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Chief Executive's Report for Elected Members

Monthly Management Report
November 2021

This Monthly Management Report is prepared in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, and provided to the Elected Members for consideration and information.

Introduction by the Chief Executive

To Members,

This Monthly Management Report gives an overview of the on-going governance of Meath County Council and is being provided for your information and consideration.

The report covers the following:

Directorate for Corporate Affairs and Governance, Climate Action and Emergency Services

Corporate Affairs and Governance

Climate Action and Environment

Directorate for Housing, Community and Cultural Development

Housing Services

Community Development

Library Services

Directorate for Infrastructure, Project Management, People Management and Development

Transportation

Directorate for Planning, Economic and Tourism Development

Planning and Development

Economic Development

Directorate for Finance, Information Systems and Water Services

Finance Services

Thank You,

Jackie Maguire

Chief Executive

Corporate Affairs and Governance

Corporate Affairs

Register of Electors: The Draft Register of Electors will be available to view from November 1st to November 25th. Only persons whose name appears on the Register (or any Supplement to the Register) will be entitled to vote in elections held between February 15, 2022 to February 14, 2023.

Persons aged 18 years or over on February 15, 2022 and ordinarily resident in the constituency on September 1, 2021, are entitled to be included on the Register. A person may check the draft Register at:

- Customer Services Desk at Meath County Council, Buvinda House
- Local Post Offices
- Garda Stations
- County Libraries

Future Events: The following corporate events will take place in the coming weeks and further details will be provided closer to the dates in question:

- Civic Reception - Meath Minor Team - **Monday, November 1st at 7pm**, Solstice Theatre;
- Annual Mass - **Thursday, November 11th at 6pm**, Buvinda House;
- Civic Reception - Ladies Football Team - **Wednesday, December 1st at 7pm**, Solstice Theatre.

These events are being planned in line with the latest public health guidance, specifically attendance at these events will require evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or immunity following recovery.

Twinning Delegation: On Friday, October 15th a delegation from the City of Cary met with the Cathaoirleach, elected members and members of the Management Team to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the twinning agreement between Meath and the City of Cary. There were presentations on issues of mutual interest and an exchange of gifts to mark the anniversary.



Communications

Support Local – Student Video Competition

Meath County Council in partnership with County Meath Chamber of Commerce are inviting Transition Year students in County Meath to participate in its "Support Local" Student Video Competition.

Social Media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram and Facebook have offered the tools to young people to showcase their creativity. We have seen short, snappy videos become viral reaching thousands of people. We want to tap into this and give students in Meath the opportunity to showcase their own creativity and digital skills.



Schools are invited to submit a short 1-minute video, promoting and supporting local and the new Mí Meath Card initiative. Closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 17th.

Wave of Light

October was Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month, each year on October 15th there is a global “Wave of Light” where across the World at 7.00pm candles, monuments, landmarks and buildings are lit in the campaign's colours, blue and pink in memory of babies and to spark conversations about baby loss and give bereaved parents and families an opportunity to talk about their precious babies.



Féileacáin (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland) is the National Charity supporting families affected by perinatal loss. In support of this Meath County Council joined in this "Wave of Light" in several locations across Meath.

National Fire Safety Week, October 4th to October 11th, 2021

National Fire Safety Week aimed to enhance fire safety, particularly in the home. This year the main theme was “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Weekly”.



Fire Safety Week focused on fire safety in the home, encouraging all homes to have smoke alarms and to test them weekly. It is hoped to help the public build and maintain good Fire Safe habits as routines return to some sort of normality.



Meath County Council Fire and Rescue Service promoted this year’s National Fire Safety Week across their social media channels by sharing awareness messages throughout the week, the campaign can be viewed on the Meath Fire Service and Meath County Council Twitter pages, videos can also be viewed on the Meath County Council YouTube channel.

Halloween Awareness

Throughout October a number of posts were shared across Meath County Council social media channels promoting firework awareness and the collection of waste for the building of bonfires.

Meath County Council asked local business owners and communities to secure flammable materials to prevent malicious fires in the run up to Halloween.



In 2020 the Council took down 11 large bonfires, with over 30 tonnes of material removed. Members of the public are advised not to give any old household items for use in a bonfire and if they had bulky waste this should go to their local recycling centre or to a permitted skip provider.

Staff Retirements

The following staff members have retired from the Council in Q3 of 2021:

- Brendan Kenny – Transport Navan MD – Retired 14/07/2021.
- David Monahan – Transport Navan MD – Retired 18/07/2021
- Rieta Van Der Werff – Corporate Services – Retired 30/07/2021
- Jacek Bryniczka – Environment – Retired 17/08/2021
- Helen McCabe – Finance – Retired 02/09/2021
- Vincent Collins – Housing – Retired 09/09/2021
- Gerard Hannigan – Transport Ashbourne MD – Retired 20/09/2021
- Joseph Brady – Transport Kells MD – Retired 20/09/2021
- Paul Hand – Transport Ratoath MD – Retired 21/09/2021
- Amelia Reilly – Environment – Retired 22/09/2021
- Sean Kelleher – Transport Trim MD – Retired 24/09/2021
- Tom Murphy – Transport Navan MD – Retired 24/09/2021

Climate Action and Environment

River Basin Management Plan (RBMP): A draft River Basin Management Plan for the period 2020-2027 was launched by the Minister in late September and will be subject to extensive public consultation commencing in November and running until the 31st March 2022. The Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO), which provides a shared service on behalf of all 31 Local Authorities, will be co-ordinating the consultation and involving the holding of 120 town hall type meetings as well as a zoom meeting in each County for people who cannot attend in person. Presentations will be made in the coming months at SPC, MD and full Council levels in respect of the detail contained in the draft plan

Green Kilometre Scheme: 230 individuals or groups have participated in the Green Kilometre Scheme for Meath and committed to maintaining a kilometre or longer stretch of local road free of litter over the course of a year. Over 10,000 saplings of native Irish Trees are to be distributed to such groups during the month of November.

Green Schools: A Green Schools Seminar is being organised by the Council and consisting of an environmental education programme, and award schemes that promotes and acknowledges long-term, whole school action for the environment.

Brown Bins Promotional Day: A brown bin promotional day is to be held in Navan Recycling Centre on Friday, November 5th in collaboration with the Regional Waste Management Plan Office (RWMPO). This is designed to increase awareness among households in respect of the segregation and reduction of food waste and avoidance of such waste ending up in landfills, which contributes to greenhouse gas emissions.

Water Fountains for Schools Project: Water fountains have now been installed in 5 Secondary Schools in the County and as part of a single use plastic prevention initiative.

The URBACT Project (Trim): The baseline assessment and city profiles are now complete and the project will move to the visioning and storytelling stage.

Housing Services

Capital Programme

Summary Profile of Approved Direct Construction Projects

PROJECT NAME	NO. OF UNITS	APPROVED BUDGET €	ESTIMATED START DATE	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
DESIGN PHASE				
Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney	2	563,166	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
Nangle Court, Navan	16	2,961,862	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Church View, Rathmoylon	22	5,476,215	Q1 2022	Q2 2023
Haggard Street, Trim	4	931,870	Q2 2022	Q1 2023
Kildalkey Road, Athboy	20	4,358,112	Q2 2022	Q3 2023
Ratholdron Court, Navan	26	5,530,960	Q2 2022	Q3 2023
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	43	10,225,755	-	-
Totals	133	30,047,940		
PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS				
Kells Archdeaconary	20	3,826,010	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Totals	20	3,826,010		
TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION				
Ashbourne	76	19,730,587	Q1 2022	Q3 2023
Farganstown	84	24,630,457	Q2 2022	Q4 2023
Lagore, Dunshaughlin	42	9,850,185	Q1 2022	Q3 2023
Totals	202	54,211,229		
CONSTRUCTION STAGE				
Lagore, Dunshaughlin	26	5,813,948	Q1 2020	Q4 2021
Donore	21	4,524,250	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Totals	47	10,338,198		
PROJECTS COMPLETED				
Bettystown (Phase 1)	16	3,437,478	Complete	N/A
Athboy (Phase 1)	32	8,850,320	Complete	N/A
Proudstown Road Navan	4	819,737	Complete	N/A
Summerhill	19	3,854,980	Complete	N/A
Ratoath	17	3,662,700	Complete	N/A
Cortown*	10	6,922,971	Complete	N/A
Kilmainhamwood*	4		Complete	N/A
Oldcastle*	16		Complete	N/A
The Belfry, Trim	3		560,000	Complete
Carlanstown	13	2,719,237	Complete	N/A

Bettystown (Phase 2)	15	3,426,308	Complete	N/A
Kells	40	8,555,683	Complete	N/A
Totals	189	42,809,414		
GRAND TOTAL	571	141,232,791		

* Rapid Build Delivery Projects

Summary of 2021 Approved Funding Submissions

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS	FUNDING APPROVED €
Athboy	Turnkey	7	1,598,475
Enfield	Part V	1	255,000
Duleek	Part V	2	458,675
Stamullen	Part V	3	812,353
2021 Acquisition Programme	Acquisitions	45	€11,000,000
Oldcastle	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	5	1,046,500
Athboy	Part V	1	305,435
Dunshaughlin	Part V	12	3,257,749
Kilmessan	Part V	3	780,747
Duleek	Part V	3	797,307
Totals		82	20,312,241

Summary of Current Funding Submissions

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS	FUNDING SOUGHT €
Donacarney	Turnkey	1	322,700
Kilcock	Part V	13	3,394,991
Stamullen	Part V	5	1,282,577
Trim	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	4	1,023,500
Navan	Group Housing Scheme	6	1,593,710
Totals		29	7,617,478

Expression of Interest for Turnkey Schemes and/or Lands

There is currently a call for proposals 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. or via the following link on Meath.ie <http://bit.ly/EOIHouseSchemesAndOrLand>

Refurbishment Projects

St Francis Park (€3,771,374) – Part 8 Planning process complete. Project now proceeds to Tender for Construction Stage. Estimated start date onsite is Q1 2022

Alverno Court Refurbishment (€4,150,329) - Refurbishment works commenced on site on 3rd August 2021 and will be completed across five phases. Phase 1 comprises of four units, with decanting process of tenants successfully completed in advance.

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

The 2021 Grants allocation of €3,314,174 has been fully allocated. 485 Households have been awarded Grant aid under the various Grants schemes to date in 2021.

Local Authority Adaptation Works Scheme

A total of 45 projects have been completed to date (€411,481.00 excl. VAT).

A further 11 tasks orders issued to contractors. The total cost of these task orders is €60,072.00 excl. VAT.

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 20th October 2021. For the period from 16th September 2021 to 20th October 2021, works were completed on 12 vacant units; while 9 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
Ashbourne	0	1	0	1	0
Kells	5	0	0	3	2
Laytown/Bettystown	1	7	0	8	0
Navan	8	3	2	13	0
Ratoath	3	1	0	4	0
Trim	6	2	0	8	0
TOTALS	23	14	2	37	2

Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects

PROJECT NAME	NO. OF UNITS	AHB	DELIVERY
PIPELINE DELIVERY			
Bryanstown Wood, Drogheda	28	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due - Q3 2021
Narrow Ways Bettystown	12	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due - Q2 2022
Ashewood Ashbourne	11	Cluid Housing	Delivery Due - Q3 2021
Athboy Road, Navan	63	Respond	Delivery Due - Q1 2022
Gort Fionnbarra, Navan (Phase 3)	49	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q4 2021
The Willows, Dunshaughlin	96	Cluid Housing	Delivery Due – Q2 2022
Effernock, Trim	6	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q4 2021
Beaufort Place, Navan	21	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q3 2022
Commons, Duleek	22	North & East	Delivery Due – Q3 2022
Bridge Street, Ashbourne	20	Peter McVerry Trust	Delivery Due – Q4 2022
Tailteann, Navan	8	Meath Women’s Refuge	Delivery Due – Q1 2023
Knightsbrook, Trim	22	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q4 2022
Ruxton Oaks, Navan	20	Cluid Housing	Delivery Due – Q1 2022
TOTAL UNITS TO BE DELIVERED	378		

Homelessness

	SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES	HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Placements at 31st August 2021 (Previous Reported Figure)	146 (153 adults)	20 (30 adults 33 children)	166
Placements at 30 th September 2021	144 (151 adults)	25 (39 adults 49 children)	169
Of the 25 households with children, 17 families are placed in short term private rented accommodation (house/apartment) through Settlement Team's intervention and 8 Families in PMVT Family Hubs. Reasons for emergency accommodation placement in order of frequency: Primary reason is Notice to Quit & unable to a find property to rent; followed by family breakdown; addiction; mental health and young person leaving Tusla aftercare.			

A total of 107 tenancies were secured through the support provided by the Homeless HAP Placefinder Service for the period January 1st to September 30th 2021.

Social Housing Supports

A total of 874 new applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January 1st to 30th September 2021.

Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period January 1st to 30th September 2021.

Allocations/Housing Supports	Number
MCC Direct Allocations	236
Approved Housing Bodies	183
RAS	0
HAP	428
TOTAL	847

Community Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC held a scheduled meeting on Friday, October 22nd, and received an update on the progress of the SICAP Mid Programme Review.

LEADER Programme 2014-2020

The LAG held a scheduled meeting on Friday October 22nd. At the meeting the LAG received the details of proposed projects under the LEADER Transitional Programme and any EOIs received.

Age Friendly County programme (AF)

Consultation is still ongoing in preparing a new Meath Age Friendly Strategy with surveys still open for Older Persons to complete <https://forms.office.com/r/FwAjKyMV85>

A separate survey is open to agencies and groups <https://form.jotform.com/212431651423041>

An online discussion with Older Persons was held on October 5th, which was very informative and interactive. Meath Chamber & Facebook launched the Mí Meath shop local card specifically aimed for Older Persons in conjunction with the Meath Age Friendly programme.

Comhairle na n'Óg

The AGM took place on October 14th, 2021 via Zoom with 16 schools represented. The Comhairle continue to work on their project topic of Community Facilities.

Joint Louth Meath Migrant Integration Forum

A re-scheduled meeting took place on October 11th.

Joint Policing Committee

A JPC meeting took place on October 15th, where the draft 6 Year JPC Strategic Plan 2021-2026 was considered. The annual Public meeting is to take place on November 17th by Zoom.

Community Enhancement Scheme 2021

The closing date for receipt of claims is November 26th. Works must be completed by year end.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2021 - Streetscape and Shopfront Enhancement

The focus of this measure is to support the upgrade and enhancement of shopfronts and street facades. Applicants have been notified of their grant allocations. The Department has extended the closing date to complete works to December 31st, 2021.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

The Meath PPN delivered a Ready & Able to Re-Open 2021 workshop to member groups on the 14th October 2021. Facilitated by the Carmichael Centre, the session offered practical guidance on how to safely restart activity and manage risk. The PPN has also opened a 2021 re-registration process for member groups with completion planned for November 14th, 2021.

Co-Operation Ireland Pride of Place

The Co-Operation Ireland adjudicators met with the three groups representing Meath in this year's competition in Buvinda House on Wednesday 6th October. Each group made a presentation to the adjudicators on the work of the group, successes to date, challenges met and

overcome and their plans for the future. The results of the competition will be announced in February 2022. The three groups representing Meath and the category they are entered for are:

- Bettystown Tidy Towns - Islands and Coastal Communities
- Ratoath Men's Shed - Community Wellbeing Initiative
- Athboy Development Forum - Population - 2000 – 5000

Pride of Place awards

The 6 MD awards are taking place in a hybrid format with some applicants in attendance. The events will be live streamed from Buvinda House on the dates below.

- Ashbourne MD - Wednesday 27th October 2021
- Laytown Bettystown MD - Friday 29th October 2021
- Kells MD – Tuesday 2nd November 2021
- Ratoath MD – Thursday 4th November 2021
- Trim MD - 8th November 2021
- Navan MD - 9th November 2021

The County awards will take place on Thursday, November 18th in the Solstice Theatre.

Transportation Services

1. National Roads 2021 funding from TII - €7,629,918

N51 Dunmoe Phase 2	Construction Works re Earthworks, Drainage & Fencing ongoing to offline sections.
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme	RPS progressing Phase 3 design. EIAR Scoping Document issue to all Stakeholders awaiting feedback. Utility surveys complete in Slane Village and RPS to process the data for the public realm design.
N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon	Topographical and Lidar Tender assessment complete – contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks. Legal Services appointment being finalised also. Analysis of submissions received following PC3 on the emerging preferred option is on-going and will be contained in the Public Consultation Report and posted on scheme website once complete.
N52 Grange to Clontail	Preparation of the CPO drawings & documentation progressing well. Approval awaited from TII to publish the proposed CPO.
National Road Resurfacing	Capital Maintenance Schemes - N2 Cushinstown, N52 Mandistown & N51 Halltown – works substantially complete N52 Marvelstown resurfacing – works substantially complete N51 Higginstown to Crowinstown – commenced Monday 18 th October – scheme is being progressed in conjunction with Westmeath County Council as per Section 85 Agreement

2. Non- National Roads 2021 funding from DoT – Grant Allocation €26,145,367 in total

(a) Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)

Road Works Programme	SMDW 2021 - 87 Surface Dressing schemes completed. SMDW 2021 - 81 Restoration Improvement schemes and the contract is nearing completion with 3 schemes remaining CIS & LIS schemes for 2021 ongoing – 31 schemes - substantially complete
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(b) Strategic Regional & Local Rds & Specific Improvement Grant

R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road Scheme	Road officially opened on 29 th September by Minister Hildegard Naughton, and has been named “Tara Road”
R162 Kilberry Phase 2	Contract award being finalised and works expected to commence on site November 2021.

(c) Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads - Allocation for 7 Safety Schemes for 2021

2021 Schemes	Road	Status
Newgate	R147	Works commenced 5 th October 2021
Liscarton	R147	Works commenced 5 th October 2021

Cabinhill	L-1006-0	Works approximately 90% complete
Clonguiffin, Longwood	L-4020/ L-80142-47 /L-2226-0	Works due to commence on site early/mid November
Kilmore Moynalvey	R-156 / L-62161	Landowner Agreement stage, works planned for 2022
Faughanhill Bohermeen	L-4025-12	Works planned for 2022

(d) Bridge Rehabilitation Works Regional & Local Roads–Allocation for 6 Bridge Schemes for 2021

2020 Schemes	Status
Kilmainhamwood Retaining Wall	Works complete
R125 Donaghmore Embankment	Works commenced 13 th October 2021

2021 Schemes	Status
Clavens Bridge (R147)	Tender Assessment underway
Julianstown Bridge (R132)	Contractor appointed
Gibber Bridge (L-7400), Breakey Bridge (L-2805), Johnstown Culvert (L-5050) & Ashfield Bridge (L-8029)	Contractor appointed

Official Opening of Tara Road - Bóthar na Teamhrach'

On September 29th, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Hildegard Naughton T.D., performed the official opening of the new R150 'Tara Road - Bóthar na Teamhrach', in the presence of Cllr Sean Drew, Cathaoirleach and Cllr Elaine McGinty, Cathaoirleach of the Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District.



The process of officially naming the road was a new, more open and participative pilot initiative of Meath County Council, with a view to giving local communities a greater input and say in the naming process and helping to engender greater ownership of their public infrastructure.

3. Sustainable Transport Measures Grants 2021 from NTA – €14,284,000

Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030)	Road surfacing works completed, line marking installed. Paving works at Russell Hotel completed. Public lighting poles installed. Parking bollards installed. Paving works delayed at Everards pub and recessed chambers due to delay in delivery of granite paving. Tender documents for Contract 3 under review (Kennedy Rd, Kennedy Plaza, Market Sq/Trimgate St/Kennedy Rd junction and Market Sq).
Navan Town Bus Stops	Civil works at all stops due to be completed by end of October 2021. Works on permanent road reinstatements, road markings and the installation of the poles and flags to be completed by end of November. Preliminary design work continuing on 2 stops adjacent

	to Athboy Rd roundabout, 2 stops on Commons Rd, 1 stop in Ratoath, in addition to a bus turn-about facility in Robinstown.
Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme	Awaiting design on the Railway crossing from Irish Rail, Irish Rail informs the crossing upgrade now likely to be 2023. Commencement meeting held with Slit Trenching Contractor. Slit trenching works commenced 20 th of October. Site meetings held with Utility providers to inform detailed design.
Navan GDA Cycle Network - Fairgreen to Johnstown	Convent Road Filtered Permeability Trial Scheme – Section of overall scheme consisting of approx. 630m. Civil and construction works are 75% complete. CCTV installation, landscaping & final phase of public lighting upgrade still outstanding. Works programmed to be 100% complete by week 2 of November.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1-R147 Martha’s Bridge to Circular Road	Procurement of Consulting Engineering Services for Route Option Selection Preliminary Design and Statutory Process taking place end of October. Tender competition to be a minimum of 1 month followed by a tender evaluation process.
Ratoath Cycle Network	Part 8 drawing were presented to the Ratoath Members at the Oct meeting. The changes from the original Part 8 were explained. The scheme was given approval to proceed to public display – this is envisaged before the end of the year.
Boyne Greenway -Drogheda to Mornington	Ecological surveys are ongoing.
Harlockstown Pedestrian and Bus Stop Improvement Scheme	Tender documents being reviewed. Expected to advance to tender in the coming weeks. Construction phase anticipated to commence late Q4 2021/early Q1 2022.
N51 Park & Ride	Detailed design phase now complete, and tender documents being reviewed. Project expected to advance to tender in the coming weeks. Construction anticipated to commence on site in early 2022, subject to funding.
Bus Shelter Enabling Works	Tender assessment report being drafted. Construction phase anticipated to commence in late Q4 2021/early Q1 2022.
Accessible Bus Stops Works	Project is currently out to tender. The construction phase is anticipated to commence in late Q4 2021/early Q1 2022.
Additional Outdoor Dining Infrastructure	New panel of Contractors formed for future works. 1 No. double space parklet at Headfort Arms Hotel Kells has been applied for and sanctioned. Intention to complete works by early November. NTA closing the scheme at the end of 2021. No additional projects have been applied for since last update.

4. Non- National Roads & Sustainable Transport Schemes 2021 - Funding other than primarily DoT & NTA

Athboy Town Centre Project	Emerging Preferred Option put on public display from 18 th Oct for 2 weeks
R135 Cycle Network Design	The tender assessment is nearing completion – tender clarifications have been sought from 2 tenderers – successful and unsuccessful letters to be issued in late Oct.
LDR4 Navan (Kells Rd to Windtown Rd.)	Operative date for CPO has been reached. Landowners will be written to in early November to confirm.
Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock	Tender for consultants due to be returned 3 rd November – being part funded by Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works grant

Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway	Navan to Wilkinstown section on rail line - construction works set to commence
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5. Other Actions/ Projects

Risk Mitigation – Footpath Improvement Works	<p>Kells MD – Works completed on O’Carolan Park, Nobber</p> <p>Ashbourne MD – Works in Maple Drive and Deerpark commencing in early November</p> <p>Laytown/ Bettystown MD – Works are progressing on Beach Park, Laytown</p> <p>Navan MD – Abbeygrove Estate – Works commenced 14th October – 8 week projected timescale. Silverlawns Estate – Areas measured and quantified – awaiting approval</p>
Pedestrian Crossings at Round-O on R162 & N51	Works scheduled to take place during the mid-term break to avoid traffic congestion.
Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works	Kilcarn Culvert upgrade. Design works and preliminary site investigations complete. Works commenced 8 th October – 4 week projected timescale

Planning and Development

Planning Applications

A total of 2027 planning applications was received in the period 01/01/2021 to 20/10/2021. This is compared to 1515 in the same period last year. An increase of 34% year-on-year.

Development Contributions

Development Contribution receipts up to September 2021 were €9,512,444. This is compared to €6,601,271 in the same period last year. (Figures are inclusive of Irish Water receipts)

Planning Enforcement Complaints

A total of 233 planning enforcement cases have been opened up to 30/09/2021.

Stage of Process	Number
New Cases to be Investigated	47
Warning Letter	99
Enforcement Notice	16
Referred for Legal Proceedings	3
Further Information Requested	3
Closed	65

Economic Development

Activity	Approvals
Mentoring Assignments	18
Trading Online Vouchers Approvals	5
Training Online Courses Attended	118
LEO Fund Grant Approvals	4

Finance Section

Commercial Rates Waiver: The commercial rates waiver for Q3 2021 has been completed. A total of €2,706,463 was applied to 2044 qualified customers.

A **targeted** extension of the scheme into Q4 for 2021 has been announced in the recent Budget. While no details have been received regarding the exact criteria it appears to apply to businesses that are not yet fully opened.

Housing Loans:

RIHL Loans Data 1st January 2021 to 15th October 2021		
Fully Completed Applications Received	76	
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	3	all relate to 2021 applications
Awaiting Further Information	1	all relate to 2021 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	58	4 relate to 2020 applications
Refused by Credit Committee	17	4 relate to 2020 applications
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	3	all relate to 2021 applications
Returned to Customer	6	4 relate to 2020
Active Approvals	42.2 5	0.25 relate to 2020
Expired	19	12 relate to 2020 applications *
Drawdown by Customer	19.4 3	10.43 relate to 2020 applications
Figures above relate to activity from 1st January 2021 – 15th September 2021 and in some cases relate to applications pre-2021. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases		