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Donegal County Council

3-Year Capital Budget 2021 - 2023

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1. Chief-Executive's Report

Introduction and Context

I submit for your consideration the Draft Capital Budget for the period 2021 – 2023. The Draft Capital Budget is prepared having regard to the amount of capital funding that is already confirmed from external or internal sources and, as is the case in the majority of the 2022 and 2023 projections, is based on best estimates available at this time.

In that context, the Draft Capital Budget estimates that Donegal County Council's total capital expenditure for 2021 will be of the order of €137,656,991, with capital expenditure for the three-year period estimated to approach €0.5bn.

In more recent years, the opportunity to engage in larger scale capital investment in the County has increased significantly, aided in no small part by the additional funding opportunities that have been sought and secured from sources at national government level, and on a cross-border and trans-European basis.

Total capital expenditure in 2019 amounted to €88,815,804, with the 2020 capital budget amounting to €157,001,777. However, current indications are that the expenditure outturn in 2020 will be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, which delayed progress in some expenditure categories. The following table provides a clear indication as to the rate at which Donegal County Council's capital expenditure has been increasing in recent years.

Programme Group	2014 €	2015 €	2016 €	2017 €	2018 €	2019 €	Totals €
Housing & Building	4,957,572	6,765,167	13,448,988	15,188,742	22,635,385	24,402,796	87,398,650
Road Transportation & Safety	9,900,288	17,244,148	27,809,784	19,684,065	45,536,378	49,042,390	169,217,053
Water Supply and Sewerage	2,310,558	1,089,361	484,177	418,990	267,250	334,157	4,904,493
Development Incentives & Control	468,706	676,591	7,868,190	909,586	2,966,018	1,291,515	14,180,606
Environmental Protection	415,791	(156,866)	852,714	1,308,492	1,845,966	2,477,825	6,743,922
Recreation & Amenity	5,917,473	6,849,481	3,322,180	4,819,171	7,358,488	7,679,830	35,946,623
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	1,180,916	762,117	1,064,250	565,612	577,593	505,571	4,656,059
Miscellaneous Services	2,135,468	1,831,314	1,547,540	1,111,989	1,801,113	3,081,720	11,509,144
Totals	27,286,771	35,061,313	56,397,824	44,006,647	82,988,191	88,815,804	334,556,550

As always, the Council will continue to focus on efforts to maximise funding opportunities for capital investment in the County. Donegal County Council is well positioned to develop, compete for, and deliver capital investment projects, of all scales, large and small, that can respond to the challenges of Brexit, mitigate the worst effects of the global pandemic, and accelerate economic recovery in the County and in the North West region. The scale of the Council's ambition remains steadfast in the face of these challenges.

Like many opportunities arising for capital and infrastructure development, such projects will require a significant contribution from Donegal County Council in terms of co-financing and project development/management. Whereas this is a challenge that must be managed, it is essential that every effort be made to seize the opportunities that now present for infrastructural developments of scale, which are impactful over the longer term, and have the potential to enhance the economic, social and community fabric of the County for the benefit of the County's citizens and businesses.

Some of the primary areas of expenditure in 2021 will be:

- The commencement of 123 social housing units in 2021 with an estimated cost of €13.2m during Year 1
- The projected acquisition of 136 Turnkey Housing Units in 2021 at a projected cost of €27.2m
- Under the Social Housing Investment Programme, the acquisition of 30 units during 2021 at an estimated cost of €4.2m
- Further interventions in the Social Housing area through the Fabric Upgrade Energy Efficiency Programme, Capital Assistance Schemes through Approved Housing Bodies, Voids Programme and Extensions & Adaptation Works.
- Continuing to implement the Countywide Footpath Programme, under which a total fund of €4.2m has been set aside, with specific works being agreed at Municipal District level
- Advancement of the Ten-T project in 2021 on the N13, N14 and N15
- Continued investment in improvement projects along the N56 roadway and other national roads
- Investment in Greenway infrastructure, with a dedicated management team tasked with developing further project proposals to shovel-ready stage
- Continuing investment through the Marine Capital programme for piers and harbours
- A continuing programme of investment in strategic economic infrastructure supporting the community and tourism sections and including iconic attractions
- Continued investment through EU sourced funds and across multi-sectoral areas
- The continuation of a multi-annual programme to maintain the Council's capacity in the areas of Information and Communications Technology
- The further progression of Taking-in-Charge of estates and in the completion of works to remediate unfinished housing estates
- Investment in environmental areas including landfill remediation, recycling, beach improvement and leisure centres

Co-funding from Own Resources

The principal sources of generating the local contributions required to co-fund external capital investment are:

1. The Development Contribution Scheme (DCS)
2. Loan Financing
3. Transfers from Revenue
4. Use of Reserves

The level of income available from the DCS Fund can only be applied to new works in any given year to an equivalent value of cash collected in the same year. Similarly, the availability of transfers from Revenue, as a source of co-funding for capital investment, remains limited – as Members will be aware from the annual Revenue Budget discussions and meetings. Additionally, the judicious use of limited Capital Reserves, generally established through operating surpluses through the Revenue Account, provides additional capacity in limited, but targeted areas. The Council's ability to service new borrowings in respect of capital works is, as always, determined by the extent of the Council's capacity to fund repayments from the Revenue Account, and must take account of existing commitments.

Notwithstanding the considerable co-funding constraints outlined, I will continue to seek to ensure that the Council is best placed at any given time to be in a position to take advantage of potential capital funding opportunities that arise.

Proposals for the 3 year Capital Programme 2021 – 2023

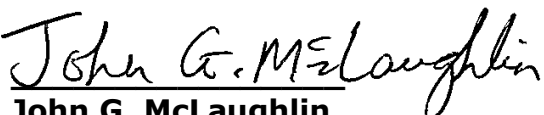
A Three-Year Capital Programme in the sum of €463,943,633 is presented for the period 2021 – 2023 broken down per Programme Group as detailed in the Statutory Tables.

The Statutory Tables reflect the gross estimated expenditure for the period 2021 – 2023 (noting my earlier comments relating to the unknown detail of capital funding generally in respect of 2022 and 2023).

As previously stated, it is only the first year of the three-year programme that can be presented in detail. Each Director of Service has provided an analysis of proposed expenditure for their respective directorate, which is included in the detail of this report. The table that follows this introduction provides an overview summary of capital expenditure per directorate for 2021.

The total estimated capital expenditure of €137,656,991 as indicated for 2021 is conditional on a range of factors and assumptions, including the allocation of grants, level of DCS collectable, loan sanction approval from DHPLG, and availability of co-financing.

The work of the Council in the years ahead, in terms of capital investment in a post-Brexit and post-Covid environment, will be extremely important to the County and its citizens. The Council will continue to be ambitious in terms of developing and competing for capital investment opportunities and maximising sources of external funding for worthwhile and impactful projects. The Three-Year Capital Budget 2021-2023 reflects that level of ambition and I would like to thank the Elected Members for their vision and for their role in guiding and supporting the projects and proposals that are contained within this plan.


John G. McLaughlin
Chief Executive

Donegal County Council Capital Expenditure per Directorate 2021

Directorate/Spend-Heading	Estimated Expenditure 2020 (€)
Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services	
Social Housing Investment Programme	45,700,000
Improving the Social Housing Stock	1,750,000
Voluntary Housing	2,750,000
Housing Grants	2,500,000
Traveller Accommodation	200,000
Library / Cultural Services	3,000,000
Total	55,900,000
Roads & Transportation	
National Primary & National Secondary	35,500,000
General Road Improvements including Development Charges Schemes	250,000
Footpath & Lighting	2,700,000
Roads Specific Capital	800,000
Bridge Works	672,500
Marine	500,000
North West Greenways Project	1,750,000
Total	42,172,500
Community, Enterprise & Planning Services	
Unfinished Housing Estates	300,000
Takeover of Housing Estates	900,000
RDP/Leader	3,354,845
Town & Village Renewal	2,336,408
Designated Urban Grant Scheme (DUGS)	2,000,000
Peace IV	2,500,000
Bundoran Destination Towns	580,000
URDF/RRDF	844,248
Riverine Project	750,000
Outdoor Infrastructure Scheme	1,147,985
Greenways Development	340,000
Other Community Development	140,000
Total	15,193,486
Water & Environment Services	
Rural Water Programme	1,500,000
Leisure Centres	650,000
Beach Management	288,000
Public Conveniences	100,000
Waste Management	1,985,000
CFRAMS	400,000
Other	195,000
Total	5,118,000
Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services	
Alpha Innovation Centre	610,000
Buncrana Digital Hub	1,000,000
Information Systems Infrastructure	1,063,005
Total	2,673,005
Roads Management Office	16,600,000
Overall Total	137,656,991

2. Head-of-Finance's Report

In preparing the Three-year Capital Plan, the Council is required, as per Section 135(3) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), to ensure that;

"In considering the question of resources likely to be available to it, the local authority shall so consider [the Three-Year Capital Budget] -


- (a) on the basis of a realistic and prudent assessment of the [financial] position [of the local authority], and
- (b) on the basis of the information available to it at the time and having regard to the measures proposed by the authority to raise funding itself."

The Council continues to apply a rigorous approach to the management of capital projects and programmes, with a continued focus on managing projects within approved and defined budget lines. The objective of this is to ensure that no unfunded capital balances arise.

Available budgets from external sources (department allocations, other grants, etc.) and from internal sources (reserves, Development Charges, etc.) are detailed within this report. Development Charges, in line with audit requirements, are reflected on a cash-collected basis; i.e. the Development Charge figures quoted in this report reflect the best available estimates of the actual cash that is expected to be collected from this source during the three-year period 2021 to 2023.

Similarly, it should be noted that proposals may also rely on the current best estimates as to the funding elements and sources anticipated to be available during the period 2021 – 2023, especially in instances where confirmation is still awaited on a definitive funding package for a particular project or programme. It should be noted that projects will only proceed on confirmation of a complete funding package.

There is always a level of uncertainty as to the degree of availability of capital funding in the medium to long term. This means that only projects and programmes for 2021 can be presented in detail. Therefore, in general, the level of capital activity and funding available for the years 2022 and 2023 is presented on the basis of best estimates as to the level of funding that is anticipated to be available for those years.



Richard Gibson FCCA
A/Head of Finance

3. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services

Section 3.1 – Local Authority Housing

3.1.1 - Housing Construction Programme 2021-2023

Donegal County Council will progress the design and construction of the following social housing developments over the period 2021-2023.

Location	No. of Units
Construction Stage 2021	
Donegal Town (Phase II)	34
Long Lane Letterkenny	29
Bunrana Phase I	21
Raphoe	11
Dunfanaghy	4
Donegal Town (Phase III)	24
Sub Total	123
Design/Construction 2021, 2022 & 2023	Indicative No. of Units
Bundoran	42
Crana Crescent, Bunrana	16
Trusk Road, Ballybofey	19
Lifford	29
Kilmacrennan Road, Letterkenny	37
Dungloe (Chapel Road)	44
Carrigart	8
Bunrana Phase II	34
Ardara	30
Killylastin, Letterkenny	11
Killybegs	18
Dungloe (Quay Road)	27
Sub Total	315
Overall Total	438

This construction programme will be supplemented by additional schemes during the lifetime of the Capital Plan. The Council has sought interest from land/property owners interested in selling to the Council and responses to this call are currently being considered.

The table below sets out an indicative 3-year budget:

	2021	2022	2023
Construction Programme	€13,200,000	€37,400,000	€25,600,000

3.1.2 – Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The turnkey acquisition model is progressing in towns throughout the County and will continue to deliver a significant number of high quality social units. This is one of the key mechanisms being used to meet the social housing need under the current Social Housing Investment Programme.

Turnkey projects have been completed or are being progressed in the following towns:

Ballybofey/Stranorlar	Newtowncunningham	Carndonagh	Milford
Convoy	Falcarragh	Moville	
Letterkenny	Donegal Town	Buncrana	
Carrigart	Ballyshannon	Gweedore	

The projected budget for turnkey acquisitions over the period 2021 – 2023 is set out below:

Year	Projected Turnkey Acquisitions	Projected Spend
2021	136	€27,200,000
2022	104	€20,800,000
2023	87	€17,400,000
Total	327	€65,400,000

The Council has initiated a specific turnkey acquisition process for Letterkenny, given that Letterkenny has the highest levels of social housing need in the County. This process is currently at pre-qualification assessment stage and it is anticipated that the process will see the development of a significant number of social housing projects in the town.

3.1.3 – House Acquisition Programme (Single Units)

In 2019, the Council completed the acquisition of a total of 56 housing units costing €7,840,000. During 2020, the Council progressed the acquisition of a further 40 single houses.

While at a national level the focus has moved incrementally towards increasing new-builds, the approach to the provision of social housing is not the same in each local authority and must be flexible. It will be important to continue to acquire single houses in Donegal. Projections for the forthcoming three-year period are outlined below:

Year	Projected Acquisitions	Estimated cost
2021	30	€4,200,000
2022	30	€4,200,000
2023	30	€4,200,000
Total	90	€12,600,000

3.1.4 – Specific Instance Properties (SI’s)

Tenders for three Specific Instance houses are at an advanced stage and it is expected that works will commence later this year or early 2021.

Additional Specific Instance housing will be delivered during the period to 2023.

Projected expenditure for the three-year period is set out below:

	2021	2022	2023
Specific Instance	€1,100,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000

3.1.5 – Approved Housing Body Sector

Through extensive inter-agency engagement with the Health Service Executive and the Approved Housing Body Sector, schemes under the Capital Assistance Programme are now specifically targeted towards the provision of special needs accommodation where the traditional forms of social housing supports will not deliver on this need.

Discussions are ongoing with various parties and the Department in relation to projects throughout the County, and it is anticipated that projects will be delivered in Letterkenny, Dungloe, Castlefin and Donegal Town. Other potential projects are at early stages of evaluation. Projected spend over the next three years in this regard is projected as follows:

	2021	2022	2023
Capital Assistance Scheme	€2,750,000	€2,300,000	€2,850,000

In addition to the provision of accommodation under the Capital Assistance Scheme, the Approved Housing Body Sector is engaging with the Department and the Council in the context of delivering further units under the Capital-Advance-Leasing-Facility/Payment-&-Availability-Agreement-Scheme.

3.1.6 – Improving the Social Housing Stock

There are a number of programmes under which improvements to the Social Housing stock are carried out, as set out below:

a) Fabric Upgrade Energy Efficiency Programme

By the end of this year, the Council will have completed works to over 2,500 houses, as Phase 1 of the programme nears completion. Funding has been sought for Phase 2 in respect of windows and doors replacement. It is expected that this funding stream will continue into future years, thereby making significant improvements to the energy efficiency of the Council’s housing stock. An annual spend of €1,000,000 is projected for the coming years under Phase 2.

b) Returning Void/Vacant Properties to Productive Use

The Council has been proactive in sourcing monies from the Department under the voids programmes since 2014. By the end of 2020, the Council will have sourced Departmental funding of over €6 million in this regard, and has refurbished over 1,000 vacant properties to a high standard for re-letting.

It is intended to make a further bid for funding for 2021. The expenditure and income associated with the operation of this programme is accounted for in the Revenue Account.

c) Extensions & Adaptation Works

The Council carries out small-scale adaptation works, including extensions to its social housing stock on an ongoing basis as needs arise. In most cases, this is for tenants with special needs and/or disabilities, with around 50 households benefiting from works carried out under this programme on an annual basis. An annual spend of €750,000 is anticipated in this regard. 90% Department funding is provided, with the remainder from own resources.

Improving the Social Housing Stock	2021	2022	2023
Fabric Upgrade Energy Efficiency Programme	€1,000,000	€1,000,000	€1,000,000
Extensions / Adaptations	€750,000	€750,000	€750,000

3.1.7 – Assistance to Persons Improving Houses

There has been a significant increase in demand under the Housing Adaptation Grant, Mobility Aids Grant, and Housing Aid for Older People Grant schemes. The Department provides 80% funding towards the Grants Schemes. Annual expenditure of up to €2.5m is projected in this regard for 2021 to 2023 inclusive.

Assistance to Persons Improving Houses	2021	2022	2023
Grants for older people & people with disabilities	€2,500,000	€2,500,000	€2,500,000

3.1.8 – Traveller Accommodation

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 was adopted by Council on 30th September 2019. The Programme outlines key objectives and targets for each year in the delivery of Traveller-specific projects.

Phase 1 extension works, and Phase 2 refurbishment works have been completed at the halting site at Big Isle, Manorcunningham, at a cost of €700,000.

Various other Traveller accommodation priority projects are proposed at Cashel, Ardara, and at the Canal Road Group Housing scheme in Letterkenny. Several other separate small-scale Traveller-specific projects have also been completed throughout the year.

These projects are in addition to a range of other accommodation solutions provided on an ongoing basis to meet the needs of the Traveller Community through the Social Housing Investment Programme. Over the lifetime of the previous Traveller Accommodation Programme, in excess of 70 units of accommodation were delivered.

3.1.9 Defective Concrete Blocks (MICA)

The Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme opened for applications at the end of June 2020. Applications are being considered in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, the national technical standard I.S. 465 and the administrative guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The Department has confirmed that funding will be provided for remedial works to Council houses with defective concrete blocks. Provision was made in the national budget 2021 and it is expected that subsequent national budgets will make provision for additional funding. The remedial works will be assessed and costed based on results of tests in line with the national standard. The Council has identified houses that will be prioritised for remedial works in the first funding allocation and will be submitting applications for funding on an ongoing basis.

Section 3.2 –Cultural Services Division

3.2.1 - Projects Planned

Donegal Town Library

The Council has been successful in securing part-funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development towards the overall cost of designing and delivering a community facility in Donegal Town, incorporating a library. The Council is continuing to progress a public procurement process to identify a successful bidder to deliver this project.

Archives Centre

The potential to develop an Archives Centre to properly preserve and make archives publicly available is being considered by the Council. The Prior School, on the site of the former Lifford Army Barracks is potentially suitable for this and it is proposed to develop plans accordingly. Funding sources will be explored to progress options for the development of the Prior School.

Cultural Buildings

The Council has been successful in obtaining capital funding for small scale works from the Department of Rural and Community Development for upgrade of libraries in 2020. It is hoped that this funding stream will continue to be made available for further library works. Further investment in improvement works in other cultural service buildings will be made by the Council during the lifetime of this Capital Plan.

Colmcille 1500

The Council, in association with local stakeholders will carry out works at Kilmacrennan Abbey and Gartan Church in 2021. Both sites are significant in terms of Colmcille, one of Ireland's three patron saints, and will be legacy projects of the Colmcille 1500 commemoration.

Capital funding projections for the 3 year period 2021-2023 are as follows:

	2021	2022	2023
Libraries & other Cultural Services buildings	€300,000	€2,000,000	€2,000,000

4. Roads & Transportation

4.1 National Roads Major Capital Projects

The National Roads Office, based in Donegal Town Public Services Centre continues to manage the major annual program of maintenance and improvement works on the County's National Road network. All projects are funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland with the exception of the Ten-T priority improvement project which is currently part funded by the CEF (Connecting Europe Facility). Most projects have progressed well despite the restrictions and difficulties posed by Covid 19. However the restrictions imposed in Q1/Q2 have affected progress, particularly on construction projects, and expenditure in 2020 is approximately 30% to 50% below that estimated for 2020.

Overall, national roads expenditure is expected to remain strong. However, overall allocations are expected to reduce by over 20% as major construction works on N56 (Dungloe to Glenties and Mouncharles to Inver) come to a close. Support for pipeline projects is expected to remain strong as they progress through the required scheme development and approval processes.

4.1.1 TEN-T Priority Route Improvement Project, Donegal

The important Ten-T project is currently at preliminary design stage. It is programmed to reach the key stage of CPO and EIAR publication in Q2 of 2021. The projects involve three priority sections of the National Road Network in Donegal.

- Section 1 N15/N13 Ballybofey – Stranorlar Urban
- Section 2 N56/N13/N14 Letterkenny to Manorcunningham, including N13 Lurgybrack, dual carriageway upgrade to Manorcunningham roundabout and N56 link road over R. Swilly to Creamery Roundabout on N56/Ramelton Road.
- Section 3 N14 Manorcunningham to Lifford

The project will be fully funded for 2020 to 2022 by TII and CEF (Connecting Europe Facility). Predicted expenditure amounts to €1.8m for 2021 and €0.95m for 2022. It is expected that a decision on the CPO/EIAR will be made by 2022. The future funding profile for the scheme is dependant on that decision and approval to publish.

The recently completed and upcoming program deliverables for the scheme are:

- Option Selection Report: Completed Q4 2019
- Detailed Design: Programmed Q4 2020
- CPO/EIS Publication: Programmed Q2 2021

The Ten-T Project has a projected construction cost of in excess of €400m (est. 2018)

4.1.2 N14/N15 to A5 Link

This cross-border project will provide a link between the proposed N14 Ten-T and N15 at Lifford to the proposed A5 Western Transport Corridor (A5 WTC) in Strabane. Consultants were appointed in 2020 to review the Environmental Impact - Statement / Environmental Statement approved by An Bord Pleanála in May 2012.

An allocation of €250,000 will be sought in 2021. Further progress and expenditure beyond 2021 will be tied into both the Ten-T and A5 WTC progression.

4.1.3 N56 Dungloe to Glenties

TII approval was received in 2020 for the final two sections of this major project. The N56 Dungloe to Cloughbolie section commenced on site in early 2020. The N56 Letterilly to Glenties section has been awarded funding and will commence on site in Q4 of 2020.

The overall 29km realignment between Dungloe and Glenties includes improved road alignment and a full new separate cycle/pedestrian facility. This new resource has significant tourism potential for the County. It is proposed to develop a marketing strategy for the entire cycle route when completed in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland, TII and local/regional cycling groups.

At approximately €14m, expenditure in 2020 is below the €19m allocated. This is primarily due to Covid-19 restrictions in the first half of the year.

4.1.4 N56 Mountcharles to Inver

This is an important road improvement project connecting the Ten-T primary road network N15 at Donegal town to the N56 to Killybegs, Slieve League and the Wild Atlantic Way. Phase 1, N56 Mountcharles to Drumbeigh, was completed in 2019. Phase 2 has progressed well in 2020 and it is expected to be substantially complete by the end of the year.

4.1.5

The N56 Four Lane Road road-safety and pavement improvement project has been tendered and it is hoped to proceed to construction in early 2021. The project is important in providing improved safe access to Letterkenny on what is a 'lifeline' route into the town. While the Ten-T programme will seek to provide an additional future access via a new N56 Swilly crossing, the upgrade of the Four Lane Road will improve safety and operation of this road for all road users including facilitating modal shift and active travel options.

4.1.6

The Donegal NRO continues to develop a pipeline of new projects in cooperation with TII. These projects focus on the key priority sections on the National Road network. They involve both minor (less than €20m) and major projects (greater than €20m).

Project development is a time-consuming and detailed process, requiring strict adherence to national guidelines on project appraisal and project management.

Projects initially funded in 2020 include:

- N56 Doonwell to Drumbrick
- N13 Ten-T Bridgend to County boundary
- N56 Letterkenny to Illistrin cycleway extension.

Continued funding is expected for these projects. Further projects for consideration in 2021 include, but are not restricted to:

- N56 Inver to Killybegs
- N15 Ten-T Stranorlar to Letterkenny
- N15 McGroary's Brae
- N3 Ballyshannon to Clyhore/County Boundary

4.2 National Road Safety Projects

Safety projects on national roads are identified initially through TII HD15 Network Safety Ranking and NRA HD17 Road Safety Inspection.

Six projects continue to be progressed under HD15/17 in 2020. Following on from new project appraisal requirements, further delays arising out of Covid-19 have led to slower than planned progress on some of these projects. Progress in 2021 is dependent on funding and approvals, including project appraisal under the Public Spending Code.

National Roads Safety Projects

HD15/17 Ref	Current Status/Scope	Proposed Works 2021
N56DL_157.5 Four Lane	Installation of Central Median and Pedestrian Provision. Tender 2020.	• Construction 2021/2.
N15DL_019.0 Corcam	Minor realignment and surfacing. Consultant appointed 2019.	• Project Appraisal, Part 8, CPO and detailed design
N15DL_044.0 Lough Eske Junction	Junction review: Examination and assessment / appraisal of alternatives	• Overall review and assessment of options, Part 8
N14 Tullyrap (High Accident Location)	Final design and documentation short term option.	• Detailed design, Land acquisition/CPO. Construction in conjunction with pavement project
N15 McGroary's Brae	Final design and documentation Examination and assessment / appraisal of alternatives	• Tender and construction

4.3 Bridge Management

North West Bridges Rehabilitation Programme - Contract 3, which involved work on 14 Donegal Bridges, is substantially complete. The cost of these important works was approximately €3.8m, under a programme from 2018 to 2021.

The emergency retaining wall construction on N14 at Drumoghill was completed in 2020 at a cost of approximately €400,000.

4.4 National Road Pavement Strengthening Design and Construction

The Donegal National Roads Office has successfully completed a three-year pavement programme in Donegal for 2018 to 2020. This program has delivered 57km of new road surfacing and pavement improvement works on National Secondary and National Primary roads. In 2020, a full program of works has been completed despite challenging conditions this year. This involved 6 contracts with a combined value of €7m.

Four projects are being prepared for 2021 covering 17km and with an estimated value of €6.6m.

4.5 National Roads - Estimated Capital Spending for 2021, 2022 and 2023

The table below sets out the expected capital spend for 2021. The capital allocation is estimated for 2022 and 2023.

SCHEME	2021 €m	2022 €m	2023 €m
TII Support Grant (NRO and DCC RDO)	2.4	2.4	2.4
National Roads Capital Projects (Design and Construction)	22.0	20.0	20.0
Invasive Species Control (program extended 2020)	tbc	tbc	tbc
National Road Pavement Strengthening (NS and NP)	6.0	5.0	6.0
National Road Safety Projects (HD15/HD17)	5.0	3.0	5.0
Bridge Management (Maintenance, Refurbishment and Rehabilitation)	0.1	1.0	1.0
ANNUAL TOTALS	35.5	31.4	34.4

4.6 Non-National Roads Projects

Generally, Non-National Roads, Road Safety and Bridges projects are funded through the Department of Transport. While some projects may be regarded as capital, these are accounted for in the Annual Council Revenue Budget.

Applications for Department of Transport Specific Grant projects and Strategic Grant projects have become more challenging in recent years. During 2020, a shortlist of

projects was agreed with Elected Members to ensure that staff resources are focussed in the right areas.

A draft five-year programme has been prepared which consists of 26 projects for completion in year one. The Council will progress each of these projects through the project development stages to completion, subject to DT, TII and DPER approvals, as appropriate, once DT project funding has been confirmed/allocated.

Priority	Project Title	MD
1	Ballybofey/Stranorlar Link Roads - Mill Brae Footpath	SMD
2	R263/L1195 Halls Junction, Kilcar	DMD
3	R252 Fintown Pavement and Safety Scheme	GMD
4	Aghilly Road	IMD
5	Cathedral One Way System, Letterkenny.	LMD
6	R250 Meenaroy Realignment Bridges Replacement - Project 1	LMD
7	GR240 Glentogher Phase I	IMD
9	R232 Pettigo Road - Glenmore Bridge	DMD
10	Ballybofey/ Stranorlar Link Roads - Glenfinn Link	SMD
11	R235 Castlefin Bridge *	SMD
12	R231 Connors bridge	DMD
13	R251 Back of Errigal	GMD
14	Buncrana Inner Relief Road Project - Marian Park/football grounds	IMD
15	L1072 Portsalon to Fanad Head via Doaghbeg	LMD
16	R251 Foxhall to Churchill - Project 1 - Rockbar	LMD
17	R238 Redcastle Moville	IMD
18	L2863 Ardara - Ardaghey Route Improvements	DMD
19	Guesthouse End footpath, Raphoe	SMD
20	R267 Bundoran & Ballyshannon cycleway/walkway	DMD
21	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	IMD
22	Keadue Bridge	LMD
23	L1352 Ballyare Bridge	LMD
24	Tank Road Safety Improvements	IMD
25	Donegal Town One Way system	DMD
26	L1164 Windy Hall Road Project 1	LMD

In addition, projects already progressed pre-2020 are being developed as below:

- Meenamulligan Bridge: funding approved – construction to be completed in Q4 of 2020
- Letterkenny Traffic Management - Polestar and Associated Junctions: design and part 8 completed. Traffic-lights and associated management system procured; de-vegetation and land purchase to commence in Q4 2020; Construction to commence in 2021.
- R263 Fintra Bridge and Realignment Project: funding approved; consultant appointed; part 8 planning approved; publishing of CPO scheduled for Q4 of 2020. Detailed design and tender process for a contractor will be advanced in 2021.

- Letterkenny Southern Relief Road (incorporating Swilly Relief Road & Bridges and the Eastern Link Road): additional documentation submitted to DT/DPER for approval in compliance with the Public Spending Code due to the size and complexity of the project. Approval to proceed to tender for a consultant engineering company to progress the project to EIAR/CPO is expected in Q4 of 2020.
- R232 Laghey Pettigo Improvement Project: consultant appointed to develop the Glenmore Bridge solution; design of the pavement improvements element is ongoing.

The table below sets out the proposed expenditure for Non-National Roads Projects for 2021-2023:

Expenditure Heading	2021	2022	2023	Council	External
Bridge Maintenance	672,500	672,500	672,500	0	2,017,500
Specific Capital Projects	800,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	7,800,000
Total	1,472,500	4,172,500	4,172,500	0	9,817,500

4.7 Public Lighting

Currently, the Council has 18,400 public lights. The Council retains a full inventory survey, including mapping of each light on its DeadSure public lighting management information system.

Much of the lighting stock is old, with many of the fittings both corroded and energy-inefficient. The entire stock requires assessment and significant upgrading. Upgrading falls into two main categories: the lamps themselves, and the supporting fixtures & fittings (columns, brackets, etc.).

Commencing in 2016, the Council has embarked on upgrading public lighting from traditional SOX/SON lamps to energy efficient LED lamps through various projects and funding sources.

During 2020 loan funding in the sum of €1 million was approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and drawn from the HFA, enabling the Council progress the three-year LED upgrade programme. It is planned to complete all SOX lantern replacements in the following towns by mid 2021:

- Bunrana
- Ballybofey Stranorlar
- Donegal Town
- Milford
- Bundoran
- Ramelton
- Bunbeg/Derrybeg
- Dungloe
- Falcarragh
- Kilmacrennan

- Downings
- Rathmullan
- Carrigart
- Letterkenny

As regards public lighting on the national road network, TII has approved funding allocations for the past three years. As a result almost all public lights are now upgraded to LED on Donegal's national road network. The high mast lighting will be dealt with under a similar national approach.

By the end of 2020, 48% of the 18,400 public lights under the control of Donegal County Council will have been converted to LED lanterns (8,832) with the remainder split approximately 50/50 between SOX and SON lanterns. It is expected that energy savings of up to 50% can be achieved as a result of this work once the UMR is updated. Work is underway with ESB Networks in this regard.

The RMO is currently planning for the rollout of a regional contract (including Donegal) in Q4 of 2021 in order to complete the outstanding retrofits of all non-LED lanterns. The order of magnitude to complete the upgrading of the remaining lights in the Donegal inventory to LED is estimated in the range of €5m to €7m. Upgrading of the support infrastructure will require additional funding of €2m to €4m in the coming years. Loan financing will be required to support this project, as previously approved by Council. Mayo County Council shall be the lead Authority for this contract under the previously approved Section 85 agreement.

4.8 Footpath and Lighting Programme

The Council adopted a motion in 2017 to provide funding to implement a three-year footpath and public lighting programme utilising a combination of funds from IPBMI, State/Agency Grants, Development Charges, and other own resources. Construction started on individual improvements in 2018 and will continue through 2021. A fund in the sum of €4.2m has been ring-fenced for this programme, allowing for the footpath and public lighting programme to continue beyond the originally planned 3 year period.

4.9 Piers & Harbours Capital Development

In late 2016, Donegal County Council engaged the services of an engineering firm to undertake safety inspections of its 100 piers and harbours at the various locations throughout County Donegal. The resulting report, which was finalised in Autumn 2017, identifies a range of measures to help ensure, in as far as is practicable, that these working piers and harbours in public ownership are safe for use and fit for purpose. The Council undertakes an annual inspection of its Piers & Harbours assets to identify any new works or measures as required.

4.9.1 Capital Projects Preparatory Works

There are a number of projects that will require specialist assessment and design prior to seeking funding. €137,500 was provided from the Piers & Harbours 'Marine Capital Fund' in 2019 to progress investigative studies to inform design solutions and

foreshore lease applications during 2019/2020. The remainder of this allocation and some additional investment, where available, to facilitate the further development of these projects will enable the Council to leverage external capital funding for some projects for construction under DAFM annual funding, or will aid in the preparation of preliminary appraisal applications for more significant funding opportunities as they arise for larger projects.

A procurement process was completed to undertake sheet pile inspections through dive surveys and to produce solutions reports. The appointed contractor will commence the work in Q4 of 2020 (later than expected, due to Covid-19 restrictions). This contract will cost approximately €40,000 and, once completed, will enable the Council to rank the locations in order of condition and facilitate the commencement of designs for construction projects for DAFM funding applications in 2021 and beyond.

4.9.2 DAFM Budget 2021-2023

The Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM), under its Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme, provides funding for minor capital works projects each year. The maximum project cost permitted has recently increased to €200,000. The Department will provide up to 75% of the necessary funding, with the Council providing the balance. Invitations for applications usually issue in January or February each year.

The following sets out some of the project types that have been identified as being suitable for funding applications during the co-funding from own resources. The DAFM will not approve projects for funding unless all necessary statutory procedures are completed.

Pier & Harbour Safety Measures

DAFM funding has been approved annually for the last three years and, along with works carried out under the Council's own annual routine maintenance budget, progress is being made on the safety upgrade of our facilities. The Council will continue to submit further such applications each year for the next three years at varying cost (average cost of €50,000 applied per pier) to continue these improvement and safety projects.

Aids to Navigation (AtoNs)

Donegal County Council is the Local Lighthouse Authority in Donegal, and is responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of approximately 220 navigation aids along the coast. An application is made each year for funding to upgrade, replace or enhance some of the AtoNs required to guide mariners safely through the channels.

Crane/Winch facilities

There are cranes and winches located at the busier fishing piers and harbours to facilitate the loading and offloading of boats. An application is generally made each year to upgrade, replace or enhance one or two of these facilities at the County's piers and harbours.

Specific Pier/Harbour Regeneration Projects

The Council will endeavour to progress some specific pier/harbour projects to construction stage through the DAFM funding programme, once all necessary planning and design elements are completed:

- ***Leenan Pier***

Leenan Pier is situated on the western side of the Inishowen peninsula at the entrance to Lough Swilly. It is an extremely exposed pier with a continuous swell and is completely unsuitable for permanent berthing. The provision of a slipway facility would improve the functionality of this pier, providing safer berthing and enable smaller boats to be brought ashore during poor weather conditions.

Phase 1 – A design has now been completed for a new slipway extension at Lenane and the necessary Foreshore License application process is underway. The DAFM has advised that, subject to the outcome of its statutory public consultation process, the license should be approved by end of 2020. This process was delayed due to the impacts associated with Covid-19. Once the Foreshore License is received, an application will be made under the annual DAFM funding programme to facilitate commencement of construction of the project in 2021, with completion in 2022.

Phase 2 – on completion of the slipway project, work will be progressed to develop the boat yard/boat park. The Council will undertake the planning and design processes before submitting an application for funding to DAFM to construct the project.

- ***Inver Pier***

Inver Pier is situated on the north-western shoreline of Inver Bay, west of Donegal Town. Because of the layout and level of the existing pier, users experienced difficulties utilising the pier fully. Works were undertaken during 2017 to raise the deck and improve access. It is proposed to progress a slipway design to further improve functionality at the Pier, to improve access for maintenance, and facilitate the removal of boats to safety in poor weather conditions. Investigative and design works are to be commenced, and funding shall be sought through the DAFM programme over the coming years.

The local fishing industry has also identified a need to extend the existing pier to provide a safe harbour facility and to facilitate the offloading of catch. Many of the smaller vessels from Killybegs fishing sprat in Inver Bay from September land their catches in Killybegs, due to the lack of a suitable harbour locally. A concept plan has been developed and funding is required to progress this project.

- ***Rannagh Pier***

Rannagh Pier is situated on Arainn Mhor (Arranmore Island), off the western coast of Donegal, and is accessed by ferry from Burtonport. Both fishing and leisure vessels use this pier. However, it has very limited water depths and restricted room for berthing. More critically, the pier deck is low and is submerged during high tides. A

swell continually rolls in from the Atlantic and often makes berthing and unloading of catches quite difficult.

It is proposed to carry out significant remedial and improvement works (raising of the existing pier deck and improvements to facilitate unloading of equipment and fish catches) to improve the pier's functionality for the fishing community.

It is proposed to procure the services of a design consultant in 2021, funded from own resources, where available, to enable capital funds to be leveraged for construction. Some additional ground investigations and a bathymetric survey may be required in support of the design solution selected. It is envisaged that an application for funding may be submitted to DAFM in 2022/2023.

- ***Glengad Pier***

A consultant will be procured in 2021. Some additional ground investigations and a bathymetric survey may be required in support of the design solution selected. It is envisaged that an application for funding will be submitted to DAFM in 2022/2023.

4.9.3 DAFM Marine Leisure Funding Programme

The Council will apply for funding over the next three years to the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine (DAFM), under its Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme - Marine Leisure & Marine Tourism Scheme, to support the marine leisure industry through the provision of pontoons at various locations. All projects require 25% co-funding from own resources. The DAFM will not approve projects for funding unless all necessary statutory procedures are completed.

Fanny's Bay Mevagh

Mulroy Bay is a well sheltered inlet between the Rosguill and Fanad peninsulas. However, there are no suitable facilities to cater for leisure craft, particularly for visiting boats that could stop off while sailing around the Donegal coast. A new permanent pontoon facility at Mevagh would provide berthing for leisure craft and visiting yachts, as it is a safe haven and well located within this popular bay.

The current facility at Mevagh is owned by Údurás na Gaeltachta (UnG). Collaboration has been ongoing in 2020 to facilitate the development of a pontoon facility and access to same. UnG may seek BIM Flag funding to improve existing access/parking arrangements and the Council can assist in any design element of this as required.

Donegal County Council has submitted a Foreshore License application to DHLGH to facilitate the provision of pontoons at this location. It is anticipated that same will be approved by Q1 of 2021, allowing this project to be included in the 2021 DAFM application for funding.

Burtonport

Burtonport is located on the west coast of Donegal in an area which is seeing increased leisure activity. However, the existing facilities provided for commercial

fishing are not suited to leisure activity. It is proposed to enhance Burtonport with a pontoon berthing facility at the second slipway to facilitate the growing demand from the tourism and leisure industry. Once the CPO for the Burtonport Regeneration Project is confirmed, a Foreshore License application will be submitted to DAFM for this project, which will comprise of an access gangway and pontoons, and associated facilitating pier wall and footpath works. An application will then be submitted under the DAFM annual funding for construction.

Teelin

Teelin is located on the southwest coast of Donegal. It provides good natural shelter from prevailing winds. It is a preferred stopover for vessels en route from Galway and Mayo or circumnavigating the coastline. Once a vibrant fishing harbour, Teelin now shares its facilities with the tourism and leisure industry. While a pontoon was provided here in 2014 to facilitate tourists going to view the cliffs at Sliabh Liag, it is proposed to enhance this with additional pontoon berthing as the existing one cannot facilitate the growing demand. An application for this project will be submitted under the DAFM annual funding, once the detailed design work is completed and approvals are in place.

Bunbeg

Bunbeg pier is located on the northwest coast of Donegal in a sheltered inlet where the Clady River enters the sea. Bunbeg pier served a traditional fishing community throughout the latter part of the last century, when fishing for salmon, lobster and herring was the mainstay. However, it has now become home to a large leisure and tourism fleet. Bunbeg is one of the few locations in Co. Donegal where vessels can safely berth all the year round and this has made it particularly attractive for leisure users. It is proposed to install a pontoon along the entire length of the Bunbeg pier to improve accessibility to all vessels and to ensure that said access is safe and appropriate to meet the needs of the users. Bunbeg is an ideal location for a pontoon development due to the shelter provided, and the provision of this new marine infrastructure will enhance the area as a safe haven and will facilitate sustainable growth.

4.9.4 Major Capital Schemes - RRDF Application

Burtonport Harbour Redevelopment Project

Burtonport Harbour is situated on the west coast of Donegal and is one of the County's busiest commercial maritime facilities. In addition to significant fishing activity, it also serves as the base for the Arranmore Island ferry services.

A project has been developed (in two phases) to regenerate Burtonport and address the issues as raised during the public consultation process. Part 8 planning is in place and funding has been secured under the RRDF for phase 1. A CPO was published in November 2019 to facilitate the purchase of lands to construct phase 1 of the project. Two objections were received and An Bord Pleanála must hold an oral hearing to consider the project prior to approval of the compulsory purchase order. Covid-19 has

limited opportunities for ABP to progress said oral hearing, but it is anticipated that a decision will be issued in Q1 of 2021.

4.9.5 Major Capital Schemes - Other

The following projects have been identified for larger scale development or refurbishment. While some progress has been made in relation to these, opportunities to secure funding are very limited and there appears to be no definite funding stream currently available to the Council for the construction of such large-scale projects:

Rathmullan Pier

Rathmullan pier is located on Lough Swilly at Rathmullan Town, provides berthing for vessels at a 43m long pier-head, and has a low water depth of 7.9m. It is a valued facility, as it can accommodate very large vessels. The pier-head, which was constructed in 1957, is accessed by a 120m viaduct, which dates back to 1934. A small private marina and a slipway are located adjacent to the pier. A roll-on-roll-off car ferry operates from the slipway at Rathmullan to Buncrana during the summer months. The pier is constructed from structural concrete and is approaching the end of its design life. The 'Consultant Engineer 2008 Rathmullan Pier Options Report' identified "option 3 – part repair part replace" as the most suitable option to extend the life of this facility.

Further to a safety review undertaken at all the Council's Piers and Harbours in 2017, Rathmullan Pier was reported to have suffered significant deterioration. A review of the 'Consultant Engineer 2008 Rathmullan Pier Options Report' will be completed in 2021 (at a cost of €50,000), following an investigative dive survey and a structural assessment of the components of the pier. This work, due to take place in 2020, has been delayed due to a combination of Covid-19 restrictions and weather conditions at optimal inspection periods.

The review shall include a recommendation for the most appropriate solution to ensure the extension of the life of this important pier and improve its functionality for both current and future users. It is currently estimated that the project will cost in the region of €3m.

Tory Island Ferry Service and Magheraroarty Pier

Magheraroarty Pier is located on the north coast of Donegal. It is the main pier serving the Tory Island ferry. Sand has been depositing at Magheraroarty pier since the construction of the pier in the 1970s. In 2002, an L-shaped extension was added to the pier, and this has increased the build-up of sand at the base of the pier. Annual maintenance dredging is required to remove sediment from the basin. The dredged material is then returned to the adjacent beach, replenishing areas which have been eroded.

An Roinn has engaged with Donegal County Council, providing guidance and support along with some funding (€10,000) to facilitate the development of potential solutions and assessment of same to improve the ferry service operation between the mainland

and Tory Island, providing connectivity with the island community through a quality transport service.

As part of the preparation of a Preliminary Appraisal submission, An Roinn advised the Council to complete a bathymetric survey (underwater topographic survey of seabed) on the seaward approach to Magheroroarty and provided funding for same. Said survey has been completed and the interpretive report shall be issued to both the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the DHLG&H as part of the consultation process. The outcome of said consultation will influence the preferred option identified in the Preliminary Appraisal. Irrespective of which option is selected, it is anticipated that there will be a requirement to complete detailed studies/modelling and statutory approvals processes.

A committee has been established to preside over various capital works on or related to Tory Island. The Council will review the application with the committee prior to submission to An Roinn for its consideration for funding.

Portsalon Pier

Portsalon Pier is located on the eastern side of Fanad Head on Lough Swilly. The pier is in very poor condition, particularly the dog-leg section which has suffered extensive damage to the south eastern side of the pier. The proposed remedial work will provide a new sheet-piled permanent face to the exposed side of the dog-leg section and a new reinforced concrete wall on the inner face of same, the demolition of the existing wave wall and construction of a new wave wall of increased height. A new deck slab and steps would also be provided.

Once the dive survey is completed (Q4 2020) the extent of the underwater damage and deterioration will be established and inform the design solution. Consideration will then be given to seeking funding for some of the smaller/lower cost elements to progress work at this location.

Greencastle Harbour Project

The construction of the breakwater at Greencastle has been suspended since 2008 due to the economic downturn. The next phase of the project is to complete the construction of the breakwater at an estimated cost of in excess of €13million. This will require €3.25m in co-financing from the Council.

In addition, Derry Port is promoting cruise liners coming to the region, and has identified Greencastle as the most suitable location for docking. An appropriate high quality docking facility will be required, resulting in extensive capital works.

A submission was made to Government, under the Mid-Term Review of the 'Capital Plan: Building on Recovery 2016-2021', for funding to be provided to finish the Greencastle project. An application for funding was then submitted under the RRDF programme in September 2018 and again in 2019. Neither application was successful. The Council was advised that the scale of the project was deemed too large to be funded solely through this programme.

Other funding options will now need to be considered, including the possibility of funding sources arising under potential Brexit mitigation or EU/cross-border sources, for example.

The Council will need to appoint a consultant to review the original documentation and amend same as appropriate to complete the project as per designed, or amend as required and in accordance with existing approvals. The consultant shall be appointed on confirmation of funding.

4.9.6 Summary of Piers and Harbours Projects

Project Name	Total Cost €	Lead Agency Funding	Council Co- Funding	Possible/Identified Funding Agency
DAFM Works Programme - safety/improvements	1,200,000	900,000	300,000	DAFM
Lenane Pier - Slipway (Phase 1)	500,000	375,000	125,000	DAFM
Lenane Pier - Boat Park (Phase 2)	100,000	75,000	25,000	DAFM
Inver Pier slipway	1500,000	1,125,000	375,000	DAFM
Rannagh Pier Improvements	600,000	450,000	150,000	DAFM
Glengad Pier – Quay Wall	400,000	300,000	100,000	DAFM
DAFM Leisure Programme - Pontoon facilities	1,200,000	900,000	300,000	DAFM
Rathmullan Pier Refurbishment	3,000,000	2,250,000	750,000	
Tory Island Ferry Service and Magheraroarty Pier	2,000,000	1,500,000	500,000	An Roinn na Gaeltachta
Portsalon Pier Refurbishment	1,500,000	1,125,000	375,000	
Greencastle Breakwater	13,000,000	9,750,000	3,250,000	
Total	25,000,000	18,750,000	6,250,000	

4.10 Roads Projects Funded from Development Charges

The total estimated amount of General Development Charges that will be provided for the Roads Directorate is currently estimated at €250,000 annually for the period 2021 to 2023. These estimates will be the subject of further review in advance of each respective budget year, and will take into account the payment trend of DCS at that time to update the expected available budget accordingly.

The particular projects to be built under available Development Charges will be prioritised by the Municipal Districts.

In addition to general DCS, the Council collects Specific Development Charges for specified works required to facilitate particular developments, and these charges will be spent on the projects for which they are levied.

4.11 Projects Funded from Private Works Contributions

From time to time, monies are made available to the Roads Department to undertake specified works on the public road network. An example of this would include funding for the repair of roads damaged by third parties (e.g. EIR, Water Services, etc.).

Projects of this nature are reported as capital projects. However, they tend to be of low value, short duration, and impossible to predict in advance with any certainty. Such projects are mentioned here for completeness, but will not form part of the Roads Capital Budget.

4.12 North West Greenway Network

In 2015, Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC) in partnership with Donegal County Council (DCC), Transport NI, and Sustrans, established the Active & Sustainable Travel Forum (ASTF) and the Forum's North West Greenways Action Plan forms the basis of a strategic and co-ordinated plan for the development of a network of greenways throughout the North West. In line with the aims and vision set out within the North West Greenway plan, partners Derry City & Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council, Transport NI (TNI) and Sustrans secured funding approval for a project costing €14,861,188, with 85% of the funding coming from the EU's INTERREG VA 2014-2020 programme (administered by SEUPB) and 15% matching funding provided by the two governments. This has enabled the partners to progress with design, development & delivery of the following cross-border greenway routes to achieve a rise in modal shift:

- Route 1 – 32.5km: Derry-Buncrana: this route commences at Pennyburn in Derry and extends to Bridgend in Donegal at the border crossing and continues onto Buncrana and Letterkenny via Tooban Junction and Inch Wildlife Reserve. The route comprises a mix of shared-use space, new route development, and utilisation of disused railway lines
- Route 2 – 10.5km: Muff-Derry: links Muff in Donegal to the commuter settlement of Culmore in Co. Derry, connecting to Derry City along realigned shared routes, including a bridge over Pennyburn at Bay Road Park linking to the existing greenway network
- Route 3 – 3.5km: Strabane to Lifford – connecting the border towns utilising the existing bridge that spans the River Foyle connecting the cross-border link with the DCC owned building located on the Letterkenny Rd, formerly in use as an army barracks and on towards Murlough.

The objectives of the North West Greenway Network are aligned to the key messages associated with the funding:

- a. Increase modal shift – move away from a car-dependent culture

- b. Contribute to the region's overall sustainability by providing health, social, economic and environmental benefits
- c. Create and promote a strong unifying brand
- d. Supporting the local authorities in promoting access & infrastructural improvements
- e. Developing a connected region
- f. Promoting health, wellbeing and the wider societal benefits of cycling/walking

The project lifespan is five years from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2021. Donegal County Council elements are managed by a three-person team, in tandem with a similar project team in DCSDC. It is envisaged that the project close out date will be no later than March 2023. As lead partner, DCSDC is providing the overall Programme Manager. Significant land owner liaison and public consultation has taken place to date with 2 of the 3 Donegal project elements at the construction phases and the Route 1 progressing through the statutory procedures process:

- Route 1: Derry-Buncrana: EIAR/CPO to be published by Q2 2021 and anticipate Oral Hearing in 2022 (delays due to Covid 19 restrictions)
- Route 2: Muff-Derry: Land purchase completed. Construction contract to be tendered by Q1 2021 with works completed in Q3 2021
- Route 3: Strabane to Lifford: Land purchase completed. Construction ongoing and due to be completed by Q1 2021

Donegal County Council co-funding of approximately €1.65 million will be required to complete this project as per the terms of the offer. In addition, the overall Project Team has indicated that the estimated construction costs will be higher than the original cost estimates and this will require further analysis and a plan to deal with the increases.

5. Water & Environment Services

5.1 WATER SERVICES

5.1.1 Irish Water

The Water Services (No. 2) Act of 2013 transferred responsibility for policy and funding for public water services from local authorities to Irish Water. This has had a significant impact for the Council’s overall Capital Programme. The provision of water service infrastructure accounted for a considerable element of the Council’s annual capital expenditure in previous years. The responsibility for investment programmes, including the prioritisation of projects, has transferred to Irish Water.

The Council’s capital and design division continues to play a key role in the rollout of projects locally on behalf of Irish Water, under the terms of the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. There has been an extensive programme of major water and wastewater projects progressed through planning, design and construction stages in Co Donegal as part of the current Irish Water Capital Investment Plan since 2014.

Minor capital upgrades/replacement requirements to wastewater treatment infrastructure have been identified at a number of locations throughout Donegal by the Elected Members and Water Services staff in recent years. This was highlighted as requiring investment during the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 process. These needs include essential upgrades required to wastewater treatment plants that impact negatively on designated bathing water quality, and increase risk as regards the retention of our highly-valued Blue Flag beaches. The programme also includes investment required in advance of the rollout of the Irish Water Capital Investment Plan (2020-2024), and essential upgrades of prioritised housing estate wastewater treatment plants.

Funding of €80,000 per annum is estimated as being required for this, with the sources being a variety of external sources.

Wastewater Advance Investment by Donegal County Council	Estimated Funding Allocations		
	2021	2022	2023
	€80,000	€80,000	€80,000

Takeover of Group Water Schemes is being examined and prioritised to coincide with the Irish Water Capital Investment Plan.

5.1.2 Criteria for Group Water Schemes to be Eligible for takeover by Irish Water

The three main criteria for group water schemes to be eligible for takeover by Irish Water are compliance with all Technical, Legal and Financial requirements. The Irish Water takeover process requires that the three aforementioned criteria are to the standards set out by Irish Water.

5.1.3 Resourcing

Under the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme, funding is available to assist the group water schemes in the takeover process.

Donegal County Council's Rural Water Team has been engaging with group water committees and Elected Members in order to progress the takeover of group water schemes where requests have been received, including orphan group water schemes.

5.1.4 Rural Water Programme

The Rural Water programme has provided a very effective and beneficial programme for delivering improvements to water services at a local level over the past decade. The primary focus over the last number of years has been to improve water quality and supply to the private group scheme consumers, and to bring the schemes into compliance with the Drinking Water Directive.

Donegal County Council received an allocation of €2,724,826 in October 2019 in relation to projects under the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme. Progress has been made on a wide variety of projects during 2020. However, restrictions relating to COVID-19 have impacted on the delivery of works on the ground.

The following table sets out the total allocation for County Donegal under the Rural Water Programme for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Rural Water Programme	Expenditure Projections		
	2021	2022	2023
	€1.5m	€1.0m	€1.0m

5.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

5.2.1 Landfill Restoration Programme

Donegal County Council was granted waste licences by the EPA for six landfill facilities under the Waste Management Act 1996. All six facilities are now closed. The waste licences granted required the Council to carry out engineered restoration works at all six facilities within a certain timescale following closure. Five of these facilities have been restored, including the Churchtown site where restoration works were completed in recent years. Details of these projects, along with further infrastructural works required at a number of the other landfill sites, are outlined in the following sections.

5.2.2 Balbane Landfill Facility

The Council has secured Department funding for the final restoration of Balbane Landfill Site utilising biotechnology. A similar type of solution as was used successfully at Churchtown has been approved by the EPA for the Balbane Landfill Site. Consultants were appointed in 2019 to advance the detailed design and tender stages

of the project and a contractor will be appointed to undertake the construction works in the coming months.

The estimated cost to advance detailed design, tender and construction works to restore the Balbane site is €1.62m. The Council is committed to working with the EPA and the Department to implement practical solutions at a reasonable cost and within the anticipated timeframe.

Total Project Cost Estimate €1.62million	Expenditure Projections for Period		
	2021	2022	2023
	€1.3m	€0.17m	€0.1m

5.2.3 Ballynacarrick Landfill Site

Leachate from Ballynacarrick landfill is currently transported to Letterkenny Wastewater Treatment works for treatment. It is proposed to develop an Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) at Ballynacarrick Landfill site as a lower-cost alternative. The design, tender and construction of an ICW with associated land acquisition is estimated to cost €2.2m. Department funding is awarded annually for these types of landfill works. It is anticipated that, in addition to the funding received in 2020, further funding will be provided 2021. It is envisaged that a significant proportion of the project will be Department funded.

Total Project Cost Estimate €2.2 million	Expenditure Projections for Period		
	2021	2022	2023
	€0.5m	€1.5m	€0.2m

5.2.4 Other Landfill Works

Hydro-geological studies have been completed at all six licensed landfills in recent years, as required by the EPA. These studies have given rise to a programme of further investigation and remedial works at all six sites. A cost of €220,000 over three years is estimated.

Minor capital upgrades/replacements are an ongoing feature of landfill maintenance at all sites, with an estimated €50,000 being required annually.

Local Authorities, the EPA and the WERLAs have also engaged in a process to complete risk assessments in relation to historic landfill sites (Section 22 Sites) across the country. DCC received funding for works at three sites in 2020 from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and it is anticipated that further funding will be allocated in the coming years.

The estimated cost of progressing the above listed works is summarised in the table below. Delivery of the projects will depend on securing funding from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, and will require some co-financing from Donegal County Council.

Landfill Works	Annual Funding Allocations Sought		
	2021	2022	2023
Hydro-geological Costs	€75,000	€85,000	€60,000
Minor Capital Replacement	€50,000	€50,000	€50,000
Section 22 Sites	€60,000	60,000	€60,000
Total annual Cost Estimate	€185,000	€195,000	€170,000

5.3 Recycling Centres

The Council-owned Recycling Centres at Letterkenny, Milford, Stranorlar, Carndonagh, Laghey and Dungloe are managed and operated by a contractor on behalf of the Council.

Extensive capital infrastructure has been advanced at the six centres, each of which has an area where recyclables may be recycled free of charge, and also an area where charges apply. Items such as glass, cans, textiles, batteries and electrical goods are all accepted free of charge.

At the Letterkenny Recycling Centre, recyclables from the six recycling centres around the County are sorted and mechanically baled. A covered-in structure is proposed to enhance the facility. It will allow work to continue during inclement weather conditions, enhance the working conditions for staff on site, and also improve the quality of materials that are stored on site.

Total Project Cost Estimate €50,000	Funding Allocation Sought
	2021-2023
	€50,000

5.4 Bring Banks

Donegal County Council has progressed capital works at over 70 Bring Banks sites throughout the County where members of the public may recycle their glass, cans and textiles.

An incremental programme of upgrading the Bring Bank facilities in County Donegal is ongoing. Depending on the site, upgrading works can include the installation of fencing around the site, construction of a plinth, signage, and the installation of CCTV. The annual cost of this work is estimated to be in the region of €3,000 per site. In addition it is planned to create a new bring bank location in Gaoth Dobhair. These works are estimated to cost €35,000.

Bring Banks are maintained to a high standard. These plastic receptacles are subject to high levels of wear and tear, and the banks and internal cables are monitored regularly. Donegal County Council replaces banks where needed. The cost of purchasing a new bring bank is €550. There are approximately 460 bring banks

throughout County Donegal. A programme of replacing 20% of banks annually is needed in order to maintain these facilities and sustain their use by the public. An annual provision of €36,000 over the three years 2021 – 2023 is required.

The above capital programmes for recycling centres and bring banks will require funding from the County Council. Opportunities to reduce the financial burden on the Council will be pursued if new grants arise.

Bring Banks	Annual Funding Allocations Sought		
	2021	2022	2023
Bank replacement	€36,000	€36,000	€36,000
Gaoth Dobhair Bring Banks	€35,000		
CCTV	€9,000	€9,000	€9,000
Annual Cost Estimate	€80,000	€45,000	€45,000

5.5 Donegal Air Quality Monitoring Programme

The Environment and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee reviewed the rollout of the National Ambient (Air Quality) Monitoring Programme in late 2017 and early 2018.

Donegal County Council is proposing to install a number of Air Quality Real-Time Indicator Monitors throughout the County.

- The review has concluded that where information on local air quality, and its impact on the environment and health, is available to the public, it helps to change the attitude of those still choosing to burn smoky coal or other specified fuels
- The proposed installation of five live PM10/PM 2.5 monitors would enable the public to check results online at any time on the Council's web site
- According to the Asthma Society of Ireland, there are 13,000 Asthma sufferers in Donegal; smoky coal is one of the known triggers of Asthma attacks

Two real-time air quality monitoring sites were commissioned in partnership with the EPA in 2019, in Letterkenny and Bunrana. The Council plans to install further air quality monitoring sites in Donegal Town, Ballybofey and Dungloe in 2021. It is anticipated that the Council will continue to expand its air quality monitoring network in 2022 and in subsequent years.

The estimated cost of this air quality monitoring programme for the three years 2021 – 2023 is €105,000, and is to be funded through a combination of Department and Council funding.

Donegal Air Quality Monitoring Programme	Annual Funding Requirements		
	2021	2022	2023
	€35,000	€35,000	€35,000

5.6 Public Convenience Capital Investment Programme

There is a variety of public-convenience services provided across the County at 52 locations. This ranges from:

- 28 x permanent Council-owned structures (some of which are open on a seasonal basis), which are maintained by a combination of Council staff and community groups;
- 5 x permanent privately-owned facilities operated with Council subvention;
- 16 x temporary beach services during the bathing season;
- 3 x year-round temporary services at key Community and Enterprise promoted locations.

A review of the type of public conveniences that are appropriate for different situations throughout the County was carried out through the Environment and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee in 2017 and 2018. This review has informed the infrastructural investment required in future years.

A summary of the recommendations from the review includes:

- Development of a capital investment programme to carry out essential improvements at prioritised existing public conveniences;
- Improved accessibility at public conveniences;
- A recommendation that the Council should enhance the public convenience services provided, through increased engagement with community groups and the business community.

The estimated cost of the public convenience capital investment programme for the three years 2021 – 2023 is summarised in the following table.

Public Conveniences Upgrade Cost Estimate €300,000	Annual Funding Allocations		
	2021	2022	2023
	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000

5.7 Coastal and Beach Improvement

The Donegal mainland coastline is 1,134km long, and constitutes over 17% of the total national coastline. Donegal County Council actively maintains and promotes twenty-one key beaches under varying National initiatives (Blue Flag, Green Coast and Designated Bathing Waters). These twenty-one beaches alone require considerable maintenance and investment. Whereas every effort will be made to identify grant assistance, the work programme will essentially depend on Donegal County Council for funding.

Beach access is an ongoing challenge in an ever changing environment. Coastal erosion, accretion and wind-blown sand can pose year-round difficulties. Dune erosion has become a concern at many beaches and poses a threat to the Blue Flag and Green Coast status of a number of beaches if it is not addressed. This problem is due primarily to pressures from beach visitors trampling the dunes, and has repeatedly

been raised by An Taisce and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Proper dedicated beach access is required at these beaches, and protection measures need to be introduced to allow the dunes to recover.

Of the twenty-one designated beaches, twelve beaches have had infrastructural improvements to improve accessibility for visitors of all abilities. A further six beaches now require investment to allow safe access. The cost estimate for these works is €90,000 per annum. The 2021 programme includes a specific requirement for €30,000 for a number of coastal erosion projects throughout the County.

An increasing number of visitors are enjoying our coastline each year. This coastal tourism is promoted by the Wild Atlantic Way campaign, with specific locations being promoted through initiatives such as the international Blue Flag and Green Coast beach awards. There is a need to meet the requirements and expectations of visitors to our coastline to complete their experience.

The Climate Action and Environment Strategic Policy Committee agreed to a review of facilities and services at our 21 designated bathing areas being undertaken at its meeting in July 2020. This review will be completed in December 2020. This review will highlight areas where improvements are required and it is planned to use the outputs from the review to formulate applications for external funding from a variety of sources.

The following table summarises the anticipated funding that will be required to address the findings and recommendations of this review.

Beach and Coastal Improvement Programme	Annual Funding Allocations Sought		
	2021	2022	2023
Infrastructure Improvements	€150,000	€500,000	€500,000
Total annual Cost Estimate	€150,000	€500,000	€500,000

5.8 Leisure Centres

The proposed refurbishment of Buncrana Community Leisure Centre continues to be progressed by Donegal County Council and Buncrana Community Leisure Centre Committee. The report recommended the demolition of the existing structure and construction of a new facility on the existing site.

Tenders were invited in late 2019 for consultants relating to the project in two lots. Lot 1 was for an Architect Led Design Team and Lot 2 was for Quantity Surveying and Project Management. A two-stage procurement process was followed which allowed interested candidates to be assessed for suitability and shortlisted at the initial stage. During the second stage, shortlisted firms were invited to submit quality and price proposals related to the commissions. Delays to the procurement process were incurred as a result of restrictions imposed relating to Covid-19. However, tenders have now been received and assessed. A tender recommendation report on the most economically advantageous tender for both Lots is in the process of being completed by Donegal County Council.

It is proposed to appoint consultants for both the Architect Led Design Team (Lot 1) and Quantity Surveying and Project Management (Lot 2) by the end of 2020. The cost for Stage (i) of this appointment will be approximately €68k plus VAT in total. The outputs from Stage (i) will include further development of the project brief with stakeholders, initial architectural proposals and a detailed cost plan for the project. Elected members will be updated in more detail during, and at the end of, Stage (i). Projected expenditure during the period 2021 to 2023, which is based on preliminary estimates, is included in the table below.

There is an emerging need for capital replacement works at each of the existing leisure centres in the County. This is necessary to protect the initial investment and to maintain each facility to a required standard to attract and retain customers. Capital replacement requirements will be informed by periodic structural and fabric assessments of the various facilities. Information to date indicates a requirement of approximately €300,000 per annum, over the three-year period. This programme will depend on funding from Donegal County Council and external sources where available.

Leisure Centres	Annual Funding Allocations Sought		
	2021	2022	2023
Buncrana Leisure Centre	€350,000	€800,000	€4,000,000
Capital Replacement	€300,000	€300,000	€300,000
Total annual Cost Estimate	€650,000	€1,100,000	€4,300,000

5.9 Flood Relief Schemes

In May 2018, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Kevin Moran, T.D. launched 29 Flood Risk Management Plans for all the main river basins identifying an initial total of 118 flood relief projects to protect the main flood risk areas throughout the country. This number increased to 119 with the addition of the Burnfoot project, following a Cost Review Report completed in May 2018, which was commissioned in the aftermath the 2017 flood. These Plans and projects are a key part of the overall flood risk management strategy set out in the National Development Plan 2017 - 2028 involving total investment of almost €1 billion over the ten-year timeframe of that plan. As it is not possible to implement all of the 119 projects at the one time, a total of 57 projects have been prioritised, following discussions with Local Authorities, for the initial tranche of investment and delivery based on the level of risk and number of properties to be protected.

In total, fifteen flood relief projects have been identified for County Donegal as part of the 119 projects. Six of the Donegal projects have been identified to be progressed in a first phase of implementation. These projects include Lifford, Castlefin, Burnfoot, Downings, Glenties, and Kerrykeel. In November 2019, the OPW approved the progression of three further flood relief schemes in Donegal – in Ballybofey and Stranorlar, Buncrana – Luddan and Ramelton. In addition to these six, there is an ongoing flood relief project at design stage for Raphoe. The OPW and the Council will

be working closely to progress these projects, with OPW leading on the delivery of Lifford and Raphoe, and the Council leading on the remaining eight projects.

The OPW has provided funding for the Council to appoint two dedicated members of staff to manage the projects that the Council will deliver in collaboration with the OPW. These staff members were appointed in 2019. As stated above, the Council will initially manage eight projects which will take a number of years to complete. It is anticipated that the OPW will release further projects to the Council in the coming years.

Flood Relief Schemes	Anticipated Expenditure		
	2021	2022	2023
Estimate costs	€400,000	€500,000	€1,500,000

6. Community Development & Planning Services

The Community Development & Planning Services Directorate continues to manage a wide ranging capital programme which will be presented under the following headings:

Section 6.1: Community Development Division.

Section 6.2: Planning Services Division.

The planned programme of investment set out below aims to maximise the opportunities to source external funding while limiting the demand for co-funding from internal resources where possible.

Section 6.1 Community Development Division

6.1.1 Projects in Progress.

Project Name	Funder(s)	Details
Rural Development Programme (RDP/LEADER)	EU/Dept	€12.9m is the allocation to the Local Action Group in Donegal (the LCDC) for the programme period 2014-2020. Additional funding of €500,000 was awarded by DRCD in October 2019. €938k remains to be allocated on projects by the LAG by the end of the current programme in 2020. Projects are currently being prepared for approval by the LAG before the end of the year.
Designated Urban Centres Grant Scheme – Letterkenny	DECLG – administered through the Northern & Western Regional Assembly	The Designated Urban Centres Grant Scheme prioritises investment in Gateway Towns as the engine of the regional economy. The Council made a successful application for funding under this scheme for Letterkenny which contains three elements: (i) Social Enterprise Building; (ii) Town Centre Improvements and (iii) works on the Joe Bonnar Link Road. This Directorate is responsible for developing the Social Enterprise Building which received €1,000,000 in grant funding with a further €4,000,000 to be provided from the Council’s own resources. A design team was appointed to the project in Q2 of 2018. Part 8 Planning approval was obtained in July 2019 for a building of circa 1250 sq. metres over three floors to house some of the key community and voluntary groups currently based in Letterkenny and across the County. Extensive consultation with the identified groups took place during 2020 to finalise the detailed design of the building. The two stage process of procuring a contractor was initiated in October 2020. It is anticipated that construction will commence in early Q2 of 2021. Expenditure of €5m is anticipated over the next three years.
2017 Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Dept/Own Resources	Works to the final two projects of the thirteen that were approved under the 2017 T&V Renewal Scheme will be completed by the end of Q2 of 2021.

2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Dept/Own Resources	Eleven towns and villages across the County were awarded funding under the 2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme: Donegal Town, Glenties, Moville, Kerrykeel, Portsalon, Killygordan, Killybegs, Bunrana, Muff, Kilmacrennan, and Castlefin. Works are ongoing on the outstanding projects with total funding of €1.375m (inclusive of match funding). All works to be completed by Q2 of 2021.
2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Dept/Own Resources	Seven towns and villages across the County were awarded funding under the 2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme. Projects have been approved in the following areas: Rossnowlagh, Glencolmcille, Dunfanaghy, Maghery, Killea, Clonmany, and Raphoe. The total grant funding approved of €764,400, when combined with the match funding element, will represent a total investment of €955,500. These projects will be completed in 2021.
2020 Town & Village Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measures (Rounds 1, 2, 3)	Dept/Own Resources	<p>5 towns and villages were awarded funding under Round 1 of the 2020 T&V Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measures: Bundoran, Bunbeg, Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Carrigans & Milford. Total funding allocated (inclusive of 10% match funding) was €128,695. These projects are ongoing and will be completed in Q1 of 2021.</p> <p>6 towns and villages were awarded funding under Round 2 of the 2020 T&V Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measures: Bunrana, Clonmany, Carrigart, Dungloe, Donegal Town & Glen. Total funding allocated (inclusive of 10% match funding) was €199,991. These projects are ongoing and will be completed in Q1 of 2021.</p> <p>4 towns and villages were awarded funding under Round 3 of the 2020 T&V Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measures: Ardara, Downings, Frosses & Letterkenny. Total funding allocated (inclusive of 10% match funding) was €127,222. These projects are ongoing and will be completed in early Q2 of 2021.</p>
Tullan Strand, Bundoran	Own Resources	Development of access and public amenities at Tullan Strand.
Malin Head Phase 3	Fáilte Ireland/Own Resources	The development and implementation of a Visitor Management Plan for the Malin Head Signature Discovery Point got underway in 2019 and is currently being finalised. The plan will shape future development in Malin Head in the years ahead. Planning applications to develop the plan in phases are being progressed with construction of Phase 1 to get underway in 2021, pending the availability of funding.
Bundoran	Fáilte Ireland/Own Resources	Fáilte Ireland launched its national 'Developed & Emerging Tourism Destinations Investment Scheme' in March 2019 with the aim of boosting the attractiveness and tourism appeal of towns across the country. Donegal County Council submitted an

		application to Fáilte Ireland seeking funding of €500,000 for a project in Bundoran in September 2019. Confirmation was received in May 2020 that the application was successful. Total funding (inclusive of match funding) amounts to €669,313 with the project to be fully completed by April 2022.
2018 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (Measure 2)	Dept/Own Resources	Three Measure-2 applications to the 2018 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) were allocated funding in February 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenties Altar Trail; • Great Arch Trail Fanad; • Letterkenny to Burtonport Greenway (Phase 1). Part 8 planning approval was obtained for the Great Arch Trail and Phase 1 of the Letterkenny to Burtonport Greenway in September 2019. Construction on all three projects is likely to get underway in November 2020 and be completed by the end of Q1 2021. Total funding (inclusive of 20% match funding) is €429,575.
2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (Measure 1)	Dept/Own Resources	5 projects were awarded funding under the 2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Measure 1: Bealacht na Gaeltachta, Murder Hole Beach Trail, the provision of Counters for Visitor Monitoring, Leghowney Scenic Loop Walk & Lurgabrack Nature Walk (the final two being co-funded by Donegal Local Development Company). All projects to be completed by Q2 of 2021. Total funding (inclusive of 20% co-funding) is €93,410.
2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (Measure 3)	Dept/Own Resources	DCC received €568,580 to lead the ASCENT project. Errigal mountain was chosen as the site for the project and there were three areas of activity: partner learning & expertise exchange; management planning and intervention design; and training and solution trialling. Part 8 planning approval for habitat restoration including an upland path was obtained in March 2019. Trialling works on short sections of the new path took place in June 2019. An application for funding of €500,000 to construct 3km of an upland path on Errigal mountain was successful under the 2019 Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Measure 3. Total funding (inclusive of 20% co-funding) is €625,000. Liaison with relevant landowners and the local community group is ongoing. The procurement of a contractor will be progressed over the coming months with construction to get underway in late Q1 of 2021. A management plan for Errigal mountain is being finalised.
North West Greenways Technical Feasibility Study	North West Regional Development Group	The North West Regional Development Group allocated funding of £120k stg to DCC in May 2019 to provide expertise to survey, design and cost a series of new cross-border greenway routes. The purpose of this study, which is to run until March 2021, is to inform future business cases and funding applications. This expenditure is accounted for on the Revenue account.

Greenways	Dept of Transport	<p>5 applications were submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in January 2020 for the development of further greenways across the county under the Carbon Tax Fund 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burtonport to Letterkenny Greenway; • Carrigans to Castlefin (Foyle Valley Greenway); • Barnesmore Greenway; • Muff to Quigleys Point Greenway; • Bunrana to Carndonagh Greenway. <p>The Council received confirmation in July 2020 that funding was allocated to progress three of the projects listed above, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrigans to Castlefin (Foyle Valley) Greenway: €115,000; • Muff to Quigleys Point Greenway: €45,000; • Bunrana to Carndonagh Greenway: €180,000. <p>All three projects will be progressed in 2021.</p> <p>A proposal is being presented to Elected Members as part of the 2021 Draft Revenue Budget that will allow for the putting in place of a dedicated Greenways Development Team. Once established, the team will be managed through the Roads Directorate.</p>
Riverine Community Park	ERDF	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Council, in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council, submitted an application to the Special European Union Programmes Body under the European Union Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (Peace IV) under Objective 3: Shared Spaces and Services, Action 3.1 Shared Spaces Capital Development. In June 2019, the Peace IV Programme Steering Committee announced a grant of €8,962,540.60 towards the Riverine Community Park Project to be expended and claimed by 31st March 2023. The project proposes to create thirty acres of new community park space and infrastructure at Lifford and Strabane. Works to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pavilion Building; ▪ Outdoor Wetlands and Park Space; ▪ Outdoor Flexible Multi-Functional Space; ▪ Family Space; ▪ Cross-border Pathways and Park Infrastructure (Walkways and Greenways); ▪ Safe River Access; ▪ Pedestrian Footbridge. <p>In 2020, DCC procured an integrated consultancy team to design and oversee the entire project to handover stage. Planning applications for the development of the Riverine Community Park in both jurisdictions will be progressed in the coming months. Discussions are</p>

		ongoing with relevant landowners and engagement with local communities on either side of the border is being carried out in conjunction with the Riverine Forum.
Peace IV	SEUPB (Peace IV)	<p>The Donegal Peace IV Action Plan was approved to the value of €5.5m. This Plan sets out the types of activities to be supported under three main headings: 'Children & Young People', 'Building Positive Relations', and 'Shared Spaces & Services'. These programmes will be rolled out during 2020 and 2021.</p> <p><u>Shared Spaces & Services Projects.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-use Sports Facility to be completed by Q4 of 2022 → €1,179,075. ▪ Cross Community Garden to be completed in 2021: ICARE - Inishowen Children Autism Related Education → €50,000. ▪ Reimagining Perceived Single Identity Spaces to be completed in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carrigans Old School Hall → €25,000; ○ Clar Orange Hall → €45,000; ○ Convoy Presbyterian Church → €40,000; ○ Killymard LOL → €45,000; ○ Rathmullan Abbey → €45,000. ▪ Outdoor Play Areas to be completed in 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friends of Rossnowlagh Beach → €100,000; ○ Killea Community Play Park Group → €115,000; ○ Bruckless Community Centre Ltd. → €85,000.

6.1.2 Projects Planned.

Project Name	Funder(s)	Details
Platforms for Growth, 'Immersive Heritage & Cultural Attractions'	Fáilte Ireland/Own Resources	Fáilte Ireland launched its Platforms for Growth Investment Programme 2019 on 29 th May 2019. It is the largest investment programme of its kind, with €150m being made available nationwide to benefit tourism, with individual grants available for large-scale visitor attractions of €2.5m upwards. Under the terms of the programme, to be eligible for an investment grant, there are five steps in the Platforms for Growth process; three steps in the Application Phase that need to be successfully completed, and two steps in the Delivery and Development Phase. Applicants must pass through these 'Stages' in order to be eligible to receive an investment grant under the scheme. Before any investment grant is made available to a successful applicant, the applicant must enter into and comply with the Investment Grant

		<p>Agreement and all pre-investment requirements. Donegal County Council, as applicant, submitted Stage 1 Expression of Interest applications for five Immersive Heritage & Cultural Attraction projects, at locations spread across the County in July 2019. All five projects successfully made it through to Stage 2 of the multi-stage application and applications for the five projects listed below were submitted in August 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fort Dunree; ▪ Rathmullan 'The Battery'; ▪ Ballyshannon Workhouse; ▪ Glenties 'The Laurels'; ▪ Letterkenny Courthouse. <p>Donegal County Council received confirmation from Fáilte Ireland in December 2019 that the Fort Dunree project was the only one of the five projects that progressed to Stage 3 of the application process. During 2020, the Council has worked on the submission of a detailed and comprehensive Stage 3 Business Case application. The application was submitted in August 2020 with an online presentation of the project to the Fáilte Ireland Evaluation Team taking place in October 2020. It is anticipated that the outcome of the Stage 2 application will be known over the coming months. (Total funding sought, inclusive of 25% co-funding, is €11,750,000).</p>
Playgrounds	External/ Own Resources	<p>Refurbishment of equipment at eight existing playgrounds is planned during the period 2021-2023. Proposed expenditure (subject to securing external funding) will total €360,000:</p> <p>2021: €110,000; 2022: €125,000; 2023: €125,000.</p>
2020 Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 (Main Scheme)	Dept/Own Resources	<p>Ten towns and villages applications were submitted to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 (Main Scheme) in September 2020, namely; Ardara, Bruckless, Bunrana, Carrick, Churchill, Crossroads, Downings, Fintown, Moville & Convoy. It is understood that the Dept. will announce funding for successful projects over the coming months. Total funding sought (inclusive of co-funding) amounts to €1,400,613.</p>
2020 CLÁR Scheme Measure 1 (Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures)	Dept/Own Resources	<p>Five applications were submitted to the Department for funding in August 2020 under CLAR Scheme Measure 1: Coimin National School (An Clochán), Falcarragh Community School, Moville Tidy Towns, Rockfield National School (Carrickboy) & Termon National School. Total funding sought (inclusive of 10% match funding) amounts to €231,000.</p>

2020 CLÁR Scheme Measure 2 (Community Recreation Areas)	Dept/Own Resources	Five applications were submitted to the Department for funding in August 2020 under CLAR Scheme Measure 2: Glengad Community Association, Ray Community Group, Churchill Community Development Group CLG, Forbairt Fhanada CTR & Ionad Naomh Padraig (Machaire Chlochair) Total funding (inclusive of 10% match funding) amounts to €212,997.
2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (Measure 1)	Dept/Own Resources	Seven applications were submitted to the Department for funding in September 2020 under the 2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 1, namely; Bealacht na Gaeltachta, Lehardan (Rathmullan), Creevy (Ballyshannon), Trusk Lough (Ballybofey), Tip O' Neill/Urris Loops, Mountain Top (Letterkenny) & Rann na Feirste. It is understood that the Dept. will announce funding for successful projects over the coming months. Total funding sought (inclusive of 10% match funding) amounts to €155,750.
2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Measures 2 & 3	Dept/Own Resources	Funding applications will be developed and submitted under the 2020 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Measures 2 & 3 on or before the submission date of 30 th November 2020.
Donegal Craft Village	External Sources	In the period 2021-2023, works to include: construction of additional units and a public toilet, extension to the car park, and the opening of direct access from the regional road – subject to securing external funding. A section of footpath leading to the Craft Village from the town will also be extended.
Drumboe Park	DRCD (RRDF) / Own Resources	In March 2019, Part 8 planning approval was obtained for the development of a public park, comprising play areas, public conveniences, and walking trails in Drumboe, Stranorlar. The Council is currently progressing the acquisition of these lands in order to be in a position to submit a 'shovel-ready' project when further national funding calls are announced. It is envisaged that the acquisition of the lands will be finalised in Q1 of 2021.

6.1.3 Development of an Outdoor Recreation Strategy.

The Community Development Division is committed in its work to deliver an Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Donegal in the coming 12-14 months.

The development of a countywide Outdoor Recreation Strategy will provide a clear, action-based and time-bound Strategy to 2027 within an overall Vision to 2040 for Outdoor Recreation in Donegal, to include walking paths, cycling trails, bridle paths and water-based trails as well as other related and associated rural recreation activities, and building on the work that has already been undertaken as part of the work of the North West Greenway Project, Trailgazers and Ascent.

The Strategy will provide a clear and time bound framework that identifies a range of potential connections, improvements and new developments to consolidate and enhance outdoor recreation in the County, will address local need in this regard and significantly benefit the County through maximising the resultant environmental, social and economic benefits.

The Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Donegal will identify a number of phases to be implemented over the lifetime of the Strategy, up to 2027 in the first instance and on to 2040 and which will inform the delivery of related capital works in this regard.

It is also anticipated that emerging actions arising from the Strategy could potentially be aligned to funding programmes and to enable deliverability, such as:

- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme ORIS;
- Town & Village Renewal;
- CLAR;
- Project Ireland 2040 – RRDF;
- National Greenway Development Fund;
- Leader Programmes;
- EU Funded Programmes;
- Failte Ireland.

Section 6.2 – Planning Division

6.2.1 Projects in Progress.

Project Name	Funder(s)	Details
Letterkenny 2040	DHPLG/Own Resources	<p>Under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF), the Council was successful in 2018 in securing funding for the urban regeneration project 'Letterkenny 2040'. The total value of the project is €2,590,048 and the funding award from the URDF is €1,942,536, with a match funding obligation of €647,512.</p> <p>There are three approved strands to this regeneration project: A Regeneration Strategy for the Master-Planning of the town centre area; the acquisition of a key intervention site and the delivery of public realm works. Work is currently ongoing across all project strands and significant progress has been achieved in 2020 notwithstanding the disruption caused by the Covid-19 Public Health emergency.</p> <p>The procurement process in relation to consultancy services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre opened on 7th February 2020. The Paul Hogarth Company is the successful tenderer. Arrangements are now underway to complete the contract to appoint The Paul Hogarth Company as the lead consultant of a consortium which includes Hall Black Douglas Architects, Atkins and AV Browne. This project strand will be delivered over a 12 month period with a value of €330,000.</p>

		<p>Negotiations have been progressing with the central landowner of the key regeneration site approved by DHLG&H for acquisition. Progress has been affected by Covid-19 and its associated impact on what would be considered 'normal' market conditions. The intention is to undertake further discussions with other relevant landowners in Q4 of 2020 in order to confirm the acquisition pathway. In the interim, the team has been making preparations in order to be in a position to formally commence acquisitions following negotiations with all relevant landowners. The value of this strand is €1,568,148.</p> <p>Detailed design of the public realm approved is being carried out using in-house architectural resources. To this end, Donegal County Council is now appointed as PSDP on this sub-project and currently advancing detailed design including a topographical survey, ground investigations and structural design. It is anticipated that work will commence on site in Q4 of 2020 and will be completed by end of May 2021. The value of this strand is €691,900.</p>
Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	<p>An application was made to the DRCD/RRDF in August of 2019 in respect of a town centre regeneration project in Killybegs. This project proposes the refurbishment and extension of Island House (a derelict building on the Harbour) to use as a Digital Hub and Tourist Information Centre with integrated Civic space, new pedestrian infrastructure and parking arrangements. The value of the project is €4,842,344 and funding of €3,631,758 was sought from the RRDF. Grant funding for this project was confirmed in November 2019.</p> <p>Tenders for Architect Led Design Team services to deliver the regeneration project 'Killybegs 2040' through the stages of detailed design and construction supervision to final certification and handover were advertised on e-Tenders in July 2020. The next stages are the evaluation of tenders, receipt of Department approval and the appointment of a design team. It is anticipated that the design stage will take 16 weeks to be completed and after this procurement of a contractor will take place. Commencement of construction is scheduled for Q2, of 2021 with a build period estimated at 52 weeks.</p>
Burtonport/Aranmore – Harbour to Island Regeneration	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	<p>An application was made to the DRCD/RRDF in August 2019 in respect of Harbour to Island regeneration in Burtonport and Aranmore Island. This project proposes first phase works at Burtonport which would see improved traffic management, parking and ferry access arrangements in the Harbour area together with public realm works and associated acquisition and demolition works. The improved Harbour infrastructure is linked to a Shore</p>

		<p>Front Amenity development on Aranmore Island consisting of beach access, parking, recreational facilities, and an outdoor events space. The value of the project is €4,118,932 and funding of €3,089,199 was sought from the RRDF. Grant funding for this project was confirmed in November 2019.</p> <p>This project continues to progress in accordance with the Funding Approval Process set out by the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointment of an asbestos consultant (to report on the relevant buildings in Burtonport); - CPO process progressing – An Bord Pleanala decision expected by 15th January 2021; - Aranmore Island Shore Front Amenity - measures for eradication, treatment and management of an invasive species were completed in October. Tender for an Architect Led Supervision Team to supervise the construction contractor opened on e-tenders with a closing date of 2nd October 2020. The tender for a Construction Contractor has also opened with a closing date of 30th October 2020. <p>The next steps in the process are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asbestos survey (Burtonport) completed; 2. Evaluation of the tenders received (Supervision Team and Contractor/Aranmore Island); 3. The submission of a Tender Report to the DRCD for consideration and, 4. On receipt of DRCD approval the appointment of the Supervision Team and Contractor and commencement of the Aranmore Island element of the project on site. At present this is scheduled to commence in Q4 of 2020 with a 31 week build period.
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6.2.2 Projects Planned.

Project Name	Funder(s)	Details
<p>Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre'.</p>	<p>DPHLG (URDF)/Own Resources.</p>	<p>The URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre' was submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in May 2020.</p> <p>The project is an ambitious, transformative and strategic step in Letterkenny's longer term regeneration goal to transform the core of the town as a liveable 'place for People and Public Life'. It includes an exciting blend of five inter-related sub-projects which work together in combination to deliver integrated urban regeneration at a strategic level with actions and interventions across: urban regeneration, liveability, vacancy, public space, employment, enterprise, tourism and vibrancy. The sub-projects of the application are:</p> <p>A. The Cathedral Quarter – Making a Creative District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A re-imagined public space at Market Square; A revitalized and accessible Church Lane through delivery of a shared surface scheme; A 1,500 sqm Creative Design Hub with green urban parkland; A repurposed vacant building as a Tourist Office. <p>B. Enabling Renewal at Lower Main Street.</p> <p>Strategic land assembly and acquisition package.</p> <p>C. Revival at the Courthouse.</p> <p>New enterprise space blended with a tourist attraction in the historic courthouse presenting 'Donegal: People and Place'.</p> <p>D. Enabling a Regional Transport Hub.</p> <p>Strategic land acquisition.</p> <p>E. LK Green Connect.</p> <p>Connecting origins, destinations and targets inc. strategic land acquisition.</p> <p>The overall value is estimated at: €18.1m (approx) and the application is now at the latter stages of assessment.</p>
<p>Burtonport & Aranmore 'Harbour to Island Regeneration' (Phase 2).</p>	<p>DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources</p>	<p>The completion of this project requires the delivery of a new Harbour/Ferry Terminal Building in Burtonport which will provide, inter alia, accommodation for the harbour master, ferry ticketing offices, public amenities and community space replacing much of the existing arrangements which are scheduled for demolition in the first</p>

		<p>phases of the scheme. The new harbour building, will be augmented by a new enterprise building.</p> <p>On 19th June 2020 Minister Ring TD announced a new call for Category 1 'shovel ready' applications under the RRDF with a closing date of 1st December 2020. At the July Plenary Meeting of the Council it was agreed with Members that this project would be progressed towards submission under this call.</p> <p>Public consultation has been completed in respect of the proposed new harbour and enterprise building in Burtonport and Part VIII planning has been secured. Accordingly, this final element of the project is in a high state of application readiness for submission to the RRDF for Category 1 funding by the 1st December deadline. The estimated Value of the Project is €1.6m.</p>
Back to Ballyshannon	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	<p>Back to Ballyshannon – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon's historic town centre.</p> <p>The project was submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) on 28th February 2020 under a call for Category 2 projects and was announced as a successful project by Minister Michael Ring TD On 25th June 2020. The project has a value of €247,500 with RRDF funding approved in the sum of €185,625. It will enable project development towards a 'shovel ready' Category 1 project and this work has commenced.</p> <p>The Team has identified that a feasibility study of end users, acquisition, archaeological assessment, compliance with Fire Regulations and Disability Access requirements are all works elements which require further procurement, investigation and progress before a Part VIII planning scheme can be progressed for this project. As a result, this project will not be 'shovel ready' in time for the 1st December 2020 deadline under the current Cat.1 call for applications. Notwithstanding same, the Team is committed to progressing the development of this project to shovel ready status in as timely a manner as possible with a view to achieving project readiness for future calls under the Fund, which are anticipated in 2021.</p>
Ballybofey/Stranorlar 'SEED' Project	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	<p>The 'SEED' project - A sustainable, green regeneration project to Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.</p> <p>This project was unsuccessful as a Category 2 application to the RRDF in February 2020 of this year. On 19th June 2020 Minister Ring TD announced a new call for Category 1 'shovel ready' applications</p>

		<p>under the RRDF with a closing date of 1st December 2020. At the July Plenary Meeting of the Council it was agreed with Members that this project would be progressed towards submission under this call.</p> <p>Design work was largely completed in-house and a PART VIII planning scheme for the 'SEED' project which includes for the re-purposing of a town centre heritage building, creation of a civic space and provision of replacement car parking and to ensure that the 'SEED' project has been progressed to shovel ready status by the 1st December 2020 deadline was published on Tuesday 22nd September 2020. Advance Public consultation took place on Thursday 10th September 2020 from 2pm to 8pm in The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar.</p> <p>This project is presently progressing through the Part VIII planning process and associated costing and economic appraisal processes.</p>
Carndonagh Town Centre Regeneration Project	DRCD (RRDF)/ Own Resources	<p>On 19th June 2020 Minister Ring TD announced a new call for Category 1 'shovel ready' applications under the RRDF with a closing date of 1st December 2020. At the July Plenary Meeting of the Council it was agreed with Members that this project would be progressed towards submission under this call.</p> <p>The Council is collaborating with Spraoi agus Sport in Carndonagh in the development of a regeneration project in the Diamond, Pound Street and town centre area of the town. The project envisages a new hub located in a regenerated heritage building and proposes a range of uses including: a co-working space, a creative space, retail space, warehousing, youth space, public amenities etc. The project will directly address vacancy and dereliction and will be integrated with public realm interventions and accessibility improvements.</p> <p>Design work was largely completed in-house and a PART VIII planning scheme for the project and to ensure that same has been progressed to shovel ready status by the 1st December 2020 deadline was published on Tuesday 22nd September 2020. Advance Public consultation took place on Thursday 10th September 2020 from 2pm to 8pm in the offices of Spraoi agus Spórt, Carndonagh.</p> <p>This project is presently progressing through the Part VIII planning process and associated costing and economic appraisal processes.</p>
Ramelton Historic Town Centre	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	<p>Ramelton Historic Town Centre is a Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme. This project was submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) on 28th February 2020 as a Category 2 project and was one of the</p>

		<p>successful projects announced by Minister Michael Ring TD On 25th June 2020. The project has a value of €249,159 with RRDF funding of €186,869. This category 2 funding will enable project development towards a 'shovel ready' Category 1 project and this work has commenced.</p> <p>A detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has been submitted to the DRCD. On receipt of approval the Team will open a tender process for fully integrated Architect Led Detailed Design & Supervision Services to bring this project through public consultation, part 8 planning and detailed design to a contract ready capital project. The estimated timeline for the completion of this work is approx. 48 weeks including the procurement processes. This project will not be 'shovel ready' in time for the 1st December 2020 deadline under the current Cat.1 call for applications. Notwithstanding same, the Team is committed to progressing the development of this project to shovel ready status in as timely a manner as possible with a view to achieving project readiness for future calls under the Fund.</p>
Rathmullan	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	<p>On 19th June 2020 Minister Ring TD announced a new call for Category 1 'shovel ready' applications under the RRDF with a closing date of 1st December 2020. At the July Plenary Meeting of the Council it was agreed with Members that this project would be progressed towards submission under this call.</p> <p>This project proposes to build on the significant work done to date by the 'Way Forward Group' in Rathmullan in progressing a 'future use feasibility study' for the Napoleonic Gun Battery in conjunction with Pasparakis Friel. The Team is now exploring the opportunity to further progress this project towards shovel ready status as a capital project, which might then enable an application for Category 1 funding under future calls of the RRDF. This will require the progression of the project through further pre-planning, planning and detailed design/contract work. It has been agreed that Consultancy Services will be procured to progress these work elements and tender documentation is currently being prepared.</p> <p>This project will not be eligible for submission to the RRDF as a Category 1 project under this call by the deadline of 1st December. Notwithstanding same, the Team is committed to progressing the development of this project to shovel ready status in as timely a manner as possible with a view to achieving project readiness for future calls under the Fund, which are anticipated in 2021.</p>

Rural Regeneration & Development Projects	DRCD (RRDF)/Own Resources	It is anticipated that further calls under the RRDF will open in Q1 2021 (Category 2) and again in Q3 of 2021 (Category 1). Further applications will be developed and submitted to this Fund when calls open in line with Delivery Area 2 of the Work Programme (as set out by the Chief Executive in report to Council and CPG in January 2019).
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6.2.3 Housing Estate Improvement Works/Unfinished Housing Estates.

The Council continues to work through the remaining unfinished estates which received funding under the Government's Site Resolution and Taking in Charge funding programmes. A number of estates, including An Gleann Rua in Letterkenny, Crest of the Wave, Bundoran, and Sessiagh Park, Castlefin; were completed in 2020. Further resolution works will continue as part of the 2021 UFHD's Work Programme with an expected spend of €300,000.

A number of unresolved sites continue to be addressed using funds realised from developers' bonds. It is anticipated that around €300,000 from this funding source will continue to be spent in each year during 2021-2023.

6.2.4 Taking in Charge - Residential Housing Estates.

Over the last number of years, the Planning Authority received funding under the Government's National Taking in Charge Initiative. The Council progressed the taking-in-charge of residential estates throughout 2020 and will continue this process throughout 2021. Up to the end of October 2020, 17 estates, containing 376 housing units were sent to Municipal District meetings seeking approval from members to have them taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning Act. It is anticipated that another 11 estates, containing a further 403 housing units will be sent forward before the end of 2020, subject to resolution of a number of minor issues being delayed because of the Covid-19 restrictions.

The Planning Authority submitted a significant funding application in September 2019 under the Government's new Multi-Annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme 2019-2021. The programme is designed to enable the progressive resolution, on a priority basis, of the Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure (commonly abbreviated to DPI) component of water services infrastructure in a sustainable manner where present in residential housing estates to support their taking in charge.

The definition of a DPI estate is an estate with Stand Alone Infrastructure not connected to IW Networks such as;

- Water Treatment Plants;
- Wells;
- Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Pumped or gravity connections to Irish Water (IW) Network are not DPI and the existing MoU/protocol between the Local Authority and IW applies to the TIC and transfer of assets in these estates.

In September 2020, the Department announced confirmation that five projects, relating to six estates, were allocated funding of €692,517 under the programme. These estates are:

Dromore Park, Killygordon
Beechwood Park, Convoy
Stone Park, Glenties
Doonan Court, Donegal Town and
Hazelwood Drive & St. Jude's Court, Lifford.

The funding allocated amounts to 75% of the estimated cost of the works with the Council expected to provide the matched funding requirements. It is anticipated that these works will form the majority of the work programme for 2021.

A number of estates with problematic sewage pumping stations and where there are insufficient planning securities or bonds to complete the resolution works required to bring the estate to taking in charge standard have been submitted to Irish Water seeking agreement and funding to resolve the outstanding issues. This is in line with the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between Irish Water and Local Authorities for the taking in charge of estates connected to the Irish Water controlled or owned network. It is anticipated that resolution plans for these estates, which include Errigal View and Mountain View in Letterkenny, Greyrocks in Milford and Ash Meadows in Stranorlar will be finalised in early 2021 and works commenced during 2021. While Irish Water will be expected to pay for the remediation of the water and wastewater services element of the works, the Council will have to fund any other elements of the works, including roads, footpaths and street lighting.

6.2.5 Development Charges/Development-Contribution Scheme.

In accordance with Circular Letter Finance 08/2008, the estimate of development contributions (DCS & Specific charges) to be collected in 2021 (based on receipts to date in 2020) is €1,071,055.

Community Development & Planning Services Directorate Capital Table
2020-2022 (Projects in Progress)

Description	Projected Cost* Per Annum			Proposed Sources of funding*	
	2021	2022	2023	Council	External
RDP/LEADER	3,354,845	1,677,423			5,032,268
Letterkenny (DUCGS)/Social Enterprise Building	2,000,000	2,750,000	250,000	4,000,000	1,000,000
Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017	325,000			75,000	250,000
Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018	600,000			120,000	480,000
Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2019	955,500			191,100	764,400
Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 Accelerated Measures (Rounds 1, 2 & 3)	455,908			45,591	410,317
Tullan Strand, Bundoran	50,000	125,000	100,000	275,000	
Malin Head, Phase III	90,000			24,300	65,700
Bundoran (Destination Towns)	580,000	89,313		169,313	500,000
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2018 Measure 2	429,575			85,915	343,660
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019 Measure 1	93,410			18,682	74,728
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019 Measure 3	625,000			125,000	500,000
Greenways	340,000				340,000
Riverine	750,000	1,200,000	7,012,541		8,962,541
Peace IV.	2,500,000				2,500,000
Urban Regeneration Project 'Letterkenny 2040' (URDF)	40,000	2,550,048	-	647,512	1,942,536
Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project	79,955	3,560,388	1,202,001	1,210,586	3,631,758
Burtonport/Aranmore – Harbour to Island Regeneration	724,293	2,976,274	418,365	1,029,733	3,089,199
Unfinished Housing Dev-Developers' Bonds	300,000	300,000	300,000		900,000
Take Over of Housing Estates	900,000	600,000	600,000	716,365	1,383,635
Totals:	15,193,486	15,828,446	9,882,907	8,734,097	32,170,742

*1 Due to the nature of external funding applications, projected costs and timelines are best estimates

7. Economic Development, Emergency Services & Information Systems

Economic Development

7.1 Economic Development Division

- 7.1.1 The Economic Development Directorate is comprised of the recently established Economic Development Division and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO)/Small Business Support Division and is part of the wider Economic Development, Emergency Services and Information Systems Directorate.
- 7.1.2 Both the Economic Development Division and the Small Business Supports Division (LEO) will contribute to the delivery of projects under initiatives including the Regional Enterprise Development Fund & Border Enterprise Development Funds (REDF & BEDF), the Urban and Rural Regeneration Development Funds (URDF) and the Rural Regeneration Development Funds (RRDF), alongside colleague Council services.
- 7.1.3 The Economic Development Division is advancing proposals that will have implications for Capital expenditure in the following areas:
- Land and building optimisation for economic development purposes
 - Opportunity site acquisition for economic development purposes
 - Funding and investment opportunities from Central Government and State Agencies for economic development purposes
 - As appropriate, downstream Brexit investment requirements, in a Donegal context, for economic development purposes.
- 7.1.4 A number of proposals are currently being advanced, particularly from the perspective of post Brexit offerings for relocation or second site location opportunities. This includes maximising the potential of Council owned land and properties. Proposals are emerging for opportunities in near border locations including Lifford and Ballyshannon as well as in Letterkenny.
- 7.1.5 The Inishowen Innovation Hub, which secured funding under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund is progressing, with construction due to commence in 2021. In addition, the Alpha Innovation Centre which will be located in Letterkenny but will serve the wider region, secured €3.66m under the Border Enterprise Development Fund (BEDF) administered by Enterprise Ireland in 2020 and work on the delivery of this initiative will progress in 2021.

7.1.6 Economic Development Capital Investment Programme 2021 – 2023

Description	Projected* ¹ Cost Per Annum			Proposed Sources* ¹ of funding 2021 – 2023	
	2021 €	2022 €	2023 €	Council €	External €
Inishowen Innovation Hub, Buncrana	1,000,000	500,000		300,000	1,200,000
Alpha Innovation Centre	610,000	3,860,000	1,530,000	2,340,000	3,660,000
Totals:	1,610,000	4,360,000	1,530,00	2,640,000	4,860,000

*1 Total cost of co-financing requirements is subject to final costing and procurement

7.1.7 As part of the Economic Development Division, the Strategic Funding Unit has initiated a proactive programme of engagement with potential external support bodies and agencies, with the objective of matching strategic Council objectives with appropriate external funding programmes, both National and EU, to maximise funding and co-financing opportunities to enable further development in the County. Many EU Funding Programmes are coming to the end of their terms and the Strategic Funding Unit continues to engage with various programme bodies with a view to ensuring that the Council is well positioned to avail of opportunities as they arise.

7.2 Information Systems

7.2.1 Introduction

Donegal County Council's Information Technology infrastructure serves 107 locations countywide and is one of the largest Local Authority networks in Ireland.

The infrastructure comprises: -

- 94 Servers
- 1,337 Desktop & Notebook Computers
- 383 Printers/Scanners/Plotters
- 305 Tablets
- 675 Mobile Phones
- 200+ Other Data devices
- 900+ Telephone handsets and 1,800 Extensions/DDI's

Together with this ICT infrastructure, a wide range of Council business systems and applications are managed on an ongoing basis.

In addition to operational support on the networks and applications, a comprehensive systems programme is implemented annually. The systems programme is designed to

support the Council's Corporate Plan and Customer Services Action Plan. It assists business units in Donegal County Council to work more efficiently and effectively, as well as delivering improved customer service applications.

7.2.2 Capital Investment Programme

Ongoing Revenue budgets fund maintenance and support of existing applications on an annual basis, including contributions to the Local Government Management Agency.

An upgraded networking, hardware, telephony, security and systems upgrade project will get underway in 2021. It had been intended to commence the capital investment programme in 2020, but the onset of the Covid-19 crisis has delayed the project due to the need to direct I.T. resources to essential Covid-19 responses. In addition, the acquisition of necessary additional I.T. staff resources to implement the programme has been delayed.

In the years 2021 – 2023 the Information Systems Department Capital Expenditure will fall into the following main categories:

- Networking Improvements (Wide Area Network Upgrades/Government Networks Connections)
- Enhanced Storage Solutions
- Backup & Business Continuity Solutions
- Telephony Systems Replacements and Upgrades
- Hardware Replacement and Upgrades
- Enhanced Information and Cyber Security Solutions
- Additional Council Buildings – Network Connectivity
- Cloud based desktop office automation systems
- Improved Corporate Information Systems and Applications

The Council's main Wide Area Network was largely implemented at the time of the Decentralisation Programme over 15 years ago. It is now necessary to substantially upgrade this network to provide improved internal connectivity as well as improved connectivity to Government Networks nationally. Similarly, telephony systems which were implemented in the Council at the same time now require replacement.

During the financial emergency, public bodies were directed by Government to cease upgrading software on a regular basis but to 'sweat' current software assets for as long a period as possible. As a result, the Council is now required to commence a major enhancement programme, which will now take place over the next two years to bring software products up to current versions as part of a sectoral Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

Over the last number of years, cyber attacks and similar forms of criminal activity have wreaked havoc across the globe for organisations and businesses, including public authorities. The Council, in common with other public authorities, needs to keep abreast of these threats by using the best defence mechanisms available. Additionally, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) became law in 2018, with increased obligations for bodies holding personal data, and increased fines for

breaches of these enhanced obligations. Ongoing investment in this area is now required to both protect Council systems and data as well as ensure compliance with GDPR Regulations.

Over the period 2021 – 2023 the ongoing systems implementation and upgrade programme will also continue. Work will be prioritised on an annual basis and will target systems and applications with significant payback for the Council in terms of operational efficiencies. In addition, solutions such as print management, extension of IP Telephony and electronic meeting solutions will bring significant benefits and financial savings to the Council.

Information Systems - Estimated Capital Commitments 2021 – 2023

Work Area	2021	2022	2023
Communications & Network Infrastructure	€200,000		
Wide Area Connectivity	€25,000		
IP Telephony/ Customer Contact Solution	€225,000		
Core Server & Storage Infrastructure	€250,000		
Migration to Microsoft 365	€50,000		
Business Continuity & Backup Solutions	€50,000	€50,000	
Data & Cyber Security Solutions	€50,000	€100,000	€50,000
New Management & Monitoring Systems	€50,000	€100,000	€50,000
Additional Locations on Network	€25,000		
Donegal Digital Projects	€98,000	€80,000	
Cloud Services	€40,000	€40,000	€70,000
Total	€1,063,000	€370,000	€170,000

The full costs of these investments over the 3 year period will be borne solely by Donegal County Council.

7.2.3 Information Systems - Priorities for 2021

A priority project is a new IP Telephone & Customer Contact Centre system that will encompass an upgrade of the Communications & Network backbone (routers & switches) countywide. Additionally, the Server Estate and Data Storage Infrastructure at HQ and in the Public Services Centres is currently on extended warranty (greater than 5 years old) and swiftly reaching end of life due to the continual growth of all data sets across the organisation. This infrastructure needs to be replaced in the next 12 months.

In 2021, significant investment is needed in Security, Management and Monitoring Systems in order to maintain cyber security, as well as to continually improve the security of our data. This will include an investment in new Backup and Replication systems as well as improved Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery solutions. In part, this will involve a move away from the traditional backup-to-tape environment to backup-to-disk and backup-to-cloud solutions being implemented in the coming year.

The migration to Microsoft 365 is a priority for Q1 & Q2 of 2021. This is a complex project incorporating the following key elements (a) migration of 900+ mailboxes

from on-premise to the Cloud (b) security of our Microsoft 365 infrastructure (c) rollout of Microsoft Intune to manage our estate of mobile devices (d) integration of Microsoft Intune & Microsoft SCCM to effectively and efficiently manage Windows 10 updates in the future and (e) decommissioning of our legacy Microsoft Exchange 2010/2013 hybrid infrastructure.

7.2.4 Donegal Digital Programme

The I.S. Department leads out on a range of projects under the Donegal Digital Programme, an initiative to maximise the use and benefits of modern information and communications technology for the betterment of communities and the business sector in County Donegal.

A range of these projects will be progressed during the 2021 – 2023 period, funded appropriately through Capital financing, annual Revenue budget allocations, or through grant-aided projects – including those led by ERNACT and in collaboration with a range of internal collaborators and external partners.

Examples of these projects include the Inishowen Innovation Hub, which will be located in the former Buncrana Town Council offices and which will provide a range of innovation, technology transfer and enterprise support services from LYIT/CoLab, IDA, Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Office to potential start-ups and to existing small businesses to help improve their processes, products, services, marketing and sales.

The DigiWest project, working with the Western Development Commission and Local Authority partners in Mayo, Sligo and Roscommon, targets the development of a network of Digital Hubs under the brand name DigiWest. The location for the project in Donegal is the BASE Centre in Stranorlar and will see the creation of a Digital Hub within the existing Enterprise Centre.

Other projects include WiFi4EU, the Development of Wi-Fi zones in towns and villages at 54 locations across the County allowing for the provision of free public Wi-Fi, a pilot IOT (Internet of Things) project and a range of projects led through ERNACT such as Emergreen NPA, Smartic NPA utilizing emerging ICT in environmental related initiatives.

7.3 Emergency Services

7.3.1 Fire Stations

Following the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government advising in 2016 that the Department was open to considering a suitable fire station project for the south of the County from Donegal County Council, an evidence based consultancy report was completed in mid 2018, with a subsequent recommendation from the Chief Fire Officer that a single location, two pump station, supplemented by a hydraulic platform and serviced by a fifteen member crew be submitted to the Department for funding. The elected members did not accept this recommended approach and resolved that the preference was for the retention of two locations and stations. This

position, along with request for a delegation to meet the Minister in this regard, has been submitted to the Department.

Initial submissions to the Department to build a new station in Glencolmcille were followed by submissions to renovate the existing station. More recently, a submission was made to assess the Department's willingness to fund a smaller scale yet fit for purpose facility, given the number and scale of callouts in this brigade area. An estimated cost of some €600,000 would be applicable to this proposal and a response is awaited from the Department in this regard. It is not anticipated that this project will progress until the fire station project in the south of the County is substantially advanced or concluded.

7.3.2 Fire Appliances & Associated Vehicles

Funding was provided from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 2019 for the following new appliances:-

A Water Tanker, at a cost of approximately €130,000 plus V.A.T.

The water tanker is currently out to tender and it is envisaged that the vehicle will be in service in the second quarter of 2021.

Submissions were made to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 2020 for funding of further appliances to enhance the fire service fleet to meet service needs in the County but to date no funding has been allocated for New Class B appliances in 2020. The last new Class B appliance was put in service in June 2019 in Gaoth Dobhair Fire Station.

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government agreed to provide funding for an Incident Command Unit in 2019 at a cost of approximately €52,000 plus V.A.T.

The vehicle has been purchased and the tendering with regard to the fit out is at an advanced stage, it is expected that the vehicle will be in service in the second quarter of 2021

In addition to the above, the Department provided funding for two pre owned class B appliances. The appliances require some refurbishment and it is planned that these will be in service early-to-mid 2021.

7.4 Civil Defence

7.4.1 Civil Defence

The Department of Defence secured funding through the Dormant Accounts Fund in late 2019 to purchase additional four-wheel drive jeeps to upgrade the excising vehicle fleet around the country. Subsequently, through this funding, Donegal Civil Defence were allocated €64,608 towards the purchase of 2 Ford Ranger Jeeps, were put into service in September of 2020.

8. Roads Management Office (RMO)

The Road Management Office, RMO is a local authority shared service with agreements under the S. 149A of the 2001 Local Government Act between local authorities and mandated by the Department of Transport, DoT.

It provides services to authorities, utilities, TII and the DoT in the areas of road infrastructure asset management. These include user supports, process development and implementation, software development, income collection and KPI reporting. It provides these to authorities and government stakeholders in the areas of road inventory, pavement interventions and roadworks licensing.

In conjunction with the LGMA, who host the MapRoad system and procure software development and support services for it, the RMO develops and implements the MapRoad system as the national road asset management tool in use in Ireland.

8.1 Public Lighting

In September 2017 the PSROG mandated the RMO to provide supports and oversight to the development and implementation of the public lighting retrofit project following development of a business case by the RMO for the National Public Lighting Steering Group.

This work is ongoing with Region One tendered in September 2020 and remaining regions to follow in the coming year.

The RMO is funded by all local authorities, DT and TII. Expenditure in relation to the RMO is accounted for on an 'Agent Works Recoupable' basis. As such, it is not reported in the Council's Revenue Budget. For the purpose of transparency, it is reported on herein as part of the 3-Year Capital Budget.

It is anticipated that the level of expenditure over the 3-year period 2020 – 2022 will be in the order of €41m. This is broken down as follows:

Item	2021 Expenditure	2022 Expenditure	2023 Expenditure
Office Running Costs and Software Development	€3.0m	€3.0m	€3.0m
Support to regional Authorities from ELENA	€0.6m	€0.5m	
Supports to Public Lighting retrofit programme from Climate Action Fund	€8.0m	€7.0m	
Administration of Centralised Billing for Road Licensing	€5.0m	€10.0m	€10.0m
Total	€16.6m	€20.5m	€13.0m

The work of the RMO is approved and overseen by a project board of the County and City Management Association (CCMA), and the objectives and tasks for the office are agreed annually. For 2021 these include:

Road Licensing:

- Lead out and support Road Authorities and Utilities in the Implementation of the Guidelines for the Management of Road Openings
- Implementation of improved licence turnaround times
- Implementing monthly-in-arrears billing for large Utilities.
- Implement licensing software in Dublin City Council
- Support implementation of National Broadband rollout through efficient road licensing
- Administering the Joint Utility and Local Authority Group on Licensing (JULA).

Pavement Management:

- Support and training to local authorities in managing the MapRoad Pavement management system including:
 - Surveying of road condition
 - Recording of road maintenance projects
 - Recording other road assets including speed limit signage, bridges
- Assisting LASNTG in training
- Compiling NOAC indicators
- Centralised procurement of software and pavement surveys
- Assisting DTTAS in policy support

Public Lighting:

- Implementing with the lead authorities the LED energy saving design and build model forms of contract including specifications together with asset management guideline documents
- Assisting lead authorities to procure supervising consultants for LED project
- Support lead authorities in the procurement of contractors for Regions 2-3
- Reporting to CCMA and others on progress with the project
- Producing a maintenance strategy for public lighting nationally
- Produce maintenance model forms of contract including specifications together with guideline documents.
- Assisting authorities in securing project finance for lighting retrofit
- Coordination with ESB nationally on interface between ESB and LA networks

9. Statutory Tables

LOCAL AUTHORITY - COMHAIRLE DHÚN NA NGALL CAITEACHAS AGUS IONCAM DO 2021 - 2023

CLÁRGHRÚPAÍ	CAITEACHAS		IONCAM		Ranníoc Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
	MEASTACHÁN	GLACTHA	MEASTACHÁN	GLACTHA	
1. TITHÍOCHT & TÓGÁIL					
1.1. Tithíocht An Údaráis Áitiúil	€162,550,000		€162,550,000		€225,000
1.2. Cúnamh Do Dhaoine Ag Cur Tithíochta Ar Fáil Dóibh Féin	€7,900,000		€7,900,000		
1.3. Cúnamh Do Dhaoine Ag Cur Feabhasúcháin Ar Thithe	€7,500,000		€7,500,000		€1,500,000
1.8. Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach	€600,000		€600,000		
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 1	€178,550,000		€178,550,000		€1,725,000
2. IOMPAR DE BHÓTHAR & SÁBHÁILTEACHT					
2.2. Feabhsúchán Bóithre	€133,177,050		€133,177,050		€12,559,550
2.3. Trácht Ar Bhóithre					
2.8. Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach	€50,100,000		€50,100,000		€0
IOMLÁN CLÁR 2	€183,277,050		€183,277,050		€12,559,550
3. SOLÁTHAR UISCE & SÉARACHAIS					
3.1. Soláthar Uisce Poiblí					
3.2. Scéimeanna Poiblí/Séarachais	€240,000		€240,000		€0
3.3. Feistiú Príobháideach	€3,500,000		€3,500,000		€0
3.8. Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach					
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 3	€3,740,000		€3,740,000		€0
4. DREASACHTAÍ FORBARTHA & RIALÚCHÁN					
4.1. Pleanáil Úsáide Talún					
4.2. Forbairt Thionsclaíoch					
4.3. Dreasachtaí agus Rialú Forbartha	€3,000,000		€3,000,000		€2,100,000
4.5 Cur Cum Cinn Suinne I Measc An Phobail Aitiúil					
4.8. Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach					
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 4	€3,000,000		€3,000,000		€2,100,000

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CAITEACHAS AGUS IONCAM DO 2021 - 2023**

CLÁRGHRÚPAÍ	CAITEACHAS		IONCAM		Ranníoc Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
	MEASTACHÁN	GLACTHA	MEASTACHÁN	GLACTHA	
5. COSAINT CHOMHSHAOIL					
5.1 Diúscairt Dramhaíola	€4,540,000		€4,540,000		€370,000
5.2 Úirleachas					
5.3 Sábháilteacht Struchtúr Agus Áiteanna	€1,474,000		€1,474,000		€1,474,000
5.4 Cosaint In Aghaidh Dóiteáin					
5.5 Measúnú Truailliúcháin	€2,505,000		€2,505,000		€40,000
5.8 Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach					
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 5	€8,519,000		€8,519,000		€1,884,000
6. ÁINEAS AGUS TAITNEAMHACHT					
6.1 Linn Snámha	€6,050,000		€6,050,000		€2,960,000
6.2 Leabharlanna	€7,000,000		€7,000,000		€7,000,000
6.3 Páirceanna, Spásanna Oscailte, Ionaid Áineasa					
6.4 Áineasa/Taitneamhachtaí Eile	€45,704,539		€45,704,539		€10,957,732
6.8 Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach					
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 6	€58,754,539		€58,754,539		€20,917,732
7. TALMHAÍOCHT, OIDEACHAS & SLÁINTE & LEASA					
7.1 Talmhaíocht	€26,500,000		€26,500,000		€6,625,000
7.8 Riarachán/Ilghnéitheach					
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 7	€26,500,000		€26,500,000		€6,625,000
8. SEIRBHÍSÍ ILGHNÉITHEACHA					
8.1 Ceannach Talún Agus Forbairt					
8.2 Planda Agus Ábhair					
8.5 Riaracháin Chosaint Cheartais/Tomhaltóra Tomhaltóra					
8.6 Damáiste Do Mhaoin					
8.8 Riarachán Agus Ilghnéitheach	€1,603,044		€1,603,044		€1,603,044
IOMLÁN-CLÁR 8	€1,603,044		€1,603,044		€1,603,044
IOMLÁN NA GCLÁRGHRÚPAÍ UILE	€463,943,633		€463,943,633		€47,414,326

LOCAL AUTHORITY - DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2021 - 2023

PROGRAMME GROUP AND PROGRAMME	EXPENDITURE		INCOME		DCC Contribution
	ESTIMATED	ADOPTED	ESTIMATED	ADOPTED	
1. HOUSING & BUILDING					
1.1. Local Authority Housing	€162,550,000		€162,550,000		€225,000
1.2. Assistance to Persons Housing themselves	€7,900,000		€7,900,000		€0
1.3. Assistance to Persons Improving Houses	€7,500,000		€7,500,000		€1,500,000
1.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	€600,000		€600,000		€0
TOTAL	€178,550,000		€178,550,000		€1,725,000
2. ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY					
2.2. Road Improvement	€133,177,050		€133,177,050		€12,559,550
2.3. Road Traffic					
2.8. Administration & Misc (RMO)	€50,100,000		€50,100,000		€0
TOTAL	€183,277,050		€183,277,050		€12,559,550
3. WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE					
3.1. Public Water Supply Scheme*					
3.2. Public Sewerage Scheme	€240,000		€240,000		€0
3.3. Private Installations	€3,500,000		€3,500,000		€0
3.8. Administration & Miscellaneous					
* Historical expenditure included					
TOTAL	€3,740,000		€3,740,000		€0
4. DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROLS					
4.1 Land Use Planning	€0		€0		
4.2 Industrial Development	€0		€0		
4.3 Development Incentives & Control	€3,000,000		€3,000,000		€2,100,000
4.5 Promotion of Interest - Local Community	€0		€0		
4.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	€0		€0		
TOTAL	€3,000,000		€3,000,000		€2,100,000

LOCAL AUTHORITY - DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2021 - 2023

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	
5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION			
5.1 Waste Disposal	€4,540,000	€4,540,000	€370,000
5.2 Burial Grounds	€0	€0	
5.3 Safety of Structures & Places	€1,474,000	€1,474,000	€1,474,000
5.4 Fire Protection			
5.5 Pollution Control	€2,505,000	€2,505,000	€40,000
5.8 Administration & Miscellaneous			
TOTAL	€8,519,000	€8,519,000	€1,884,000
6. RECREATION & AMENITY			
6.1 Swimming Pools	€6,050,000	€6,050,000	€2,960,000
6.2 Libraries	€7,000,000	€7,000,000	€7,000,000
6.3 Parks, Open Spaces, Recreation Centres etc.	€0	€0	€0
6.4 Other Recreation & Amenity	€45,704,539	€45,704,539	€10,957,732
6.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	€0	€0	€0
TOTAL	€58,754,539	€58,754,539	€20,917,732
7. AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION HEALTH & WELFARE			
7.1 Agriculture	€26,500,000	€26,500,000	€6,625,000
7.8 Administration & Miscellaneous			
TOTAL	€26,500,000	€26,500,000	€6,625,000
8. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES			
8.1 Land Acquisition			
8.2 Plant & Materials			
8.5 Administration of Justice & Consumer Protection			
8.6 Property Damage			
8.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	€1,603,044	€1,603,044	€1,603,044
TOTAL	€1,603,044	€1,603,044	€1,603,044
ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS TOTAL	€463,943,633	€463,943,633	€47,414,326