



Municipal District of Glenties

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4th October 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th October, 2022 **at 12.00 noon in the Dungloe Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely

Michael Rowsome
Meetings Administrator



Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na
gCruinnithe
P.S.C an
Clochán Liath

4ú Deireadh Fomhair 2022

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí in Ionad Seirbhísí Clochán Liath ar an Mháirt an 11ú lá de mhí Deireadh Fomhair, 2022 ag 12.00 meán lae

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo do Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí. Tá Clár an Cruinnithe istigh le seo.

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2022
2. Economic Development
3. Community Development, I.S & Emergency Services
4. Planning
5. Environment
6. Roads
7. Housing & Corporate Services

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

held in Dungloe Public Services Centre on 13th September 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey -Director Water & Environment
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Brendan McFadden - S.E.E -Area Manager, Roads
Anne Marie McCole - Staff Officer, Community, Development &
Enterprise Division
Braid Neely - SSO, IS
John McCarron - SEE Water & Environment
Marie Martin - A/SO Housing/Corporate

Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach: Clíodhna Ní Ghallchóir

Apologies: Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Donna Callaghan - Area Planner

GMD 61/22

Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher seconded by Cllr. McGarvey, the minutes of the Municipal District meeting held on the 12th of July 2022 were confirmed.

GMD 62/22 **MOTIONS**

62.1 Cllr. Gallagher & Cllr. McGarvey referred to concerns expressed by Dungloe residents in relation to Action 4C in the draft regeneration strategy.

Both welcomed the omission of Action 4C from the final document/masterplan subsequent to consultation with elected members.

62.2 On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Gallagher, the Glenties MD Committee requested DCC to liaise with the NRA/TII in relation to providing a cycle/walkway from Crolly to Dore Crossroads along the N56 in the interest of Health & Safety.

GMD 63/22 **Minor Tourism Related Grants**

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr McGarvey, the Committee agreed allocation of Council led applications in the sum of €44,900 as follows:

Project Name	Funding Allocated
• Roads Portnablagh Pier Parking Enhancement	€ 5000
• Roads - Maghera-Granny-Glengesh layby enhancement	€ 5000
• Roads - Dungloe Pond Parking Area	€ 5000
• Roads - Hornhead Car park	€15000
• Water & Environment - Marble Hill Fencing	€ 2900
• Water & Environment - Cloughglass Car Park access	€12000

TOTAL	€44900

On the proposal of Cllr McClafferty, seconded by Cllr Gallagher, the Committee agreed allocation of community applications in the sum of €55,100 as follows:

Project Name	Funding Allocated
• Cloughaneely Angling Association - Drumlish Lough Angling Tourism Project	€8000
• Dungloe Tidy Towns - Tír na Draíochta - Resurfacing and improving access for all abilities - Dungloe River Walk	€10000
• Ardara Transition Town Group - Ardara Heritage Centre Revitalisation	€13700
• Ionad Cois Locha CLG - Path development and improvement, indoor and outdoor signage	€7000
• Forbairt Dhún Lúiche - Dunlewey Heritage Trail - Signage and Brochures	€7000
• Narin Portnoo Tidy Towns - Tourist accessible viewing point	€3000
• Cumann Forbartha - Na Dúchoraidh/Doochary Tidy Towns, Doochary Development Group - Heritage Tourism signage	€2800
• Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór - Website upgrade and Printed Maps/Information for Árainn Mhór - Ailt an Chorráin Blueway	€3600

TOTAL	€55100

GMD 64/22

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

64.1

Members discussed reports circulated with the agenda regarding:

- Community Development Projects
- Rural Development Programme
- Social Inclusion Unit
- Walks & trails
- Burtonport Redevelopment Scheme

64.2

Cllr. O'Fearraigh highlighted road safety issues in respect of parking at Errigal and also requested further information on the 38 projects in Donegal approved by Pobal.

64.3

Cllr. Gallagher welcomed the commencement of works at Dungloe playground for children with disabilities.

- 64.4 Cllr. Gallagher requested a meeting with staff working on the Letterkenny Burtonport greenway to discuss the establishment of links to smaller towns and villages.
- 64.5 Cllr. McClafferty expressed concern at the unavailability of binbags and the consequential negative impact on the environment.
- 64.6 Cllr. McGarvey and Cllr. Gallagher recommended the provision of social centres and library enhancements to improve facilities for Ukrainian Refugees.
Cllr. McClafferty recommended that the Department of Education employ Ukrainian teachers to overcome language barriers.
- 64.7 Cllr. Molloy requested the Council to expedite delivery of the Bonnie Glen Project and installation of a counter unit at Glenmacannive.
Cllr. McGarvey welcomed the provision of funding in the sum of €30k for the access to Kincasslagh Tower trail.
Cllr. Gallagher requested implementation of a plan to develop Leitir Green & the Roads Manager advised that design work is in progress.

GMD 65/22

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Senior Staff Officer in relation to the following:

- Economic Development Unit
- Tourism Marketing Unit
- Strategic Funding Unit
- Local Enterprise Office
- Fire Service

Members were further updated in respect of National Broadband Ireland roll out update, Donegal (DNA) Clothing Range, Donegal Connect, Diaspora Awards and assembly of European Regions Seminar Academy. The Committee unanimously commended (i) Council involvement in the success of the Golf Legends event and (ii) the contribution of Michéal Ó Heanaigh, (recently retired CEO of Údaras Na Gaeltachta) to the successful delivery of major economic and infrastructural projects in Donegal.

GMD 66/22

PLANNING

66.1

The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda in relation to:

- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- Rural regeneration & Development Fund
- Monthly schedule of planning clinics

66.2

The Committee welcomed the launch of a regeneration strategy and action plan for Dungloe Town Centre setting out a road map for the town to 2040 and beyond. Cllr. Gallagher requested the recruitment of dedicated staff and asked that the Director of Planning revert to Members with a definitive start date for this project.

66.3

Cllr. McGarvey commended the official opening on the 22nd July of the Arranmore Island Shorefront Development. In relation to redevelopment of Burtonport Harbour Cllr. Gallagher requested inclusion of a safe area for the local youth.

66.4

Wind Energy

The Committee expressed concern regarding a recent Notice of Intention to Issue a Direction by the Minister of Local Government & Planning pursuant to the Council decision to adopt a variation to the County Development Plan 2018 - 2024 (as varied in respect of a Wind Energy Policy Framework.

Cllr. McClafferty suggested an agreement to submit a joint response from the Glenties MD prior to the public consultation deadline of the 22nd September.

GMD 67/22

ENVIRONMENT

67.1

Waste & Litter Management

The Committee noted the reports from the Waste Awareness Officer circulated with the Agenda as follows:

- Summer Green Peace 2022 advertorial
- Holidaying in Donegal Summer Campaign
- Household Waste Management Survey
- Paint reuse pilot project
- Refill.ie Water provision at Irish Legends event

The Committee unanimously commended the contribution of the litter warden and environment staff in their efforts to address illegal dumping throughout the MD.

Cllr. McClafferty requested the role out of a system of surveillance cameras within the parameters of data protection legislation.

Cllr. Ó Fearriagh highlighted the necessity for adequate recycling facilities in Gweedore and Falcarragh and expressed disappointment that illegal dumping has recommenced at Ardsbeg.

Cllr. McGarvey informed the Committee that the Lettermacaward Community are content to locate the bottle bank facility in proximity to the graveyard on completion of necessary road upgrade.

67.2

Sewage Treatment

Cllr. Ó Fearriagh requested the reintroduction of the septic tank registration scheme.

Cllr. McClafferty stated that holding tanks are not emptied regularly and that treatment plants in Falcarragh and Dunfanaghy are not fit for purpose.

Cllr. Gallagher informed the Committee of a recent incident of waste disposal from a camper van at Carrickfinn Crossroads and requested the Council to:

1. Initiate a pilot project to facilitate waste water disposal in proximity to treatment plants.
2. Develop an application to map suitable locations for waste water disposal.

67.3

Boiled Water Notice

In response to concerns expressed by the Committee regarding Leitirmacaward Public Water Supply Boiled Water Notice, the Environment Director advised of ongoing works to resolve problematic issues within the next fortnight.

Cllr. McClafferty criticised the lack of feedback from Irish Water in relation to Members representations and the Director of Environment undertook to liaise with Irish Water in this regard.

67.4 **Coastal Management**

Members welcomed the report previously circulated regarding The Big Beach Clean 2022 during the period from the 16th - 18th September. Cllr. McGarvey requested the replacement of Ring Buoys at Mullaghderg Beach and Tra Bhaid, Carrickfinn.

Cllr. Molloy requested the Council to expedite the repair of the boardwalk in Maghera.

67.5 **Public Building Renewable Energy Scheme**

In response to a query from Cllr. Gallagher regarding the above scheme, the Environment Director informed the Committee of the availability of funding in this regard.

GMD 68/22 **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

68.1 **Roadworks Programme 2022**

The Roads Manager informed Members of the current status of the roadworks programme and, also the Island Roads Works Programme.

68.2 **Clady/Bunbeg Footbridge**

The Committee welcomed the report from the Roads Manager regarding the status of the above project.

68.3 **Fintown Project**

Members welcomed the imminent appointment of a contractor for this project.

The low-cost accident element of the works have been identified as a priority and is included in Phase 1 of the delivery programme i.e. Q4 2022 with Village Surface works envisaged for Spring 2023.

Cllr. Ó'Fearraigh requested the Council to liaise with residents at Fintown junction regarding the extent of proposed works.

68.4 **National Roads Office**

The Committee noted the report previously circulated and presented by the Roads Manager. The Roads Manager informed members that it is anticipated that funding will be provided by the TII to repair link roads used extensively during the N56 Dungloe to Cloughwally project.

68.5 **Additional Allocations**

The Roads Manager updated members in relation to recently received additional allocations for the LIS Programme and Ardara footpath infill.

68.6 **Pollinator Biodiversity Allocation**

The Committee welcomed the report circulated with the Agenda and commended the contribution of the Roads Manager to the success of the programme.

68.7 **Piers & Harbours**

Cllr. McGarvey requested (i) an update on the status of proposals for development of Magheraroarty and Arranmore pier areas and (ii) an inventory of Council owned Piers and Harbours in Donegal.

68.8 **Takeover of Non County Roads**

The Roads Manager responded to Cllr. McClafferty's query regarding the proposed takeover of non -county roads in the Municipal District.

68.9 **Road Closures**

The Roads Manager advised the Committee of proposed road closures on the R261 and at Lough Finn.

68.10 **Speed Limit Review**

The Roads Manager advised that a date will be scheduled for a workshop to review speed limits followed by a later drop- in time for the public.

68.11

Road Maintenance

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh requested a river cleaning scheme in the Meenacladdy area to prevent flooding.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh also requested hedge cutting in the Poisoned Glen.

Cllr. McGarvey advised the Roads Service of flooding at Cloughwally and the necessity to repair a fence on the Diamond Road, Dungloe.

GMD 69/22

HOUSING

The Committee noted the following reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager:

- Status of Grants
- Status of Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP, RAS, LTL, Tenant Purchase & Loans.

69.1

Housing Capital

Members welcomed the report circulated previously and presented by the A/Area Manager regarding:

- (1) Completion of 2 x SI's at Loughanure and Annagry
- (2) Substantial completion of 4 Unit Scheme in Dunfanaghy
- (3) Chapel Road, Dungloe progress.

The Committee were also advised that Housing Capital representatives will attend the next MD meeting in October.

69.2

Approved Housing Body

Members welcomed the update on the Cluid Cois Locha facility, Dungloe and work in progress to expedite repurposing of the Respond Fairhill Lodge facility.

69.3

Budget 2023

Members agreed the following meetings:

- Budget Workshop Online, 7th October 2022 at 10am
- Budget Meeting Dungloe PSC, 8th October 2022 at 10am.

69.4

Corporate

Cllr. Gallagher requested the installation of facilities in the PSC to accommodate hybrid meetings.

Cllr. Gallagher also requested the recognition of significant community events and figures within the PSC.

Cllr. McGarvey requested that the Council communicate with the Department of Transport to request the restoration of the Donegal - Glasgow route.

Cllr. Ó Fearriagh requested the Council to provide additional parking at the Ballina Resource Centre.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Glenties Municipal District Report October 2022

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- 3. Emergency Services - Fire Service**

1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 12 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p>Donegal – Irelands DNA – Clothing Range: To drive further visibility of the Donegal Place Brand, a partnership has been agreed with O’Neills Sportswear to develop a range of Donegal branded clothing.</p> <p>The range launched in early August and is available for sale through three sports retail outlets in Donegal; McElhinneys of Ballybofey, All Sports Donegal Town, and Michael Murphy Sports, Letterkenny. Currently design options for an Irish language range are being explored.</p> <p>Remote Working Holiday: The 2022 Remote Working Holiday campaign has now closed and has been positively received by all stakeholders. In total 346 Remote Workers signed-up across 13 of the digital hubs. From feedback received over 1/3 of Remote Workers stated that they had rebooked a hub space.</p> <p>Love Donegal Day 2022: This year’s #LoveDonegal Day campaign, which took place on September 8th 2022, had a huge response across all social media platforms with the hashtag #LoveDonegal trending on Twitter over the weekend, as well as #DúnnanGallAbú, and reaching over 11 million social media users across the globe. The aim for the campaign was to showcase the rich and unique offering Donegal has including remote working, doing business here, studying in Donegal, the culture, the people, the different communities and relocating to Donegal.</p> <p>Organisations and businesses across the region from all sectors got involved with this year’s campaign, using the #LoveDonegal logos and creatives for their own marketing use across social media platforms including Instagram,</p>

Facebook and Twitter. The campaign also reached diaspora abroad with individuals posting their stories and connections to the county from countries including Australia, USA, Canada, Sri Lanka and Brazil.

This year's campaign focused on celebrating the culture and inspiration found throughout the region through art and creativity. A competition was held online asking for creative submissions based on the new Donegal Place Brand, with a prize kindly sponsored by the Sandhouse Hotel in Rossnowlagh.

#LoveDonegal also had a large media presence in the lead up and on the day with interviews and advertising on RTE, Highland Radio, Raidió na Gaeltachta, Ocean FM and local print media.

Killybegs Marine Cluster: Work with the Killybegs Marine Cluster is ongoing and currently supporting a new pilot schools programme via the Alpha Innovation Centre and a publicity campaign highlighting opportunities in the blue economy.

Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study: recommendations from the Caravan, Camping and Campervan study being implemented along with internal and external stakeholders. These include:

- **The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme:** the grant scheme, targeting the Private Sector and Community and Voluntary sector has now been evaluated and grants awarded. Letters of Offer are currently with successful applicants.

Number of Applications	Successful Applicants	Total Awarded	Total new spaces to be provided
26	14	€179,500	174

- **Code of Conduct:** A Code of Conduct that was developed with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Camping and Caravan Parks Association was launched in July and was widely promoted over the summer months.
- **Marketing:** A dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage has been developed on govisitdonegal.com.

- **Aire de Service review:** A review of the existing Aire de Service units is currently underway.
- **Signage:** An internal working group has been set up to look at signage, to identify where issues of concern, where camping/campervan use is an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage. An audit of priority locations for updating information provision is being actioned by an Internal Working group.

#BuyDonegal 2022

#BuyDonegal will take place from November 11th – December 24th 2022. An official launch webinar will take place on 2nd November to support participating businesses on how to maximum their impact during the campaign. #BuyDonegal will once again be supported with a heavyweight marketing campaign to drive awareness and purchase for Donegal business offerings.

Hemp Event – October 12th Clanree Hotel, LK

Donegal County Council are hosting a hemp information evening on Wednesday October 12th with a range of speakers who provide more detail and demystify some of the perceptions around the crop which can provide a viable diversification option for Donegal farmers. There will also be an opportunity to hear about live projects taking place in Ireland and an opportunity to hear from a current hemp famer.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to info@donegal.ie

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	85,200	4,198 (+111)
Twitter	181,000	2,307 (+123)
Instagram	19,311	2,361 (+296)
Facebook	37,100	1,719 (+75)

Donegal.ie 6.7K Web Users (4 weeks 6 September – 3 October)

11 News Items Published

North West City Region

Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** both councils have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options are being actioned on this, with a Joint Investment events currently being planned for later Dublin in October and in Philadelphia and Boston in November. This will also include the annual Golden Bridges event in Boston on November 18th.
- **Talent Solutions:** both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are now seeking online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs. Surveys can be completed at <https://irelandnw.com/talentmap/> and all members are encouraged to share this link
- **Communications:** The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey.

You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms :
@NorthWestCityRegionIreland

Atlantic Economic Corridor: The Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives including Digital Hubs.

A joint WDC/HBAN event is planned for the County on October 13th, which will look at investment options for new start ups operating in digital hubs.

Details are available at : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/invest-in-the-north-west-event-tickets-407907240537>

	<p>Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports. Please contact the EDU by email economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie (087) 2510128</p>


1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	Online & social media updates – Go Visit Donegal		
	Social media - Numbers overview for September		
	We have gained 680 new followers across Facebook, Instagram & Twitter platforms, 105 posts were shared across these 3 platforms, as well as stories and reels. LinkedIn gained 35 new followers, 21 posts were shared during that period		
	Environment Campaign – update		
	This campaign was delivered over 6 weeks, from mid-July until the end of August 2022 on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.		
	GoVisitDonegal.com Website		
	Year to Date Stats - 1st January until 30th September 2022		
		YTD	Performance vs same period in 2021
	Page Views	644,450	+30%
	Users	223,501	+30%
! On the 25 th August the number of page views & users exceeded the traffic numbers of 2021.			
Website traffic in September vs the same period in 2021			
Page views up 16.4% / Users up 16.5%			

Website views by country:

Traffic came from 89 countries. Top 10:

Country	Users	% Users
1.  Ireland	9,303	48.73%
2.  United Kingdom	5,469	28.65%
3.  United States	1,937	10.15%
4.  Russia	388	2.03%
5.  China	270	1.41%
6.  Germany	196	1.03%
7.  Canada	181	0.95%
8.  Netherlands	146	0.76%
9.  France	141	0.74%
10.  Australia	133	0.70%

Tourism Sectoral Forum Meeting

The Tourism Sectoral Forum meeting took place on Thursday, 15th September at Donegal Airport. The meeting was attended by 13 Members, 13 apologies were conveyed. Johnny Gallagher of Atlantic Coastal Cruises, Killybegs was a guest speaker and provided a short presentation about his business.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 24th November at ATU Killybegs.

Call for Halloween & Christmas Events in Donegal

A call for submission of Halloween & Christmas Events has gone out on social media and will also be circulated via the newsletter. The Tourism Unit would like to encourage businesses and community groups to submit the details that will feature in the Festivals & Events section of govisitdonegal.com. This is free marketing opportunity. Submissions can be made via online form:

<https://form.jotform.com/220192334059350>

Holiday World Show 2023 – information meeting

Following a call for Expressions of Interest to attend the Holiday World Show 2023 in Dublin, the Tourism Unit is hosting an information meeting for providers on Tuesday, 4th October at 11am in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny. 25 businesses/groups have expressed their interest in attending next year's show. Plans, costs & attendance will be discussed in advance of the Show.

Donegal/ Derry Tourism Autumn Campaign in United Kingdom

Donegal County Council has been working in partnership with, Fáilte Ireland, Visit Derry, Tourism NI, and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a £500,000 campaign to promote Donegal and Derry to the British Market.

This campaign has been developed as a consequence of the “The Great Britain Strategy for Growth” which identified the need to create ‘hub experiences’ with compelling reasons to venture beyond Belfast and Dublin which provide reassurance that there are lots of things to see and do, within a two-hour timeframe, in a particular area for a short break – at any time of year.

The campaign is named – ‘Derry-Londonderry & Donegal - two unique places, one amazing holiday’.

The campaign will run over nine-weeks and commenced on the 23rd September, 2022 and is anticipated to reach 6.8 million people.

The Campaign includes:

- New campaign landing page on Ireland.com with links out to 3 x combined itineraries & short break suggestions in Donegal and Derry
- Tourism offers - promoted on Ireland.com
- Out of Home advertising in key locations such as busy roadside locations in London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh
- Digital outdoor ads in London’s Waterloo station
- Co-operative promotions with Ryanair and Loganair, running on a mix of radio, digital channels, social media and broadcast video. Activity will highlight attractive fares on direct flights to City of Derry Airport from Manchester (with Ryanair) and from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Liverpool (with Loganair). Promotions with easyJet will highlight flights from 13 UK airports to Belfast.
- A partnership with TripAdvisor including ads running on TripAdvisor and on other social channels. Activity will target TripAdvisor users who have previously visited the island of Ireland or users researching short breaks and competitor destinations.
- A partnership with Travelzoo sharing content about Donegal and Derry, as well as special offers from local tourism operators, being promoted to the Travelzoo database of 1.35 million subscribers.
- A partnership with Wanderlust (popular travel magazine) which will reach 1.8 million avid travellers most likely to venture off-the-beaten track and come and visit the North-West. Activity will include a six-page article on Donegal and Derry and a one-page advertorial in the magazine; two articles on Facebook; ads in the magazine; and email marketing to 100,000 Wanderlust subscribers. A journalist from Wanderlust will also visit.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading GB coach and group tour operators took part in a familiarisation visit to Donegal and Derry in September. <p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three Virtual Reality experiences. All three experiences launched in July – Napoleonic era – ‘The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha’, the Spanish Armada experience – ‘Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada’ & World War 1 - ‘Beware! Convoy Below!’ (joint North West Partner’s shared VR experience).</p> <p>Three promotional videos were launched in September promoting each site (Fanad Lighthouse, Fort Dunree & Inishowen Maritime Museum & Planetarium), VR experiences & footage from the launches.</p> <p>Information panels - contract award and contract has commenced.</p> <p>The TIDE Capitalisation plan, TIDE Platform being finalised & implemented.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 074 9724465</p>

1.3 Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	<p>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</p>
Countywide	<p>National Public Service Innovation Week</p> <p>NPSI week takes place from 24th-28th October 2022, and offers public servants a chance to celebrate and showcase innovation in the public service, share learnings and best practice, and identify opportunities to collaborate and work together to solve public sector challenges and deliver world-class public services. The SFU will be participating to find</p>

out more about the upcoming Public Sector Innovation Fund 2023 opportunities.

AER Summer Academy event in Donegal

The Assembly of European Regions is the largest independent network of regional authorities in Europe bringing its flagship Summer Academy conference to Donegal on the week of 29th August 2022. Over 164 delegates from 19 regions across Europe attended, with a plenary conference, workshops and excursions. Donegal County Council co-hosted the event in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta and celebrated Ireland's 50th Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022. This event was also part funded via the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs. More details can be found on <https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022>

The CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)

Donegal County Councils political representative on the CPMR Cllr O'Fearraigh will be attending a meeting of the CPMR Fisheries Working Group and also the General Assembly in October 2022 to highlight the issues that Donegal faces as a peripheral maritime region and to assist the CPMR in influencing EU policy.

SFU Funding Needs Analysis

A Funding Needs Analysis workshop will be held on 12th October in Letterkenny focused on the funding needs and potential future projects relevant to the Economic Development Directorate. All staff within Economic Development will attend. The SFU will present upcoming funding call opportunities and the aim is to prioritise funding needs and generate new project ideas.

EU Atlantic Area Programme Launch

The SFU attended the launch of the Atlantic Area Programme online on 29th September. This event detailed the upcoming funding call ahead of an upcoming call. There are four key priorities as follows:

1. Blue innovation and competitiveness (Smarter Europe)

2. Blue and green environment (Greener Europe)
3. Blue sustainable tourism and culture (Social Europe)
4. A better governance for cooperation (Interreg objective)

Peace Plus Opportunities

SEUPB have started rolling out a series of workshops on each of the Peace Plus themes. The SFU will be attending a number of workshops and will be providing more detailed updates as part of 'Funding in Focus' in the SFU e-mail newsletter next month.

YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion

Led by the Assembly of European Regions, the project proposal "YOUTHopia- Generating Perspectives for Cohesion" has been successfully funded within the DG Regio 2021 call for proposals "Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy". This project will provide funding for Donegal County Council to host a youth focused event in 2023, as a follow on from the success of the AER Summer Academy event held in August 2022. This event will be held in collaboration with Donegal ETB.

IFI Funding Application Successful

The Strategic Funding Unit team has been working with Donegal Sports Partnership on the EU funded URBACT project around active play in public spaces to promote health and well-being. Donegal Sports Partnership has successfully applied for funding under the International Fund for Ireland to deliver an innovative cross-border project to promote reconciliation through active community play initiatives. Over €115k has been awarded to DSP for this project, which will include three pilot areas, Donegal Town, Letterkenny and Derry City. This will be led by DSP.

Project Partnership & Development

There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a number of sources.

	<p>These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research & Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p>

- Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc.
- Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.
- Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.
- Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.
- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

Website: www.trailgazers.eu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB

Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

#TrailGazers

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- The project closure event took place in Navarra between the 14th -16th September. This event provided DCC the opportunity to showcase the work that has been carried out over the past number of years. Donegal outlined their community trail plans, environmental proofing of Inch Wildfowl Reserve, digital resources developed for Inch, development of marketing principles for trails and collaboration with Failte Ireland in relation to the legacy of Trail Gazers. The closing Conference is online. <https://youtu.be/cOnqLieXfmE>




- Trail Gazers has been nominated for an award at the upcoming Chambers Excellence Local Government Awards in November, it is one of two nominations for Donegal County Council. Trail Gazers has been nominated under the Communications Category which includes the digital resources developed for Inch – our key promotional video, 8 Lost Story videos and our key promotional message videos.



- Trail Gazers Toolkit – The Legacy has been designed and is currently with project partners for review, final work will take place on this comprehensive document over the coming weeks. This toolkit will act as a value resource for future development of trails as it outlines all the key outputs of the project, including best practice implementation and review.

- Trail Gazers took part in #LoveDonegal Day on the 8th September across all our social media channels.
- Trail Gazers was delighted to present the key outputs of the project at the annual Interreg Atlantic Area Conference, which took place in Viana do Castelo, Portugal on the 28th and 29th September. The theme of this year's event is 'Looking at cooperation results, seeing the impact on Atlantic Regions'. Trail Gazers showcased the work that has been achieved over the past few years on the project and presented the key outputs and their legacy for the Atlantic region.

	<p>the lost stories and folklore of the area with local historian and guide – Dessie McCallion. Participants were encouraged to connect and develop their sense of place as they heard the lost stories of the Inch area. This weekend was also National Walking Day and as part of the Trail Gazers project, Donegal County Council encourage all our citizens to enjoy mother nature in Donegal through our many trails around the county.</p> 
<p>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website. • All Community Trail Plans to be uploaded to our website. • Accessibility Audit for Inch • Review of draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks.
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1.5 Diaspora Project

Project / Activity Report

<p>Title</p>	<p>Donegal Diaspora Unit</p>
<p>Countywide</p>	<p>Donegal Connect 2022</p> <p>Donegal Connect was officially launched by the Cathaoirleach on 22nd September to begin the 4 day county-wide festival supported by Fáilte Ireland Global Irish Festival Series. 15 events took place themed across food, genealogy, business, arts and culture and promoted widely</p>

though Donegal Diaspora and Donegal.ie channels. The Carnival Event at Swan Park, Buncrana was a huge success with over 1600 attendees and featuring 130 youth performers from Inishowen Carnival Group.

Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022

Over 180 attended the Tip O’Neill Awards on 23rd September honouring four awardees in recognition of their contribution to Ireland and its Diaspora. The Dublin Association of Donegal & the Donegal Association of Philadelphia were well represented on this wonderful occasion with a Ministerial address provided Minister Charlie McConalogue T.D.

Donegal Diaspora Website

A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated social media channels is currently taking place. *Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 4/10/2022 are as follows:*

LinkedIn – 996 (up 25) connections

Twitter – 3,903 (up 24) followers

Facebook – 5,708 (up 156) followers

Instagram – 231 (up 9) followers

London Vintage Club Day

A Diaspora delegation travelled to London for the Vintage Club Day on September 4th at Tir Conaill Gaels, where Donegal was promoted as ideal for Relocation, Remote Working and to showcase investment opportunities and featuring the new Donegal DNA apparel. Nathan Carter visited Donegal County Council’s stand and was pictured wearing the recently launched Donegal DNA polo shirt.

Donegal Association New York 125th Anniversary Dinner Dance

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Blaney and Director of Economic Development Garry Martin will visit New York this month to represent Donegal at the New York Association’s 125th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Packie Bonner is to be honoured as the Association’s Donegal Person of the Year for 2022.

	<p>Diaspora Strategy & Policy Development</p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is currently working on a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and key stakeholders in relation to the development of Diaspora connections and networks that will inform the future strategy and policy development</p>
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1.6 Selection of a Municipal District Member nominee to serve as a Director on the Board of Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company.

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company
Countywide	<p>At the July 2022 Plenary Council Meeting the Members approved the expansion of the Board of Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company from two (2) to thirteen (13). This expanded Board will contain five (5) Elected Members from Donegal County Council with one nominated from each Municipal District.</p> <p>Preference should be given to nominating the Chairperson of the Economic, Enterprise and Emergency SPC and the Chairperson of the Planning SPC, if practicable, with the remaining elected members to be selected from the other Municipal Districts not represented by the Chairs of the above named SPC's. For continuity and in line with good governance the position of Director will be held for the lifetime of the Council.</p> <p>CINNEADH ATÁ DE DHÍTH / DECISION REQUIRED:-Select a Municipal District Member nominee to serve as a Director on the Board of Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company.</p>

Contact Person	Colin McNulty General Manager, Donegal 2040 Strategic Development Designated Activity Company cmcnulty@donegalcoco.ie

2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “ <i>First Stop Shop</i> ” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. Further information available here - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of September Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 33 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. ○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €763,110.47 ○ Next EVAC meeting will take place in December TBC • Trading Online Vouchers – 32 Businesses approved support to a value of €62,058.84 • Mentoring YTD – 101 Businesses have received this support • Training – 1,070 Business Attendees YTD.
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- Student Enterprise Programme – 790 Donegal students participated in 10 schools. Promotion of programme in schools began in September for this academic year.
- Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme of Local Enterprise Office Donegal. The programme focuses on early-stage female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment, and create jobs. The recruitment ended in September and 14 female founders start the programme on 4th October.

Upcoming Programmes:

Scale-X Blue Economy

Scale-X Blue Economy is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth in the Blue Economy i.e. the Marine engineering, marine research, marine energy, value added fish processing sectors. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.

Who is eligible?

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- Any founder(s) with the potential for fast growth in the marine engineering, marine research, marine energy or value-added fish processing sectors
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/SCALE-XBLUE/>

The programme will begin in November 2022

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD - 17 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

The objective of the pilot of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digitalisation supports competitiveness, productivity, and value creation, it covers five main areas:

1. Data processing and analysis (i.e. gathering customer trends, values insights)
2. Cloud computing (i.e. moving software/data to the cloud for accessibility)
3. Cybersecurity (i.e. protecting records, information, IP and data from attacks)
4. Internet of Things (software/technology connectivity)
5. Industry 4.0 (i.e. process automation in manufacturing facilities and utilisation of AI)

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

Green for Micro

YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who'll show them the small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to business, including:

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (for example: using less energy, water, and

materials)

- Reduced environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher and additional value on products and services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image and reputation.
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts

Lean For Micro

YTD - 15 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Lean tools and techniques address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:

Food Coast Donegal

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

Current activities:

- Food Coast Strategy Review close to completion and should be finalised by end of October.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph's University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is proposed to take place this winter.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 201 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

The LEO Donegal is working with a consulting firm Consortia to develop a 3 year action plan to develop the sector that will be launched in November.

Throughout September & October, we have organised pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in Donegal. These network meetings have been created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves identified in the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland, who will focus on presenting key business skills that will empower creative entrepreneurs to grow their businesses.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal will host a conference that will celebrate the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the northwest region. In collaboration with Strabane City Derry City Council, the event will take place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18th & 19th of November. There will be various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland facilitating workshops, delivering 1:1 training, and presenting keynote addresses in an effort to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the Northwest.

Donegal Engineering Cluster

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Cluster*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal by,

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.
- Increasing market knowledge within the cluster.

- Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners,
- Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development,
- Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups.
- Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members.
- Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally

The LEO Donegal will support this by the appointment of a full-time executive (on three year contract). This appointment started in September 2022

Upcoming Activities:

- Action Plan Workshop for the Creative Industries – 3rd October online course
- Prepare Your Business For Customs 5th October - Online Course
- Letterkenny Craft & Design Network meeting 6th October - Evening Course
- Start Your Own Business Programme in Ukrainian – starts on 11th October – morning course – online
- Trading Online Information Session – 12th October
- National Woman in Enterprise Day – Storytelling for your personal Brand – 13th October -online course
- Donegal Town Craft & Design Network meeting 13th October - Evening Course
- Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 18th October – evening course
- Stranolar Craft & Design Network meeting 20th October - Evening Course
- Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 28th October at 10am – online

All bookings can be made here:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

	<u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/
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3. Division: Emergency Services - Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (August)*		Total for year	
Fire Service Operations				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	72		530	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	86		590	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		49	
Operational Activity Breakdown August 2022	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	44	42	38	34
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	3	3	3
Sub Total	48	45	41	37
Total	93		78	

Fire Prevention		
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	15	93
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	46	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	7	76
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	7
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	3
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	2	30
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	34	101
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	13
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	11
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	4
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	79

* Current data only available up to end of August 2022.



Municipal District of Glenties

11 October 2022

Community Development Division

CLÁR / AGENDA

1. Report on recent activity in the Community Development Division
 - 1.1 Community Development
 - 1.2 Social Inclusion
 - 1.3 Rural Development Programme/LEADER
 - 1.4 Healthy Ireland
 - 1.5 Donegal Youth Council

Glenties Municipal District - Community Development

Project Location	Project Details	Funded Under	Current status
Digital Hub, Arranmore	To bring an underwater cable to Arranmore	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Cable delivered and Council advancing application for foreshore licence in conjunction with Dept. of Rural & Community Development & local community group.
Glenties T & V project	Enhancement of Streetscape Design & installation of interpretative information signs supported by directional signage	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Maghery	Installation of galvanized equipment storage cage, outdoor shower, street furniture and surfacing works at Maghery pier. Installation of camping pods, self catering kitchen, toilet / shower facilities, lighting and a beach wheelchair at Ionad an Mhachaire. Development of a loop walk / cycle route Installation of tourism information points/panels Development of website, promotion and branding materials	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Works nearing completion
Dungloe AF Project	To improve the walkability of Dungloe providing safer and greater accessibility for all ages and abilities	Town & Village Renewal Scheme	Materials purchased under age friendly funding have been received

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date within last reporting period-inclusive of current status and Project Targets for the next reporting period	<p>One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2022 – 8 – 15 October On Saturday, October 8, Donegal County Council will launch Social Inclusion week with Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney at the Rossnakill Tourism & Activity Centre, Rossnakill, Fanad. Social Inclusion Week coincides with World Mental Health week, a series of events are organised throughout the county to increase awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in County Donegal.</p>  <p>Full programme of events - http://ow.ly/MG7K50KY1qu</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The first secretariate meeting of the Migrant Integration Forum took place in August with a two-day workshop planned with the implementation group who will function as an implementation Group for the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>The first EU Belong learning lab day took place on 20 September where they explored the implementation methods that we are going to use to start the implementation of the actions that are indicated in the strategy. The next learning lab day is to take place on 14 October where the work plan will start to be worked on.</p>  <p>EU-BELONG will be rolling out some Capacity Building online seminars to, Members of the PPN</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
Budget Transitional Programme	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 st December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 46 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,166,463.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 18 th October 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
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Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025. Within the Plan there are a number of Priority Focus Areas. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Active • Staying Connected • Switching Off and Being Creative • Eating Well • Minding your Mood • Minding your Body
Budget	€160,000 Round 4 Funding
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 3</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 3 Programme - a joint application from Donegal LCDC and the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) was completed on 31st March 2022.</p> <p>The application consisted of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Actions • 2 Community Mental Health Fund Actions • Community Mental Health Small Grants Scheme • Community Engagement fund <p>Feedback received from Pobal in relation to the Programme included –</p> <p><i>“There is evidence of great partnership and positive interagency work happening in County Donegal. It is evident that you have fully implemented the actions and have achieved success within the Round. You were creative and adaptive, and you have been very proactive in making changes to the programme to gain the best use of the funding and deliver your actions fully. It was great to see that so many local community groups were supported under the Small Grants Scheme, with several engaging activities delivered under the Community Engagement Fund over the length of the round with the Smoke Free Campus an excellent initiative by the Local Authority”</i></p> <p>Healthy Ireland Round 4</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p>Some new elements/aspects of the Fund in Round 4 include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of an outcomes led approach. A maximum of 2 outcomes to be selected from a predefined list of 5 outcome areas with 27 associated outcome indicators from the HI Framework with all activities orientated towards contributing to the selected outcome(s)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Healthy Ireland Fund Local Strategy (HIFLS) 2023-2025 to prioritise project outcomes based on local data/need in collaboration with local stakeholders • The introduction of a behavioural science approach during the programme lifetime to help underpin the identification of appropriate activities • Local Authorities have been approved for an indicative budget of €40,000 per annum for 2023-2025 of the Healthy Ireland Fund. The final annual allocation will be confirmed in Q4 of each year • Contracts are now directly with the Local Authorities only as Children and Young People Services Committees (CYPSC's) are no longer contracting with Pobal and will be funded directly via Tusla. <p>On 12th September 2022, under Round 4, Donegal LCDC approved the provision of a Healthy Donegal Small Grants Scheme. The Healthy Donegal Small Grant Scheme is a small but flexible source of funding to assist Local Community Groups, Voluntary Groups and Sporting Organisations in the development of locally based community projects and group activities aimed at improving social inclusion, health and wellbeing. The Scheme offers small grants for projects with a minimum spend of €500 and up to a maximum of €1,000 with a closing date for applications of 12th October 2022. A total of €10,000 is available.</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 online application, Local Strategy, annual activities workplan for 2023-2025 and supporting documentation is due for completion and submission to Pobal by 9th December 2022.</p> <p>You can follow Healthy Donegal on the following platforms: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal https://www.facebook.com/HealthyDonegal https://www.instagram.com/healthy_donegal/ https://twitter.com/HealthyDonegal https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	
Budget (if applicable)	
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Climate Action & Environment SPC:</u> Two Youth Councillors attended the Climate Action and Environment SPC meeting on the 5th of July in Lifford Court House. Youth Councillors presented some of the work and involvement of the Youth Council on the topic of Climate Action and the Environment. After the presentation, County Councillors and other committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the presentation and discuss the importance of including young people on this topic. After the presentation, Youth Councillors remained in the meeting and had the opportunity to discuss with other members items on the agenda.</p> <p><u>Mind Your Melon:</u> Mind Your Melon has received funding to continue to work on the website while also creating events to promote positive mental health among the young people of Donegal. Events such as nature walks, surfing, cookery class, filming class and much more are currently being considered. Members of Jigsaw advocates and Donegal Youth Council will discuss the topic of mental health, how to engage with young people to promote positive mental health and to discuss possible events.</p> <p><u>Networking day in Sligo:</u> 3 Youth Councillors attend a networking day in Sligo where other Comhairle (Youth Councils) came together to discuss their work, topics and their Youth Councils as a whole. Within these discussions, members identified the strengths and weaknesses of their Youth Councils and how they can improve.</p> <p><u>National Executive:</u> The Donegal Youth Council's National Executive feeds back to the local members at meetings on a regular basis. The National Executive is currently working on the topic of relationship and sexual education. They have written to the NAAC in relation to the Junior Cert reform of the SPHE curriculum.</p> <p><u>Rural Assembly:</u></p>

2 Youth Councillors attended the National Rural Assembly. This saw young people from all over Ireland meet in Dublin to discuss the issues affecting young people in rural Ireland. Both youth Councillors found this day to be excellent. The main topics discussed on the day was the lack of transport and infrastructure.

Night Time Economy:

One youth council member attended a national Night Time Economy consultation. Within this consultation, young people discussed the need for more facilities for young people at night time and also discussed the extension of longer licensing hours. It is hoped to have another meeting in the future surrounding this issue.

European Forum on the Rights of the Child:

A Donegal Youth Councillor was chosen to represent all Comhairle na nÓg at the European Forum on the Rights of the Child on the 27th-29th September. This event took place in Brussels. The Youth Councillor in question sat on a panel and discussed the importance of youth participation structures such as the Donegal Youth Council and also her experience. She was also asked questions on these and spoke of the importance that structures such as the European Commission have in supporting youth participation.

Elections:

The current Donegal Youth Councillors term is coming to a close. The coordinator is currently presenting and speaking to young people within their schools and youth organisations. It is hoped to have a youth councillor from each school with also members from no school places to represent seldom heard young people. It is hoped to have two-thirds of the youth council from schools and 1 third from no school organisations. It is hoped to conduct the majority of school elections by the 28th of October.

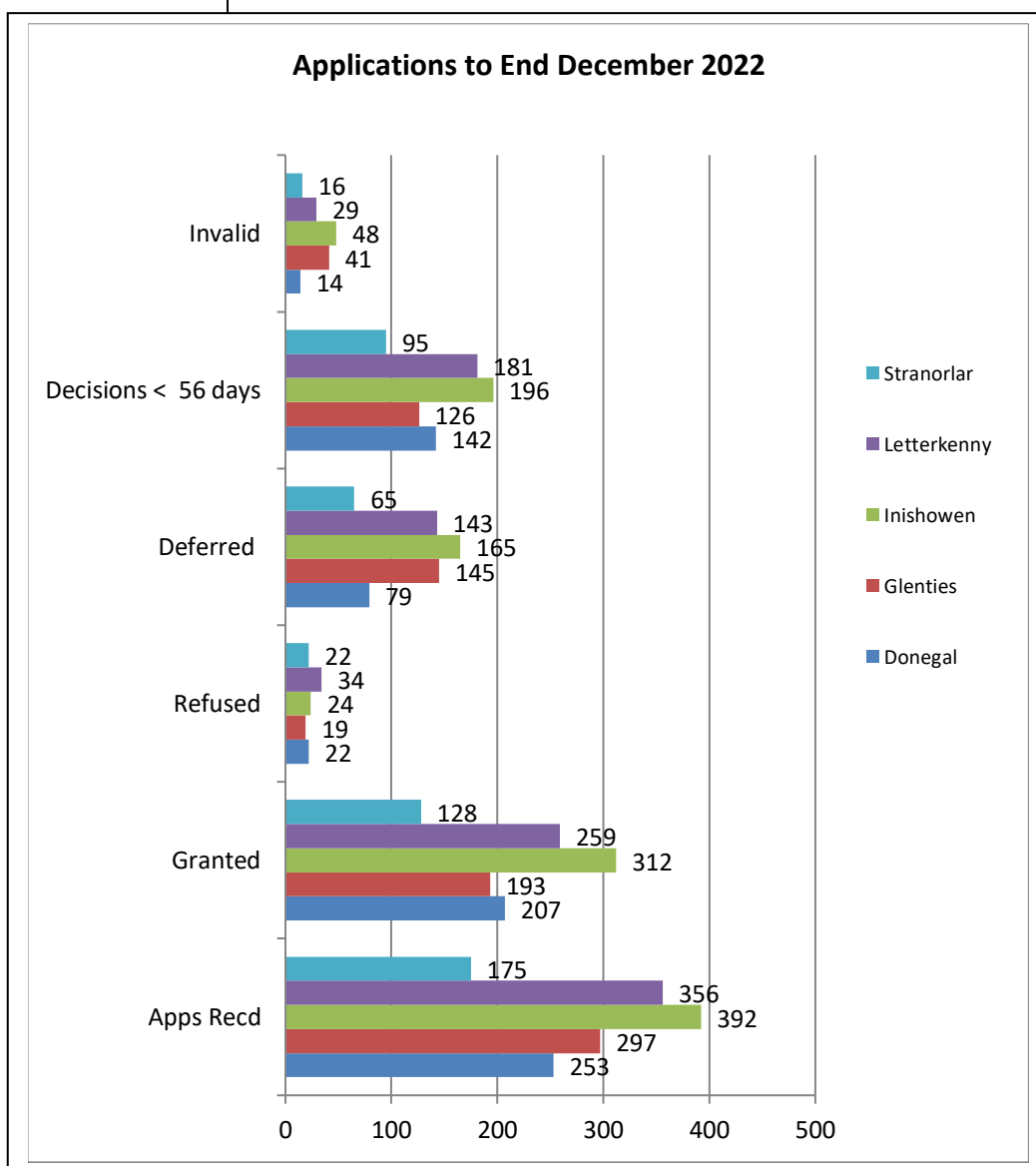
Social Media Information event:

Donegal Youth Council held an information event on social media on the 29th of September. The event had a panel of 2 local influencers and a clinical worker from Jigsaw Donegal. Influencers were well known by young people and spoke of their online experience and how they deal with the pressures and issues that can stem from social media. This was complimented by the Jigsaw clinical worker who spoke about the research, issues and possible supports for young people that can struggle with issues stemming from online. It also highlighted possible support services for young

	<p>people such as Mind Your Melon, Jigsaw, Spunout and Aware. This event was planned and hosted by Donegal Youth Councillors. Feedback from the day has been positive as young people and teachers expressed how different the approach was and gave a greater insight into the background of social media and influencers.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Members of Donegal Youth Council will help out at the Road Safe road show on Tuesday the 4th and Wednesday the 5th of October.</p> <p>The Donegal Youth Council will begin Planning for the AGM to be held in November.</p> <p>Committee meetings will continue.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Michael McDevitt michaelmdevitt@foroige.ie 086 603 7067</p>

Glenties MD Meeting
th October 2022

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4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5	Central Planning Unit	No Report								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	No Report								
7	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file_retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>								



Appendix A



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council



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2040

Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

October (2022)

Municipal District Meetings

Report to Elected Members

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project **Value: €4.84m**

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) who will begin reporting in due course.

1.1.2 Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration **Value: €4.1m**

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) who will begin reporting in due course.

1.2 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

1.2.1 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. **Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)**

Update: The Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Members were provided with a detailed progress update at workshop on 27th September 2022. As agreed the Regeneration & Development Team will now

make separate arrangements for publication consultation on the draft planning scheme in due course.

1.2.2 Ramelton Historic Town Centre – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)

Update: A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and remains under assessment. Meanwhile, work continues to advance on the Detailed Design of Project together with preparation of a completed Tender Package, which is scheduled for completion in October of this year.

**1.3 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY)
UNDER THE RURAL
REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

1.3.1. Ballybofey & Stranorlar - The ‘SEED’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to

Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

Value: €9,756,969.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy were submitted to the DRCD for this project and Decision Gate 2 (Pretender) approval was received on 21st September 2022. This project is now authorized to proceed to tender and arrangements are being made to formally hand this project over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit who will begin reporting in due course.

1.3.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration

Value: €2.3m

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) who will begin reporting in due course.

1.3.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project

Value: €9,542,852

This project has now been formally handed over to the Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) who will begin reporting in due course.

1.4 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 6th January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the “Repowering Buncrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Monday 23rd May, 2022.

1.5 FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

On 17th December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call and is now under assessment.

1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3rd July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/rameltonactionplan/Ramelton%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6th July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

1.6.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members in September 2022. The Strategy & Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by

Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2nd June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The closing date for observations on the draft designs was 16th June, 2022. The submission responses together with the Draft Design & Design Reports are presently being evaluated with a view to progressing a statutory planning scheme for the Project in Q4 of 2022.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

(i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.

Following the 3rd and final phase of public consultation in relation to 11 Design Concepts in May/ June 2022, the Paul Hogarth Company presented the consultation findings together with Draft Design Guidelines (Work Area 3), Draft Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) and a Lower Main Street exemplar to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022 wherein Members endorsed the finalization and publication of the Regeneration Strategy thus the project reaching a significant milestone.

The consultancy team are therefore completing the final write up to bring together all strands of the project brief including Work Area 5 in respect of branding and this will facilitate the procurement of services to print and publish the final Regeneration Strategy.

Plans are being formulated for a formal launch event of the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy targeted for the 2nd week of November 2022 including

the creation of a project video to inform the launch and to communicate the project effectively to the public, investors, visitors and funders. As suggested by Members, alongside the launch event, arrangements are being made for a wider community information day in drop-in format to communicate the Letterkenny 2040 vision and other cross-directorate Council services and activities that are being implemented in Letterkenny. Members will be fully briefed as the arrangements firm up.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4th November 2021 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for confirmation on 8th November 2021. Correspondence dated 25th August has been received from An Bord Pleanála to confirm that the single objection to the CPO has been withdrawn and advising that it is now open to the Local Authority to confirm the CPO.

As a result, the necessary Chief Executives Order to make the CPO and associated public and landowner notices have been drafted and are currently under legal review and will therefore be progressed as soon as possible and without delay. Subject to completion of the necessary legislative steps to confirm the CPO, this enables Donegal County Council to take possession of the lands and enable the delivery of Phase 1 (Alpha/Beta) of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site which was approved Part 8 planning consent at the Special Council meeting on 24th February 2022.

Phase 1 development of the site is now being progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to review of tender documents and participation in Steering Group and Design Team Review meetings.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

(iii) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd

Members turned the sod on 3rd June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6th June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm

infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1st phase of the wider planned network known as ‘LK Green Connect’ that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

On Friday 12th March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD announced that a provisional allocation of €13.6m has been awarded under the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) ‘Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
 - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
 - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
 - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

The project continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. In this regard, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29th July 2022.

The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11th August 2022. This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and ‘*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*’ As outlined, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29th July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH. This remains the case as at last update sought from DHLGH on 16th September 2022.

Approval of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to approval to proceed to tendering inclusive of satisfactory completion of the Final Business Case and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

A FUNDING APPROVAL PROCESS



Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<p>Site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanála, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Fáilte Ireland's 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
Market Square	<p>A Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040- Reimagined Market Square' was published on 21st July 2022 for public inspection until 19th August 2022. 5 submissions were received from members of the public including one petition and a collective/ duplicate submission from a number of businesses. 3 submissions were received from statutory/internal consultees. A Chief Executives Report in relation to the submissions was considered at the scheduled plenary Council meeting on 26th September 2022 wherein Members resolved to further consider the proposed development at a Special Council meeting scheduled for 12th October 2022. In the interim, the Chief Executives report will be further considered by Members at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 3rd October 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: This will result in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the work of Roads & Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p> <p>It is noted that Irish Water are currently progressing works to replace an existing watermain on Church lane as a critical piece of infrastructure upgrade in advance of the URDF project progressing to site which is estimated as Q4 2024 and subject to a number of dependencies and unknowns.</p>
<p>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</p>	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and were endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced together with cross-directorate collaboration as regards a social housing scheme.</p>
<p>C: Revival at the Courthouse</p>	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p> <p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and land owner consultation will now formally commenced.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann was held at a meeting on 31st March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication following consideration within Bus Eireann corporate structures. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20th May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. This engagement was renewed on 23rd August and 26th September 2022 and is being sought as a matter of priority.</p>
<p>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</p>	<p>Through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete following a 3rd phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th July 2022. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress the acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is targeted for mid-November 2022. Pasparakis Friel Architects has been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team will manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum).</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication.</p>

2.3 Future URDF call for applications

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q4 2022/Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the LK 2040 ambition particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

2.4 'The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny

A proposed Part 8 development as regards 'The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure project was published on 15th September 2022 for a period of statutory consultation. Submissions may be made by 4.30pm on Tuesday 1st November 2022. Thereafter a Chief Executives Report will be prepared and submitted for consideration at the scheduled Plenary Council meeting on 28th November 2022.

In addition and in collaboration with Community Development, options are being explored to progress the next stage of Detailed Design in order to deliver the project.

2.5 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team
October 2022.**





ENVIRONMENT REPORT – October 2022

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Choose to Reuse for 'Reuse Month' in October
Project Description/Activity	<div data-bbox="762 539 1038 813" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>October is Ireland's National Reuse Month, reuse is about valuing our stuff, by using and reusing it for as long and as often as possible. This avoids the need to extract raw materials, manufacture and distribute new stuff, and avoids waste thereby cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Please view: https://www.mywaste.ie/reuse-month/ for further details.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Reuse in the Community Gardens
Project Description/Activity	<div data-bbox="762 1406 1034 1693" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>A number of reuse workshops are being arranged with some of the Community Gardens in the County as part of Reuse month. Demonstrations on ways to reuse bottles into self-watering mini greenhouses, ways to reuse food tins into birdhouses, looking at ways to reuse old wood in the garden, reusing containers, reusing our food waste and how to make effective community food compost systems that turn food waste into compost.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	The 'Upcycle Challenge' 2022
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Upcycle Challenge is a yearly competition that encourages people to look at the objects around them and to give them a new lease of life. The challenge is simple, find something that is no longer in use and transform it into something new and win a share of €6,000!</p> <div data-bbox="679 320 1110 748" style="text-align: center;">  <p>Upcycle Challenge 2022</p> <p>OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS</p> <p>6 Categories</p> <p>How to enter</p> <p>mywaste</p> </div> <p>For full details and entry visit - https://www.mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge22/#UpcycleChallenge22</p> <p>Closing Date 27th October 2022</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	School Bikes Africa Campaign
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="695 1263 1098 1563" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>The School Bikes Africa appeal in partnership with Bryson Recycling and Letterkenny Rotary Club is once again accepting donations. Bikes can be donated all year-round at any of the Council's 6 Recycling Centres.</p> <p>Bicycles suitable for refurbishing should be mountain bike style, minimum 24" wheel size and mountain bike tyres. Racer style bikes are not sought as part of this collection.</p> <p>Visit www.brysonrecycling.org for opening hours.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Household food waste stats
Project Description/ Activity	<p>At the end of August 2022, household waste collectors reported more than 13,000 food waste bins being provided to households throughout the County.</p> <p>This is a huge increase since the start of the project in 2018 when only 1,167 food waste bins were reported as being provided.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Matthew Byrne matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Waste Collection Permits
Project Description/ Activity	<p>At the end of August 2022, there were 88 Waste Collection Permit (WCP) holders permitted to collect waste in Donegal.</p> <p>5 of these are household waste collectors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. D&M Environmental Services Ltd, 2. Shaun Molloy & Sons Ltd, 3. Patrick Logan and Sons Ltd, 4. Sharkey waste Recycling Ltd 5. Pandagreen <p>There are 113 Waste Collection Permits pending.</p> <p>More than 264 other inspections were undertaken including checking application documentation and submitting comments to the NWCPO, permit conditions compliance and validating returns.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Matthew Byrne matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p>

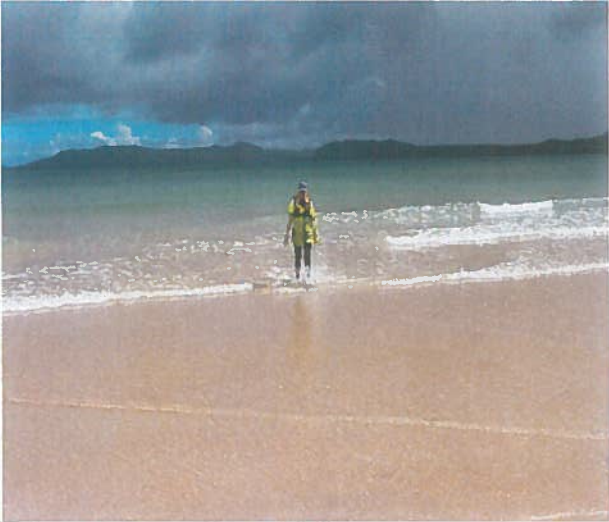

Activity / Project Title	Waste Facilities and Certificate of Registration (CoR)
Project Description/ Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the end of August 2022 there were 50 waste facility authorisations. 11 of these are certificate of registration sites. - Between Jan and August there were 39 waste facility inspections carried out. - The majority of facilities were found to be in compliance with their permit conditions however where non-compliances were observed actions were undertaken such as issuing of legal directions and in one case legal proceedings. - Further inspections are planned for the coming months
Contact Person	<p>Matthew Byrne matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p>


Activity / Project Title	Multi-agency work
Project Description/ Activity	The Environment Section worked with a number of agencies and organisations between January and August including Connaught Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (CU WERLA), National Waste Collection Permitting Office (NWCPO), An Garda Siochana, the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Office, Health Service Executive (HSE), Coillte, Loughs Agency and Inland Fisheries Ireland.
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie

WATER QUALITY

Activity / Project Title	Septic tank Inspections
Description/ Activity	<p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in October in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letterkenny MD – Cranford & Woodlands areas, Roosky catchment (Creeslough) • Stranorlar MD – Deelee catchment around Ballindrait, Cloghan Finn • Donegal – Barnesmore area, Bundoran area • Inishowen – Greencastle/Moville area <p>Home owners are advised to inspect their tanks, organise for it to be desludged by a permitted contractor if it hasn't been done for a number of years and carry out any basic maintenance or remedial works to ensure it is not giving rise to water pollution or a public health nuisance.</p>
Contact Person	Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Environment Section - Public Information Message for Farmers
Description/ Activity	<p>The following public information message will be aired on local radio stations in October:</p> <p><i>“Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers in the county of the following key messages as autumn and winter approaches;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>land spreading of slurry to be completed by the 15th October</i> • <i>farmyard manure cannot be applied to land after the 1st November,</i> • <i>check & repair gutters and downpipes to minimise soiled water in yards</i> • <i>ensure that any effluent or soiled water generated is directed to appropriate storage tanks</i> • <i>There should be no direct runoff of soiled water from farm roadways to waters.</i> <p><i>Play your part in keeping Donegal clean and green”.</i></p>
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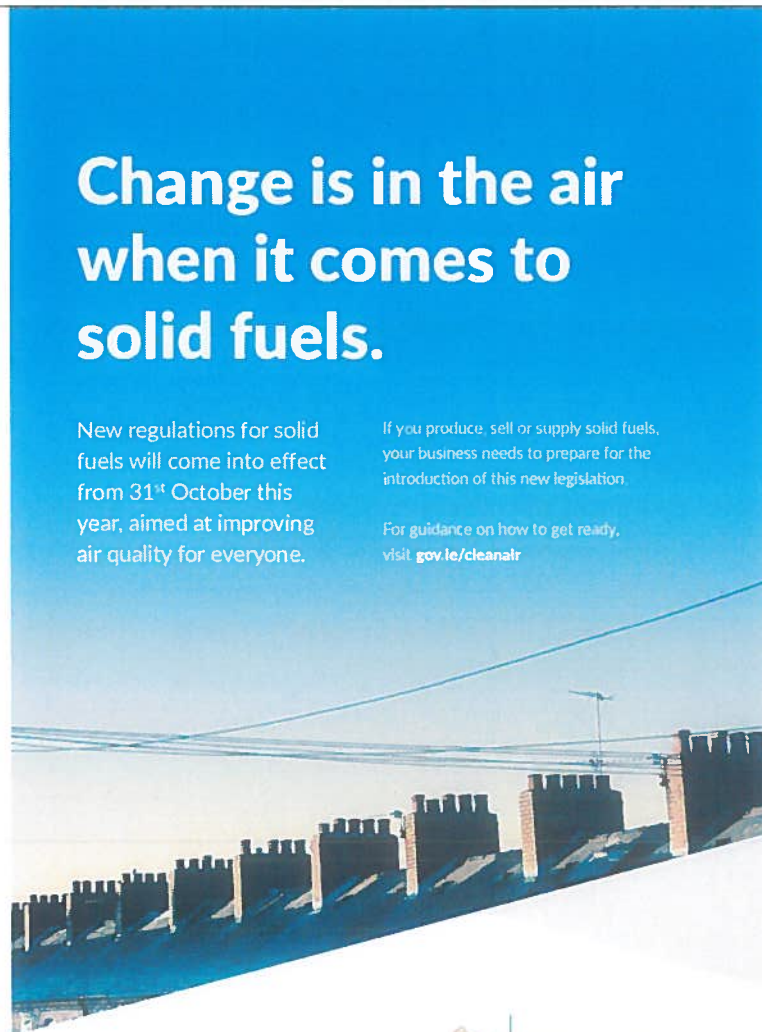
Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters – season review
Description/ Activity	<p>The 2022 Bathing Season ended on the 15th September and, overall, the monitoring results were similar to previous years, so no significant change in classification is expected for the coming year.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Kilahoey</i> <i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i> </p> <p>Forecasted heavy rainfall events led to the posting of Prior Warnings Notices at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality. Thankfully, these rainfall events did not result in any closures of any bathing waters.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Environment Section – Oil Pollution
Description/ Activity	<p>In recent years, Donegal Co. Council’s Environment Section have received a number of complaints about oil pollution arising from leaks in domestic fuel tanks over the winter months.</p> <p>Given the potential for damage from oil to foundations, persistence of odours and pollution of water-courses, home owners are asked to carefully inspect their oil tanks, filters and pipework to ensure that valuable oil is not being lost through leakage.</p> 
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity /
Project Title

Solid Fuel Regulations 2022 - 31st October 2022

Project
Description/
Activity



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To improve air quality and reduce the associated health impacts, it is important to reduce the emissions into our air that is produced from domestic burning of solid fuels. This is what the new solid fuel regulations are designed to do, by ensuring that only higher quality and less polluting fuels will be legally available for sale.

Burning solid fuels is a significant cause of poor air quality and is a factor in some 1,300 premature deaths in Ireland every year, according to the European Environment Agency. This demonstrates the extent to which the choices we make when heating our homes can impact on our own health and the communities in which we live.

Donegal County Council will be raising awareness of these new regulations among householders and the commercial sector in the coming months. The Department have also produced a survey for householders to complete and this will be promoted on the Council's social media pages and is available at the following link

<https://forms.gle/Pc7mXDyJTjxtCzLa6>.

For more information visit www.gov.ie/cleanair

Contact
Person

Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
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RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Activity / Project Title	County Donegal Group Water Scheme Sector
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal has a considerably high number of Group water Schemes (GWS) within our rural water sector.</p> <p>The status of Donegal's GWS's is listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 357 no. Public GWS's receiving their water from Irish Water • 4 no. Private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers • 20 no. Private GWS's serving less than 50 consumers
Contact Person	Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Group Water Scheme Takeover Requests
Project Description/ Activity	<p>There are 74 GWS's which have submitted takeover requests to Donegal County Council. This is two more since the update in February 2022. The number of GWS's that have requested takeover amounts approximately 20% of the overall total of GWS's within the county. Although this figure appears low there are a large number of orphan GWS's where the promoter or trustees are no longer active.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is represented on a working group examining issues in relation to the taking in charge of orphan GWS's. Donegal County Council has commenced a pilot process which provides an alternative pathway for these orphan schemes to be taken over. The promoters or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for takeover should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p><u>Criteria for GWS's to be Eligible for Takeover</u></p> <p>In order for GWS's to be eligible for takeover they must comply with technical, legal and financial requirements set down in circular letter WSP01 16. The takeover of a GWS is potentially a lengthy process in that all aspects of the GWS must be examined so as to ensure that they satisfy the standards set out by Irish Water.</p>

Activity / Project Title	Resourcing
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council have been successful in securing additional funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to employ additional staff within the Council's Rural Water Section in order to expedite the formal takeover process of GWS's.</p> <p>These staff, a Technician Grade 2 and an Executive Engineer, have been in post since 30th April 2018 and 19th November 2018 respectively following the completion of recruitment processes. An Assistant Engineer was added to the Rural Water team on 2nd March 2020 to assist with the Takeover Programme. A Senior Executive Engineer has been put in place since August 2020 to oversee the Rural Water Section.</p>

Activity / Project Title	GWS Takeover Project – Works to date																																						
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Works completed by the GWS Takeover Team to date include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extensive desktop exercise reviewing and cataloguing GWS files for more than 300 GWS; • Examining the works required on a large number of schemes that have requested takeover; • Liaising with promoters and trustees on a number of schemes that have requested takeover. • Rural Water Team engaging have engaged with 68% (54 of 79) of GWS's that have formally requested takeover and commenced the takeover process. • Implementing a Civils framework for contractors to carry out upgrade works to GWS's. • Conducting a review of pumping stations to identify upgrade works. • Publishing a mechanical and electrical bundle for pumping station upgrades on eTenders. <p>In order to expedite the takeover process it was necessary to prioritise the order of GWS's the Takeover Team will engage with first. A priority list was developed and it sets out four focus area as below.</p> <p>Priority 1 - GWS's with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 2- GWS's with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and do not have any wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 3- GWS's with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>Priority 4- GWS's with active committee members who are not applying for annual subsidies and have wayleaves or land transfer requirements</p> <p>32 schemes have progressed to the point whereby they have been submitted to Irish Water for Takeover review.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 1496 1513 2047"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Cappry Lane</td> <td>Ballybofey</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Submitted to IW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Meenalaught</td> <td>Killygordan</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Submitted to IW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Lagnalore/ Meenahorna</td> <td>Glenfin</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Submitted to IW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Cloughroe</td> <td>Drumkeen</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Submitted to IW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Liskernan/ Meenavoy</td> <td>Drumkeen</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Submitted to IW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Halftown Skelpy</td> <td>Castlefin</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Submitted to IW</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Cappry Lane	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW	2	Meenalaught	Killygordan	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW	3	Lagnalore/ Meenahorna	Glenfin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW	4	Cloughroe	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW	5	Liskernan/ Meenavoy	Drumkeen	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW	6	Halftown Skelpy	Castlefin	Lifford Stranorlar	Submitted to IW
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12	Ballygallen/Breenagh	Glenswilly	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
13	Leitir	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
14	The Bog	Cranford	Letterkenny	Submitted to IW
15	Brea Road	Bridgend	Inishowen	Taken Over
16	Glengad Mountain	Malin	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
17	Ballymacarthur No. 2	Greencastle	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
18	Ture	Muff	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
19	Lisfannon	Buncrana	Inishowen	Submitted to IW
20	Ballymacgroarty	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
21	Rath/Lisminton	Ballintra	Donegal	Taken Over
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23	Teelin	Carrick	Donegal	Taken Over
24	Driminardagh	Donegal Town	Donegal	Submitted to IW
25	Owenteskna	Meenaneary	Donegal	Submitted to IW
26	Lisahully	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Submitted to IW
27	Tullywee	Laghey	Donegal	Submitted to IW
28	Ardcrone/Craugheybolyle	Dungloe	Glenites	Submitted to IW
29	Meenlaragh No. 2	Gortahork	Glenties	Submitted to IW
30	Loughros Point	Ardara	Glenties	Submitted to IW
31	Lochnanoran	Annargy	Glenties	Submitted to IW
32	Sanfield	Ardara	Glenties	Submitted to IW

In the coming months continued engagement with promoters and trustees of GWS's that have applied for takeover will continue, however, the impact of Covid 19 has limited the amount of contact GWS's could have with their members. This had a direct impact on the progress of takeover applications due to the limited the opportunity to obtain the required consent of two-thirds their members by means of a signature. Members will be advised of progress in further updates given via the Municipal District Meetings.

Contact Person

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Activity / Project Title	Orphan Schemes																														
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>An Orphan scheme is defined as any scheme where there is no active committee and where the emergency and maintenance works are carried out by Donegal County Council on behalf of Irish Water.</p> <p>Donegal County Council is part of a pilot programme to commence the takeover of these types of schemes. Irish Water has agreed to review 10 schemes from each county involved in this pilot programme.</p> <p>This list below sets out the parameters for which Irish Water will consider takeover for these schemes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 10 connections • two-thirds of the GWS members have signed consent for IW takeover • no wayleaves on scheme • no land transfers on scheme • no pumping on scheme • no reservoirs • no debt <p>The desk study of all 1,104 GWS's within the county was utilised to identify all orphan schemes within the county. 295 GWS were classified as orphan through this process. These 295 schemes were investigated further to identify GWS's with less than 10 connections. 158 GWS's were identified after this review. A detailed analysis of each scheme is currently being conducted to establish if these schemes meet additional parameters set out by Irish Water as mentioned above.</p> <p>All 158 schemes have been reviewed and 37 schemes have been deemed to meet the criteria set out by the programme. These 37 schemes will be checked on site to confirm if conditions match the desk study.</p> <p>DCC were only one of two Local Authorities that met the target of submitting 10 Orphan Schemes to IW. On this basis, DCC were granted a further 10 Orphan Scheme that could be submitted under this pilot programme. Thus far, 12 schemes as listed below have been submitted to Irish Water and confirmed as taken over. A further four schemes have been submitted to IW for review. We have commenced the takeover application process for a further 13 schemes using the criteria of this programme. The final 3 schemes required to meet our target of 20 schemes are in progress and should be complete in the coming months. The remaining schemes that have commenced are in preparation for our next allocation after we achieve our current target.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1653 1503 2076"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>GWS Name</u></th> <th><u>Location</u></th> <th><u>Municipal District</u></th> <th><u>Status</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Ballinaboe</td> <td>Clonmany</td> <td>Inishowen</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Carnowen Road</td> <td>Raphoe</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Corraine No. 2</td> <td>Ballybofey</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Dooras</td> <td>Ballindrait</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>The Roughan</td> <td>Lifford</td> <td>Lifford Stranorlar</td> <td>Taken Over</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>GWS Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Municipal District</u>	<u>Status</u>	1	Ballinaboe	Clonmany	Inishowen	Taken Over	2	Carnowen Road	Raphoe	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	3	Corraine No. 2	Ballybofey	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	4	Dooras	Ballindrait	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over	5	The Roughan	Lifford	Lifford Stranorlar	Taken Over
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	7	Creevy	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over
	8	Clontyseer	Ballyshannon	Donegal	Taken Over
	9	Springhill	Quigley's Point	Inishowen	Taken Over
	10	Fallask	Drumfreis	Inishowen	Taken Over
	11	Glebe Road	Burt	Inishowen	Application with IW
	12	Carronamaddy	Burt	Inishowen	Application with IW
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	14	Pluck/ Aughlihard	Mannorcunningham	Letterkenny	Taken Over
	15	Gortnaskeagh	Kilmacrennan	Letterkenny	Taken Over
	16	Rathmullan Coastguard	Rathmullan	Letterkenny	Application with IW
	17	Grail Craugheyboyle	Dungloe	Glenties	Application with IW
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Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021				
Project Description/ Activity	A number of GWS's received funding under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme under various measures. A summary of progress is listed below:				
	Measure	GWS	Funding	Purpose	Current Status
	Source Protection	Dunlewey	€3,200	To install a barrier around the source	Work are complete
	Public Health Compliance	Tory Island	€262,861	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Treatment System trial ongoing and sampling process also ongoing. Site in coming months. Hydrogeologist completed desktop study and further investigations ongoing
		Townawilly	€38,500	To ensure compliance with Drinking Water Regulations	Sedimentation filter and UV systems replaced. Ongoing monitoring for THM compliance
	Enhancement of Existing Schemes	Townawilly	€15,300	To improve Operation efficiency of GWS	Not proceeding as GWS are progressing the connection to the Public Network.
		Dunlewey	€68,000	To carry out pipeline replacement works	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. Detail design of preferred route ongoing.

	New Group Water Schemes	Dunlewey Extension	€661,900	Extend the GWS to serve Dunlewey	Consultant appointed and Feasibility report being finalised. Detail design of preferred route ongoing.
	Transition of Existing GWS to IW	Multiple GWS's	€699,299	Funding to upgrade GWS's to IW Standards	Takeover programme as described above
		Maghera	€360,000	Funding to transfer GWS to IW	Hydrogeologist completed desktop study. DCC reviewing alternative options for water supply.
		Townawilly		Funding to transfer GWS to IW to ensure THM compliance	DCC have appointed a consultant to examine the work required to connect GWS to the public network. Ongoing monitoring of THM compliance on GWS.
	Community Connections	Goland	€108,470	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Works on site almost complete. Currently at snagging stage.
		Glenalla	€315,000	To provide funding to Connect to IW Network	Application submitted to IW. DCC preparing tender documents to determine current market rate for an extension to this area.
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Activity / Project Title	Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025
Project Description/ Activity	The promoter or trustees of any group water scheme that wishes to be considered for an application under the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford or by emailing ruralwater@donegalcoco.ie .
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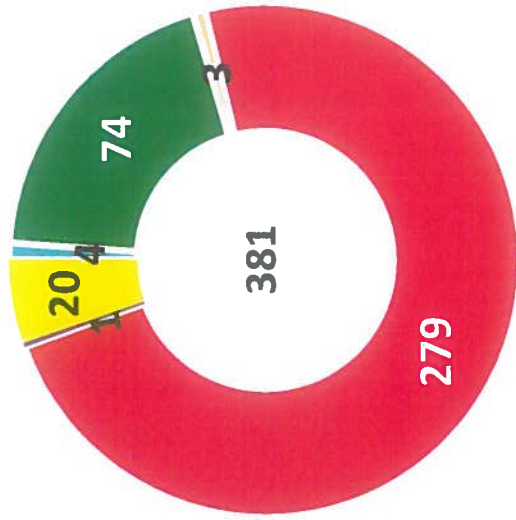
Activity / Project Title	Measure A8 – Wastewater Collection and Treatment Needs for Villages and Settlements without access to Public Waste Water Services
Project Description/ Activity	<p>In April 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage announced €50m in funding under measure A8 of the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2025 for waste water collection and treatment needs for villages and settlements without access to public wastewater services.</p> <p>Donegal County Council submitted an application for funding to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage for Bonagee in September of this year under this measure.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Pauric Feely, Executive Engineer pauric.feely@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Well Grants
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Well grants are available for the installation or upgrade of a well for the purpose of domestic supply.</p> <p>The property must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be the householders permanent place of residence • be at least seven years old • be located a reasonable distance from an existing water supply or GWS <p>Application forms are available on the DCC website at the following link: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/water/ruralwaterprogramme/wells</p> <p>Over the last 5 years the annual average of well grant applications is 28.6 and to date we have received 25 applications in 2022.</p>
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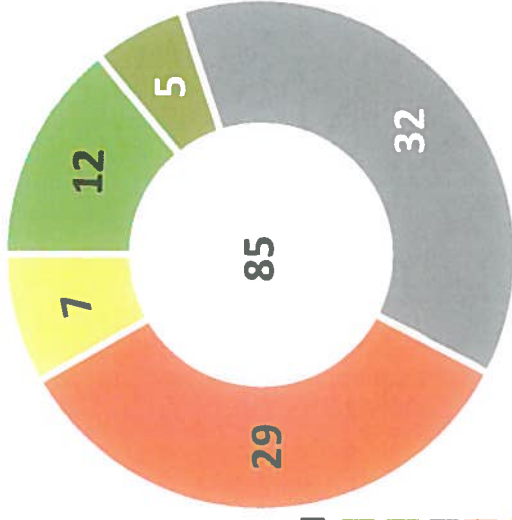
GWS Status By County

Legend

- Public Group Water Schemes not Seeking Takeover
- Public Group Water Schemes Seeking Takeover
- Private Group Water Schemes
- Private Group Water Schemes Seeking Takeover
- Orphan Schemes
- Small Private Group Water Schemes



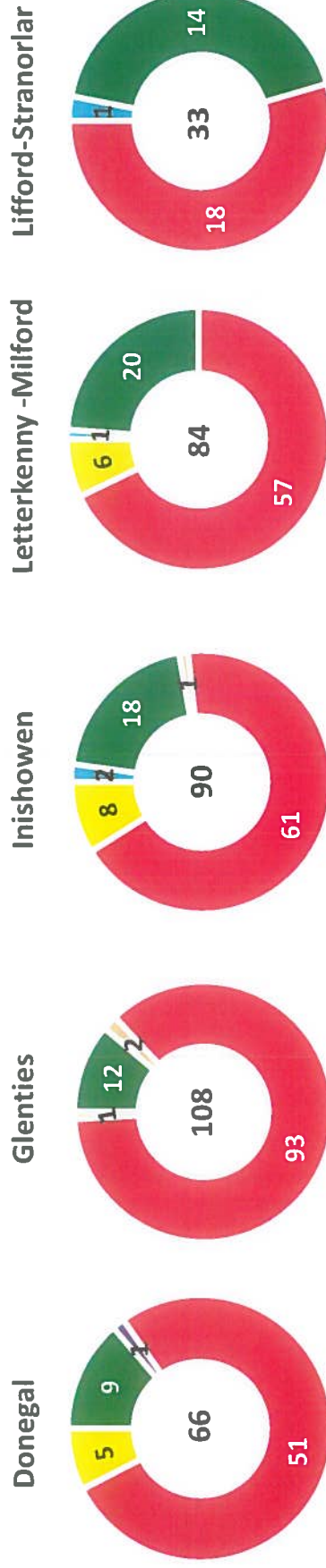
Takeover Progress



Legend

- Public GWSS Taken Over by IW
- Orphan GWSS Taken Over by IW
- GWSS Submitted to IW for Takeover
- Applications Commenced for Public GWSS seeking Takeover
- Applications Commenced for Orphan GWSS

GWS Status by Municipal District



Status of Group Water Schemes By County and Municipal District
 Rural Water Department
 September 2022



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
 Donegal County Council

**GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
MEETING
11th October 2022**

Roads & Transportation Agenda

- 1. Follow up to Issues raised at last MD Meeting.
Report has / will issue in advance of the MD Meeting to the Member that raised the query. If more than One Member raised the same query then the response is issued to All Members.**
- 2. Road Works Programme 2022 – Verbal Update.**
- 3. Section 183 - Proposed Land Disposal – Ms Mc Loone.**

Housing & Corporate Agenda

For Meeting on 11th October 2022

- Progress Report - Grants
- Progress Report - Casual Vacancies
- Housing Need
- HAP
- RAS
- LTL Properties
- Tenancies and Offers
- Tenant Purchase
- Local Authority Loans

1. PROGRESS REPORT - GRANTS AT 03/10/2022

Housing Aid for Older People Grants						
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2022	102	63	15	0	24	24

Housing Adaptation Grants							
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2021	74	54	20	0	0	0	0
2022	66	27	19	1	13	6	20

Mobility Aids Grants							
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Cancelled/ Refused</i>	<i>Applicant Further Info</i>	<i>Referred to Eng</i>	<i>Referred to OT</i>	<i>Pending</i>
2021	43	28	15	0	0	0	0
2022	25	13	9	0	2	1	3

2. PROGRESS REPORT – CASUAL VACANCIES @ 3/10/2022

Glenties MD	Address	Beds	Vacant From	Current Status
Annagry				
	Clos Naomh Duigh	2 bed	16/02/2022	On site
Creeslough				
	Ard Cois Locha	2 bed	18/08/2022	To be tendered
Doochary				
	Droim a'Droichead	2 bed	09/09/2022	Currently being assessed
Dungloe				
	Ard Mor	3 bed	06/07/2022	Contractor on site
Falcarragh				
	Ballina	3 bed	12/07/2021	Contractor on site
	Ballina	3 bed	21/06/2022	Contractor appointed
Fintown				
	Shallogans	3 bed	08/03/2022	Offered
Glenties				
	Clos Naomh Chonail	3 bed	08/07/2022	Contractor appointed
Loughanure				
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed	16/06/2022	Contractor on site
	Radharc an Iuir	2 bed flat	06/07/2022	Currently being assessed

3. HOUSING NEED

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District	1	2	3	4	Total	
Glenties	Annagry	1	7	1	1	10
	Ardara	3	14	1	1	19
	Arranmore	0	1	0	0	1
	Bunbeg	0	0	1	0	1
	Burtonport	0	6	0	1	7
	Creeslough	0	6	2	3	11
	Derrybeg	0	3	1	0	4
	Doochary	0	0	1	0	1
	Dunfanaghy	2	14	3	0	19
	Dungloe	10	27	6	2	45
	Falcarragh	2	24	2	0	28
	Fintown	1	3	1	0	5
	Glenties	0	7	5	3	15
	Gortahork	1	8	1	1	11
	Gweedore	2	16	4	1	23
	Lettermacaward	0	0	1	0	1
	Loughanure	1	3	0	0	4
	Magheroarty	0	2	0	0	2
	Tory Island	0	1	0	0	1
Total	23	142	30	13	208	

4. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

As at 30th September 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Housing Assistance Payment to 100 families/individuals. 9 of these families/individuals are in receipt of HAP only.

5. NUMBER OF RAS PROPERTIES

As of the 30th September 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Rental Accommodation Scheme to 57 families/individuals.

6. NUMBER OF LTL PROPERTIES

As of the 30th September, 2022, the Glenties Municipal District is providing Social Housing Support in the form of the Long Term Lease Properties to 19 families/individuals.

7. HOUSING VACANCIES AND OFFERS

Reasons for Vacancies since 01-Jan-2022				
Transfers	Surrenders	Death of Tenant	Other	Total
7	6	4	1	18

Number of Housing Offers issued since 01-Jan-2022		
Number of Offers issued	Offers Accepted	Offers Refused
29	21	3

5 offers issued on 30/09/2022 but no reply yet

8. TENANT PURCHASE

Number of applications received since Scheme commenced:	103
Total number of valid applications:	80
Valid applications received since 01-January-2022:	16
Number of Offer Letters issued since 01-January-2022:	2
Total number of houses sold under the Scheme to date:	19

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY LOANS

Total number of Loan applications (RIHL) received from 2018-2021	Number of Loans Approved from 2018-2021	Total number of new Loan applications (LAHL) in 2022	Number of Loans Approved in 2022
34	5	7	2

**Housing Capital Update Report
Glenties Municipal District Meeting
October 2022**

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following proposed social housing development in the Glenties Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Dunfanaghy	Recently Completed. Properties being let to tenants.	4
SI at Loughanure	Completed. Property has been let to tenants.	1
SI at Annagry	Completed. Property has been let to tenants.	1
Design Stage		
Chapel Road, Dungloe	<p>Detailed Design / Tender / Fire Cert and Disabled Access Certification preparation ongoing.</p> <p>Site clearance works completed in September 2022. Archaeologist testing carried out in September 2022.</p> <p>Asbestos survey tenders being assessed.</p> <p>Quantity Surveying Consultant has been appointed. The Civil and Structural Engineer and the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering appointments are imminent. Following completion of the detailed design of their respective specialisms, Stage 3 approval will be sought from the Department and the project will be tendered in Quarter 1 2023.</p>	45
Design Stage		
Masiness, Creeslough	Concept/preliminary design stage. No. of units is subject to change.	3
Glenties (Fire Station)	Concept/preliminary design stage.	2
Total		56

In tandem with the above construction programme, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall. The acquisition of 2.91 acres of land at Dunfanaghy with potential for 30 houses is progressing and is currently at conveyance stage.

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing and initial projects have now completed. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants. Proposals are subject to meeting the requirements of the procurement process, planning, departmental approval and contract.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). Notwithstanding this approval, proposals are subject to contract.

The turnkey development at Falcarragh has been completed by Developers Michael & Linda Whoriskey. A total of 12 no. units have been acquired containing 8 no. three bedroom units and 4 no. two bedroom units.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with a Developer with regard a valid proposal for 30 units with planning permission and IW Agreement for Gweedore. Dialogue meetings have taken place with the developer and final tender costs are awaited in advance of a submission to the Department for final approval. Members will be fully informed of same upon receipt of final departmental approval.

3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the county. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level. Land negotiations are ongoing to acquire additional lands for housing in areas of need.

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received. A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified and the Council is progressing to conveyance stage on a number of land acquisitions.