

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
Leifear.

6ú Márta, 2018

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Márta, 2018, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

6th March, 2018

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13th March, 2018, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

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AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13th February, 2018.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 6th February, 2018.
3. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
 - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 3.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 3.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 3.4 Community and Development
 - 3.5 Environment Services
4. Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018

Motions

5. Cllr Niamh Kennedy

“That Killybegs is the next town in the Donegal MD to obtain funding for main street footpaths and bridge street footpaths and lighting in the Town and village renewal grant or any Rural Regeneration and or heritage grant to help with the regeneration of this tier two town. This main street and bridge street requires cobble footpaths and underground wiring fitting with an Historic town”.
6. **Date of Next Meeting/Workshop**
 - MD Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 10th April 2018
 - Workshop on at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday 27th March 2018

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE PETER
KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/018/18 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr Michéal Naughton

MDD/019/18 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development
Ms. Ciara Condon, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development
Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer, Environment
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/020/18 APOLOGIES

Cllr Barry O'Neill

**MDD/021/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 9TH JANUARY
2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Jordan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9th January 2018 were confirmed.

MDD/022/18 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Corporate Services

Members noted the draft request circulated with the Agenda to name a road known as the Rossnowlagh Link Road (R-231-9) in Ballyshannon as the "James White Road" agus as Gaeilge, "Bóthar Shéamuis de Faoite". On the proposal of Cllr Naughton, seconded by Cllr Jordan, it was agreed to submit the request to the next meeting of the Plenary Council for consideration.

Housing Services

Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Social Housing Support Programme, Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016 and Housing Assistance Payments/Private Rented Inspections

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme, Housing Assistance Payments, Private Rented Inspections and Social Housing Support Programme, Housing Need in the MD and Leasing & Repair Scheme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty. She also updated Members on progress since the reports had been prepared. Ms. B McBrearty also briefed Members on the new Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans and in particular in relation to the information website and helpline on same.

MDD/023/18 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2017 Road Works Programme Status Report

Members noted the update report on the 2017 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney.

2018 Restoration Improvement Programme and 2018 Surface Dressing Programme.

Mr. M Sweeney presented the draft 2018 Restoration Improvement Programme and 2018 Surface Dressing Programme and referred to the recent workshop where same was discussed. He informed Members that the programme had been amended in line with the discussions at the workshop.

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Naughton, Members confirmed their agreement to the Roads programmes for 2018 as circulated.

Follow up issues from previous meeting

Mr. M Sweeney noted he had forwarded an update on matters raised at the previous meeting via e-mail to Members.

A number of other comments / queries were dealt with as follows;-

Update on the N56 Mountcharles to Inver

Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that Land Acquisition for the N56 Mountcharles to Inver Scheme is nearing completion with just a small number of Road Bed Cases remaining.

He also advised that the TII had given approval to award the contract for the Construction of the N56 Mountcharles to Drumbeigh

Road to Wills Brothers and works are expected to commence in early March and time for completion is 90 weeks.

He further advised that RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed to complete the detailed design and the tender documentation of the next phase, Drumbeigh to Inver and this should be substantially complete by the end of the year

Old Fire Station, Donegal Town.

Mr. M Sweeney referred to the briefing to Members at the recent workshop, where Members were advised that it is proposed to demolish the old Fire Station in Donegal Town and to extend the car park in this area with the works being funded from Pay & Display. If Members were in agreement he would proceed to prepare a costing for the works. On the Proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Kennedy this was agreed.

Pettigo to Laghey Road

Cllr Naughton made a lengthy submission in relation to the need for substantial improvements to be made to the Pettigo to Laghey Road. While welcoming there are monies allocated on the programme for 2018, he submitted the road is of such importance to this area of the County that a much higher investment is required, given the inadequacy of same. He submitted that this Municipal District should seek to send a delegation to the Minister for Transport, to highlight the strategic importance of this road to the County and to make the case for additional funding to carry out improvement works on same. Following a discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister to seek a delegation. Mr. M Sweeney undertook to facilitate this on behalf of the Members.

LIS

In response to queries, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that LIS's, that have made their own contributions at this stage will proceed, as per the Tranche Two list, with the other additional LIS's on standby awaiting funding allocation. He noted Members comments in the event of additional allocations for LIS. He advised he had not received any notification of such as of yet.

Termon River

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan, Mr. M Sweeney informed Member he would follow up with the Environment Section to check if the application for funding to clean/dredge Termon River had been made.

MDD/024/18 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT

Planning Statistics

Ms. Ciara Condon, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development was in attendance to deal with planning matters. Members noted the planning statistics reports as circulated with the Agenda.

Planning Clinics

Ms. Condon also circulated a note of the dates for the planning clinics in this MD from now until April, dates as follows:-

- February 28th
- March 28th
- April 18th

She also advised dates for later in the year would be set out in due course and would be dependent on the availability of planning staff.

Workshops for Agents

Ms. Condon advised Members that workshops for Agents are being arranged during the 1st Quarter of 2018. In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, she confirmed that it was hoped that this would help reduce both the number of invalid and further information applications.

Local Area Plan Workshop

Members also noted the Local Area Plan Workshop would be held at **9.30 am on Thursday the 1st March 2018** in Donegal PSC as agreed.

MDD/025/18 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Community & Development Report

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin dealing with the following:

1. Donegal Gathering website and Facebook
2. Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
3. Donegal Town – Development Hub
 - Cedra Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail
 - Communications – Coole Route Project
 - Implementation of the Interpretive Strategy – Sliabh Liag
4. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
5. Donegal Tourism
6. 2018 Regional Festivals & Participative Events Funding Programme
7. The International Pan Celtic Festival
8. Rural Development Programme/LEADER

9. Pride of Place
10. Donegal Youth Council
11. Age Friendly – Intergenerational Project
12. Age Friendly – Age Friendly Business Training Initiative in Dungloe

A number of comments/queries raised by Cllr Campbell were dealt in relation to Boot Dusseldorf at the meeting. Members noted the importance of the 'trade' attending such events and it is intended to target in particular the Marine Tourism Trade for future years as it is a massive event and ideal for selling specific tourism products.

Fodder Shortage in the North West

Cllr Naughton referred to the importance of Agriculture to Donegal and the North West and made a lengthy submission regarding the ongoing fodder shortage facing farmers. He submitted the 'fodder transport scheme' is inadequate for farmers and submitted that this Municipal District should write to Minister Creed to seek him to introduce a 'meal voucher scheme' for farmers as the meal could be used to reduce the reliance on fodder. This he submitted would help alleviate the difficulties facing farmers but needs to be introduced urgently. No further discussion was held on the matter.

MDD/026/18 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer, Environment was in attendance to represent the service. Members noted the update report as presented by Mr. Friel dealing with the following items:-

- Waste Management
- Irish Water Safety Risk Assessment of Tullan Strand, Bundoran

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

Bring Banks General

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan, Mr. D Friel informed Members that there are a number of covert cameras used to monitor bottle banks and where evidence of littering is available the Council pursues offenders. He also advised that Members of the public can report offences to the Litter Warden who will follow up where evidence is available.

Bottle Banks Dunkineely

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy, Mr. D Friel informed Members, given that there are works to be carried out at the local community centre, he would ask Ms. E Healy to investigate the most appropriate way of facilitating the works in conjunction with the

community centre committee and to seek to make the recycling area more attractive.

Recycling Centres (Civic Amenity Sites)

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy, Mr. D Friel informed Members that a tender process is currently being undertaken for the Civic Amenity Sites, with one of the considerations to provide a limited out of hours service at the sites which will hopefully reduce costs on service users and negate the practise of users going to other jurisdictions.

Water Safety Campaign - RNLI

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy Mr. D Friel informed Members that the forthcoming RNLI water safety campaign is being supported by both Donegal County Council and the GAA.

MDD/027/18 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO CALL FOR GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING TO THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Naughton the following motion was adopted;-

"This Municipal District calls on the government to increase funding to the rural water programme to allow rural communities to provide adequate water and wastewater infrastructure in their areas, thereby increasing both the social and environmental sustainability of these communities".

Members were advised;-

"Response:

County Donegal Group Water Scheme (GWS) Status Donegal has a considerable number of GWS's within our rural water sector. A summary of the status of Donegal 's GWSs listed below was recently submitted to the National Rural Water Review Group:

- 388no. public GWS's receiving their water from Irish Water
- 6no. private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers
- 14no. private GWS's serving less than 50 consumers with no commercial interest
- 38no. private GWS's serving more than 50 consumers with a commercial interest

GWS Takeover Requests

There are 56no. GWS's which have formally requested takeover to Donegal County Council. The information in figure 3 provides details as to the various types of scheme and their status which have requested takeover. The requested takeover amounts to 12.5% of

the overall total 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 and the Council have de facto taken the scheme in charge but the formal transfer has yet to be completed.

Any group water scheme requesting take over should do so by writing to the Rural Water Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.

Criteria for GWSs to be Eligible for Taking Charge by Irish Water

The three main criteria for group water schemes to be eligible for taking in charge by Irish Water are compliance with all Technical, Legal and Financial requirements. The Irish Water takeover process is a lengthy procedure to ensure that three aspects are carried out in a diligent manner and to the standards set out by Irish Water.

Resourcing

Under the Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme funding may be available to assist the group water schemes in the taking in charge process.

Donegal County Council have recently formally requested additional funding from the Department to resource the Council's rural water department in facilitate the formal takeover process of a number Group Water Schemes (GWS's) through the new Irish Water takeover process.

It is the intention of Donegal County Council's rural water department to focus on three main aspects when progressing the takeover programme:

Focus 1 - GWS's with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have minor works required to achieve takeover

Focus 2 - GWS's with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have medium works required to achieve takeover

Focus 3 - GWS's with active committee members who are applying for annual subsidies and have major works required to achieve takeover

Michael McGarvey

Director of Water and Environmental Services

Attachment: Flowchart detailing the Irish Water Group Scheme Takeover process"

Cllr Campbell in speaking to his motion submitted that he believed the Department is missing the point and opportunity to address water and waste water. He submitted there are areas that are seeking to progress schemes to deal with environmental issues e.g St Ernan's, Donegal Town. He submitted Irish Water are mainly focused on Major Issues and have reduced schemes from what Donegal County Council had originally prepared. He stated the policy should encourage smaller Waste Water Treatment Schemes which would encourage renewable and sustainable development locally. He submitted that the current policy with Irish Water won't allow communities to pursuing smaller schemes.

Cllr Naughton speaking in support of the motion submitted that a lot of communities would run their own schemes if they received some funding.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/028/18 Unfinished Estate at Keenaghan, Kilcar

The following question was submitted by Cllr Campbell:-

“To ask the planning directorate, to provide a statement on the matter of the progress to date to resolve the unfinished estate at Keenaghan, Kilcar (DECLG ref# 000712), to include addressing the following specific issues and any other matters deemed relevant by the executive:

- What funding was originally applied for and obtained by DCC under either the public safety initiative (PSI) or the special resolution fund (SPF) for the estate?
- Is there a site resolution plan for this development?
- Provide a breakdown including indicative costing for completing the required works in the absence of a site resolution plan.
- Where was this money eventually spent?
- When this money was moved what plan was in place to ensure the completion of the required works?
- Why have works not been completed to date?
- Have any actions been initiated under the planning and development acts?
- What is the indicative timeline for completion now?”

Cllr Campbell received a response from the Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development in relation to the above.

MDD/029/18 Bundoran Town Plan 2003-2009

The following question was submitted by Cllr Campbell;-

“To ask the planning directorate to make available the following documentation for examination:

- A copy of the Bundoran town plan 2003-2009.
- A copy of the manager's report on material alterations to the draft Bundoran town plan 2003-2009.
- A copy of the manager's report on the public consultation on the draft Bundoran town plan 2003-2009.
- A copy of any resolutions of Bundoran town council amending the working draft Bundoran town plan 2003-2009.
- A copy of the minutes of meetings relevant to the above decision making process. ?”

Cllr Campbell received a response from the Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development in relation to the above.

MDD/030/18 Date of next meeting.

Members agreed the next **Municipal District meeting** would be held on **Tuesday the 13th March, 2018 commencing at 11.30 a.m.** as per Standing Orders. Members also agreed there would be a **Workshops** of the Municipal District **at 9.30 am on Thursday the 1st March 2018 (planning) and at 3.00 pm on Monday the 12th March 2018 (DFI).**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal

Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal

Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 6th February 2018 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 10.00am.

Members Present:

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach
Cllr Niamh Kennedy
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Micháel Naughton
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Noel Jordan

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Paddy Mullen, Designated Child Protection Liaison Officer/Executive Engineer
Mr. Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer, Roads / Transportation
Mr. Fergus Towey, A/Senior Executive Engineer, National Roads Office
Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer
Mr. Declan Gillespie, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation
Mr. Peter Kane, Executive Engineer, Roads / Transportation
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

1. Child Protection Awareness Training for Elected Members

Mr. Paddy Mullen, Designated Child Protection Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council made a detailed presentation to Members in respect of Child Protection.

A number of comments / queries were dealt with as follows:-

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, Mr. P Mullen informed Members that there is a specific list of persons who have a legal obligation to report concerns and clarification is being sought on this nationally in respect of the functions of the Local Authority.

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan, Mr. P Mullen informed Members if a concern arises outside of the Council, it would be appropriate and important to report same to TUSLA or An Garda Síochána, given the importance of child protection.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, if various organisations that receive grants/funding from the Council are in compliance with Child Protection requirements, Members noted that there is guidance available from TUSLA on their website for organisations to assist with compliance.

Mr. Paddy Mullen confirmed that all Student Placements are being dealt with through the Human Resources Department to ensure compliance.

2. Attendance of National Roads Design Office – bypass signage

Members welcomed Mr. Fergus Towey from the National Roads Office to the workshop who invited Members to outline their concerns in relation to signage on the Bundoran Ballyshannon Bypass.

Cllr O'Neill submitted that the signs for Bundoran and Ballyshannon do not reflect the tourism amenities available in both towns. A lengthy discussion took place into what would be appropriate and also what would be acceptable in terms of the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) policy in relation to signage on national roads.

Following the discussion it was agreed that the Local Roads Office would draft a plan for signage for Ballyshannon and Bundoran in consultation with Fáilte Ireland with an emphasis on the Wild Atlantic Way and collective themes for the two towns for further discussion at a later workshop with Members.

3. Right Hand Turn-offs

In response to a query from Cllr Jordan, Mr. Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer, Roads / Transportation clarified the process to be followed where there are safety concerns in relation to Right Hand Turn-offs on National Roads. In the first instance this should be raised with the Local Roads Office.

4. Statement from Health Services Executive

Ms. B McBrearty referred to the request for a representative from the Health Service Executive to attend the workshop in relation to the Seaview Respite House in Mountcharles. She circulated a statement from the HSE which was received on the evening before the workshop, and noted by Members.

5. Assessment of Recent Irish Water Safety Risk Assessment of Tullan Strand, Bundoran and the Implementation of its Recommendations

Mr. David Friel circulated and presented the report on the Assessment of Recent Irish Water Safety Risk Assessment of Tullan Strand, Bundoran and the Implementation of its Recommendations. Members noted the report and a number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop.

6. Water onto Public Roads

Mr. M Sweeney referred to a recent discussion at Plenary Council in response to a motion submitted regarding water running onto public roads. He briefed Members in relation to the matter in this Municipal District noting that while there are extensive powers under the Roads Act to deal with it, where it occurs it is preferable to engage and work where possible with the effected landowners to reach a resolution. Mr. B O'Donnell also informed Members that there is an allocation of funding to assist with this matter in 2018 and if it proves successful,

that the Council would pursue funding in future years with the Department of Transport. A number of other comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop.

7. Proposal to name of a road after the late James White former TD and Hotelier

Ms. B McBrearty referred to a previous request to name a road in Ballyshannon after the late Mr. James White former T. D. and Hotelier and circulated a draft report for Members consideration. Members confirmed their agreement to the report, have the matter formally as an item on the agenda of the next MD meeting for formal approval. It was noted that the request, to name the road following approval from the Municipal District, will be referred to the Plenary Council for consideration.

8. Roadworks Programme 2018

Mr. M Sweeney presented the draft Roads Works Programme 2018 as circulated via e-mail to Members. A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the draft programme and a number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop. Mr. Sweeney agreed to review the programme to see if the Finner Road in Ballyshannon could be considered for 2018/2019 with some adjustment to the programme in this area. It was agreed that the 2018 Roads Work Programme will be formally approved at the next MD meeting on the 13th February 2018.

9. Old Fire Station in Donegal Town

Mr. G Martin briefed Members in relation to the old Fire Station in Donegal Town. He advised that given it had now become a Health and Safety hazard having fallen into disrepair, it was proposed to demolish it and extend the car park in the short term. He confirmed that the Roads Department would provide a costing to Members and it was agreed that the costs would be capitalised and funded from the Donegal Town carparking charges over a period. A number of comments were dealt with at the workshop.

10. Date for Planning Workshop

Ms. B McBrearty referred to the request from the Planning Service for a date for a workshop on the Local Area Town Plans. Following a discussion it was agreed that the workshop would be held on Thursday the 1st March 2018, in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC, commencing at 9.30 am.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update for 13th March 2018

1. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Grants
3. Housing Loans
4. TP Applications
5. Social Housing Support Programme
6. HAP Tenancies
7. Private Rented Inspections
8. Household Composition by MD & Area
9. Lease & Repair Scheme Summary
10. Turnkey Advert

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Appeal not granted
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant Deceased - Feb 2017	Schedule of works being finalised
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Case made to Dept for funding
6 Erne Street	Ballyshannon	2	16th January 2016	Case made to Dept for funding
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Works completed
16 Ernedale Heights	Ballyshannon	3	keys received 15/9/17	Tender being prepared
32 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	13/07/2017	Referred for inspection
SI Tullintain	Bruckless	3	06 February 2017	Tendered
91 Slieve League Avenue	Carrick	2	06 May 2017	Tendered
7 Railway Park	Donegal	3	19/06/2017 (keys handed back to office)	Works commenced
7 O'Cleirigh Avenue	Donegal Town	1	Keys returned to office on 24/07/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
28 Millrace Crescent	Donegal Town	3	Keys returned to office by post on 28/12/2017	Referred for inspection
211 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
216 Castleview	Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Schedule of works to be prepared
3 Coughlan Avenue	Frosses	1	Keys returned to office on 26/09/2017	Works completed
SI Legnawley Glebe, Croagh	Inver	2	4th October 2016 (tenant deceased)	Tendered
4 Pairc Rath an Aonaigh	Laghey	3	Keys returned to office on 22/09/2017	Schedule of works being finalised
SI Gortward	Mountcharles	3	Tenant Deceased on 20/12/2016	Extension ready for tender
9 St Patricks Terrace	Pettigo	3	2/2/2017 - tenancy surrendered	No suitable need
14 Termon Villas	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	No immediate need
2 Bircog	Pettigo	1	04/03/2016	Advertised for Choice-based letting
28 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	3	15/02/2018	Tendered
SI Loughhead	Killybegs	3	12/02/2018	Works completed - yet to be signed off
11 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	21/12/2017	Schedule of works to be prepared

Position as at 1st March 2018

HOUSING GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2017	71	58	10	1	2
HO	2018	9	0	0	2	7

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2017	57	16	21	2	1	0	17
HD	2018	6	0	0	0	1	0	5

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2017	7	1	4	0	2
HM	2018	0	0	0	0	0

HOUSING LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided
Housing Loans	2017	1	1	0	0
Housing Loans	2018	3	0	1	2

Tenant Purchase Applications 2017 - 2018

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2017	7	0	1	0	6	1
2018	5	0	5	0	0	0

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 1st March 2018										
Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total	Status				
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con	Completed
Building Programme 2015 - 2017										
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2	24	24	01/07/2016	Apr-18		
Killybegs	2	3	4		9	9	29/01/2017	Feb-18		
Purchases 2018										
CAS 2016/2017										
2 Com Group Homes					2			Apr-18		
1 Com Group Home							Alternative site being examined			
CALF Approved										
Ernedale Heights Ballyshannon					11		Works ongoing			May-18

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	189
Letterkenny	662
Glenties	144
Stranorlar	267
Inishowen	394
Sub Total	1656
Tenancies Closed	594
Overall Total	2250

Private Rented Dwellings Inspected at 1st March 2018

1456

Municipal District		0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Donegal	Ballintra	0	2	5	1	1	0	9
	Ballyshannon	0	5	47	7	3	0	62
	Bruckless	0	2	3	0	1	0	6
	Bundoran	0	2	41	18	2	0	63
	Carrick	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
	Donegal	1	7	83	30	3	0	124
	Drimarone	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
	Dunkineely	0	1	3	2	0	0	6
	Frosses	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
	Glencolmille	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Inver	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Killybegs	0	1	17	2	1	1	22
	Laghey	0	0	7	3	0	0	10
	Mountcharles	0	0	7	4	1	0	12
Pettigo	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	
Total		1	20	225	71	12	1	330

Lease & Repair Scheme Summary						
	Applications					
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	12	15	12	0	0	12
Donegal	8	24	1	7	0	8
Glenties	7	7	3	4	0	7
Letterkenny	17	18	9	8	0	17
Stranorlar	6	20	6	0	0	6
Total	50	84	31	19	0	50
Updated 05/02/2018						



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

**Donegal County Council is requesting:
Proposals for the Provision of Social Housing
through Turnkey Acquisition**

The Council is seeking to acquire social housing through turnkey developments in County Donegal. The Council is therefore seeking proposals from Developers who are in a position to deliver such units within a reasonable timescale. Proposals are invited for the supply of housing units for social housing in the following towns:

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| 7 Ballybofey/Stranorlar | 16 Moville |
| 8 Convoy | 17 Newtowncunningham |
| 9 Lifford | |

Further details are available on the www.etenders.ie website, RFT 130513.

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Housing Capital Update Report

Donegal Municipal District

March 2018

1. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council considers the turnkey model to be an effective and efficient means of providing quality social housing and meeting the housing need whilst encouraging economic development and employment at a local level.

The Council is currently seeking to acquire social housing through turnkey developments. Proposals are now being accepted from Developers who are in a position to deliver (i) completed units, (ii) units under construction and (iii) units to be constructed on suitable sites, within a reasonable timescale. A total of seventeen towns have been included in the process and proposals will be accepted via etenders until 4pm on the 29th March 2018. The attached advert has appeared in local papers and all relevant information can be obtained from etenders. The towns included in the Donegal MD are: Bundoran, Ballyshannon and Donegal Town.

This process is being conducted using a Competitive Dialogue process, enabling the Council to enter discussion and negotiate with bidders, in order to obtain the best possible outcome for the Council. This competition is a two-stage process whereby bidders considered successful following stage 1 (pre-qualification) will be issued with an Invitation to Participate in Dialogue in stage 2 of the process. This will mark the start of the Dialogue Stage which will allow the Council to negotiate with bidders on issues such as specific need, design, specification and price etc.

It should be noted that proposals are subject to approval from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

2. Social Housing Developments

The following capital projects are progressing through the departmental approval process to assist in addressing the social housing needs in the Donegal Municipal District:

Killybegs This housing scheme consists of 9 units and Part VIII planning approval has been obtained. This scheme is currently at tender stage having received stage 3 approval from the DHPLG. Construction is due to commence in the third quarter of 2018.

Donegal Town This housing scheme consists of 34 units and part VIII planning approval has been obtained. Detailed designs and tender documentation are now being progressed and is expected to be tendered in April / May 2018.

3. House Acquisition Programme

The House Acquisition Programme is continuing in 2018 and the Donegal MD Housing Office will continue to identify suitable properties in various locations as required. This Programme is primarily funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.



**Comhairle Contae
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2018 Regional & Local Road Restoration Maintenance Programme

Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €147,714

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-263-16	Malinmore - Malinbeg	Killybegs	S/D	2018	750	5	3,797	€20,883	
2	R	R-230 - 4	Braidge	Killybegs	S/D	2018	590	4	2,655	€14,600	
3	R	R-230-7	Crove	Killybegs	S/D	2018	800	6	4,800	€26,400	
4	R	R262/5	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	500	6	2,750	€13,088	
5	R	R231-3	Rossnowlough Rd	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	900	7	6,300	€31,184	
6	R	R233	Lough Derg Rd	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,200	€26,000	Started
7	R	R232	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	S/D	2018	500	6	3,000	€15,559	Started

Total Amount €147,714

Local Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €495,818

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L	LP -1185-3	Ballymoon	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
2	LP	LP-1085-1	Cappagh - Rinnakill	Killybegs	S/D	2018	750	4	2,667	€12,000	
3	LS	LP- 1315-3	Stragar	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
4	LS	LP- 1395	Meenabrock/ Calhame 2 Patches	Killybegs	S/D	2018	850	5	4,442	€19,990	
5	LP	L-5195-1	Cuskry Glebe	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
6	LS	L-1015-2	Meenacross	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	3	3,000	€13,500	
7	LS	L-1015-4	Stranagartan - Straboy	Killybegs	S/D	2018	800	4	2,800	€12,600	
8	LP	1535 / 3	Drumfinn	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,380	3	4,140	€18,630	
9	LP	1435/1	Dunkineely - St Johns Point (Dr Wood	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	870	4	3,480	€15,660	Started
10	LP	1685/2 & 16	Drimarone Chapel - Roes Bridge	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,650	4	5,775	€25,900	Started
11	LP	1845/2	Dummies Bridge - Altadoo	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,000	€22,500	
12	LS	6445/2	Ballydevitt - Newtown	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
13	LS	6605/1	Doonan	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	730	4	2,555	€11,498	
14	LP	1875/1	Salthill (Temples)	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	750	4	3,000	€13,000	
15	LS	LS7725-2	Skeegys	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,200	4	4,200	€18,900	
16	LS	LS7835-2	Derrykilliew	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,600	3	4,800	€21,600	
17	LP	P2485-3	Mullins	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,550	4	6,200	€27,900	
18	LS	LS7975-1	Killeen	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,100	4	3,850	€17,325	
19	LS	LS7785-2	Knader-Doobally	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,800	3	5,760	€25,920	
20	LS	LS7745-1	Tullymore	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	800	4	2,800	€12,821	
21	LP	LP2095-3	Copany	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	Started
22	LS	LS8035-2	Grousehall	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,300	4	4,550	€20,475	Started
23	LS	LS6745-1	Drumnenny Middle	Laghey	S/D	2018	600	4	2,100	€9,450	Started
24	LS	LS6795-1	Drumnahowl	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,100	4	3,850	€17,325	Started
25	LP	LP2125-2	Laghey Barr	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,100	4	4,400	€19,800	Started
26	LS	LS7165-2	Lisnapaste	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,000	€22,500	Started
27	LT	LT22655	Crocknacunny	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	4	3,500	€15,750	Started
28	LT	LT20851	Clarcarricknicknagun	Laghey	S/D	2018	600	4	2,400	€10,774	Started

Total Amount €495,818

Donegal Municipal District

2018 Agreed Restoration Improvement Programme

2018

Regional Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
7	R	R-262-2	Frosses Village - Gargrim	14 - Dunkineely	600	3,600	€77,000	
1	R	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	15 - Killybegs			€60,000	
2	R	R-263-14	Glencolmcille Streets	15 - Killybegs	500	3,000	€38,000	
3	R	R-263-9	Cuskery-Bogagh Road (patch)	15 - Killybegs	70	500	€12,500	Started
4	R	R-263-11	Meenaveen Junction (patch)	15 - Killybegs	80	640	€12,000	
5	R	R230- 6	Meeaneary	15 - Killybegs	450	2,700	€60,500	
6	R	R363- 4	Kill height, Larghy	15 - Killybegs	300	1,800	€32,018	
8	R	R267-6	Bundoran Rd	16 - Ballyshannon	280	2520	€50,400	
9	R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16 - Ballyshannon	500	3000	€80,000	
10	R	R267	Ballyshannon Street Patches	16 - Ballyshannon			€15,000	
11	R	R920-1	Beleek Bridge	16 - Ballyshannon	65	481	€9,620	
12	R	R231	Rossnowlough RD	16 - Ballyshannon	350	2100	€42,000	
13	R	R267	Bundoran Streets	16 - Ballyshannon			€40,000	
14	R	R232-7	Pettigoe Rd	17 - Laghey	500	4000	€111,580	Started
15	R	R232	Pettigoe Rd Patches	17 - Laghey	500	3000	€80,000	Started
16	R	R267	Donegal Streets	17 - Laghey	75	525	€10,500	
17	LT	TBC	Drumcoagh (I Corrigan)	17 - Laghey	900	3150	€40,948	Satrted

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Local Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LP	L-1425-2/3/4	St. John's Point	14 - Dunkineely	160	600	€47,890	Started
2	LP	L-1915-1	Ogherbeg - Gortlosky / Winterhill	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,800	€45,600	
3	LP	L-1815-4&5	Ardbane - Drumboarty	14 - Dunkineely	1,200	4,200	€50,000	
4	LS	L-6385-1/2	Drumkeelan - Dromore (Mick Griffin)	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€40,900	Started
5	LS	L-6445-1	Ballydevitt - Newtown	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,500	€42,000	
6	LP	L-1845-4	Doonan - Ballydevitt Junction	14 - Dunkineely	880	5,456	€80,000	
7	LP	L-1625-1	Cranny Road - Bonnyglen	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,200	€40,000	Started
8	LS	L-5935-2/3	Mullaboy's - Gortaward	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,500	€40,000	
9	LP	L-1885-1	Glen Mt Charles - Hall Demense	14 - Dunkineely	800	4,000	€48,000	
10	LS	L-6015/1	Sallows - Disert	14 - Dunkineely	1,200	4,200	€50,000	
11	LP	L-1715/1	Letterbarrow C/R - Drimarone chape	14 - Dunkineely	820	3280	€35,000	Started
12	LS	L-6435-1	Tullinagreena - Orbeg (In The Farme)	14 - Dunkineely	850	4,800	€32,000	
13	LP	LP-1025-2	Meenaveen - Malinmore	15 - Killybegs	700	3,500	€65,000	
14	LP	L-1325-1	Commons - Dohertys Road	15 - Killybegs	700	3,150	€50,400	
15	LS	L-5325-1	Croaghbeg	15 - Killybegs	675	2,025	€32,400	
16	LS	L-5285-1	Ballymoon - Crownrudda	15 - Killybegs	600	1,800	€28,800	
17	LS	L-5185-1	Straleel - Stranakirk	15 - Killybegs	2,000	6,000	€58,000	
18	LP	L-1205-1	Fintra Beach Road	15 - Killybegs	300	1,350	€25,000	Started
19	LP	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	15 - Killybegs	300	1,800	€28,800	
20	LP	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	200	1,200	€22,000	Started
21	LP	L-1365-4	Tullinteane	15 - Killybegs	500	1,500	€24,000	
22	LS	L-5535-1	Castlereagh	15 - Killybegs	700	2,100	€33,600	
23	LP	L-1085-1	Ranakill Teelin	15 - Killybegs	750	2,625	€32,000	
24	LP	L-1315-1	Commons road	15 - Killybegs	1,000	4,500	€40,000	Started
25	LP	LP2515-1	Magheracar	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3000	€42,000	Started
26	LS	LS7515-1	Ardeelan	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2800	€37,800	
27	LS	LS79251	Ardfarn	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2700	€36,450	Started
28	LP	LP2225-1	Ballydermott	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3000	€40,500	
29	LS	LS7725-1	Ballymacaward	16 - Ballyshannon	1500	4500	€69,750	Started
30	LS	LS7475-1	Ballinacarrick	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2400	€33,600	
31	LP	LP2385-1	Creedy	16 - Ballyshannon	800	3200	€41,600	
32	LP	L2555-1	The Battery	16 - Ballyshannon	220	880	€17,600	
33	LS	LS7245-1	Glasbolie	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€60,060	Started
34	LS	LS7445-1	Ballinacarrick Bradlieve	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3200	€41,847	
35	LP	LP1955-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	500	2500	€32,500	Started
36	LS	LS6865-1	Raneany East	17 - Laghey	1100	3575	€46,475	Started
37	LT	LT18353	Bensons Hill	17 - Laghey	800	2600	€33,800	Started
38	LS	LS6865-2	Trumman East	17 - Laghey	1000	3500	€45,500	Started
39	LS	LS7325-1	Rath Mt	17 - Laghey	1450	5075	€60,900	Started
40	LS	LS6795-1	Drumnahowl	17 - Laghey	1000	3500	€45,500	Started
41	LT	LT22653	Carn Graveyard	17 - Laghey	800	2800	€36,400	Started
42	LP	LP2265-2	Crocknacunny	17 - Laghey	1300	5200	€67,600	Started
43	LS	L-6695-1	Lurganboy	17 - Laghey	800	5600	€112,000	Started
							€2,665,338	

Donegal Municipal District					
Development Contribution Scheme Funded Capital Improvement Works					
Programme of works					
Proposed works					
Engineering Area	Location	Road No	Description of works	Budget per Engineering Area	Status
14	Mountcharles	L-2615-1	Footpath repairs in Mountcharles	€11,250.00	Q1 2018
15	Carrick	R-263	Surfacing and ducting works outside the Church in Carrick	€11,250.00	Started
16	Ballyshannon	R-267	Footpath repair works at West Port Ballyshannon.	€11,250.00	Completed
17	Pettigoe	R-232	Footpath repair works outside the Church in Pettigoe	€11,250.00	Completed
				€45,000.00	

Donegal Municipal District							
2017 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List							
Tranche 2 Funding							
Area	Budget	Priority No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Local Contribution paid	Status
14	€178,964.09	1	170261	€23,241.50	€171,143.00	No	
		2	170250	€23,874.00		Yes	Started
		3	170264	€23,747.50		Yes	Started
		4	170005	€17,744.50		Yes	Started
		5	170654	€23,598.00		Yes	Started
		6	170184	€49,450.00		Yes	Started
		7	170112	€9,487.50		Not yet requested	
15	€138,851.45	1	170327	€11,854.00	€138,699.00	Yes	Started
		2	170873	€17,250.00		No	
		3	170185	€11,500.00		Yes	
		4	170699	€11,270.00		Yes	
		5	171041	€40,250.00		Yes	
		6	170647	€25,875.00		Yes	Started
		7	170876	€20,700.00		Not yet requested	
16	€52,454.99	1	170899	€11,500.00	€50,876.00	Yes	Started
		2	170897	€15,226.00		Yes	
		3	170204	€20,700.00		Yes	
		4	170270	€3,450.00		Not yet requested	
17	€117,252.33	1	170878	€32,099.38	€114,680.31	Yes	
		2	170661	€13,652.80		Yes	Started
		3	170411	€54,337.50		Yes	Completed
		4	170656	€14,590.63		Not yet requested	
Total	€487,522.86			Total	€475,398.31		

Funding to repair flood damage sustained from rainfall event 22nd/ 23rd August 2017

Local Authority Donegal County Council

Donegal Municipal District - Flood Damage

Road Class	Road Number	Municipal District	Engineering Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Description of Flood Damage	Description of Proposed Repair Works	Length	Width	Estimated Cost	Engineering Area Totals	Status	
Local	L1865-25	Donegal EA	14	Ballydevitt-Haugh	Damage cause to bridge abutment	Bridge repair, Lower the river bed downstream of bridge	5m		€20,000.00	€23,000.00	Q1 2018	
Local	L6335	Donegal EA	14	Eglish Bridge	Landslide up stream has closed the mouth of Bridge. Unclear at this stage if damage has been caused to Bridge	Clear blockages & inspect bridge			€3,000.00		Completed	
Local	L7195-1	Donegal EA	16	Crookahanny	Road Flooded -Rutted	Wetmix, double surface dress and drainage	700m	3m	€35,000.00	€57,000.00	Q1 2018	
Local	L2295-1	Donegal EA	16	Rossnowlough Upper	Road flooded, Surface damage and Potholes	Raise and resurface 2 sections of road. Upgrade drainage	130m	5.5m	€22,000.00		Q1 2018	
Local	L-6775-1	Donegal EA	17	Drumlast	50m of road edge collapsed into drain	Place road drainage and crossing	60m		€9,000.00	€92,150.00	Q1 2018	
Local	L-18353	Donegal EA	17	Benson Hill	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	750m	3.5m	€39,500.00		Started	
Local	L-18352	Donegal EA	17	Goladoo	Side of road washed away	Pipe drain and reconstruct road/verge	20m	3.5m	€6,000.00		Started	
Local	L-80652	Donegal EA	17	Lettercran	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	300m	3.5m	€15,750.00		Started	
Local		Donegal EA	17	Corracrump	Road edge washed away	Drainage along road edge and reinstate verge	300m		€9,000.00		Q1 2018	
Local	L-2035-1	Donegal EA	17	Legacurry	Road flooded due to undersized road crossing and surface washed away	Reinstate road stone and surface dress, upsize road crossing	150m	3.5m	€12,900.00		Q1 2018	
											€172,150.00	

Donegal Municipal District

2018 LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Low cost safety measures						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
14	Killybegs	Donegal Road, Killybegs	R263	€30,000.00	Safety Improvement Works outside St Catherines Vocational School	Design stage
16	Ballyshannon	Assaroe Road & Allingham Road	R267 & R926	€30,000.00	Upgrade of pedestrian crossings at the Bridge End roundabout.	Not started

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Roads & Transportation Directorate Public Lighting and Energy Efficiency

Public Lighting Update

Prepared by : Central Technical Services Team
Date : March 2018

BACKGROUND

On approval by the Elected Members of agreement to seek a €13 million loan for LED replacement programme to address the matter of cessation of production of SOX type lamp bulbs currently used in 9,000 of public lights and to facilitate the Council in achieving its public lighting energy efficiency target of 33% by 2020, the Director of Service advised that an update would be provided in relation to the scale of works and programme details. The work and loan drawdown will be staged over a five year period with the proposed funding drawdown schedule as set out as follows :

Year One	€2.0 million	
Year Two	€3.8 million	
Year Three	€1.0 million	(completion of SOX replacement programme)
Year Four	€3.0 million	
<u>Year Five</u>	<u>€3.2 million</u>	(completion of the LED retrofit programme)
TOTAL	€13.0 million	

INVENTORY

All route lighting in Donegal is the responsibility of the Council. Over the last 2 years a full inventory of all public lights in Donegal has been completed and the process undertaken has identified approximately 17,500 public lights in the county. This number will continue to grow as the process of taking in charge of housing estates continues.

MANAGEMENT

In 2017 a new management system was introduced to aid in the efficient management of Council's lighting stock. The public lighting management system (DeadSure) provides numerous functions to the Council –

- to assist in the maintenance programme
- reporting of lights out/damage through the Council's web page
- reporting on nature and types of lights
- identification of the most appropriate programme of works to improve energy efficiency across the public lighting network.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- The National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) sets out the Government's commitment to meet a 20% reduction in energy consumption by 2020. In order to meet this target and to lead by example, the Government has challenged the Public Sector to achieve a more ambitious target of a 33% reduction over the same period.
- Investment in the replacement of public road lighting assets will support the Government in addressing the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan targets. A significant proportion of local authority energy use relates to public lighting – circa 50% nationwide. In this regard there are approximately 435,000 local authority public lights which consume 205GWh of electricity per annum.
- The international trend in this area is towards retrofitting with LEDs, an established energy efficient lighting technology with the potential to achieve energy reduction. In addition to the immediate energy savings, ongoing maintenance cost savings also accrue due to the LED lanterns' expected longer lifespan (LEDs are expected to last up to 20 years, compared with the typical 3 – 4 years for traditional lanterns).
- Currently the national expenditure relating to public lighting is circa €57m/annum which comprises of €31.7m on Energy, €21.7 on Maintenance and €3.4m on Improvement. In Donegal, the annual energy cost is approximately €1 million while the maintenance cost is approximately €700,000. Improvement works (LED upgrades) during 2016/2017 totaled €750,000

BENEFITS OF LED LIGHTS

The benefits of improving the efficiency of our lighting stock through the replacement of the traditional SOX/SON type light bulbs with LED light bulbs has been well documented :

- Reduction of Carbon Emissions
- Assists Donegal County Council achieve their energy reduction goals
- Reduced Annual Maintenance and Light Fault reporting numbers
- Improved Public Service and Perception
- Improved Lighting Standards
- Reduced funding resources required to service Public Lighting sector

ENERGY REQUIREMENT FOR 2020 TARGET – PHASE 1 (2015-2017)

- Starting baseline is 17,500 lights with power usage of 7,000,000 kWhr (350 kWhr per light on av.)
- Target to reduce energy consumption by 2020 – reduce the energy use by 33% = 33% of 7million kWhr = 2,310,000 kWhr reduction. As the reduction in energy is anticipated at 50% of light power, a total of 13,200 lights must be targeted to achieve this power saving (13,200 lights @ 350 kWhr per light @ 50% = 2,310,000 kWhr)
- Progress to date (Jan 2018) has resulted in the retrofit of 1827 lights resulting in a power saving of 570,978 kWhr (which equates to approx 25% of Donegal County Council's overall target)

ENERGY REQUIREMENT FOR 2020 TARGET – PHASE 2 (2018-2020)

Going forward and for the remaining 3 years of the target period, the Council requires the LED retrofit of 11,355 lights and 1,987,000 kWhr energy savings to achieve an overall 33% reduction. Thereafter a further 2 years of funding (TII/Loan/OR) should see the remainder of the Donegal Route Lighting retrofitted to LED.

<i>Funding Strategy</i>	<i>LED Replacements</i>	<i>Energy Saving Kwhr</i>	<i>Comment</i>
250k loan fund 2018	570 lights	99,750	Targeted at SOX replacements
OR maintenance budget 2018	500 lights	87,500	Targeted at SOX replacements
Tii Nationals Application 2018	455 lights	77,700	Application submitted Feb 2018
NW TII Bypass Project 2018	350 lights	61,250	Due to complete in Sept 2018
TII other PL programmes 2019/2020	500 lights	87,500	DeadSure will assist in ongoing prioritising of projects with high cost benefit analysis
Donegal County Council €13m loan – YR 1-3 valued at €6.8m Loan	9,000 lights (all sox)	1,575,000	All SOX lights replaced
Summary Phase 2 – end of 2020	11,364 lights	1,988,700	All sox replaced and 33% achieved
Donegal County Council €13m loan – YR 4-5 valued at €6.2m Loan – remaining lights, designs and infills, pole replacement, new timing technology, etc	4,298 lights	754,075	At this point total energy saving per annum vs baseline of 2017 will be 3.3m kWhr @ 11cent per kWhr = €363k per annum energy reduction

Completion of this programme of works will achieve the Council's Energy Target of 33% reduction in power/energy (2,310,000 kwhr) usage for Route Lighting by end of 2020 and will ensure all SOX type light bulbs are replaced with LED throughout the county.

SUMMARY

- The immediate issue concerns the 9,000 SOX lamps. The full solution would require the replacement of the bulb and the replacement of the housing unit together with rewiring. A lesser solution would be to just replace the existing bulb with a new LED bulb. The estimate for the cost of the full solution is €800 per light and the estimate for the lesser solution is €350 per light. It is proposed that:
 1. All SOX lights in towns and villages and along public roads be planned based on the full replacement of all parts; and,
 2. All SOX lamps in housing estates be examined and where suitable that the existing fittings be retained and where deemed unsuitable, that these be fully replaced. At this stage, it is estimated that 50% of the housing estate lights will fall into each category
- It is proposed that all retro fits for first 3 years will be generally lamp replacement only. Once this programme is completed, the details of the upgrades required on the network overall will be examined and a specific design solution for the particular light and the adjoining string of lights can be developed and may include the following additional items:
 1. the replacement of the light bracket if unsuitable or too rusty;
 2. the replacement of the light pole;
 3. the fitting of an isolation box or switch; and,
 4. other ancillary parts such as fuses, wiring and so on depending on the unique circumstances.
 5. Fitting/upgrading of technology to facilitate dimming/trimming options
 6. Infill to achieve design standards
- Current cost of public lighting power is approx 11cent per kwhr
- Total energy reduction will result in € saving on reduction of power 2.31 million kwhr PER ANNUM of estimated €280,000 once after 3 years (based on 2017 baseline) with all SOX replaced and 2020 energy target achieved.

- Other savings options going forward – ongoing LED replacement (remaining 4,298), dimming/trimming, policy on rural lights, streamlined specification on poles etc from RMO, introduction of new tariffs from Energia, etc
- Once all lights are LED, it is anticipated that the Council will achieve a €363,000 energy cost saving per annum (from baseline year 2017)

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The RMO shared-service is working on a national approach to SOX replacement (from a contract management point of view) and has advised that all funding must come from the Local Authorities themselves (through Loan Approval). The RMO has confirmed that the programmed timescale of Q3 2019 is set for the first maintenance and LED bulb replacement contract in the Donegal Region through their framework process.

Since ESB divested itself of public lighting (to AUS) in 2009, Donegal County Council has maintained AUS as its maintenance contractor – the contract has been extended several times. During that time, many other LAs have publicly tendered their maintenance contract. The upshot of this is that while still a big player in the market, AUS is no longer the only operator in the field.

The Council has considered how best to tender this upgrade work (*SOX replacement and other upgrade works*) and the general ongoing maintenance of public lighting between now and early 2020 with yearly options to continue until such time as the national plan is available and it is convenient to switch over to. The Council intends joining the national plan as soon as possible when it is available to operate in Donegal (estimated 2019 Q3). This interim tendering work may be a blended approach to allow the Council to have a tender competition and still keep our lights working and get some new upgrade work done.

Donegal County Council proposes to proceed with a tender in tandem with an existing contractor combination to immediately commence the SOX replacement programme, manage the ongoing repair and maintenance of our asset and prepare for the future route lighting improvement works programme.

Donegal County Council shall prepare to tender for a 5 year contract in the coming months to ensure compliance with procurement rules, but with an 1 year contract

period with options for 4 additional 1 year add-ons. This will enable the Council to switch-over onto a national plan at a subsequent milestone in early 2020 or a future year beyond 2020 to allow for any unforeseen slippage in the national schedule.

LOAN DRAWDOWN PROCESS

The Council shall now arrange for the loan set up to draw-down the first stage of €2.0 million as soon as possible and have the second stage of €3.8 million approved and ready for drawn-down in 2019 (a separate decision will be required prior to activating the draw-down stage.)

PLANNED PROGRAMME – DEADSURE

1. The locations of the LED upgrade work in each year will need consideration so that it can be done efficiently. This will most likely mean identifying towns and completing them fully in one batch rather than doing locations piecemeal at scattered locations. DeadSure functionality allows the system to assess all bulbs, their locations and their efficiency and recommends an order of priority for best value for money for retrofit investment. In addition to this process, consideration will be given to completing work in blocks and spread across each Municipal District. Other elements such as number of lights, population/size of town, condition of lights, or otherwise may assist in finalising the programme plan, such that the work programme is formed on a rational basis with cost effectiveness and efficiency at its core.
2. This is a significant block of work and consideration will be required as to the support and staffing required to oversee same.

RMO NATIONAL APPROACH

In parallel to the work of Donegal County Council, the RMO will continue to examine appropriate procurement and finance structures to deliver best value for money, will procure regional maintenance contracts and will negotiate a Service Level Agreement with ESN for energy costs into the future

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – UPGRADING TO LED – PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND FUNDING

Work on implementing upgrades to LED lighting has been ongoing since late 2016 and is now underway on several fronts:

TII Funding

1. A pilot project to upgrade lighting on national route bypasses in the North West Region is currently in train (promoted and fully funded by TII) with Mayo Co Co acting as lead Authority. In Donegal, the Bundoran/Ballyshannon and Donegal Town Bypasses are included. Delivery is currently scheduled for Q3 2018. The scheme will deliver on the upgrade of approx 350 lights
2. The National Routes Public Lighting LED upgrade programme (annual) – Applications are submitted annually for LED upgrades on National Route Lighting – the TII assess the applications and award funding primarily on the basis of potential for energy efficiency gains. In 2017 Donegal County Council was successful in its bid for funding and received funding of €290,455 to retrofit 330 LED lights. The next closing date for submissions is 26th February 2018 and the Council will submit the following schemes:

<i>2018 Projects submitted for TII funding</i>	<i>New Lights</i>	<i>Funding Estimate</i>	<i>MD</i>	<i>Payback</i>
N13 Manorcunningham Roundabout to Derry Border	119	64,648.47	LMD/IMD	4 years
N15 Lifford to Stranorlar (ties in with 2017 project)	116	60,968.77	SMD	6 years
N56 Falcarragh	31	21,401.40	GMD	4 years
N56 Gortahork	49	29,454.35	GMD	5 years
N13 Stranorlar (McClay's Corner) to Dry Arch Rabout inclusive	63	32,011.86	LMD/SMD	5 years
N14 Manor Roundabout (ex.) to Lifford	36	22,502.28	LMD/SMD	4 years
N56 Frosses jct to Bruckless village	41	24,444.95	DMD	4 years
Total	455	255,432.08		

Further assessment and design is awaited for Meenacuing, N56 with 30 lights at a cost of €81,578 to assist TII in assessment of same for funding (application made in 2017).

Donegal County Council Loan Funding Programmes

From mid 2016 and through 2017, a significant programme of LED upgrade works across the county has been advanced through the Council's maintenance contract with AUS. These upgrades are spread across all five municipal districts. In each MD, projects are split between public roads and housing estates. At the outset, over 60 different locations were earmarked for upgrade. Some of those were subsequently found to be unsuitable, e.g. column locations in some housing estates were found to be too poorly spaced to deliver a worthwhile job, or column condition was poor. Alternative locations within the MD were chosen instead.

For the next 5 years, the Council approved loan for public lighting will be utilized to fund the LED retrofit of the remaining lighting stock and any major defects currently preventing change of bulbs. The funding will be spent under 2 programmes :

1 - The SOX light bulb replacement programme (9,000 lights) will commence first (due to the cessation of manufacture of said light bulbs from 2019 or sooner) – this will be spread over 2/3 years. It should be noted that historically roughly 2,000 SOX bulbs go out and get replaced each year. This pace could still lead to issues with fused bulbs in locations where the programme might not get to for many months but it is expected that we will build up a stock of used SOX bulbs as we progress and these used bulbs will provide an option to be reused in the other locations until such time as the programme catches up. The replacement of the 9,000 SOX lamps is estimated to cost €6.8 million based on the 50% criteria mentioned above and having no allowance for replacement of poles or brackets.

2 – the Close Out LED Retrofit Programme which will address the LED retrofit of the remaining light types thereafter and will deal with civil works/column replacement/fitting replacement/etc.

Donegal County Council 3 year Footpath/Public Lighting Programme

This programme was approved by Elected Members of Donegal County Council and shall commence in 2018 with a focus on infill/repair/redesign of public lighting in

town/village locations. A detailed programme is anticipated shortly from the MDs for consideration and input from the Public Lighting team. It is estimated that between €1.2million and €1.4million will be allocated to this programme until 2020. The cost of switching is typically in the region of €600 - €1,000 per light, depending on circumstances. It is recommended that the upper end of the cost scale be used when MD teams are estimating works costs for the new Footpath/Public Lighting Programme.

Donegal County Council Annual Maintenance Budget

In addition to the above targeted expenditure, ongoing upgrade works being undertaken as part of the normal maintenance programme which is now focusing on switching to LED bulbs, which will result in significantly more lights being upgrade to LED on an ongoing basis.

A Programme of SOX / LED retrofit locations to be confirmed once assessment processed completed.

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Central Technical Services Division
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Supplementary Note to Public Lighting Update March 2018

SOX/LED Retrofit Programme - details

The proposed programme of SOX / LED retrofit locations assessment process has been completed. The programme is spread over 3 years with funding allocated as per agreed drawdown process of €2m (yr 1), €3.8m (yr 2) and €1m (yr 3). The number of SOX lights in the county has been identified and broken down into MDs and their town/villages. The number of SOX per MD over the total number of SOX has been calculated and the proportion of SOX replacements per annum is based broadly and where possible to match this percentage per annum. The priority of towns/villages has been essentially based on volume of SOX lights within same. The programme is attached.

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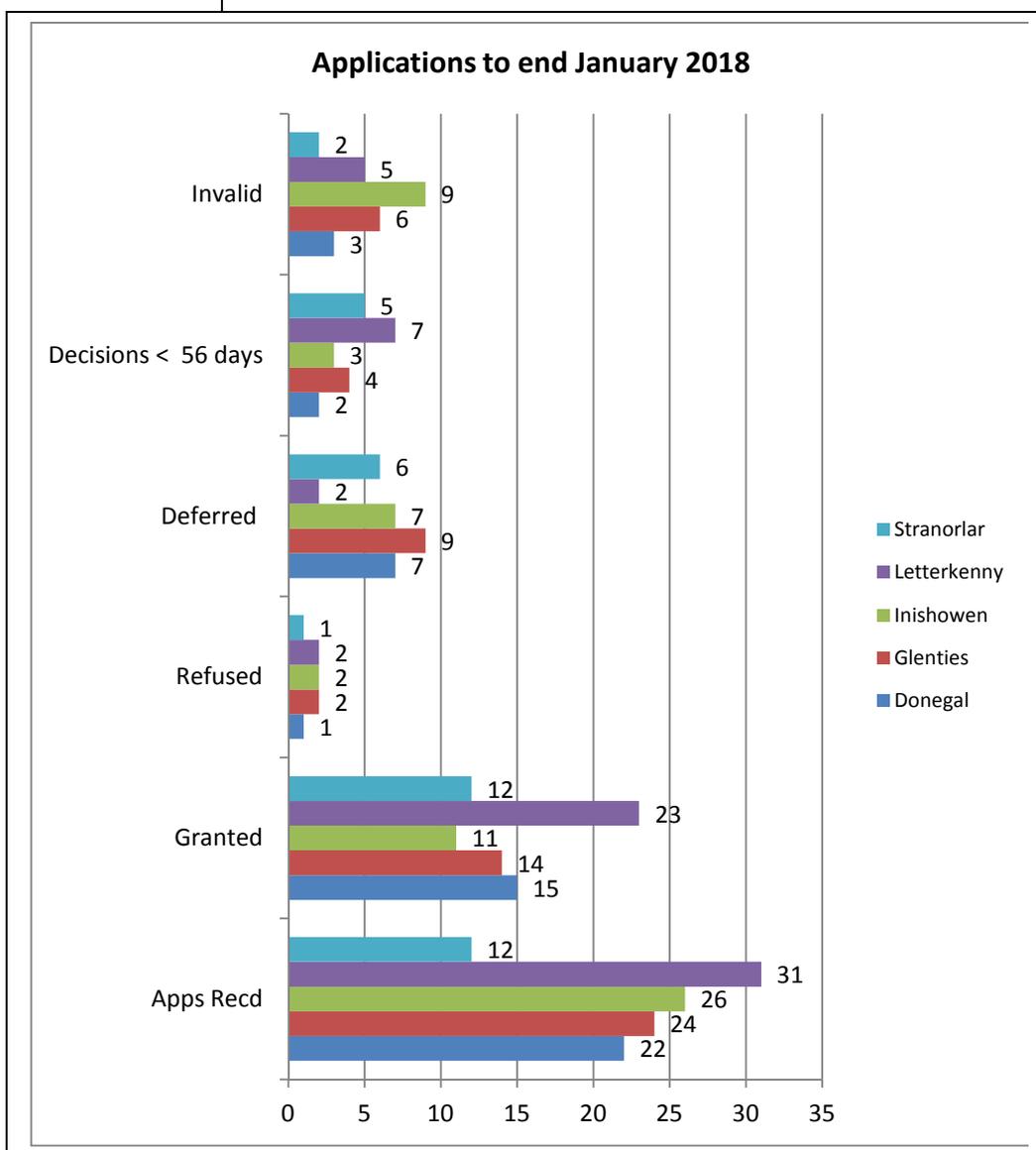
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Donegal MD Meeting
13th March 2018

Item	Update
1 Development Applications	
(1) Statistics	County Totals Year to End January 2018:
	Applications received 115
	Granted 75
	Refused 8
	Deferred 31
	Decided in under 2 months 21
	Invalid 25





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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	Planning Clinics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th March 2018 • 18th April 2018 								
4	Central Planning Unit									
	(1) County Development Plan Review Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further to the Members' Resolution at the adjourned Plenary Council meeting on 13th December, 2017, to publish for public consultation 40 no. material alterations to the Draft CDP, and completion of work on the SEA and AA, the Material Alterations were published for public consultation on Friday 9th February, 2018. 2. The period for public consultation is for 4 weeks (ie. from 9th February, 2018 until 8th March, 2018.) 3. The Chief Executive's report on observations or submissions must then be made within a further 4 week period ie. by 5th April, 2018. 4. The Members must complete their consideration of the CE report within 6 weeks (i.e. by 16th May 2018). In order to facilitate this process, the following arrangements were agreed at the Plenary Council meeting on 26th January, 2018: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plenary Workshop at 2pm on Monday 16th April, 2018; and b. Special Plenary Council meeting at 10.00am on Wednesday 9th May, 2018. 								
	(2) Local Area Plans	<p>Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan [for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe); Ballybofey-Stranorlar; Ballyshannon; Bridgend; Carndonagh; Donegal Town; and Killybegs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Plan was published on 24th November, 2017 with the public consultation period running until 24th January, 2018, inclusive of an extra week over and above that originally advertised. It is reasonable to state that the consultation campaign has been effective in that around 1000 no. submissions were received. 2. The Chief Executive's Report (CE Report) on the consultation period outcomes was submitted to Members on 23rd February, 2018. 								



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		<p>3. Members have maximum 6 weeks from the date of issuing of the CE Report to consider that Report. In order to facilitate this process, a round of MD workshops were arranged as detailed below (excluding Letterkenny MD) to enable detailed consideration of the CE Report.</p> <p>Stranorlar MD: 9.30am on Wed 28th February, 2018 Inishowen MD: Tuesday 6th March, 2018 Glenties: Wednesday 7th March, 2018 Donegal MD: Proposed date Fri 9th March, 2018 (re-arranged from cancelled 2nd March, 2018)</p> <p>4. Council consideration of report at scheduled Plenary Council meeting on 26th March, 2018.</p>
(3)	Letterkenny Local Area Plan	Initial preparatory work commenced on the Letterkenny Local Area Plan at the beginning of 2018 and this work is ongoing.
(4)	Proposed Additions to Record of Protected Structures	No further update.
(5)	Conservation Grant Schemes	<p>Applications for both the Built Heritage at Risk Scheme and the Structures at Risk Fund grants schemes closed on Friday 26th January 2018.</p> <p><u>Built Heritage at Risk Scheme</u> The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has allocated €50,000 to County Donegal under this scheme. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018 received 16 applications. All have now been assessed with the result that 10 applications have been submitted to the Department for its final adjudication.</p> <p><u>Structures at Risk Fund</u> The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has allocated €50,000 to County Donegal under this scheme. The Structures at Risk Fund 2018 received 9 applications. All have now been assessed with the result that 10 applications have been submitted to the Department for its final adjudication.</p>



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(6) Hericoast Project	<p>A Stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for week beginning 20th March, 2018; it will focus on the data collated to date including that from the WebApp, and also ongoing work with the International project team aligned to the production of a combined (with all the partners) series of report documents. These documents along with other regional outputs will inform the input of heritage management at an EU level, in advance of the European Maritime Day (Bulgaria) and the launch of the 'European Decade of Cultural Heritage' (Brussels) at which the project shall be presented later in 2018. It is of note that the Donegal HERICOAST video and Fanad Lighthouse feature on the landing page of the EU Interreg HERICOAST website; www.interregeurope.eu/hericoast</p> <p>Donegal County Council will be hosting the HERICOAST Workshop and meetings with the International partners from the 24th – 26th April 2018, and this is an opportunity to showcase the enormity of the coastal heritage asset we have. The 35 European delegates (approximately) will be based at the Shandon Hotel, following requisite procurement rules. The project team are working closely with Norway, the project lead, to agree on a schedule of meetings, events and field trips for the event, and the project team shall update the County Councilors when the detail becomes available.</p>
5 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 • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf



Municipal District of Donegal

13th March 2018

Community, & Development Division

REPORT

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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update – March 2018

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donealgathering.com																						
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.																						
Budget (if applicable)	N/A																						
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>All Time Stats (since 2012):</p> <p>Website Views: 712,478 Users: 315,797</p> <p>Website Views</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="643 1037 1179 1104"> <tr> <td>January 2018</td> <td>8,273 (up 42%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 2018</td> <td>8,716 (up 39%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Users</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="643 1171 1179 1238"> <tr> <td>January 2018</td> <td>3,701 (up 23%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 2018</td> <td>3,566 (up 9.5%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Top Views by Country in the last 30 days</p> <p>Stats for 30 days ending March 1, 2018 (Summarized)</p>  <table border="1" data-bbox="1270 1413 1473 1659"> <thead> <tr> <th>Country</th> <th>Views</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> Ireland</td> <td>3,826</td> </tr> <tr> <td> United Kingdom</td> <td>2,950</td> </tr> <tr> <td> United States</td> <td>1,410</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Canada</td> <td>165</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Germany</td> <td>159</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Australia</td> <td>146</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	January 2018	8,273 (up 42%)	February 2018	8,716 (up 39%)	January 2018	3,701 (up 23%)	February 2018	3,566 (up 9.5%)	Country	Views	Ireland	3,826	United Kingdom	2,950	United States	1,410	Canada	165	Germany	159	Australia	146
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update – March 2018

Activity / Project Title	Tourism Sectoral Forum Meeting
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council's Tourism Sectoral Forum comprises of representatives from Donegal County Council, Donegal Tourism Ltd, Fáilte Ireland, LYIT, NPWS, Údaras na Gaeltachta, tourism trade representatives and various tourism sectoral interest groups.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>The last meeting took place on Thursday, 15th February 2018 in Dillons Hotel in Letterkenny . The meeting was attended by 22 Members with apologies received from further 7 Members.</p> <p><u>Topics discussed/activities included:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation by Shane Toolan on behalf of the Cathedral Quarter Group- Holiday World Show 2018 – post-Show discussion and feedback- New Tourism Brochure – feedback and comments- Sectoral Updates <p><u>Current status:</u></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12th April 2018 at Donegal Airport.</p> <p>Schedule of the 2018 meetings is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday, 14th June – venue & time TBC• Thursday, 13th September – venue & time TBC• Thursday, 15th November – venue & time TBC
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Update from the meeting scheduled for Thursday, 12 th April 2018.
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Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity Report

Produced by Joy Harron – Marine Tourism Officer – Donegal County Council

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Officer co-ordinates several projects including MalinWaters, Capiten, Cool Route, WAOH (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage), ISLE tourism project, CEDRA, Wildsea Europe in addition to a number of maritime events and other development activities.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A – Multiple Budgets from Various Projects
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1 - inclusive of current status	<p>FLAG North Marine Projects The current funding call for FLAG North closed on 16th February and projects received to date will be assessed mid-March. Another funding call will open later in the Spring.</p> <p>MalinWaters Marketing Activity The funding call for MalinWaters events sponsorship closed on 28th February 2018. A total of 16 funding applications from maritime festivals and event's organisers have been received. These will be assessed in early March with a view to announcing funding in mid-March.</p> <p>Cool Route The Marine Tourism Officer presented the Cool Route project at the 'Tourism Connections' event organised by the NWRA (North West Regional Assembly) that took place on 27th February in Sligo. This event was attended by representatives from local authorities, organisations, educational bodies, agencies and SME's. It provided an opportunity to network and to discuss potential project partnerships.</p> <p>Derry City and Strabane District Council are working on the online information system for Cool Route. There are opportunities for SME's to sign up and get listed on this system. Details can be found on www.sailcoolroute.eu The next partner meeting of the Cool Route project will take place in April 2018 in Cork.</p> <p>ISLE Tourism Project</p>

The ISLE Tourism Project, led by Donegal County Council and partner Udáras na Gaeltachta has been successfully funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the CEDRA (Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas) programme.

Gaeltacht Public Workshop

A public workshop took place in Gweedore on 6th February to discuss the 'Tourism Impact Study' and to engage with local stakeholders and to gather opinions in relation to island and coastal marine tourism. The workshop was facilitated by David McNulty from Tourism Development International and was attended by 65 local people. Representatives from our partner organisation Udáras na Gaeltachta were in attendance. There was much debate and the outputs from the workshop will be included in the final report for the Tourism Impact Study that is due for completion at the end of March.

Island Photography

A procurement exercise has taken place and a photographer has been appointed to take photos of all the Donegal islands. The goal is to create a bank of good quality high resolution images of all the islands that will be available for use in online and print media.

There are several other elements to the ISLE Tourism project as follows:

- **The training course** – A Certificate in Local and Regional Guiding course with specific island and coastal tourism elements including sustainable tourism his ongoing at LYIT School of Tourism and will run until May 2018.
- **Signage for islands** - content for use on the signage for islands is in development and may feature a map highlighting key attractions, wildlife, walking routes etc.
- **Counters** – Visitor monitoring equipment has now been installed on Arranmore, Tory, Owey, Gola and Cruit. Data from the online 'Nomad' system is providing statistics on visitor numbers to the islands. This online system features a reporting and comparison functionality that provides very useful data.

Wildsea Europe

While EU funding for this project has ended, a board meeting took place on 21st February 2018 to discuss the future of the project. It has been decided that the network of partners will provide a financial contribution for 2018 to continue the marketing activity for the website and to provide a resource for the continued development of the booking engine that will provide support for SME's on booking management and also work on marketing activities. New partners have now joined the network including Forum Oceano (Portugal), Visit Cornwall, the

	<p>WCA (World Cetacean Alliance). The WAOH project which has been recently launched is the follow up to Wildsea Europe and will provide more EU funding to further develop the network.</p> <p>WHOA (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage Route) The WHOA project has been launched in Spain in February 2018 with a partnership meeting and Committee meeting taking place in La Toja. WAOH is the follow up project to Wildsea Europe and will utilise the existing www.wildsea.eu website to grow this in the future. The “WAOH Route: A Dive into Adventure” is the first, European, Sustainable Diving Route and network connecting world-class diving sites from the extreme south in Portugal and Spain to the far north, encompassing Ireland and UK, which embody common European shared values & heritage. The Route will promote Europe’s 5000 km of Atlantic, nautical coastline as a unique, transnational tourism itinerary and destination for divers & eco-tourists alike.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 2 2018 reporting period</p>	<p>Marine Tourism Conference A Marine Tourism Seminar will take place on the 8th March 2018 in the Shandon Hotel, Dunfanaghy. Keynote speakers include world adventurer Monty Halls, Naomh McElhatton, digital marketing expert from House of Comms, Thomas Furey from the Marine Institute, Beckey-Finn Britton from Clean Coasts and a local business case study provided by Jim Muldowney. The CE of Donegal County Council and Cathaoirleach will provide opening addresses at this event. The afternoon will feature a workshop facilitated by Naomh McElhatton on the development of online marketing strategy for marine tourism businesses. A number of organisations and agencies will be in attendance to provide promotional stands with information about their services and supports. 186 people have registered to attend.</p> <p>CAPITEN The EU funded CAPITEN project is now underway. Donegal County Council is responsible for a number of elements including the production of a Marketing Plan and a template of guidelines for event organisers. Terms of reference for the production of these are in development. Donegal County Council will also be responsible for the delivery of a number of supports for maritime festivals and events. Currently the partners are working together to decide on a format and application process for event support. More details will be available soon. The next meeting of the CAPITEN partnership will take place in June 2018.</p> <p>WAOH Project Donegal County Council is responsible for a number of elements of the WAOH project as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mapping of the WAOH route will involve the identification of key dive sites in the partner regions. A number of stakeholder engagement workshops across

County Donegal for this project.

- Development of a Marketing Plan for the route.
- A social media/familiarisation trip.
- Further development of the Wildsea.eu website.
- Information workshops.
- Participation at targeted trade shows with opportunities for local SME's to participate.

Cool Route

A company has been appointed to produce a new video promoting the Cool Route. Paid advertising on social media and Google Ad Words campaign is planned for Q2 in 2018. A new Commercialisation Plan for the Cool Route will be developed by the lead partner CIT. Discussions are underway in relation to applying for further NPA funding to continue to develop the Cool Route.

MalinWaters

A Marketing Plan and budget are in development for MalinWaters. This was pending the responses from partners in relation to membership and funding contribution for MalinWaters in 2018. 16 MalinWaters funding applications have been received from festivals and event's organisers from all the regions. These will be assessed in March 2018 following finalisation of the budgets. A meeting of the MalinWaters partnership will be held in March 2018. Further activities to promote the MalinWaters brand across a range of marketing platforms including e-mail, display, PPC, content, SEO and more will be ongoing in Q1 of 2018. More detailed reports will be available on the results of the marketing activity.

Marine Tourism Newsletter

Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter.

ISLE Tourism Project

Signage will be installed on the five islands as per the proposal set out for this project. New promotional materials for the islands are in development. A photographer has been appointed to create a new bank of images of the Donegal islands for use online and in promotional materials.

Blueway Opportunities

The possibility of creating sections of 'Blueway' in Donegal along our coastline is being investigated. Donegal County Council has been liaising with Waterways Ireland in relation to the development of Blueways.

SeaFest 2018

Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will be exhibiting at SeaFest 2018. This is an excellent opportunity to promote Donegal to both the domestic and international market and to

	<p>encourage visitors to travel to the North West over more commonly travelled routes to the south of Ireland. SeaFest 2017 attracted over 100k visitors and over 800 brochures, maps and other promotional materials were distributed at the event. A competition running at the stand in 2017 helped gather over 600 new contacts for the marketing e-mail database. Plans are underway for next year.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Joy Harron Marine Tourism Officer Donegal County Council Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="font-size: 0.8em;"> <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em;">Donegal</div> </div> <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: joyharron@donegalcoco.ie LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Donegal Town – Development Hub2. CEDRA Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail3. Communications – Cool Route Project4. Implementation of the Interpretative Strategy – Sliabh Liag
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal Town Hub - The broad elements to this Development Hub are Enterprise Development, Retail Strategy and Tourism</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cool Route Project</p> <p>The Cool Route Project – Cruising Oceans on Latitudes above 51 Degrees North – investigates all aspects of the potential to establish a yacht cruising route along the western offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area, stretching from Co. Cork in the South of Ireland, to the UK (Northern Ireland and Western Scotland) and onwards to the Faroe Islands and Norway. As an ecotourism product, exploiting the natural resources of the area in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally viable; this sea route will be marketed internationally and will have a common branding, booking and information system.</p> <p>The Cool Route Project is now calling on enterprises and businesses to register on the Cool Route. The self-registration process is free, fast and simple to complete in a few minutes (www.sailcoolroute.eu) and includes automatic mapping of your location, details of your products and services and a direct link to your own business or community website.</p> <p>The Cool Route Information and Booking System will provide a direct link between your community and enterprises and the visiting vessels. For more information on the Cool Route Project, its reports and findings please check out our website on www.sailcoolroute.eu</p> <p>The next steering group meeting of the partners will take place in Cork in April.</p> <p>The Cool Route Project is funded by the Interreg VB Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme. You can follow the project on https://www.facebook.com/eucolroute and Twitter #eucolroute</p> <hr/> <p>Germany: St. Patrick’s Weekend</p> <p>I will be attending the St. Patrick’s Weekend celebrations in Rudolstadt, Germany to market our county as a tourist destination.</p>

	<p>Sliabh Liag – Interpretative Strategy – the explicit intentions of Donegal County Council are that this strategy would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Sliabh Liag as a flagship tourism destination along the Wild Atlantic Way. • To protect and promote the natural and built environment at Sliabh Liag. • To improve the visitors experience at Sliabh Liag, encouraging visitors to stay longer at Sliabh Liag and its hinterland. • The internal interpretation is complete in the visitor centre and the external ‘Story Stones’ are currently being installed by the stonemasons on the mountain.
<p>Budget (if applicable)</p>	<p>€</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Donegal Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the work of Donegal Community Chamber in relation to their ‘Food Festival 2018’ • Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy • Donegal Craft Village – looking to the new season ahead <hr/> <p>CEDRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to engage with the participants from the first and second course and organise events to showcase their businesses – book a number of events this year Seafest, Galway and Hook, Killybegs. • <hr/> <p>Cool Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work on various aspects of communications centred around the project – Website, Social Media, Newsletters, YouTube Channel, Partner communication

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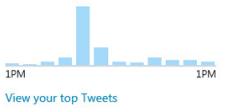
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- How to create effective posts Short, visual posts created for the right audience are more successful.
- Try posting a short video Videos help engage people in News Feed and on your Page.

See all Page tips

Michael McLoone likes Abbey Arts Centre's photo.

John Travers commented on Drama League of Ireland's photo.

Karla Gallagher commented on Lovin Dublin's post.

Molly Reynolds likes Donegal County Council's post.

Brian McDaid added a new photo. "Ladies looking well in today's Donegal People's Press. Pic by Brian McDaid"

Marie Reynolds > Patricia Omsalley "Happy Birthday Trisha"

Kathleen O'Neill likes ZUBA Boutique's post.

Edel Carlin Rosanio and Siobhan Govorov are now friends.

Marion Fitzgerald Doherty commented on her own post.

Peter Mullaney commented on Donegal Woman's post.

Colin Gillen likes Cafe Fleur's post.

Mark Fearon likes Mohamad Itam's photo.

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COOL ROUTE PROJECT

Logistics and business potential of a yacht cruising route along the Northern Periphery Area.

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THE COOL ROUTE

Ranked as the No.1 Adventurous Cruising Route in the World

The Cool Route project investigates all aspects of the practical **logistics and business potential** to establish a **bi-directional yacht cruising route along the western offshore areas of the Northern Periphery Area.**

The cruising ground is one of the most attractive globally and stretches from Cork in the South of Ireland to Western and Northern Ireland on to Western Scotland and then to the Faroe Islands and up to Tromso in Western Norway. [Learn more](#)

The Cool Route Superyacht and Small Liner Brochure outlines the many attractions of this historic seaway - for PDF file please [Download here](#) or to view PDF as a booklet [click here](#)

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OUR OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Cool Route Project is to strengthen the market reach and customer base for

Are you listed on the Cool Route?
LIST YOUR BUSINESS

LATEST NEWS

- Glasgow Caledonian University engage with Marine Businesses November 17, 2017
- Record Year in Torshavn November 13, 2017
- Cool Route welcomes the inclusion of Ireland's Western Seaboard November 2, 2017
- Cool Route to Visit Glasgow October 19, 2017
- Foye Flóilla - Fantastic boost to tourism on the Cool Route October 17, 2017
- Cool Route receives warm welcome at Southampton Boat Show 2017 October 9, 2017
- Cool Route Information and Booking system is launched October 4, 2017



DONEGAL

County Donegal on the Cool Route is home to some of the most dramatic and exciting coastal views in the world. There are several options for your on-shore itinerary. Kilbegh Harbour is known as the gateway to Slieve Lig, one of Donegal's three Signara Points on the Wild Atlantic Way, which is an epic journey of discovery along Ireland's Western seaboard, and Stranorlar Harbour is a fantastic stop off in Lough Foyle. Plan your visit on www.godonegal.com

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BUSINESS AND GREENCASTLE:

- Kilbegh and Greencastle have everything you need for your on-shore journey including maintenance and services, Harbour Masters and local tourist information offices, restaurants, Kilbegh Information Centre (www.kilbegh.ie) and the Harbour (www.kilbeghharbour.com) can help with planning your trip to Donegal. There are also a number of other harbours to visit along the coast - Rathfriland, Stranorlar and Fardys Bay, some island hopping opportunities including Tory and Arranmore.
- Kilbegh multi-functional port featuring a deep water slipway and harbour and a new small craft mooring facility.

MAIN HEAD:

- Main Head is located on the Malinbeg Peninsula, the most northerly point of the island of Ireland. Home of the sealers' galleys and many other specialities, leaving you for the Northern Lighthouse and chosen as the film location for the new Star Wars movie.

BEACH HEAD:

- This beach was voted Ireland's most beautiful beach in the world a few years ago. A haven for water sports enthusiasts, golfers and walkers alike. Beach cottages is the second most northerly lighthouse in the Republic of Ireland and boasts the fact it is slightly higher than the Grouse Tower.

SUNSHINE STRIPS:

- The Slieve Lig cliffs are amongst the highest sea cliffs in Europe with stunning panoramic views across Donegal Bay.

Slieve Lig

- Slieve Lig is Donegal's highest sea stack in the world. It is a spectacular sea stack rising between the western side of the Malinbeg Peninsula and the Malin Peninsula, Lough Swilly. It is one of the most dramatic sights in Ireland.
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Sliabh Liag

- Work with the company to deliver the Interpretation Strategy for Sliabh Liag
- Work is now entering the final stage on both the internal and external interpretation

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

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
Project Description	Promotional Activities – February 2018
Current Activities	<p><u>Membership of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing collection of membership fees. <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brochure being distributed to tourist offices, businesses and attractions in the Donegal and wider area. Brochure will be distributed in each of the goody bags for Cara Bundoran Run. <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing and social media vision for 2018 continuing to be implemented.• February newsletter sent out mid month.• Working on advertising for the Fairy Bridges and Wishing Chair.• PR coverage for Bundoran on RTE Nationwide and also on Room To Improve (Daniel O'Donnell episode). <p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated one day Failte Ireland "Service Excellence" training course for Bundoran trade• Facilitated two day Failte Ireland "Management & Supervisory Skills" course for Bundoran trade• Facilitated one day Failte Ireland "Developing Saleable Experiences" bringing together trade in Bundoran and Ballyshannon in order to work closer together.• Facilitating fam trip for local staff and trade evening. <p><u>Events for 2017/2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for St Patrick's Day Parade 2018.• Assisting planning for Cara Bundoran Challenge.• Pre-planning for Easter Weekend.• Assisting planning for Darkness Into Light event in May. <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing management of www.discoverbundoran.com and social media channels.• Regular posting of content and video on Facebook page. Will be broadcasting live from the start/finish line of Cara Bundoran Run and also St Patrick's Day parade.• Regular Friday "What's on" video on Facebook/Twitter. Recently done from Facebook Communities Summit in London.• Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover Bundoran facebook page and other social media channels continues to grow weekly. <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld & Bundoran Seaweed Baths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing plan for 2018 season beginning to be implemented and airtime/spots booked. • Creating content for social media channel. • Creating radio ad content. <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x TUS employees, 1 x volunteer. • Office open 7 days per week from Sunday March 4th.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Shane Smyth – shane@discoverbundoran.com 087 3737817</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Electoral Area: Countywide

Activity / Project Update – February 2018

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Tourism
Project Description/Activity	The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last 2 months- inclusive of current status	<p>Holiday World Show</p> <p>Donegal has been extensively promoted over two weekends at the Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin</p> <p>The Dublin Holiday World Show saw large crowds making their way to the RDS in Dublin and Belfast Titanic Exhibition Centre.</p> <p>This is the third year running that a combination of Donegal Tourism staff, tourism organisations and local businesses have joined forces to take part in the Holiday World Show and let people know just what Donegal has to offer. Donegal had the largest County stand at the show and this made a massive impact.</p> <p>Celtic Connections</p> <p>International football legend Packie Bonner has teamed up with Donegal Tourism to promote Donegal as the perfect holiday destination for Scottish tourists.</p> <p>In all, 34 tourism businesses from Ireland – including hotels, visitor attractions, ferry companies and regional tourism organisations – had the opportunity to meet with influential Scottish tour operators and travel agents, as well as local travel and lifestyle journalists.</p> <p>Donegal was well represented and staff travelled with 5 hotels including: Arnolds Hotel, The Abbey, Central Hotel, Mount Errigal Hotel and Villa Rose Hotel.</p>

Golf Advertising

Donegal has taken out an advertisement with Fáilte Ireland golfing magazine.

The 2018 Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide will be produced in both print and digital formats for global distribution.

It is distributed by Fáilte Ireland via the Tourism Ireland offices around the world and at key national and international trade and travel shows, national and international golf events such as the 2018 PGA Merchandising Show, Orlando, Florida, USA, the BMW PGA Championships at Wentworth Golf Club, London, UK and at the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open to name a few.

In addition, Fáilte Ireland – 30,000 Official Golf Guides will be distributed by Fáilte Ireland via the Tourism Ireland Offices around the world.

1. North & West Coast Links Golf Ireland

Donegal Tourism has taken out a double page spread in this publication for 2018, highlighting the Irish Open.

The Tourism Unit launches their new 60-page brochure.

Last week the tourism unit launched their new 2018 brochure.

The brochure uses over forty different themes and headings from popular activities, such as surfing, golf, and Angling; to unique Donegal amenities and resources, such as local produce, Islands and the Gaeltacht and festivals to allow the reader to easily plan their visit.

New elements have been added including an extended list of walks in the county, including eighty official walk options, an updated cycling route including the Eurovelo 1, and extended activities - both land and water based, with a focus on the Northern Lights and screen tourism,

following on from the success of the latest Star Wars offering that was filmed in part in Malin Head.

The new brochure has been increased by an additional four pages bringing it to sixty pages and the circulation of this brochure is now in excess of 20,000 per year, throughout Ireland, UK, USA, France, Germany and indeed the USA.

A presentation at the launch outlined the activities that are planned for 2018 - while Star Wars also got a mention when Darth Vader and a Storm Trooper from the sci-fi blockbuster turned up for the occasion!

Knock West Airport

Donegal is taking out substantial advertising in both the arrivals and departure areas of Knock West Airport. The team in Donegal Tourism are working on a design at the moment with the aim of having the promotion available for Summer 2018.

Dundrum Shopping Centre Promotion

Donegal Tourism hosted a two day promotional stand in Dundrum Shopping Centre, Dublin in December. This endeavour provided us with an excellent opportunity to reach a very large and diverse domestic audience.

Dundrum Town Centre is Ireland's premier retail destination boasting the highest footfall in the country. In total 5 tourism businesses promoted and sold their individual packages at the stand over the two days and the show was a huge success.

Go Visit Donegal

- Ongoing management of www.govisitdonegal.com and social media channels.
- Ongoing updating of website with news blogs

Donegal Airport nominated for the most scenic landing in the World

An independent panel of travel industry experts and influencers have chosen this year's shortlist of 36 global airports, and Donegal Airport has been nominated.

Donegal tourism is working closely with Donegal Airport to help promote this. The airport that receives the most consumer votes will win the coveted top spot. Donegal Airport reached 2nd in the world last year.

You can vote by visiting the facebook page: go visit Donegal or Donegal Airport.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period

Donegal Tourism Seminar

Plans are underway for the spring tourism seminar

Irish Golf Expo

Donegal will be attending the golf expo in March

This show is attended to up to 10,000 golf enthusiasts Donegal is official sponsor for this.

Location: Belfast's Titanic Quarter

Names of Business Attending

1. Mulroy Woods Hotel	2. Bundoran Golf Club
3. Portsalon Golf Club	4. Dillons Hotel
5. Arnolds hotel	6. Harveys Point
7. Inishowen Gateway Hotel	8. Castlegrove
9. Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin	10. Mc Grorys Hotel
11. Donegal Golf Club 12. Letterkenny Golf Club	13. Downings Bay Hotel
14. Portsalon Golf Club	15. Clanree Hotel
16. Shandon	

Donegal and Derry Airport

The Tourism unit are working closely with Donegal airport in relation creating a business case for a funding application and marketing plan to promote and financially support the Glasgow/ Donegal flight.

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Donegal County Council

Municipal District:

Activity / Project Update- March 2018

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
Budget	€12,913,878
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 programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 69 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of €2.5m. Donegal has the one of the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 20 th March 2018, with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage.
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Municipal District: _____

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Age Friendly
Project Description/Activity	Intergenerational Projects
Budget (if applicable)	Healthy Ireland Initiative fund
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	Intergenerational Cooking Classes being held in Gweedore and Donegal Town and dancing classes in Letterkenny. Choir of ages
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Developing opportunities for older people to engage in social contact and relationships has been a key part of the Donegal Age Friendly Strategy due to its positive impact in enhancing an older individual's health and well being. There has been no opportunities to date for older and younger people to meet and interact. It has a priority action for the Donegal Age Friendly Strategy to deliver opportunities communities to apply an intergenerational approach that brings people together and promotes greater understanding and respect between generations.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
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**ENVIRONMENT REPORT – DONEGAL MD
MARCH 2018**

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Municipal District: All

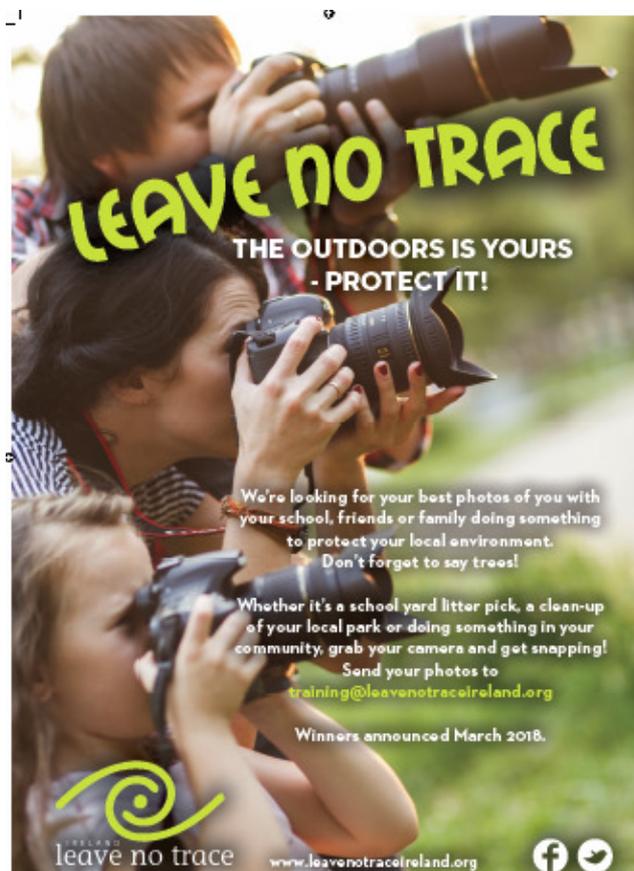
Activity / Project Title	Waste Management And Enforcement Priorities
Project Description/Activity	<p>National Priorities for 2018</p> <p>The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment specified the waste management and enforcement priorities for 2018. The Connacht Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority supports Local Authorities in dealing with these priorities.</p> <p>The National Priorities for 2018 are as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Waste Tyres2. Illegal Dumping including Construction & Demolition waste3. Household & Commercial Waste Management4. Unauthorised Sites of Concern which require a Multi-agency response5. End of Life Vehicle Compliance Project6. Packaging Pilot Project
Contact Person	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer mattehwbryne@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	#Big Donegal Clean Up '18
Project Description/Activity	<p>The launch of the #Big Donegal Clean Up '18 will take place mid March. Applications for clean up equipment are now available online and through the Council offices.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are encouraging as many groups as possible to promote their clean-up through social media by sending in photographs and details so we can also promote through the Councils website.</p> <p>National Spring Clean is also a national clean- up campaign organised by An Taisce in April each year. Groups are also encouraged to register for this campaign to receive additional support and materials.</p>
Contact Person	Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Waste/Litter Enforcement Figures 2018
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Jan – February 2018</p> <p>Total Environmental Complaints 2018: 210</p> <p>Waste/Litter Complaints: 165</p> <p>Litter Fixed Penalty Notices Issued: 22</p> <p>Litter Fixed Penalty Notices Paid: 4</p>
Contact Person	<p>Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer</p> <p>matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Green Schools
Project Description/Activity	<p>There are currently 196 Green Flags flying in Donegal with some schools currently working towards their 8th Green Flag. There are also schools newly registered in the Green Schools Programme that are working towards their first Green Flag in 2018.</p> <p>The Council supports the Green Schools programme by providing advice and support on the variety of themes which include: Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship Litter & Waste, global Citizenship Energy and the most recent theme Global Citizenship Marine Litter.</p> <p>This is a very busy time of year for schools as many are preparing to apply for their next Green Flag which requires a Green Schools Assessment visit from the Council or An Taisce before the application of deadline of 23rd March, 2018.</p> <p>The Council commends schools throughout the County for the work they put into the protection of our environment and wishes them every success in the Green Schools Programme.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer</p> <p>fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Leave No Trace Workshops
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council funded four 'Leave No Trace' workshops for schools under the LA 21 Environment Partnership Fund 2017/18.</p> <p>Leave No Trace is an outdoor ethics programme designed to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships.</p> <p>Four workshops are being held at the following schools located close to the nearby 'Leave No Trace' Beaches at Marble Hill, Carrickfin, Murvagh and Shrove.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday 5th March - Faughner National School 2. Tuesday 6th March - Scoil Eoin Pól, Loch an Iúir 3. Wednesday 7th March - St Eunan's NS, Laghey 4. Thursday 8th March - Scoil Colmcille, Greencastle <p>Donegal County Council is also promoting the Leave No Trace Schools photography competition for schools on social media.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer fionakelly@donegalcoco.ie</p>



COASTAL MANAGMENT**Municipal District: Donegal**

Activity / Project Title	Coastal Issues
Project Description/Activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All applications have been prepared and submitted for Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches to An Taisce for the 2018 season. They will now be assessed by the International Committee and awards follow ahead of the Bathing Season.2. Bundoran Lifeguard station windows repaired again after repeat vandalism.3. A visit to Strandhill Beach, Sligo, conducted with a meeting with the Water Safety Development Officer, as per recommendation of the Risk Assessment for Tullan strand. Initiatives employed at Strandhill being assessed for compatibility at Tullan with consultation of various stakeholders.4. Contractor appointed to install new ringbuoy safety infrastructure along the length of Mountcharles beach.
Contact Peron	David Friel, Coastal Officer david.friel@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Seashell Unit
Project Description/Activity	An advert has been placed in local papers seeking Expressions of Interest for the running of the Seashell Unit, Bundoran, by a commercial operator at this attractive location. It is hoped that better use of the facility, as designed, could be made with a private operator.
Contact Peron	David Friel, Coastal Officer david.friel@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Public Conveniences – Risk Assessments
Project Description/Activity	Risk Assessments of all Public Conveniences in Donegal MD are nearing completion. This will identify any required works and lead to prioritising and programme for same.
Contact Peron	David Friel, Coastal Officer david.friel@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Public Conveniences
Project Description/Activity	Repairs almost complete after repeated vandalism. The facility shall reopen again shortly.
Contact Peron	David Friel, Coastal Officer david.friel@donegalcoco.ie

6th March 2018

To: Each Elected Member

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018

Please find attached documentation in respect of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2018.

I also attach the Development Fund details in respect of 2018 for information only as they do not form part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works has been included on the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Area Manager

Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW)

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 amends Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, inserting a new section (Section 103A), (extract attached) regarding the preparation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works in respect of maintenance and repair for each Municipal District.
- 1.2 Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014 dated 31st December 2014, (copy attached) provides further detail in relation to the operational application of this relatively new principle within the Municipal District.

2.0 Primary Issues of Consideration

- 2.1 The Schedule of Municipal District Works is a relatively new concept that details a plan of repair and maintenance work in each of the respective Municipal Districts and in respect of a number of local service areas. The requirement to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works first arose for the financial year 2015.
- 2.2 The preparation and adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Work is mandatory, is required to be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive and requires consideration by the Municipal District and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the members of each Municipal District.
- 2.3 Whilst it is intended in future years that the Schedule of Municipal District Works is to be prepared and completed broadly in parallel or very soon after the adoption of the Annual Revenue Budget, a deadline date of the 31st March is being applied for the adoption of this resolution in respect of 2018, as was the case in 2017, 2016 and 2015 (as per Circular LG27/2014/Fin/21/2014). It is anticipated that further direction will be provided in future years in relation to the form and content of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- 2.4 The members must have due consideration to the adopted revenue budget (essentially requiring that the schedule as adopted and the expenditure associated with that must be within the parameters of adopted Revenue budget for the County as a whole).
- 2.5 Should the Schedule not be adopted by the members, the Schedule of Municipal District Work reverts to the full council for the elected members' consideration and adoption with or without amendment but in line with subsection 4 of Section 103A.

3.0 Rationale

- 3.1 The principle of the SMDW is in line with stated objectives incorporated in various government policy documents associated with Local Government Reform.
- 3.2 It is expected that as the concept embeds that the prospect of additional and wider ranges of activities may be considered for incorporation into the overall schedule.

4.0 Practical Applications - 2018

- 4.1 This is the fourth year of the application of this concept. An approach has been taken to apply a limited number of works areas and to include areas of strategic importance at Municipal District level in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. In this context various aspects of housing maintenance and repair; road maintenance and repair; beach management and maintenance; and litter management have been incorporated.
- 4.2 The schedule as presented to the Municipal District members does not report on, or represent, all aspects of local expenditure and as such it is expected that as the principle of the SMDW matures over subsequent years that further areas can be incorporated as required. It is proposed that this matter be kept under review by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council and their advice and direction be sought in relation to same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that in certain instances budgets are held locally e.g. roads maintenance areas whilst others are held centrally e.g. beach management. The rationale and logic for same will be presented at each workshop / meeting where the schedule will be considered but considerations relating to value for money, efficiency, synergies and contingency capacity are all areas that are reflected in instances where budgets may be held centrally for the provision of services locally.

5.0 Further Information

- 5.1 Also included for your information is a schedule of the discretionary development funds that are available to you through the Development Fund Initiative (monies which were allocated as part of the budget 2018 allocation process) and, furthermore, a schedule of available monies per electoral area in respect of the members development funds, a sum in the amount of €6,350 which is available for allocation by each individual elected member.

6.0 Required

- 6.1 In line with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) that the members consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works as presented.
- 6.2 That the members resolve with or without amendment but within the parameters of available adopted budget the schedule as presented, be adopted in line with the suggested resolution wording as presented.

Garry Martin CPFA,
Director of Finance, I.S. & Emergency Services

Extract from Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)

Schedule of Municipal District Works 103A

- (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.
- (3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).
- (4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.



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Environment, Community and Local Government



LG 27/2014
FIN 21/2014

31 December 2014

Dear Chief Executive,

**Schedule of Municipal District Works
(SMDW)**

Legislative provisions

1. Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district¹ members. The SMDW is, in effect, a plan of works that prioritises and apportions the use, within each municipal district, of funding provided in the overall local authority revenue budget for particular purposes. In the case of local authority areas which do not have municipal districts, while the requirements in this circular relating to the SMDW *per se* do not apply, it is considered that it would be good practice to prepare a schedule of works in any event to identify where works will be prioritised in the local authority area during the year.
2. The relevant extract from the 2001 Act is attached in the Appendix to this circular. The main elements of this provision are as follows: -
 - Preparation and adoption of the SMDW is a mandatory requirement.
 - The SMDW must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.
 - The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
 - If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

¹ The term municipal district should be taken to include metropolitan districts and borough districts.

Policy Context

3. By virtue of being adopted at district level, the SMDW represents an important enhancement of subsidiarity in local government. The provision is fundamentally important to the new system of governance at sub-county level, giving effect to measures set out in the *Government's Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First*, which indicated, in particular, that: -
 - matters to be decided at municipal district level would include decisions in relation to local facilities and amenities and determination of priorities and programmes of works or services in the area, within global funding allocations decided by the overall county council /city and county council or the use of locally generated revenue (paragraph 6.5.2);
 - provision would be made for the adoption by members at municipal district level of programmes/plans setting out priorities for works, services or activities within their functional remit that are contained within, or specific to, the district and expenditure in respect of matters that are appropriate for decision locally, within the overall budgetary and policy framework (paragraph 6.5.9); and
 - wide discretion would be given to members at municipal district level insofar as priorities in matters decided at that level are concerned (paragraph 6.7.1).

The scope for widening the extent of reserved functions of elected members would be pursued fully and a number of new measures set out in the programme would add important new functions to the range of powers of elected members (paragraph 11.5.2); to this end, the adoption of the SMDW is among the most important new reserved functions introduced by the Reform Act 2014.

Guidance on preparation and adoption of SMDW

4. The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW. Further consideration will be given to the possible need for regulations under section 103A of the 2001 Act. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines are being provided on the preparation, amendment and adoption of the SMDW for the year 2015, as follows: -
 - (a) While the legislation provides that the SMDW be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, it is considered reasonable, in the first year of its operation, to allow adoption of the SMDW by 31 March 2015, in order to allow for appropriate arrangements to be made and to afford members adequate time to familiarise themselves with this important new function. This will also enable account to be taken of more definitive details of Government maintenance grants for roads, housing, etc.
 - (b) The SMDW in respect of each municipal district should be formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget of the local authority in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads,

amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants. Classification of items in the budget should largely determine what works and related expenditure are included in the SMDW but insofar as it may be necessary to make judgments in particular instances, it is considered that the term “maintenance” can include not only maintenance of the physical condition or fabric of items, but also more operational type matters such as grass cutting or tree pruning.

- (c) Within the level of funding available, details of the SMDW should be prepared on the basis of identified needs (taking account of relevant factors, for example, in the case of housing, age profile of stock) and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This should be informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the overall local authority budget. It will also be relevant to have regard to the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years. It is emphasised that adoption of the SMDW *per se* cannot involve revision of the adopted budget.
- (d) It is essential to maximise return on investment by avoiding dilution of expenditure which could result from spreading allocations too thinly across the local authority and the constituent municipal districts each year. This could be minimised by taking a multi-annual approach where possible in the preparation of the SMDW.
- (e) Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment should also be a key objective in prioritising works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district. Apportionment of funding on a thematic basis within the district over the life of the council could help to this end. For example, specific housing estate(s) in one location could be prioritised for refurbishment in year one, with a commitment to undertake works in another area in subsequent years. Similarly, where an overall local authority maintenance programme is drawn up for a particular purpose (say windows and doors in local authority dwellings) which might need to extend over a number of years, the required works would be reflected in relevant annual SMDWs.
- (f) Any maintenance type functions, for example, grass cutting, planting or other maintenance of open spaces, that are carried out by means of specific purpose grants for such purposes to community groups such as tidy towns committees can be provided for, as appropriate, through the SMDW.
- (g) The GMA, which is a budgetary element providing funding for discretionary expenditure at municipal district level to be decided by the elected members in respect of each municipal district, is separate from the “strategic” budgetary funding for maintenance and repair, the utilisation of which is to be determined in the SMDW. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget.

- (h) It is suggested that the resolution for adoption of the SMDW be worded so as to be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or reallocation of funding from scheduled works that cannot, for some reason, proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework and could be notified to the members as part of the Monthly Management Report. Account should be taken of any such changes in the preparation of the following year's SMDW.
- (i) Section 134A of the 2001 Act provides that, in preparing the Service Delivery Plan, account shall be taken of any local authority plan, statement, strategy or any other document. Accordingly, the SMDW should, ideally, be prepared and adopted in advance of the annual Service Delivery Plan. If this is not feasible in the context of the time frame allowed for 2015, the preparation of the annual Service Delivery Plan should, at least, be informed by proposals for the SMDW.
5. The following conditions and requirements shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW, as prepared under the direction of the chief executive, being considered by the municipal district members under section 103A (2) and (3) of the 2001 Act: -
- (a) Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of
- the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes;
 - actual requirements and priorities for relevant works within the district and prioritisation of the use of funding available to the district for particular purposes having regard to such requirements and priorities;
 - the most effective use of available resources;
 - requirements and priorities for funding in respect of works to which the SMDW relates during the entire term of office of the council so as to prevent dilution and ineffective use of funding by spreading it too thinly across the local authority/district each year;
 - other factors/criteria set out in these guidelines;
 - compliance with the regulations and guidelines regarding the performance of functions by municipal district members as provided in S.I. 231 of 2014 and circular LG10/2014, including the need for consistency with overall local authority policy and avoidance of duplication;
 - any views in relation to proposed amendments provided by the chief executive.
- (b) If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not

been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of section 103A.

- (c) Pending a decision on the adoption of the SMDW by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, works or services may be undertaken in accordance with the schedule as prepared by the chief executive. Failure to adopt, or delay in adoption of, the SMDW in respect of a particular district by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, will not affect the validity of the SMDW adopted by the municipal district or the local authority, as the case may be, in respect of another district in the local authority area. Accordingly, where the SMDW has been adopted by the members for a particular municipal district, it cannot be revisited by the plenary Council even in the event that the SMDW for another district is referred back to it because of failure of the members for that district to adopt.
 - (d) In the event of a decision by the municipal district members or the local authority, as the case may be, not to adopt the SMDW or to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, only such works or services to which the SMDW relates as are considered by the chief executive to be essential shall be undertaken pending the adoption of the SMDW within the level of expenditure envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive.
6. Specific procedures (beyond the requirements in the legislation) or a definitive format for the SMDW, are not being prescribed at this time. The procedures and structures already applied by most authorities for non-statutory agreement of annual road works programmes at area committee level should provide a relevant analogy and a template that can be adapted for the statutory SMDW process. It is understood that some authorities intend to have non-statutory consultations with the municipal district members on the SMDW early in 2015, which could be helpful in advance of formal adoption. It should also be noted that it is a matter for the executive to determine the most appropriate and effective operational and organisational arrangements to implement the measures decided by the municipal district members in the adoption of the SMDW.
7. A copy of this circular, which is available on the SharePoint system, should be given to each elected member. In view of its importance to their role at municipal district level, all necessary support should be provided to the members in the performance of their functions in relation to the schedule of municipal district works.

Any queries on this matter relating to finance aspects can be made to Emma.Reeves@environ.ie, or relating to municipal district functions generally to Brendan Buggy or Michael Murphy at 01-8882826 or 01-8882162, respectively or, by e-mail at Brendan.buggy@environ.ie or Michael.murphy@environ.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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Local Government Finance Section

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To each local authority Chief Executive

**Extract from Part 12, Chapter 1 (Financial Procedures)
of the Local Government Act 2001**

Schedule of municipal district works

103A.— (1) As soon as may be following the adoption of the local authority budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared under the direction of the chief executive, having regard to the availability of resources, in the manner, format and within the timescale that may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) A schedule prepared for the purposes of subsection (1) shall be considered by the municipal district members concerned and be adopted by resolution, with or without amendment by it, within such time limit and in accordance with such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

(3) In making an amendment under subsection (2) the municipal district members shall have due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9).

(4) If the schedule prepared for the purpose of subsection (1) is not adopted by the municipal district members in accordance with subsection (2) and any regulations made under that subsection, then the local authority concerned shall consider that schedule and by resolution adopt it with or without amendment (having due regard to the local authority budget adopted in accordance with section 103(9)) within such time limit as may be prescribed by the regulations made by the Minister.

Appendix 1

	2018 Overall Adopted	Non Discretionary Payroll / Overheads	Discretionary
Hsg Maint - Inishowen EA	484,335.00	105,029.00	379,306.00
Hsg Maint - Donegal EA	337,864.00	60,567.00	277,297.00
Hsg Maint - Glenties EA	361,676.00	63,788.00	297,888.00
Hsg Maint - Letterkenny EA	616,874.00	242,832.00	374,042.00
Hsg Maint - Stranorlar EA	393,126.00	53,156.00	339,970.00
Sub-total for Area Maintenance:	2,193,875.00	525,372.00	1,668,503.00
HQ Maintenance	1,120,341.00		
Total Maintenance	3,314,216.00		
Insurance	364,680.00		
Loan Charges	207,620.00		
Local Property Tax Payments	420,930.00		
Contingency for Capital Balances (Housing Programme)	66,000.00		
Sub Total Other	1,059,230.00		
Overall Total	4,373,446.00	As per Budget Book (A0101)	
Routine Maintenance Budget allocated on a per house basis equally across all areas.			
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - INISHOWEN EA	8,000.00		
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - DONEGAL EA	6,000.00		
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - GLENTIES EA	5,750.00		
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - LETTERKENNY EA	11,000.00		
HSG ESTATE MANAGEMENT - STRANORLAR EA	5,000.00		
Sub-total for Estate Management:	35,750.00		
HQ Estate Management	16,242.00		
Total Estate Management	€51,992.00	As per Budget Book (A0401)	

Appendix 2

Description	Adopted Budget 2018	Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget 2018	Payroll	Loan Charges	Others	Total	Balance	Inishowen	Donegal	Glenties	Letterkenny	Stranorlar	County/ Centre	Total
Water & Environment															
Litter Control - Clean Up Campaign	149,125		149,125				0	149,125	34,150	21,050	27,400	47,875	18,650	0	149,125
Tidy Towns Fund	80,000		80,000				0	80,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	5,000	80,000
Maintenance of Beaches	215,700		215,700				0	215,700	36,700	80,000	44,500	24,500	0	30,000	215,700
Totals	444,825		444,825				0	444,825	85,850	116,050	86,900	87,375	33,650	35,000	444,825

Background

It is proposed that Clean-Ups and Beach Maintenance will be centrally managed to give maximum flexibility to respond to priorities in a countywide context. Examples where this is relevant include instances of large scale dumping being more prevalent in one area than another, and similarly with unexpected maintenance/repair work at individual beaches. As a consequence it is difficult to suggest that an MD has discretion for the expenditure. However, indicative expenditure is clearly provided on an area-by-area basis as set out in the schedule circulated. The basis of allocation will be kept under review.

A specific and discretionary allocation of €15,000 per Municipal District has been provided for in the adopted budget 2018 to assist tidy towns groups. In addition to this, an amount of €5,000 has been set aside centrally for the purpose of running a countywide tidy-towns competition.

Roads Areas Division Budget Distribution 2018

	Totals	Non-Roads Areas Controlled Funding	Roads Areas Centrally Controlled Funding	Donegal MD	Glenties MD	Inishowen MD	Letterkenny MD	Stranorlar MD
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)(Note 1)								
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€287,846			€101,322		€42,313	€35,981	€108,230
NP Winter Maintenance	€240,000		€240,000					
NP HD 28 (Note 3)	€20,000		€20,000					
National Primary Total =	€547,846	€0	€260,000	€101,322	€0	€42,313	€35,981	€108,230
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€195,131			€37,075	€130,738		€27,318	
NS Winter Maintenance	€149,434		€149,434					
NS HD 28 (Note 3)	€600,000		€600,000					
National Secondary Total =	€944,565	€0	€749,434	€37,075	€130,738	€0	€27,318	€0
LA Support (Maintenance) 2018	€64,000		€64,000					
LA Support (Winter Maintenance) 2018	€10,000	€10,000						
National Secondary Total =	€74,000	€10,000	€64,000	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total TII Roads Areas Funding =	€1,566,411	€10,000	€1,073,434	€138,397	€130,738	€42,313	€63,299	€108,230
Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTAS)(Note 4)								
Winter Maintenance (Note 5)	€800,000		€800,000					
Bridge Refurbishment	€250,000	€250,000						
Regional & Local Roads Disc Maintenance	€3,545,500			€733,351	€671,713	€892,441	€747,792	€500,203
Discretionary Grant (DG) Total =	€4,595,500	€250,000	€800,000	€733,351	€671,713	€892,441	€747,792	€500,203
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€904,400	€0		€147,714	€223,302	€207,953	€230,572	€94,860
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€2,325,600			€495,818	€420,934	€592,795	€475,585	€340,468
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€3,230,000	€0	€0	€643,532	€644,235	€800,749	€706,157	€435,328
Materials Testing	€25,000		€25,000					
Restoration Improvement	€12,886,000			€2,665,338	€2,441,319	€3,243,545	€2,717,826	€1,817,972
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€12,911,000	€0	€25,000	€2,665,338	€2,441,319	€3,243,545	€2,717,826	€1,817,972
Specific Improvement Grants	€1,040,000			€750,000	€40,000	€250,000		
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€25,000						€25,000	
Drainage Works (Note 8)	€674,000			€139,410	€127,693	€169,653	€142,155	€95,089
Severe Weather (Note 9)	€10,000,000	€160,000	€0	€172,150	€0	€8,677,738	€418,886	€571,226
Other Grants (SI) Total =	€11,739,000	€160,000	€0	€1,061,560	€167,693	€9,097,391	€586,041	€666,315
Bridge Rehabilitation	€200,000	€200,000						
Low Cost Safety Improvements	€282,500	€282,500						
Speed Limits	€32,785	€32,785						
Training Grant	€85,000	€85,000						
DTTAS Non-Roads Areas Total =	€600,285	€600,285	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0	€0
Total DTTAS Roads Areas Funding =	€33,075,785	€1,010,285	€825,000	€5,103,780	€3,924,960	€14,034,125	€4,757,816	€3,419,818
Training	€50,000	€50,000						
Scrim Test	€30,000		€30,000					
Materials Testing	€20,000		€20,000					
Lining & Road Studs	€200,000		€200,000					
Depots & Health & Safety	€75,000		€75,000					
Bridges (Preventative Maintenance)	€220,000		€220,000					
Bridges (Advance Design)(Note 10)	€50,000		€50,000					
Safety Fencing	€80,000		€100,000					
Co-finance Capital	€50,000	€50,000						
Invasive Species Management	€50,000		€50,000					
Workforce Planning Budget (Note 11)	€450,000		€450,000					
Contingency Reserve	€500,000		€500,000					
Former Town Councils Roads (Note 12)	€657,000			€195,786		€198,414	€262,800	
Former Town Council Street Sweeping (Note 13)	€365,003			€65,003		€76,000	€224,000	
MD Works Overheads	€1,600,000			€364,912	€299,415	€355,556	€346,199	€233,918
Regional Roads Own Resources	€923,545			€150,841	€228,028	€212,355	€235,453	€96,868
Regional Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€460,650			€75,237	€113,737	€105,920	€117,440	€48,316
Local Roads Own Resources	€1,572,522			€337,778	€286,828	€403,666	€312,460	€231,790
Local Roads OR (Ineligible under Grants)	€784,350			€168,478	€143,065	€201,343	€155,850	€115,613
Own Resources Roads Areas Total =	€8,138,070	€100,000	€1,675,000	€1,358,035	€1,071,074	€1,553,253	€1,654,202	€726,505
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 14)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 15)	€90,000					€90,000		
Car Parking	€986,882		€106,882	€385,000		€75,000	€290,000	€130,000
School Wardens	€71,000	€71,000						
Burial Grounds	€40,000		€2,800	€7,200	€4,800	€9,600	€10,800	€4,800
DCC Specific Funding Total =	€2,128,663	€71,000	€109,682	€460,848	€10,199	€314,748	€1,026,148	€136,038
Total DCC Funding =	€10,266,733	€171,000	€1,784,682	€1,818,883	€1,081,273	€1,868,001	€2,680,350	€862,544
TOTAL 2018 FUNDING =	€44,908,929	€1,191,285	€3,683,116	€7,061,060	€5,136,971	€15,944,440	€7,501,465	€4,390,592

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2018 - Municipal Districts Summary

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Total National Roads Funding =	€482,977			€138,397	€130,738	€42,313	€63,299	€108,230
Non-National Roads								
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Discretionary Road Maintenance Funding Total =	€9,908,570			€2,091,385	€1,742,788	€2,445,694	€2,401,994	€1,226,709
Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance	€904,400			€147,714	€223,302	€207,953	€230,572	€94,860
Local Roads Restoration Maintenance	€2,325,600			€495,818	€420,934	€592,795	€475,585	€340,468
Restoration Maintenance (RM) Total =	€3,230,000			€643,532	€644,235	€800,749	€706,157	€435,328
Reg & Loc Roads Restoration Improvement	€12,886,000			€2,665,338	€2,441,319	€3,243,545	€2,717,826	€1,817,972
Restoration Improvement (RI) Total =	€12,886,000			€2,665,338	€2,441,319	€3,243,545	€2,717,826	€1,817,972
Specific Improvement Grants	€1,040,000			€750,000	€40,000	€250,000		
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€25,000						€25,000	
Drainage Works (Note 8)	€674,000			€139,410	€127,693	€169,653	€142,155	€95,089
Severe Weather (Note 9)	€9,840,000			€172,150		€8,677,738	€418,886	€571,226
Specific Grants Total =	€11,579,000			€1,061,560	€167,693	€9,097,391	€586,041	€666,315
Total Non-National Roads Funding =	€37,603,570			€6,461,815	€4,996,035	€15,587,378	€6,412,019	€4,146,323
Specific Funding for Roads Related items								
Parks & Open Spaces (Note 14)	€940,781			€68,648	€5,399	€140,148	€725,348	€1,238
Moville Green & Barrack Hill (Note 15)	€90,000					€90,000		
Car Parking	€880,000			€385,000		€75,000	€290,000	€130,000
Burial Grounds	€37,200			€7,200	€4,800	€9,600	€10,800	€4,800
Roads Related Items Total =	€1,947,981			€460,848	€10,199	€314,748	€1,026,148	€136,038
Total Roads Related Items Funding =	€1,947,981			€460,848	€10,199	€314,748	€1,026,148	€136,038
TOTAL 2018 FUNDING =	€40,034,528			€7,061,060	€5,136,971	€15,944,440	€7,501,465	€4,390,592

Roads Areas Division

Budget Distribution 2018

Notes:

- 1 TII allocations must be spent in accordance with the NRA Memorandum on Road Grants.
- 2 TII allocations announced to date do not contain any allocation for High Collision Locations or Crash Barrier repairs. It is expected that funding under these headings will be announced by TII aimed at specific locations on the national road network in the coming months.
- 3 The TII HD28 allocations are aimed at specific locations to be identified by TII on the national road network. These locations have yet to be confirmed by TII and the funding has been held centrally pending receipt of this clarification.
- 4 DTTAS allocations must be spent in compliance with DTTAS Circular RW1/2018 and the Memorandum on Non-national Road Grants.
- 5 Winter maintenance budget is weather dependent and will be supplemented as necessary from the OR Contingency Reserve.
- 6 In previous years LAs were permitted by DTTAs to use up to 15% of their initial Discretionary Grant for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). As LIS is now provided through the Department for Rural and Community Development this facility is no longer available from DTTAs.
- 7 For 2018 DTTAs have advised that a separate fund of €10m is being provided nationally for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS). Local authorities will be given the opportunity to 'bid' for funds under this revised scheme and further details are expected shortly.
- 8 DTTAs have provided an allocation of €674,000 for 2018 which has been distributed across MDs as per the road mileage model. This funding is to be used to address locations with drainage problems on the road network.
- 9 €10m in funding has been provided by DTTAs for the repair of damage to public roads infrastructure arising from the floods in August 2017. The funding has been distributed to cover the full estimated costs of repairs in each MD except Inishowen where funding requirements are expected to continue into 2019.
- 10 It was noted in the Budget Book that there was a need to advance the design work on certain bridges and it is expected that additional Council OR funding will be made available for this purpose in 2018. It is proposed that funding for advanced design for any project will be made up of 50% County OR: 35% Roads OR: 15% MD Contribution. €50,000 has been set aside centrally to fund the Roads OR contribution.
- 11 Workforce Planning has resulted in increased staffing costs for outdoor work gangs. The DCC Road Maintenance Own Resources increase of €518,976 in 2017 has been continued in 2018. €450,000 has again been retained centrally for targeting at RSS areas where staffing costs cannot be met from existing maintenance funding.
- 12 €657,000 has been allocated to those MDs now incorporating former Town Councils (FTC) to replace the FTC OR allocations made previously. This has been distributed according to the amounts of OR allocated by the TCs in 2014.
- 13 Specific provision has again been made in the Council's Budget 2018 for Street Sweeping. In previous years street sweeping was funded from roads general maintenance monies and only the former Town Councils made specific allocation. As such Donegal, Inishowen & Letterkeny MDs have received a specific amount for street sweeping and the remainder has been included in Roads OR. MDs may provide for street sweeping from their Roads OR as normal in accordance with their individual preferences.
- 14 Parks and Open Spaces budget provision for 2018 has been distributed in the same manner as recent years which was based on 2013 expenditure under this heading.
- 15 Moville Green has been separately budgeted as per historic commitments and a separate allocation has also been made in the 2018 Budget towards the management of Barrack Hill, Carndonagh.
- 16 It is expected that Roads Own Resources funds will continue to be spent as normal as per the following breakdown from Budget Book 2018:

17 Drainage Works on Roads	40% - 50%
Road Surface Repairs	35% - 45%
Verge Maintenance	0% - 10%
Sign Maintenance	0% - 5%
Bridge Inspections	0% - 5%
Emergency RTC and Flooding Response	0% - 5%
Street Cleaning	0% - 15%
- 18 Where specific allocations are made to MDs on the basis of their having former Town Councils it is expected that these allocations will be spent in the former Town Council areas and will not be used to supplement budgets outside of these areas.

Development Fund Allocations 2018

Municipal District	Strategic Development Fund €	Members Development Fund * ¹ €	Totals €
Letterkenny	200,000	63,500	263,500
Inishowen	180,000	57,150	237,150
Donegal	120,000	38,100	158,100
Glenties	120,000	38,100	158,100
Stranorlar	120,000	38,100	158,100
Totals	740,000	234,950^{*2}	974,950

*¹ 6,350 per member

*² Standard rounding rules apply / Revenue Budget allocation €236,000

FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR SMDW ADOPTION

ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2018

Proposed by: _____

Seconded by: _____

and resolved "that the _____ Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2018, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the _____ (insert date) as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014."

2nd March 2018

To: Each Area Manager

Re: Schedule of Municipal District Works

Please circulate attached notification (see template) and attached documents (items 1 to 8) to each elected member in your Municipal District on 6th March 2018 so as to ensure all elected members receive the documentation at the same time.

Please include the attached documentation with the agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Please also note the requirement that the Schedule of Municipal District Works be adopted by formal resolution (copy wording attached).

It is appropriate that I draw your attention to sections 5 (a) and 5 (b) of the circular, specifically the following elements:

- 5 (a) states that “Any proposed amendments to the SMDW must take account of the need to confine overall expenditure on works of maintenance within the total amount provided in the adopted local authority budget for such purposes”
- 5 (b) states that “If the municipal district members decide not to adopt the SMDW or propose to make an amendment to the SMDW which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by the chief executive, the latter shall submit a report to the local authority indicating that the SMDW has not been adopted in accordance with subsection (2) of section 103A and the local authority shall adopt the SMDW in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 103A.”

In view of the above, I would be grateful if as soon as possible following the MD meeting you could confirm the decision of the members and inform me if any adjustments have been made to the schedule as presented (please copy your response to Richard Gibson, Management Accountant).

Yours sincerely,

**Garry Martin CPFA,
Director of Finance, I.S. & Emergency Services**



Donegal Municipal District - 13th March 2018 Motions

Agenda Item No.5

Office Ref:DLMD-2018-30001

Submitted By: Clr. Niamh Kennedy

Assigned To: Community and Enterprise

Motion "That Killybegs is the next town in the Donegal MD to obtain funding for main street footpaths and bridge street footpaths and lighting in the Town and village renewal grant or any Rural Regeneration and or heritage grant to help with the regeneration of this tier two town. This main street and bridge street requires cobble footpaths and underground wiring fitting with an Historic town."

Signed Off By: Paddy Doherty

Response: The 2017 Town & Village Renewal Scheme required that all applications were initiated by a local committee (similar to DCL in Dunkineely) and the maximum grant available for that type of project in 2017 was €100,000. It is expected the 2018 scheme will be similar. Killybegs will be considered among all the other Towns & Villages throughout County and any 'Expression of Interest' will be assessed against the criteria set by the Department when the Scheme is announced later in the year.