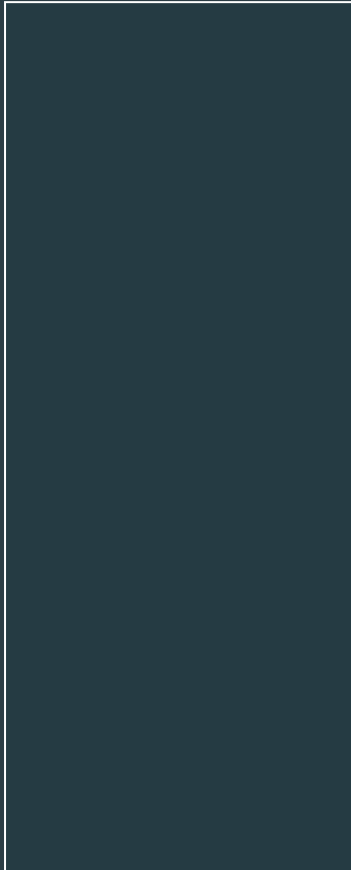
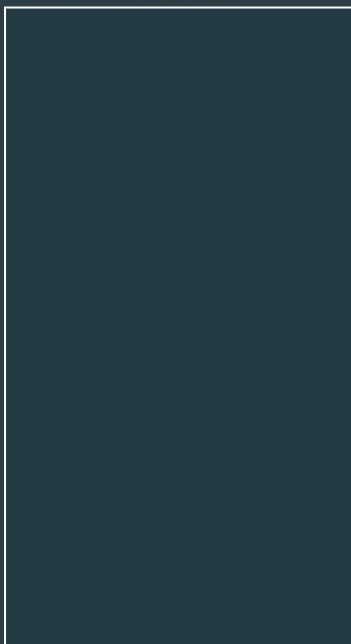


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Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



Covid-19

The Global Pandemic – Covid-19 had brought about unprecedented changes to society and to this Council. We have responded and adapted the way in which we deliver our services to the citizens of this County.

I would like to put on record my thanks to the Management Team and the entire staff of this Council for their efforts in responding and adapting, over a short period of time, to the enormous challenges posed by the pandemic, which ensured that we continued to deliver essential services to the our citizens. Measures taken include:

- Introduction of Remote working
- Making available facility and staff for Contract Tracing Centre on campus at Áras an Chontae
- Setting up of Community Response Forum and the provision of a dedicated telephone helpline.
- Deployment of Civil Defence team to support communities and the voluntary sector
- Working with the HSE and An Garda Síochána on an inter agency basis to assist in compliance with public health guidance in limiting the spread of the pandemic.
- Introduction, processing and payment of Restart Grant for businesses.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and forbearance of the elected Members as we have adapted in response to CoVid-19.

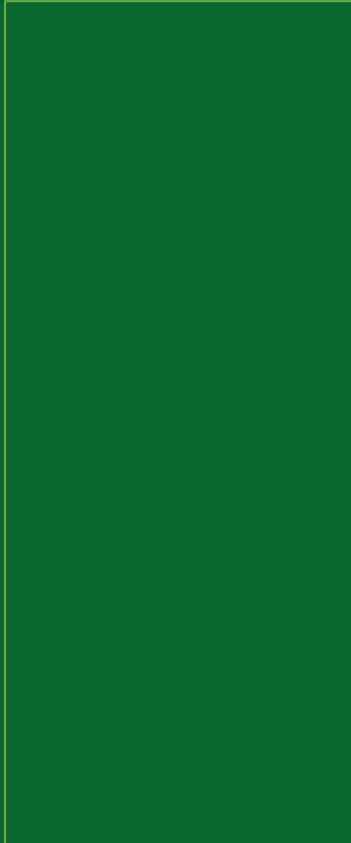
As we progress through the Government's Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business there will be further adjustments to be made to our work practices and to our workplaces to adapt to a new way of doing business and the delivery of services.

The financial impact of the pandemic cannot be overcome by ourselves alone and I continue to make the case at National level for the need for a support package for Local Authorities which will enable us to continue to deliver our services in an environment of significant pressures on our local income sources.



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Dates to Note

Corporate, Culture and
Heritage SPC – 14th July.

Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development

Catherine Mc Connell



Library Service

Call and Collect service in all Mayo libraries since June 8th
All of Mayo's 14 libraries opened by 06th July.
Jackie Clarke Collection reopened July 2nd – limited hours initially
Cruinniú festival held online on June 13th with 16 events in Mayo.

Information Systems and Digital Transformation

ISO27001 Certification for Information and Security Management achieved.
Teams Project - Complete
Planning Digitisation Project underway
New Public Consultation Portal.
Remote working solutions for over 500 staff developed and 2,180 helpdesk requests since March.
Developed at short notice the systems and integration platforms for the Government's Covid-19 Restart Grants programme.
Collaboration with the Communications Unit on the new Mayo.ie website

Corporate

- MCC Customer Service Desk -7,317 calls in June
- Worker Safety and COVID Compliance Forum established
- Ombudsman queries – 15 YTD – no new queries in June.
- FOI Requests – 61 YTD-3 in June
- 15 new Insurance Claims in June
- Audit Committee Meeting took place 2nd June
- Risk Register updated for Q2 2020
- COVID Safety Induction Training for all staff
- Health and Safety Management System put in place for COVID
- The Ethics Register for 2019 complete

HR

- Fully online interview process was successfully organised by the HR and IT Digital Transformation team.
- Appointments - 3 work placements, 31 Lifeguards
- Selection Tests: - Retained Firefighters, Ballina, Castlebar and Kiltimagh
- Retirements - 1 Craftsman and 2 Clerical Officers.



Communications

Public Information Updates - Covid-19 daily updates , Traffic Disruption,

Diaspora: Home to Mayo 2021 Festival following announcement of Failte Ireland Funding to Mayo County Council

Targeted Campaigns: Restart grant, Public Realm scheme, Reopening of Mayo County Council Public Offices and Facilities, Road Safety campaigns, Staycations in Mayo,

Through the Ages' was published on June 16th. A Mayo Day project in collaboration with the County Library and the Western People

Website: Preparation of the Go Live of the new Council website www.mayo.ie

Planning Statistics for April/May/June 2020

- Applications Received: 210
- Decisions to Grant: 102
- Decision to Refuse: 9
- Forthcoming Decisions: 84
- Preplanning Applications: 44

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Meeting of the Environment, Climate Action, Agriculture & Emergency Services S.P.C was held on Thursday, 25th June, 2020 via Teams

Dates to Note

11th & 12th September 2020
Emergency Services 'Blue Light Summit' at Breafoy House Resort, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Farm plastic collections organised by the IFFPG will take place throughout the County in the coming weeks including an event at Derrinnumera Civic Amenity Centre: Full details are available at www.farmplastics.ie

Water Services, Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Emergency Services



John Condon

Emergency Services:

Crossmolina Fire Station

Tenders have been sought for the construction of a new purpose built fire station together with a drill tower, drill yard and parking area with a closing date of the 8th July for receipt of same.

Emergency First Responders

Emergency First Responder training was held recently with the first ever qualification of 32 firefighters as Emergency First Responders.

Health and Safety

Fire Service have had their Safety Management successfully approved by the National Standards Authority of Ireland for migration to the international occupational Health and Safety Standard ISO 45001

Mayo Civil Defence

Civil Defence in Mayo provide support to the Emergency Service Agencies during times of Emergency. An integral part of our service is to support our communities, never has this been more important than during the COVID 19 Emergency. We have undertaken 59 missions to support our community equating to 468 Volunteer hours.

Our emergency response capability is maintained at all times to enable us to assist in any unexpected event that might occur. In recent times we have responded to Primary Response Agency requests to assist with missing person searches.

Civil Defence provided logistical support to the State Funeral of Detective Garda Colm Horkan in Charlestown at the request of An Garda Siochana.

The announcement that the Civil Defence Unit in Mayo will receive a new Ford Ranger 4WD Vehicle from the Department of Defence to enhance its vehicle fleet and response capability is welcomed.

Castlebar Municipal District

The Annual General Meeting of Castlebar Municipal District was held on Wednesday 24th June 2020 in Áras an Chontae. Councillor Blackie K. Gavin was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Martin McLoughlin was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.



Environment

Awareness:

A review of the Litter Management Plan and a presentation of same to the Environment, Climate Action, Agriculture & Emergency Services S.P.C. via Teams on Thursday 26th June.

An Awareness Campaign in the lead up to Bonfire Night – including the circulation of an awareness video on social media:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i53oKh9UBM>

A Greener Living Awareness Campaign in partnership with Regional Waste Offices - to tie in with increase in Household de-cluttering - See images attached.



Mayo has been awarded 11 Blue Flags and 6 Green Coast Awards for the 2020 season. This year Bertra Beach got its Blue Flag status back - one of only 3 to do so nationally. The Blue Flag Beaches awarded for Mayo are: Carrowmore, Bertra, Clare Island, Mulranny, Dooega, Keem, Keel, Dugort, Mulaghroe, Elly Bay and Ross. The Green Coast Beaches are: Portacloy, Rinroe, Cross, Srah, Termon and Tranaun.

Over the last number of weeks our Dept have been using social media platforms to connect with the public. Our campaigns:

Puppy Check List – Getting a new dog

The Dog Warden service have received an increased number of calls in recent weeks from the public enquiring about getting a new dog or puppy. The Dog Warden asked potential dog owners to give careful consideration before getting a new dog/puppy. She shared advice and posted a “Puppy Checklist” from the Irish Pet Advertising Advisory Group to assist individuals if getting a puppy..

Be a responsible Dog owner during lockdown

Mayo County Council, alongside the Dog Warden, are calling on the public to be responsible dog owners during the current COVID-19 restrictions.

“keep your family safe and be considerate of others when out walking or running and keep your dog on a lead”.

All dog owners should plan and keep their walks within the distance, as outlined in public guidelines, and ensure dogs cannot leave owners garden or property while owners are at home.

“Mayo County Dog Warden, Laura Mulligan, said; “During the COVID-19 restrictions we are recommending that all dog owners keep their dogs on a lead when out walking for their own safety and the safety of others. If your dog is off lead, it is more difficult to keep the 2-meter social distance. Remember to practice physical distancing of two metres and if you’re unwell, please stay at home. Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Separate.”

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Housing and Architectural Services



Simon Shevlin

Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708 however County Council will endeavour to exceed this figure.

Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows:

430 units have been completed with another 293 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS

In June 2020 the following was delivered;

- 17 houses delivered under the HAP scheme

This gives a total of 2,133 households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo. (1,324 HAP; 809 RAS)

Leasing

In June 2020 under the leasing programme the following were delivered:

- 6 houses under STL.
- 1 house under RLS

This gives a total of 218 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo.

Refugee Resettlement

167 persons accommodated in Mayo to date (151 Mayo County Council and 16 persons accommodated by the Red Cross in pledged accommodation)

Homelessness

There were 7 presentations in June and 42 presentations in total for 2020.

Architectural Services

Architects have been successful in securing the following RRDF Cat 2 funding:

- Newport Regeneration Project €355K.
- Ballyhaunis Community Vision €168K.

Conservation Architect has been successful in securing funding through the Historic Structures fund as follows:

- St. Catherine's Church Louisburgh €18K.
- Holy Trinity Church, Westport €50K.

A full design team have been engaged to deliver the RRDF Ballina Innovation Quarter, with an anticipated pre-Christmas tender date.

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- Mayo Economic Recovery Forum established to develop 12-month recovery plan
- Mayo Tourism Destination Recovery Taskforce jointly established with Fáilte Ireland

Dates to Note

- Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC will meet on 11th Sept.
- Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning & Marine SPC will meet on 24th July.

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



Community & Integrated Development, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- The community section has led a strategic partnership with local development and community organisations to provide a targeted response to challenges presented by Covid-19. There has been a significant workload dealing with **Covid-19 Community Helpline**, **Covid Community Response Funding**, sectoral supports and advice on restarts.
- Responsive development and virtual delivery of adapted programmes:
 - Creative Ireland **Cruinniú na nÓg** via Creative Mayo
 - **National Be Active Day**, online sports programmes for people of all ages and abilities
 - PPN documenting the community response to Covid in short films by Henry McGlade
- Two recent publications:
 - The Arts Services of Mayo (lead partner), Donegal and South Dublin County Council & The Arts Council produced: **'Working in Intercultural Contexts: A Guide for Local Authorities and Cultural Providers'**.
 - Mayo County Council & DRCD produced: **'Celebrating Diversity: Our future together, a report from the Ballyhaunis Integration Seminar 2019.'**

Enterprise & Investment Unit

Local Enterprise Office Mayo has delivered a range of essential supports to the small business community in Mayo. Key metrics include:

- **42 training programmes** and workshops took place over the last two months. **364 Business Continuity Vouchers** were received and processed, with a value of c.€400,000
- A LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee took place on 25th June with 4 projects supported, with a cumulative value of €157,000
- The second round of funding for the Trading Online Voucher scheme was announced, bringing total grants approved for Mayo businesses to 107, with a value of €242,000

Funding of €300,000 announced to support enterprise hubs re-open along the Atlantic Economic Corridor as part of the Atlantic Economic Corridor Enterprise Hub Network Project. Funding of up to €5,000 will be provided in grant aid to successful applicants and will be delivered through Mayo County Council's Atlantic Economic Corridor Office.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Moore Hall – Construction Work is underway on the restoration of Walled Garden and enhancement of grounds
- Greenways – Construction Work underway Murrisk/Bertra
- Part 8 Planning Approved for Achill Sound/Bunnacurry Greenway at Public Realm enhancements, Achill Sound

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ROADS

N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1 Project Appraisal Plan submitted to TII for approval.

Tenders received on the 7th July for the N26 Re-alignment at Cloongullane Bridge with a contract award anticipated in September

Part 8 Planning approved for N17/R320 Lisduff, Claremorris. CPO published in June.

PROCUREMENT

MCC as lead authority for 6 Connacht LA's published an RFT for Maintenance & Servicing of Public Lighting – Value €1.5M - €6M (Depending on contract

Dates to Note

SPC: - Roads & Transportation – 8th September, 2020

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



ROADS

- Wills BAM JV has concluded site clearance and commenced topsoil strip and earthworks construction.
- N59 Kilmeena scheme due to be complete in July.
- N60 Lagnamuck complete except for snagging and landscaping works.
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla scheme with submission to An Bord Pleanála for approval to take place in September.
- Significant Works have been carried out on the R312 Glenisland scheme since opening the site after the COVID 19 lockdown.

PROCUREMENT & EFFICIENCY

- Contract for Hand Sanitiser awarded to two Mayo based companies
- Procured several C-19 items – Office signs, screening guards, floor stickers etc.
- Liaise closely with PPE and Janitorial suppliers on C-19 supplies
- Assisted RDO to move to electronic tendering on eTenders by creating a new double envelope procedure template for works related contracts
- Tender for Regional Waste office for an anti- dumping campaign



Mayo County Council

APPENDIX A

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2020 Adopted Budget six months ended 30th June 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW JUNE 2020

Service Division Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Exp. To Date Jun-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Remaining 2020 €	% Spent 2020	Inc. To Date Jun-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Not Rec'd 2020 €	% Rec'd 2020
A Housing and Building	8,413,089	16,787,251	8,374,162	50%	7,073,695	17,140,159	10,066,464	41%
B Roads Transport and Safety	14,684,883	40,161,103	25,476,220	37%	9,569,151	33,766,003	24,196,852	28%
C Water Services	9,252,580	16,646,566	7,393,986	56%	10,239,002	19,986,244	9,747,242	51%
D Development Management	10,332,902	12,593,741	2,260,839	82%	6,099,320	4,010,066	-2,089,254	152%
E Environmental Services	6,794,910	16,477,347	9,682,437	41%	2,072,940	5,642,900	3,569,960	37%
F Recreation and Amenity	4,901,094	10,434,578	5,533,484	47%	1,236,302	3,340,580	2,104,278	37%
G Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	702,875	1,789,219	1,086,344	39%	118,793	584,250	465,457	20%
H Miscellaneous Services	8,811,102	13,200,546	4,389,444	67%	4,166,119	6,504,929	2,338,810	64%
J Central Management Charges	10,705,872	19,970,850	9,264,978	54%	786,815	1,500,000	713,185	52%
Rates	-	-	-	-	17,886,863	35,773,727	17,886,864	50%
Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	9,906,172	19,812,344	9,906,172	50%
GRAND TOTAL	74,599,307	148,061,201	73,461,894	50%	69,155,172	148,061,201	78,906,030	47%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Jun-20	Arrears Jun-20	% Collected
Rents	4,781,081	3,700,503	1,080,578	77%
Rates	38,332,202	10,657,879	27,674,323	28%
Housing Loans	2,566,108	1,652,337	913,771	64%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	29
Estimated interest incurred	2,336