 30 November 2021**

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		Exp. To Date Nov-21	Budget 2021	% Spent 2021	Inc. To Date Nov-21	Budget 2021	% Rec'd 2021
A	Housing and Building	19,805,928	19,682,822	101%	18,425,086	19,831,762	93%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	50,608,726	47,892,469	106%	38,781,522	40,820,501	95%
C	Water Services	17,607,405	16,726,566	105%	17,857,031	20,253,755	88%
D	Development Management	17,786,138	13,859,093	128%	7,185,403	4,187,315	172%
E	Environmental Services	16,551,770	16,396,884	101%	5,207,588	5,744,900	91%
F	Recreation and Amenity	11,188,288	10,724,014	104%	2,840,086	3,386,330	78%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	2,006,192	1,954,527	103%	573,013	585,260	97%
H	Miscellaneous Services	21,024,646	11,488,138	183%	18,561,791	7,213,963	257%
J	Central Management Charges	3,756,542	20,444,108	18%	261,451	1,500,000	17%
	Rates	-	-	-	31,715,017	34,784,930	91%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	19,118,830	20,656,905	92%
GRAND TOTAL		160,315,634	159,168,621	101%	160,326,817	159,168,621	101%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Nov-21	Arrears Nov-21	% Collected
Rents	8,327,223	6,992,330	1,334,893	84%
Rates	25,635,138	21,648,643	3,986,495	84%
Housing Loans	3,784,861	3,017,812	767,049	80%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	21
Estimated interest incurred	3,180