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### Item 6.1 - Chief Executive's Report

Dear Councillor,

As part of the ongoing governance of Meath County Council, Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, requires me to prepare a monthly Management Report and to furnish a copy to each Councillor. Accordingly, I have prepared the following report for your consideration and information.

## HOUSING

### Capital Programme

#### ▪ Summary Profile of Approved Direct Construction Projects 2017-2021

| PROJECT NAME                   | NO. OF UNITS | APPROVED BUDGET € | ESTIMATED START DATE | ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>PROJECTS COMPLETED</b>      |              |                   |                      |                           |
| Bettystown (Phase 1)           | 16           | 3,437,478         | Complete             | N/A                       |
| Athboy (Phase 1)               | 32           | 8,850,320         | Complete             | N/A                       |
| Proudstown Road                | 4            | 819,737           | Complete             | N/A                       |
| Summerhill                     | 19           | 3,854,980         | Complete             | N/A                       |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>71</b>    | <b>16,962,515</b> |                      |                           |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION STAGE</b>      |              |                   |                      |                           |
| Ratoath                        | 17           | 3,662,700         | N/A                  | Q3 2019                   |
| Bettystown (Phase 2)           | 15           | 3,426,308         | Q1 2019              | Q4 2019                   |
| Kells                          | 40           | 8,555,683         | Q1 2019              | Q2 2020                   |
| Cortown*                       | 10           | 6,922,971         | Q1 2019              | Q4 2019                   |
| Kilmainhamwood*                | 4            |                   | Q1 2019              | Q4 2019                   |
| Oldcastle*                     | 16           |                   | Q1 2019              | Q4 2019                   |
| The Belfry, Trim               | 3            | 560,000           | Q1 2019              | Q3 2019                   |
| Carlanstown                    | 13           | 2,719,237         | Q2 2019              | Q2 2020                   |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>118</b>   | <b>25,846,899</b> |                      |                           |
| <b>TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION</b> |              |                   |                      |                           |
| Dunshaughlin                   | 26           | 5,813,948         | Q4 2019              | Q4 2020                   |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>26</b>    | <b>5,813,948</b>  |                      |                           |

| <b>PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS</b>    |            |                   |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Nobber                            | 19         | 3,657,000         | -       | -       |
| Donore                            | 21         | 4,165,565         | Q3 2020 | Q3 2021 |
| <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>40</b>  | <b>7,822,565</b>  |         |         |
| <b>DESIGN PHASE</b>               |            |                   |         |         |
| Farganstown                       | 42         | 11,204,000        | Q3 2020 | Q4 2021 |
| Ashbourne                         | 55         | 12,264,000        | Q2 2020 | Q2 2021 |
| Kells Archdeaconary               | 20         | 3,826,010         | Q2 2020 | Q2 2021 |
| Blackhill Crescent,<br>Donacarney | 2          | 418,369           | Q2 2020 | Q4 2020 |
| Nangle Court, Navan               | 6          | 1,096,600         | Q2 2020 | Q2 2021 |
| Church View,<br>Rathmoylon        | 9          | 1,719,002         | Q2 2020 | Q2 2021 |
| <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>134</b> | <b>30,527,981</b> |         |         |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b>               | <b>389</b> | <b>86,973,908</b> |         |         |

\* Rapid Build Delivery Projects

▪ **Summary of 2019 Approved Funding Submissions**

| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>  | <b>PROJECT TYPE</b>   | <b>NO. OF UNITS</b> | <b>FUNDING APPROVED €</b> |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Kells                | Carrick Street (Vacant units (19) & back land development (30)) | 49                  | 10,225,755                |
| Navan                | Turnkey   | 8                   | 2,019,330                 |
| Dunshaughlin         | Part V  | 14                  | 3,681,522                 |
| Kilcock              | Part V  | 15                  | 3,755,033                 |
| Navan                | Part V  | 21                  | 4,599,800                 |
| Drogheda (Meath)     | Part V  | 7                   | 1,412,880                 |
| Navan                | Turnkey   | 8                   | 2,214,620                 |
| Kilmessan            | Turnkey   | 3                   | 821,642                   |
| Haggard Street, Trim | Vacant Unit/Derelict Site                                       | 4                   | 931,300                   |
| Church Street, Kells | Vacant Unit/Derelict Site                                       | 3                   | 722,600                   |
| Pitcher Lane, Kells  | Vacant Unit/Derelict Site                                       | 4                   | 886,600                   |

|               |  |            |                   |
|---------------|--|------------|-------------------|
| <b>Totals</b> |  | <b>136</b> | <b>31,271,082</b> |
|---------------|--|------------|-------------------|

▪ **Summary of Current Funding Submissions**

| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>           | <b>PROJECT TYPE</b>       | <b>NO. OF UNITS</b> | <b>FUNDING SOUGHT<br/>€</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bettystown                    | Turnkey                   | 8                   | 2,129,557                   |
| Bettystown (1)                | Part V                    | 26                  | 6,509,565                   |
| Swan Lane, Balreask,<br>Navan | Vacant Unit/Derelict Site | 6                   | 1,426,700                   |
| <b>Totals</b>                 |                           | <b>40</b>           | <b>2,129,557</b>            |

Expression of Interest for Turnkey Schemes and/or Lands

- There is currently an open call for proposals (no deadline applies) regarding the supply of development sites or completed housing schemes that are fit for purpose for social housing within the County. Details regarding same and required forms can be found on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie). or via the following link on Meath.ie <http://bit.ly/EOIHouseSchemesAndOrLand>

Refurbishment Projects

- St Francis Park - Departmental approval had been received for the sum of €2,856,336 for the refurbishment of St Francis Park Halting site. Documentation for the Part 8 Design process has been prepared and Departmental Stage 2 approval to proceed to Part 8 is currently awaited. Approval is also being sought for additional funding required for the revised design.
- Alverno Court - Part 8 Planning Permission in place. Scope of project has been revised and total cost estimate currently stands at €4,807,972. Budget approval from the Department has been increased from €3,458,329 to €4,150,329, with self funding also to be provided in order to advance the scheme to the next stage. Individual surveys on the units concerned have been conducted by an Architect team in preparation of tender documents. Contract documents for the Civil Works contract are awaited from the design team.

▪ **Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects 2017-2021**

| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>              | <b>NO. OF UNITS</b> | <b>AHB</b>           | <b>Delivery</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Churchfields, Ashbourne (Part V) | 8                   | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2017 |
| Grangehall, Dunshaughlin         | 6                   | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2017 |
| Ardmore, Bettystown              | 1                   | North & East Housing | Complete - 2017 |

|                                      |            |                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--|
| Royal Oaks, Enfield (Part V)         | 4          | Cluid Housing        | Complete - 2017  |
| Seabury Lawns, Mornington            | 6          | Cluid Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Kellets Grove, Dunshaughlin (Part V) | 6          | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Milltown Meadows, Ashbourne          | 67         | Cluid Housing        | Complete - 2017  |
| Emmet Street, Trim                   | 11         | North & East Housing | Complete - 2018  |
| Dunville, Navan (30 units Part V)    | 64         | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Ceamach Close, Donacarney            | 16         | Cluid Housing        | Complete - 2018)   |
| Blackcastle, Navan                   | 26         | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Grangehall, Dunshaughlin             | 8          | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Ashewood, Ashbourne                  | 12         | Cluid Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Churchfields, Ashbourne              | 18         | Tuath Housing        | Complete - 2018  |
| Frederick Manor, Ashbourne           | 11         | Cluid Housing        | Delivery Due – Q4 2019   |
| Fitzherbert Wood, Navan              | 46         | Tuath Housing        | 5 Complete 2018/Delivery Due - Qtr 4 2019                        |
| Churchfields, Ashbourne (Part V)     | 25         | Tuath Housing        | 10 Complete 2018/3 complete 2019 and 12 Due for delivery Q3 2019 |
| Eastham Square, Bettystown(Part V)   | 5          | Cluid Housing        | Complete –Q1 2019  |
| Station Road, Dunboyne               | 24         | Respond              | Complete – Q1 2019   |
| Slan Duff, Kentstown                 | 2          | Cluid Housing        | Delivery Due – Q3 2019   |
| Dunville, Navan                      | 6          | Tuath Housing        | Complete – Q2 - 2019   |
| Broadmeadow Vale, Ratoath (Part V)   | 12         | Tuath Housing        | Delivery Due Q3 2019   |
| Commons Road , Navan                 | 12         | North & East Housing | Delivery Due Qtr 3 2019  |
| Commons Road, Navan                  | 58         | Tuath Housing        | Delivery Due – (20 units) Q4 2019                                |
| Maudlins, Duleek                     | 20         | Respond!             | Delivery Due – Q4 2019   |
| Dun Eimear, Bettystown               | 23         | Cluid                | Delivery Due – Q4 2019   |
| Dunville, Navan                      | 54         | Tuath                | Delivery Due – Q3 & Q4 2019                                      |
| Ledwidge Hall, Slane                 | 28         | Oaklee               | TBC  |
| Athboy Road, Trim                    | 25         | Oaklee               | TBC  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>604</b> |                      |  |

#### Acquisition Programme

- 32 Sales to the value of €6,672,000 have closed and 9 Acquisitions are at contract stage to date in 2019

#### Turnkey Units

- 11 Sales have closed to date to the value of €2,818,000

#### Local Authority Adaptation Works Scheme

- 22 projects completed to date (€173,293)
- 13 projects ongoing (€152,886)
- 14 task orders sent to contractor (€103,155)

#### Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability

- 278 Grants have been approved to date in 2019, to the value of €2,051,381

#### Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund - Cost Reduced Housing Units

- As a result of funding provided by Meath County Council and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) towards the provision of enabling infrastructure, Meath County Council advertised the availability of 10 units at a reduced cost at Broadmeadow Vale, Ratoath, Co. Meath. The Closing date for receipt of applications is 13th September 2019.

#### Local Authority Vacant Units currently Unavailable for Allocation

- Outlined below is a summary per Municipal District of the number of vacant properties that currently require works before they can be re-tenanted, as at 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019. For the period from 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019, works were completed on 11 vacant units; while 12 units became vacant during this period.

|                           | No. of Units Vacant < 3 Months | No. of Units Vacant 3-6 Months | No. of Units Vacant > 6 Months | No. of Vacant Units Currently Subject to Works | No. of Vacant Units not with Contractors |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Ashbourne</b>          | 1                              | 0                              | 0                              | 1  | 0  |
| <b>Kells</b>              | 2                              | 4                              | 0                              | 5  | 1  |
| <b>Laytown/Bettystown</b> | 3                              | 0                              | 1                              | 3  | 1  |
| <b>Navan</b>              | 5                              | 3                              | 0                              | 8  | 0  |
| <b>Ratoath</b>            | 4                              | 0                              | 0                              | 4  | 0  |
| <b>Trim</b>               | 4                              | 3                              | 1                              | 7  | 1  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>             | <b>19</b>                      | <b>10</b>                      | <b>2</b>                       | <b>28</b>                                      | <b>3</b>                                 |

#### Homeless Service

|  | <b>SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES</b> | <b>HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN</b> | <b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</b> |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Placements from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019</b>   | 86<br>(90 Adults )           | 36<br>(55 Adults, 71 children)  | 122                     |
| <b>Placements at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 (includes placements in 2018)</b> | 95<br>(99 Adults )           | 28<br>(45 Adults, 65 Children)  | 123                     |

Of the 28 households with children, 17 families are placed in short term private rented accommodation (house/apartment) through Settlement Team's intervention.

**Reasons for emergency accommodation placement in order of frequency:** Primary reason is Notice to Quit & unable to find property to rent; followed by family breakdown; addiction; mental health and young person leaving Tusla aftercare

- 108 tenancies were secured through the support provided by the Homeless HAP Placefinder Service for the period January – July 2019
- Following tender competition, a successful tenderer designate has been identified for the operation of a Family Hub in Navan (5 family unit), and the process is currently at pre contract stage. The intention is to have the Hub operational by year end.

### Social Housing Supports

- 588 new applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January - July 2019.
- Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period January – July 2019.

| Allocations/Housing Supports | Number     |
|------------------------------|------------|
| MCC Direct Allocations       | 158        |
| Approved Housing Bodies      | 109        |
| RAS                          | 1          |
| HAP                          | 428        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>696</b> |

- The 2019 Summary of Social Housing Assessment recorded the following social housing need for the County as at 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019:
  - Gross Housing Need – 3,864
  - Net Housing Need – 1,733 (excludes HAP – 1,843, Transfers - 288)

## TRANSPORTATION

### 1. National Roads 2019 funding from TII confirmed - €6,603,684

|   |   |
|---|---|
| N51 Dunmoe Phase 2                              | Land and Property Valuation Services Consultant has been appointed. Tender Assessment for the Topographical Survey ongoing with a successful tenderer to be appointed. Tender Assessment for Archaeological Consultancy ongoing. Geotechnical specialists reviewing tender documents for the Supplementary Ground Investigation. Once complete the Ground Investigation Tender will be published. |
| N2 Slane Bypass                                 | Route options being assessed. Public Consultation re Emerging Preferred Option expected in 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2019.  |
| N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon                   | Technical Consultancy Services contract to be appointed.  |
| N51 Tullaghanstown Cross Pavement Strengthening | Design 95% complete. In order to progress the scheme Part 8 process with required reports and CPO now being considered  |
| N52 Grange to Clontail                          | Ground Investigation Survey Contract ongoing. Geophysical Survey on site is complete - awaiting Final Report. Part 8 documents currently being drafted.   |
| N51/R147 Junction Navan                         | TII funded safety scheme. Substantially complete.   |

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| N2 Slane Approaches                | Resurfacing works commenced 29 <sup>th</sup> July and scheduled for completion in 13 weeks.  |
| N2 Primatestown                    | Works commenced on 5 <sup>th</sup> July & road crossings completed weekend of 5 <sup>th</sup> July. Minor prep works ongoing. Surfacing works scheduled to commence on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September. Scheduled for completion around 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept. |
| NS Resurfacing (various locations) | Tenders currently being assessed.  |

**2. (a) Non- National Roads 2019 funding from DTT&S - €19,676,500**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road | CPO Operative letters issued to landowners and occupiers. DTTAS appraisal being carried out. Formal request to serve CPO notices issued to DTTAS and Detailed design progressing.   |
| LDR4 Abbeyland Navan                  | NIS for ground investigation finalised and determination made. Ground Investigation & Geophysical survey completed. Valuer and senior legal counsel appointed.  |
| R162 Kilberry                         | DTTAS appraisal submitted for approval. Public consultation for Phase 1 completed 24 <sup>th</sup> June. Awaiting Department approval re Tender Docs.   |
| R155 Curragha                         | Traffic Calming design progressing. DTTAS appraisal submitted for internal approval. Public consultation for Phase 1 completed 24 <sup>th</sup> June. Drainage design being finalised & overall tender drawings nearing completion. |
| R162 Lisnagrew                        | Detailed design currently under review.   |

**Schedule of Municipal District Works – passed by all 6 Municipal Districts at the February meetings. Contracts gone to tender to progress the 2019 Roadworks programme. Contracts awarded, programme commenced on site**

**2. (b) Non- National Roads 2019 - Funding – Other than DTT&S**

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|---|--|
| R154 Traffic Calming at Kiltale, Batterjohn and Batterstown | Traffic Calming design substantially complete. Public consultation completed 24 <sup>th</sup> June. Tenders received for Batterjohn and are being assessed. Tender docs for Kiltale being completed. |
| Ratoath Outer Relief Road                                   | Contractor has been appointed and works are progressing on site. Expected to be completed Q2 2020.   |
| LDR6 Farganstown, Navan                                     | ESB temporary diversion completed. Construction tenders received and assessed and Draft report issued to Department of Housing in advance of formal approval request to proceed to award contract.   |
| Kilbride Rd/R125 Ashbourne Rd, Ratoath                      | Realignment of junction - Part 8 was on public display until 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019. Two submissions received and are being considered.  |

**3. Sustainable Transport Initiatives – 2019 grant allocation from NTA - €2,250,000**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) | Abbey Road bus stops completed. Contractor commenced works on Railway Street and the road was closed to traffic until 25 <sup>th</sup> August with one lane then reopening. Excavation works and broad band fibre ducting and watermain installation works were undertaken. Discussions ongoing with owner of lands for proposed |
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|   | park and ride site, and the matter remains under review. Preliminary layout design undertaken for potential Park&Ride site on N51 to rear of St. Patrick's College.  |
| Boyne Greenway – Drogheda to Mornington Section | Meeting held with Laytown-Bettystown Councillors. Non-statutory public consultation to be held from the 30 <sup>th</sup> of August until 11 <sup>th</sup> of October. Submissions invited until 25 <sup>th</sup> of October. |

#### 4. Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

| Scheme                | Road              | MD      | Status   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|--|
| Hayestown             | L3400/L50521      | Navan   | Contractor appointed.  |
| Longwood Village      | R160/ L4020       | Trim    | Civil Works substantially complete.                                |
| Greenan, Drumconrath  | R165/ L34036      | Kells   | Contractor appointed.  |
| Culmullin Cross       | L6205/L62051/R125 | Ratoath | Tenders received and assessed.                                     |
| Knockbrack, Oldcastle | R195/L 68197      | Kells   | Site investigations commenced week 12th – 16 <sup>th</sup> August. |

#### 5. Bridge Rehabilitation Works Regional & Local Roads

The bridges to be designed are Castleparks Bridge, Annes Bridge, Stoneyford Bridge, Annesbrooke Bridge, Skearke Bridge, Clonard Bridge, Kearntown Bridge, Cornmill Bridge, Maudlin Bridge. Framework Agreements have now been signed for both Consultants and Contractors with Consultants having been appointed for the design of the remedial works to Clonard, Stoneyford, Annes and Cornmill Bridges. Tenders for the design of Annesbrooke, Skearke, Kearntown and Maudlin Bridges are expected in the coming days.

Minor Bridge repairs are scheduled for the following structures Jordanstown Culvert, Rathbranchurch Bridge, Strany Beg Bridge, Kill Bridge, Kill Mill Bridge, Bailis Bridge, Foliostown Bridge, Braden Bridge, Liscarton Culvert, Altmush Bridge, Milltown Culvert.

#### 6. Other Actions/ Projects

|   |                                       |  |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Public Lighting Capital Programme</b>            | 2019                                  | Programme of Capital works commenced – 25% complete  |   |
|   |                                       | <b>MD</b>  | <b>Location</b>   |
|   |                                       | Ratoath MD   | Drumree Road, Dunshaughlin  |
|   |                                       |  | R155 - Fairyhouse/Tattersalls, Ratoath  |
|   |                                       | Laytown/Bettystown MD  | L1610 Abbey Road out to Balsaran School, Duleek   |
|   |                                       |  | Newtown National School   |
|   |                                       | Ashbourne MD   | R135 to Business Park Entrance, Ballymadun Road, Ashbourne                                |
|   |                                       | Trim MD  | R148 Enfield Inner Relief Road, (R148 link from roundabout on R402 to R148 Clonard Road). |
| Navan MD  | The Bull, Market Square, Navan        |  |   |
| Kells MD  | R162 Village to Muff Crescent, Nobber |  |   |
| <b>Risk Mitigation – Footpath Improvement Works</b> | 2019                                  | <b>Ratoath MD</b> –Clonee & Dunboyne Footpath Rehabilitation Works - Tender evaluation report completed. Works complete at Tara News and the Dales Dunshaughlin. |   |



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|--|------|--|
|  |      | <p><b>Navan MD</b> - Tender awarded for Troytown Heights. Woodlands Estate is complete. Tenders received and contractor appointed for Troytown Heights/Proudstown Rd and for Beechmount Estate.</p> <p><b>Kells MD</b> - Path rehabilitation works to playground area and kerbing and build out works at Bective Sq complete. Path rehabilitation works at Maudlin St are 80% complete.</p> <p><b>Ashbourne MD</b>—Works are substantially complete for Garden City,Ashbourne</p> <p><b>Trim MD</b> –Works are complete at New Haggard Road, Trim.</p> <p><b>Laytown/Bettystown MD</b>– Snagging works being carried out at Laytown village. Scheme on Ashbourne Rd &amp; Fr Ryan Park Duleek at design stage. Scheme on Alverno Heights and Beechgrove Laytown at design stage.</p> |
| <b>Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) &amp; Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)</b> | 2019 | Contract has been awarded for the CIS & LIS successful schemes for 2019 and works are currently underway.  |
| <b>Royal Canal</b>   |      | Physical construction works will be completed in early September. Signage and markings remain to be carried out.   |
| <b>Milltown Road Ashbourne-Road Safety Improvements Scheme</b>                 |      | Tenders received and currently being assessed.   |

## FINANCE

| <b>Loans Data 1st February 2018 to 06th August 2019</b>                          |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>Applications Received</b>   | <b>289</b> |
| <b>Applications Returned not Submitted to Housing Agency</b>                     | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>Applications awaiting further information not Submitted to Housing Agency</b> | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>Applications Submitted to Housing Agency for Assessment/Recommendation</b>    | <b>270</b> |
| <b>Applications Awaiting Assessment /Recommendation by Housing Agency</b>        | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>Applications Awaiting Decision by Meath County Council Credit Committee</b>   | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>Applications Approved by the Meath County Council Credit Committee</b>        | <b>159</b> |
| <b>Applications Refused by the Meath County Council Credit Committee</b>         | <b>88</b>  |
|  | <b>270</b> |
| <b>Approvals Drawdown by Customer for House Purchase</b>                         | <b>86</b>  |
| <b>Drawdowns for Restructuring Loans</b>   | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>No of customers in MARP</b>   | <b>36</b>  |

## PLANNING, COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

### Planning

- Planning Applications

The number of applications received in the period 01.01.2019 to 25.08.19 was 1095 in comparison to 976 received in the same period last year.

- Development Contributions

Development Contribution receipts up to the end of July 2019 were €8,016,282 compared to €8,590,816 in same period last year. (Figure is inclusive of Irish Water receipts)

- Variations

#### **Navan Development Plan**

A total of 10 submissions were received on the proposed Variation No.3 (to give effect to an objective in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region in relation to providing further employment opportunities in Navan through the rezoning of a parcel of land) to the Navan Development Plan 2009-2015. Members will be asked at the September Council meeting to resolve to make the variation, or to accept the Chief Executive's recommendations with or without further modification, or to refuse to make the variation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018

#### **Trim Development Plan**

A total of 17 submissions were received on the proposed Variation No.1 (to incorporate the key tenets of the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath 2014 – 2022, as they relate to land-use planning) to the Trim Development Plan 2014-2020. Members will be asked at the September Council meeting to resolve to make the variation, or to accept the Chief Executive's recommendations with or without further modification, or to refuse to make the variation, in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018

- Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID)

**PL09.304862** - proposed development by Eirgrid PLC. for development described as proposed 220 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear substation, 2 no. 220 kV underground circuits forming a loop-in/loop-out to the existing Maynooth-Woodland 220 kV Overhead Line and 6 no. 220 kV underground circuits and associated low voltage and communication underground cabling connecting the proposed substation with electricity transformers within the Intel Ireland Facility, and all associated and ancillary site development works, within the townlands of **Bogganstown, Co. Meath** and Ravensdale, Kellystown, Blakestown (North Salt By) and Leixlip, Co. Kildare, the subject of the Chief Executive's Report to An Bord Pleanála of September 2019 (as circulated) and, if thought fit, to resolve to attach recommendations to that report in accordance with Section 37(E) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018.

- Strategic Housing Development (SHD)  
**304840** - 104 no. apartments, creche and associated site works Metges Road, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath – Awaiting Decision by An Bord Pleanála  
**303205** - 228 residential homes at Jamestown, Ratoath by Sherwood Homes – Awaiting formal notification from An Bord Pleanála.

## **Community**

### **Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

Meetings of the LCDC took place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July with the next one scheduled for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.

### **LEADER Programme 2014-2020**

Meetings of the LAG took place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July with the next one scheduled for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

### **Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)**

Liaison is ongoing with agencies and partners to progress actions within the LECP with quarterly reports presented to the LCDC meetings.

### **Age Friendly County Initiative (AF)**

- Walkability of Athboy carried out in conjunction with Prosper Meath, Age Friendly and HSE Dementia section. Over 60 persons took part and assessed 4 routes.
- The Pride of Place awards has a specific Age Friendly category included and the Eureka transition year students intergeneration project with the older persons has been entered into the Co-operation Ireland awards scheduled for November in Kilkenny.
- The Age Friendly Alliance intends to launch an awareness of the “Message in a Bottle” for older persons on November 1<sup>st</sup> as part of Flexibus annual Celebration Day in Simmonstown.
- Age Friendly Recognition awards scheduled for November with 2 projects shortlisted for Meath.
- Next Age Friendly Alliance meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Joint Policing Committee**

The next JPC Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 with 7 new Councillors appointed to same.

### **Public Participation Network**

The re-registration of groups has commenced. An insurance survey has been completed with 104 responses received from Meath PPN members. Feedback from the groups outlined the difficulties associated with the cost of insurance and the impact which has included ceasing and curtailing activities within their communities.

Meath PPN will be represented on the National PPN stand at the Ploughing Championships. Workshops for the wellbeing statement will commence in Kells on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and will be rolled out throughout the county. This is an opportunity for PPN members to contribute to policy development within Meath.

### **Ashbourne Linear Park**

The bridge is now installed across the Broadmeadow River with works ongoing on developing the playground area in the park.

### **Pride of Place**

Adjudication of the 2019 Pride of Place Scheme took place during July and August. Awards nights have been arranged as follows;

- Thursday 26th Sept – Trim MD – Byrnes Bar, Ballivor
- Tuesday 1st Oct – Kells MD – Headfort Arms Hotel, Kells
- Thursday 3rd Oct – Navan MD – Buvinda House, Navan
- Tuesday 8th Oct – Ratoath MD – Dunshaughlin Community Centre, Dunshaughlin
- Wednesday 23rd Oct – Laytown/Bettystown MD – The Tribe Restaurant, Duleek
- Tuesday 29th Oct – Ashbourne MD – Ashbourne Library
- Thursday 7th Nov – County Awards – Solstice Arts Centre, Navan

There are four Meath groups taking part in the 2019 Co-Operation Ireland competition. The judging is taking place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The awards night is taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 in Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny.

The groups taking part this year are:

- Dunboyne Tidy Towns - Population over 5000 category
- Girley Bog Meitheal - Creative Place Initiative category
- Eureka Secondary School – Age Friendly Initiative category
- Newcastle Woods Residents Association, Enfield – Housing Estate category

### **The Community Grant Scheme**

Community Grant Scheme claims are being processed as they are received. Completed claim forms are to be submitted by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

### **The Community Amenity Project Scheme**

Assessment of the 51 applications received is ongoing. When completed, the details will be presented in each Municipal District followed by the Full Council.

### **Regional Festivals & Participative Events**

This is a Fund of €11,000 provided by Fáilte Ireland to be administered by Meath County Council to the 9 qualifying applicants. Funding will be paid following receipt of claims from the applicants.

### **CLÁR**

Seven applications were submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development for consideration. Announcement of approvals is now overdue.

### **Carranstown Grant Scheme**

All successful applicants have been notified of their grant allocation with claim forms to be submitted by the end of the year. The next meeting of the Committee is expected to take place in September/October. The annual awards night was held by Indaver Ltd on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Knockharley Grant Scheme**

Works are currently ongoing on the Kentstown Village Project which involves the creation of green space, football pitches, parking area and changing rooms. Next meeting scheduled for September.

### **Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

Works ongoing by the groups under the 2018 scheme and must be completed by April 2020. Under the 2019 scheme Expressions of Interest were sought from community groups and applications have been submitted to the Department for consideration. Announcements due in September.

### **Healthy Ireland Fund scheme**

New HIF Round 3 announced and will run from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021, 4 projects have been selected by the LCDC and have been submitted to Pobal for approval.

### ***Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme***

Seven applications in total were submitted to the Department for consideration. Three projects under Measure 1, three projects under Measure 2 and one project under Measure 3. Announcement of successful projects is now overdue.

### **Community Enhancement Programme**

Meath's allocation is €142,893.00. Applications were invited from groups for both small grants of under €1,000.00 and larger grants in excess of €1,000.00 for capital expenditure that address disadvantage. The LCDC approved 52 grant allocations and 18 Men's Shed's applications. All works must be completed and claimed by year end.

### **Comhairle na N'Og**

New members are sitting on the steering committee following elections. Comhairle members will attend the Dail in November to celebrate 100 years with TD's and the Ceann Comhairle in attendance.

### **Meath Digital Strategy**

The draft Meath Digital Strategy was put out for consultation on the 18<sup>th</sup> July until the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The strategy has several actions that were identified through a stakeholder workshop. 2020 Milestones have been developed and proposed to the stakeholders. The finalised plan due in September 2019.

### **National Broadband Plan**

National Broadband Ireland have completed their high level design for the delivery of fibre to all homes in the intervention area. €80 Million is being invested in the County.

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment carried out a consultation on the NBP Mapping Exercise as many urban premises do not have high speed broadband but were not included in the intervention area. The Department is seeking plans from the telecommunications companies on the areas they intend to serve. Several Meath estates have been submitted for inclusion in this list. Councillors are requested to forward any complete estates (i.e. where there is no ongoing construction taking place) where there are broadband issues to the Broadband Officer.

### **Open eir –Ireland's Fibre Network (IFN) Project**

KN Circet on behalf of open eir has applied for permission to commence their urban Fibre-To-The Home project in Dunshaughlin and Ratoath. These works will commence in the coming months.

## **Enterprise**

### **Social Media campaign:**

- Social Media followers continue to grow across, facebook, instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn, which the ED team managing same. A number of posts are scheduled each week with emphasis placed on current and engaging topics.

### **Exhibitions & Events:**

- ED Team attended a free masterclass on exhibiting which was arranged and funded by REI. There was an excellent focus on how to present your stand and your brand at shows.

### **Commuter Survey**

Interactions Limited have been awarded the Tender for the Commuter Survey which is a collaboration with Kildare County Council. Work is due to commence on the collection of data on the 9<sup>th</sup> September with a view to having the reports published by late October.

### **Friendliest Town**

10 retailers in Athboy and Enfield are eagerly anticipating the results of the “Secret Shopper” experience at the end of August. The results will indicate if the individual stores made it to the top 100 stores in the Country or the town has reached the next stage of the process.

### **National Enterprise Town Awards – Bank of Ireland**

Dunboyne & Moynalty will welcome the Judges to their town and village on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of August respectively. The committees are putting the finishing touches to their presentations currently.

### **Industrial Estates Management:**

#### **Eamon Duggan & Kells Ind. Est**

Work has commenced with the GIS team to have new land registry complaint maps drawn up for the Industrial Estates in Kells & Trim. ED team have met with and gone through requirements with Stephen Quinn. We have earmarked a budget for use on a marketing scheme to highlight the available sites in both parks with a view to securing purchase on the remaining 5 sites in Trim and 3 in Kells.

#### **Eamon Duggan contd.**

- **Sites 1,2 & 3** - Communication is ongoing with the hope of closing the same on sites 1,2 & 3 at the end of Quarter 3
- **Site 19** – Section 183 has been prepared for disposal of Site 19 for the September Trim MD meeting
- **Site 20 & 21** – GIS Maps are being drawn up for the purchase of site 20 & 21

#### **Ashbourne Ind. Est**

- €120,000 has been allocated from the Capital Budget to go towards the improvement of the estate. Works are due to commence on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019.

#### **Commitment for Sponsorship of events:**

- Trim Tourism Network have received a commitment of sponsorship towards the Salmon of Knowledge Festival and two other events scheduled for later in the year
- Navan Choral Festival have submitted vouched expenses to draw down their committed sponsorship

#### **Food Digital Tech & Innovation Hubs:**

The ED team travelled as guests to Drumshanbo Food & Innovation Hub & “The Hive” in Leitrim to gain knowledge in anticipation of the commencement of the BV Food and Innovation Hub in Navan.

The Hub in Dunshaughlin is currently at a standstill awaiting H&S reports.

The Food and Innovation Hub Navan is currently out for further information.

The results of the Commuter Survey will allow us to identify strategic areas where the placement of hubs would be beneficial.

#### **Projects (EU & other):**

We have been successful in two EU project submissions this year to date

#### **The Gig Economy**

We have been awarded a grant of €341K to develop programmes for The GIG Economy. Funding is coming from the EU Commission under the Erasmus+ programme.

Our partners are from NI, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands. Meath Coco. is the lead partner.

This will investigate how this type of economy will disrupt small businesses and ‘lone warriors’. It also has implications for our grant structure – specifically employment grants.

The project can be used to develop some tools and strategies to confront this new element to our economy and hopefully gain some traction nationally and at the EU level.

#### **Boundary Spanners**

This new project is specifically addressing the interfaces between business and universities, using this interface to drive innovation in SMEs. We will be full partners with specific responsibilities for outreach to the business community and conducting the pilot testing of outputs. We will be the expert resource for developing links between local government, business and the third level education community. This can be used to build upon our existing links with NUI Maynooth and DkIT, and drive further links with the other universities in the region. We will receive €60K for our participation. The project was awarded directly from the EU Commission in Brussels.

#### **Boyne Valley Food Strategy:**

##### **Taste the Island**

Faite Ireland launched the Taste the Island Campaign, Boyne Valley Flavours are hosting an event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November in Kells Court House in conjunction with Hinterland. The theme of the event is SAMHAN – 5000 years of Food and Culture. BVF has secured €3000 funding from

Failte Ireland for this event. This show stopping event will have guest speakers such as JP McMahon, Darina Allen, John and Sally McKenna to name a few. More details to follow.

### **Irish Food Guild members**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August members from the Irish Food Guild travelled to the Boyne Valley for their annual outing. Visitors included Georgina Campbell, Darina Allen, Caroline Hennessey and 4 more. The Council's Food Officer accompanied the group on the day with 9 stops in total across the Boyne Valley to showcase the array of products and eateries we have to offer in our region. The group last visited the region in 2013 and this year they were excited by our producers, their products, their passion and their awareness of environment and sustainability.

### **Puca – Halloween Festival Workshop**

Following the launch of Púca at the end of July, Boyne Valley Flavours in conjunction with Failte Ireland, hope to showcase locally sourced food throughout the eateries of Athboy, Trim and Navan in a similar way to the Navan Bites Trail that BVF did in May 2018.

### **Local Enterprise Office (LEO)**

#### **Trading Online Vouchers**

5 Trading Online Vouchers (TOVs) were approved during July and August

#### **Business Advice Sessions**

37 Business Advice sessions were undertaken during July (26) and August (11 to date).

#### **Mentoring**

24 mentoring assignments commenced in July and August.

### **ITBA Management Development Programme**

LEO and Meath County Council are delighted to have teamed up with the ITBA to run a programme called "Managing Your Bloodstock Business". The programme kicked off in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August and consists of three full days of workshops delivered by Gateway Consulting. This is only the second such programme that the ITBA have rolled out to its members. The first programme was held in Kildare in the spring and part funded by LEO Kildare. It was due to the success of this programme that the ITBA approached Meath County Council to run a second such programme. LEO Meath has provided €5,000 in sponsorship towards this programme and there are 9 breeders registered on it.

### **Evaluations and Approvals Committee (EVAC):**

The total grant funding approved in July was €113,500. The new jobs potential associated with these approvals is 17 jobs in total

### **EI Agile Innovation Fund:**

LEO currently has 1 application on hand for approval at the September EVAC meeting. The grant request is for €22,481, which represents a 45% grant towards R&D.



### **BREXIT Preparatory Programme**

Brexit Customs Workshops held on 17<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> August: LEO hosted Brexit Customs Training workshops in July and August to help business owners understand how increased customs regulations which may impact their business. Workshops were carried out by Lorna Kelly from BDO Exports and took place in Buvinda house. These practical interactive workshops were attended by 41 business owners from all over county Meath. The main aim of the workshop was to help business owners minimise their customs risks and become aware of the compliance responsibilities they face once the UK leaves the EU.

### **LEO Meath Client Marketing Campaign:**

This campaign is on-going and two additional clients (Bergin's Family Butchers and Finnegan's Farm) being profiled on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, for their participation on the LEO's LEAN Start Programme. Once produced, it is planned to publish the video content on the LEO website as an informative resource for clients considering undertaking LEAN.

### **National Women's Enterprise Day Conference:**

Enterprise Ireland has confirmed that the date for this year's National Women's Enterprise Day Conference is set for Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Planning has commenced for this event and it has been agreed that it will be a collaborative event between LEOs Louth and Meath. The venue will be the City North Hotel and there is a very interesting line-up of speakers planned with Margaret E Ward as our keynote speaker for the event. The theme of the event is "*Making It Happen*" and there will be a strong focus on exports and international trade.

### **Showcase 2020:**

LEO Meath will have three Stands in the Local Enterprise area at Showcase 2020 which is scheduled to take place from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

## **Public Libraries**

### **Library Supports for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Communities Dormant Accounts Fund Contribution**

A Dormant Accounts Fund contribution of up to €28,076.79 has been approved for Meath County Library to devise and develop a course on Traveller Genealogy. A further 25% will be supported by Meath County Council bringing the total funding to €37,435.72.

The library service will devise and facilitate a course of 8 sessions on Traveller Genealogy. This will teach and up-skill a core group of 10-12 participants on:

- How to do research
- How to examine and assess oral and written records
- Understanding of ethnicity

- What repositories to visit, (examples include local library, Pavee Point, National Library, National Archives, Military Archives, Church Archives, Genealogy Centres) with visits to each arranged
- Basic IT skills, such as Internet searching, social media, MS Word and compilation of family trees.

Those trained will either undertake research for others or teach skills to other members of the Traveller Community building up lifelong learning and educational capacity. Areas of Cultural Heritage, Social Integration, Life-long Learning, Digital Literacy, Confidence Building, and Presentation Skills will be addressed. Emphasis will be placed on the value of increased knowledge of Traveller families and their culture to the Meath Local Studies collections ensuring a spirit of Partnership and shared experience and understanding.

### **Healthy Ireland at Your Library**

Phase 3 of Healthy Ireland at Your Library will run for two years from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It will include:

- Healthy Ireland Collection enhancement, including a sexual health reading list developed in collaboration with the HSE to support parents in discussing sexual health with their children
- Programme of events on the themes #BeWell #ThinkWell #EatWell - the Event Guidelines remain the same as in Phase 2
- Online resource development
- Promotion
- New Healthy Ireland display to be purchased by the end of 2019, with an allocation of €300 per branch

The Department of Health has also emphasised the importance of a targeted, partnership approach to Phase 3 actions where possible. While actions targeting the general public are eligible for funding, a number of priority target groups have been identified. Some examples include:

- Disadvantaged communities
- Children and young people
- People with disabilities, including people with mental health issues
- Unemployed young people and adults

### **My Open Library – Trim**

Three hundred and ten members have now been inducted to Trim MOL .The system is operating very smoothly and Sunday morning is proving to be an attractive time for families to access the service. Induction training for new members is continuing while staff will be targeting promotion of the service to exam and third-level students in the early autumn.

### **Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards**

Ashbourne Library Music Appreciation Club has been shortlisted in the *Best Library Service* category of the 2019 Awards. The club was originally established by former staff member Teresa Carley, and further developed by another former colleague Robin Stewart. The group meet weekly to listen to a wide range of performances and recitals. The meeting format allows plenty of time for discussion and interaction. Overall it delivers a very informative and therapeutic experience to those attending the club on a regular basis. Retired and older citizens make up the majority of members, although in recent years the club has forged a very successful relationship

with clients from Prosper Meath and the club now forms a very important part of the clients' weekly activities. A feature of the club is the regular appearance of guest artists and musicians from local and national groups.

### **Tovertafel Magic Table – ICT Resource for people with Dementia and Autism– RTE Six One News**

RTE recently filmed a feature on the Trim library initiative and this will be aired in the coming weeks. The feature will highlight the impact the table has had on the lives of students from the St. Michael's Autism Unit. The children attend the library on a weekly basis with their teachers to avail of the service. They also visit the library regularly out of school hours as they share the "Magic" with their wider family and friends.

## **ENVIRONMENT, WATER SERVICES, FIRE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING**

### **Community Environment Action Fund (previously Local Agenda 21)**

The Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund (LA21) which has operated since 1997, promotes sustainable development by assisting small-scale environmental projects at local level. The Scheme has been renamed the Community Environment Action Fund from 2019 onwards.

The projects involve partnership arrangements between local authorities and various local groups including community groups, schools and environmental NGOs.

The Community Environment Action Fund assists sustainable development from the ground-up and facilitates, at local level, the achievement of the objectives of the Agenda 21 action plan on sustainable development.

The Fund is administered by local authorities, in conjunction with the Department of communications, Climate Action and Environment. Eligible projects are those which support and complement, at a local level, national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water and Sustainable Development. There is a particular emphasis on projects that target Climate Action and Biodiversity this year given the focus on our Climate Action Strategy.

The closing date for submissions is the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### **2019 Anti Dumping Initiative**

Under the Anti Dumping Initiative Government funding is provided to Local Authorities who in collaboration with local community groups and other state agencies arrange for the clean-up of locations which are subject to continual dumping. The scheme is somewhat expanded this year and including support for measures which tackle unauthorised waste collectors and man in the van type operators who advertise their services on social media outlets to collect waste from households without any waste collection permit and often resulting in the waste being deposited in scenic areas around the County.

MCC have been approved for 7 projects at a total cost of €87,000, including Kilcarn Court Railway Walk Navan , Bohermeen Bog, Naul & District, Bracetown Clonee, Mobile CCTV systems and Bulky Waste collections. These projects have to be completed by the end of September 2019.

A Dashboard Dining Awareness Campaign on 14 Screens at Applegreen Forecourts across the County, targeting drivers and passengers - August and September 2019 and encouraging them to dispose of their food waste and packaging in a responsible manner

### **Draft Litter Management Plan**

A draft Litter Management Plan for the County and covering the period 2019-2021 was the subject of public consultation from , 19<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> August and submissions received are currently being examined.

### **Waste Presentation Bye Laws.**

The Council at the October 2018 full Council meeting adopted the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-laws. These Bye Laws which have also been adopted by all other local authorities are primarily intended to give additional powers to Local Authorities to target persistent offenders who do not have appropriate arrangements in place for waste disposal provide for a number of enforcement provisions including fines and fixed penalty notices. Every household must be able to prove that they have a contract in place with an authorized waste collector or that they regularly use a civic amenity site or recycling centre.

The Regional Waste Management Plan Offices commenced on the 20<sup>th</sup> June a national awareness campaign in respect of the bye-laws and comprising of national and local radio advertisements, newspaper notices and leaflets , social media including on the [mywaste.ie](http://mywaste.ie) platform.

### **Climate Change**

A draft Climate Action Strategy titled “Making Meath Climate Ready” was the subject of public consultation from the 19<sup>th</sup> June to the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and including Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment The adoption of the strategy is on the Agenda for the September Council meeting.

It is proposed to launch the strategy on the 16<sup>th</sup> September and thereafter to hold a series of road shows at Municipal District level commencing in Trim on the 17<sup>th</sup> September – details of times and venues will be circulated in due course. Arising from the declaration of a Climate and Biodiversity emergency at the July Council meeting and following a Climate Action Training event in August it was agreed to establish a Climate Action Forum for which all members were invited to attend – the first meeting of the forum was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August. A number of officials from the Council recently attended a peer review of a climate action training document which was prepared by the CARO and it is proposed to roll out training to include elected members and senior management as soon as possible. A fortnightly newsletter is now being prepared to keep the elected members abreast of developments with regard to Climate Change initiatives.

### **Provision of Slipways – River Boyne and Blackwater**

An Bord Pleanála by order dated 26<sup>th</sup> November approved the planning application and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the provision of the boat slipways and construction of access thereto on the River Boyne and River Blackwater. Construction work on the 5 slipways commenced in early August and is expected to be completed by October.

### **Draft Beach Management Plan**

The Members at the February Laytown Bettystown Municipal district meeting agreed to accept the findings of the draft plan and recommendations there from, and noting that the specific provisions from the Natura Impact Statement relating to dogs on leads and horses will require

revisions to the 2010 Foreshore Bye Laws. The proposed revisions were placed on public display from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and submissions received will be summarised and discussed at MD and thereafter the full Council in whom the power to make or amend the bye laws is vested.

The Council is preparing the Part 8 planning application for the development of a Seafront Building and Civic Plaza at Seaview Terrace, Bettystown, i.e. on the site of the terraced houses at the beach entrance. It is intended that the Building will house the lifeguards, beach warden and other services. A consultation with local stakeholders was held in Bettystown in mid-August and when some very constructive ideas and suggestions were put forward for consideration. It is hoped to commence the statutory Part 8 process by mid-October

### **River Basin Management Plan 2018 -2021**

The River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 was launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and outlines the measures the State and other sectors will take to improve water quality in Ireland's groundwater, rivers, lakes, estuarine and coastal waters over the next four years. The 726 water bodies including 9 in County Meath form part of a total of 190 Areas for Action which have been prioritised nationally for particular attention

A regional integrated Catchment Management Programme for the Midlands and Eastern region was published earlier in the year and setting out the areas prioritised for action and the schedule for commencing works by recently established Catchment assessment teams. Public consultation is a key feature of the programme in advance of any works being undertaken and to date public consultation evenings have been held in respect of proposed works for the Kilmainham Dee & Moynalty Rivers and the Boycetown River near Dunsany/Kiltale.



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