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Chief Executive's Report for Elected Members

Monthly Management Report
April 2022

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

Future Meetings

The decision by Government to ease the majority of the public health restrictions has prompted the Council to review the arrangements for the holding of Council and Municipal District meetings.

The Council meeting will continue on a hybrid basis in the Solstice Arts Centre for the April and May meetings. It is intended that MD meetings in April will be undertaken as follows:

Municipal District	Venue	Format
Ashbourne	Ashbourne Civic Offices	Hybrid
Laytown-Bettystown	Duleek Civic Offices	In-person only
Kells	Kells Civic Offices	In-person only
Navan	County Hall, Navan	Hybrid
Ratoath	Dunshaughlin Civic Offices	Hybrid
Trim	County Hall, Navan	Hybrid

The availability of the hybrid meeting in Navan and Trim is dependent upon the works being undertaken and tested within the required timeframes.

Communications and Events

Launch of Meath Women's Caucus



On the eve of International Women's Day, the Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council, Cllr. Sean Drew launched the Meath Women's Caucus in the Solstice Arts Centre.

The Meath Women's Caucus has been established to promote women in politics and enhance female participation in Local Government. The objective of the caucus is to further gender equality among elected members of the Council and in society generally.

Meath Women's Caucus Chair, Cllr Maria Murphy added "The establishment of Meath Women's Caucus is a positive development which will see us working together to encourage women to get involved in local politics. We look forward to the opportunity to engage with many women and groups in our communities to highlight the need for more female representation, while working to remove the barriers holding women back from achieving their full potential and creating a space for informal mentoring and sharing of information".

Solidarity with Ukraine



Meath County Council lit up buildings and raised the Ukrainian Flag throughout the county in solidarity with #Ukraine and with the Ukrainian community in Meath and Ireland.

Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection

A Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection in honour of those lives lost to Covid-19 and to acknowledge the contributions of frontline workers and the countless volunteers and support personnel and organisations was held at Buvinda House, Navan on Sunday, March 20th.



The ceremony began with the raising of the flag and formal wreath laying by Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Drew, with representatives of the frontline agencies during the pandemic (HSE, An Garda Síochána, Civil Defence, Meath Fire Service) as well as members of Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann in attendance. The ceremony also included music by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Navan Youth and the Council Staff Choir.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Drew delivered the opening address before Dr Augustine Pereira, Director of Public Health, HSE North East asked those present to remember the 209 souls lost to Covid-19 and to pay tribute to the frontline medical workers who had accomplished so much under extremely difficult circumstances. There were reflections from Ciara Ní É, Ita Healy, Older People's Council, Trim author Paddy Smith, Ingrid Reilly, Comhairle na N'Óg before Meath County Council employee Tom French read an extract from his poem 'To Distance'. The ceremony was closed by Chief Executive Jackie Maguire.

St Patricks Day Projections around the County



Climate Action and Environment

Green Schools

In person School visits have commenced again and will continue until 8th April, undertaking assessments for Green Flags for Meath schools across a range of themes including Litter and Waste, Energy, Water, Biodiversity, Travel, Global Citizenship.



Drogheda Grammar School @DroghedaGrammar · 13h
Meath Co. Co. Environmental Officer, Ms Bernadine Carry, met with DGS's Green School Committee today. Ms Carry was very impressed with the projects undertaken by the whole school community!



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ReLove Fashion

Meath was well represented by Scoil Mhuire Trim, Mercy Navan and Colaiste Clavin at the sustainable fashion competition in the Rediscovery Centre in March.

Guest Judge Lorraine Keane commended the young people from across the country for their knowledge and action to combat fast fashion and to promote & extend the lifecycle of textiles and natural resources.



Free Drop Off Days 2022

Navan, Trim, Kells and Dunboyne Recycling Centres

Couches - March, 7th to 12th
Mattresses - May, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th
Cots, Prams, Nursery - June, 20th to 25th
Garden Equipment - July, 18th to 23rd
Toys - November, 7th to 12th

These events are for Householders Only - No Commercial customers
Gate Fee of €2 is payable per vehicle per visit
Enquiries to environment@meathcoco.ie



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Bulky Waste Collection

The following is a calendar of Free Bulky Waste Collections for 2022 at Trim, Navan, Kells and Dunboyne Recycling Centre including couches, beds, mattresses, toys, nursery equipment.

Drogheda Spring Clean

Meath and Louth County Councils held a very successful joint Drogheda Spring Clean event at the beginning of March and which residents groups, schools, individuals and businesses took part. Litter picking and other equipment was provided to all participants as well as a collection service for the litter picked up. Saplings were also provided to participants to mark National Tree Week. It is hoped that the initiative will result in participants continuing to take part in maintaining their own areas free of litter and will follow on from the successes of the Green Kilometre Scheme.

Climate Action

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has launched a public consultation on the Clean Air Strategy. The draft Strategy outlines how we enhance and protect the quality of the air that we breathe and realise the full environmental and health benefits of cleaner air. The Strategy also builds upon the ambition of Ireland's Climate Action Plan which includes a range of actions required to realise the synergies between coherent air and climate policy and in areas such as electrification of fleet, energy efficiency in the home and reducing reliance on solid fuels.

The closing date for submissions on the draft strategy is **Tuesday 3rd May 2022** and submissions can be made by email to airquality@decc.gov.ie or by post to :

Clean Air Strategy Public Consultation
Air Quality Division
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
Newtown Road
Wexford
Y35 AP90

Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP)

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) hosted two online public meetings on the Draft River Basin Management in March. The events were well attended and included an overview of the national plan and information on local rivers and catchments in Meath East and Meath West. Questions raised were answered by officials present and advices were given on how to make submissions on the draft River Basin Management Plan, the closing date for which was the 31st March 2022.

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				
Swan Lane, Navan	6	1,436,415	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Pitcher Lane, Kells	4	942,737	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Brews Hill, Navan	12	1,667,535	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
New Lane, Abbeylands, Navan	4	985,944	Q3 2023	Q3 2024
Ratholdron Court,	26	7,096,354	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	47	10,247,105	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Totals	99	22,376,090		
PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS				
Kells Archdeaconary	20	5,115,855	Q4 2022	Q2 2024
Kildalkey Road, Athboy	28	6,882,675	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney	2	563,166	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Nangle Court, Navan	15	2,961,862	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Church View, Rathmoylon	22	5,476,215	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Haggard Street, Trim	4	931,870	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Totals	91	21,931,643	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION				
Castle Street,	74	23,321,078	Q2 2022	Q1 2024
Farganstown	84	26,325,002	Q3 2022	Q1 2024
Totals	158	49,646,080		
CONSTRUCTION STAGE				
Staleen Park, Donore	21	4,524,250	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Lagore, Dunshaughlin	42	10,964,900	Q1 2022	Q3 2023
Totals	63	15,489,150		
Grand Total	411	109,442,963		

Approved CAS, Part V & Turnkey

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Athboy	Turnkey	7
Duleek	Part V	2
Stamullen	Part V	2
Oldcastle	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	5
Athboy	Part V	1

Dunshaughlin	Part V	12
Kilmessan	Part V	3
Duleek	Part V	3
Totals		35

Funding Requests - CAS, Part V & Turnkey

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Kilcock	Part V	13
Trim	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	4
Navan	Group Housing Scheme	6
Oldcastle Rd, Kells	Turnkey	12
Totals		35

Call for Expressions of Interest for Purchase of Lands and/or Turnkey Houses – Social & Affordable Housing

- A call for Expressions of Interest was advertised on 18th February for residential developments not commenced and land for social and affordable housing. Proposals will be evaluated as they are received. Both calls for Expressions of Interest are open until the end of the year. Proposals received will be evaluated, and if deemed suitable, will then form the basis of an application for funding under the Affordable Housing Fund to achieve affordability. Details regarding same can be found on www.Meath.ie/news and www.etenders.gov.ie

Refurbishment Projects

- **St Francis Park (€3,771,374)** – Departmental approval has been received to proceed to Tender Stage. A total of 5 no. contractors have been shortlisted for the tender stage of the scheme. Estimated start date onsite is Q2 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, which comprises of the refurbishment of 4 no. units, was completed on 4th March 2022. Phase 2 of the works commenced on 14th March and the tenants from Phase 2 of the works have been decanted. The scheme also consists of the demolition of 2 no. additional units which are to be rebuilt over the duration of the 5 phases. The estimated project programme for Phase 2 is 12 weeks.

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

- 92 applications for grant funding to the value of €681,791 were approved at the end of 2021 – carried forward into this year's budget as works will not be completed until 2022. A further 44 applications to the value of €414,044.00 have been approved to date in 2022. Grant Allocation for 2022 is yet to be confirmed.

Local Authority Adaptation Works Scheme

- A total of 52 projects were completed in 2021 under this scheme with a total recoupment of €488,478.00 from the Department.
- A submission for 2022 Local Authority Housing Adaptation Grants has been made to the Department requesting approval of €629,301 for 54 no. adaptation grants and 3 no. extensions.

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 of 15th March 2022. For the period from 16th February 2022 to 15th March 2022, works were completed on 7 vacant units, while 7 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	1	0	1	1	1
Kells	5	3	0	4	4
Laytown/Bettystown	4	0	2	6	0
Navan	8	3	0	10	1
Ratoath	3	3	1	7	0
Trim	4	2	1	6	1
TOTALS	25	11	**5	34	7

**Note: All five of these pre-let properties include energy upgrade to bring the property to B2 BER rating or better.

Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects

PROJECT NAME	NO. OF UNITS	AHB	DELIVERY
PIPELINE DELIVERY			
Narrow Ways Bettystown	12	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due - Q2 2022
Athboy Road, Navan	63	Respond	Delivery Due - Q3 2022
Gort Fionnbarra, Navan (Phase 2)	15	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q2 2022
Gort Fionnbarra, Navan (Phase 3)	15	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q3 2022
The Willows, Dunshaughlin	96	Cluid Housing	Delivery Due – Q1 2023
Applewood Court, Beaufort Place, Navan	21	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q3 2022
Abbey Road, Commons, Duleek	22	North & East	Delivery Due – Q3 2022
Bridge Street, Ashbourne	20	Peter McVerry Trust	Withdrawn
Tailteann, Navan	8	Meath Women's Refuge	Delivery Due – Q1 2023
Knightsbrook, Trim	22	Tuath Housing	Delivery Due – Q4 2022
TOTAL UNITS TO BE DELIVERED	331		

Homelessness

	SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES	HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Placements at 31st January 2022 (Previous Reported Figure)	145 (156 adults)	29 (41 adults 79 children)	174

Placements at 28th February 2022	143 (155 adults)	33 (55 adults 80 children)	176
<p>Of the households with children, 33 families are placed in short term private rented accommodation (house/apartment) through Settlement Team's intervention and 6 Families in PMVT Family Hubs.</p> <p>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.</p>			

- 8 tenancies were secured through the support provided by the Homeless HAP Placefinder Service for the period January 1st to February 28th 2022.

Social Housing Supports

- 103 new applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January 1st to 28th February 2022.
- Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period 1st January to 28th February 2022.

Allocations/Housing Supports	Number
MCC Direct Allocations	17
Approved Housing Bodies	11
RAS	0
HAP	49
TOTAL	77

Community Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

A meeting of the LCDC took place on 25th March. The Committee received updates, approved the SICAP end of year report 2021 and the LCDC annual report for 2021.

LEADER Programme 2014-2022

The LAG meeting took place on Friday 25th March. The LAG received updates on EOI's received and considered projects recommended by the IEC.

Comhairle na n'Óg

Comhairle na n'Óg group are to meet with the app developers in the next two weeks to start work on their new app to map facilities for young people in Co. Meath.

Joint Policing Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd, 2022.

NBP

Open eir commenced work in Laytown Bettystown to carry out underground route proving and clearing of blockages for the NBP. NBI's contractor has commenced putting fibre on existing poles for the deployment around Drogheda environs as well.

Initial licences for the NBP works around Dunboyne have been approved. Detailed licences will be sought by NBI and open eir when their design for these areas are complete.

WIFI4EU

The EU WIFI4EU Voucher has been redeemed and the networks are operational across all the target towns – Kells, Navan, Ashbourne, Ratoath, Dunshaughlin, Dunboyne, Trim and Oldcastle. One additional access point is to be installed in Dunshaughlin funded by the DRCD.

Broadband Connection Points

Work has been completed to install the broadband services inside the new Kilskyre Community Centre which has already secured interest in renting desks for remote working. The BCP Wi-Fi service was previously only available outdoors at the club.

Ballinacree Community Centre was also connected to the BCP network with indoor and outdoor access available.

Vodafone and Age Active Retirement Ireland have launched their new Hi Digital programme for older people. This can be delivered through the BCPs and other Active Retirement Groups across the county. Several sites have expressed an interest in delivering the programme.

Syddan Foirige hosted a TikTok4Teens workshop on the 20th March. The workshop taught the participants about internet/social media safety as well as the skills to produce engaging video content for sharing online. The participants have now been challenged to create their own content that will feature the BCPs or WIFI4EU with a prize for the best video content produced.

The Community Grant Scheme

The Community Grant Scheme closed on Friday 11th March. Applications are being assessed and allocated in the coming weeks for presentation to the SPC and the full Council.

Schools Pride of Place Gardening Scheme

The scheme was launched on Monday 28th March, the closing date for the receipt of application forms is Thursday 7th April.

Carranstown Grant Scheme

30 applications were received by the closing date and these are now being assessed.

Libraries Services

Ukrainian Refugees

The library service is currently adding stock to collections in preparation for the arrival of further refugees to the county. Material is being sourced in hard copy as well as a range of online material including

E-books

<https://osvitoria.media/opinions/knyzhka-zaspokoyuye-shho-pochytaty-dytyni-poky-tryvaye-vijna/>

A collection of 70 Ukrainian books for children in open access selected and provided by Ukrainian educational organization 'Osvitoria' – some of these books are bilingual (English-Ukrainian).

Promotional leaflets and posters will be made available in Ukrainian and Russian directing borrowers to access online services provided by Meath County Council library service which contain Ukrainian (and Russian) books, newspapers and magazines. Potential users will also be advised of the free internet service and plans are in place to explore the extension of the 'Laptops for Loan' scheme with the relevant support groups and agencies.

A complicating factor in terms of sourcing Ukrainian material is that according to recent sources, over 60% of newspapers, 83% of journals and 87% of books sold in Ukraine were in Russian.

Ukrainian language material already on order includes a series of twenty titles of first experiences for children, including poignantly 'I Love to Sleep in My Own Bed'. An emphasis is also being placed on acquiring bilingual material to support the expected demand from schools.

Dormant Accounts Funding Call 2022

Documentation has issued in respect of funding for public libraries to provide support to marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities.

In recognition of the continuing financial position of Library Authorities grant aid remains at 90% of the total eligible cost incurred.

Funding will support measures set out under *Our Public Libraries 2022*, including:

- building on existing and developing new relationships with local agencies and groups to facilitate greater engagement with hard to reach, marginalised and disadvantaged communities.
- provide opportunities for all users to engage in lifelong learning through the delivery of services developed in collaboration with national and local partners.

The library service has secured funding under this call for the last number of years and submissions will be prepared to build on the success of previous applications.

New and improved online system for library members

Meath has introduced a new online library system for members.

Members can manage their library accounts online, browse a catalogue of 12 million items, and reserve items to borrow.

Launched on March 29th, the new system has many improved features.

- Members can easily manage their reading lists and order items to borrow.
- The catalogue offers recommendations to readers as well as themed bookshelves and links to useful resources.
- Members can reserve eBooks and eAudiobooks as well as physical books in one searchable catalogue.
- Library membership can be renewed online for the first time.
- The new system has a new look and works great on mobile phones and tablets.

The new online service is a huge improvement and reflects what libraries are all about - offering a modern efficient service that looks great and makes it easier than ever to find the items people want to borrow.

All library members can borrow up to 12 items at a time and choose from a catalogue of 12 million items.

Library members can also instantly borrow and download eBooks and eAudiobooks using the library's Borrowbox app.

Access to online newspapers and magazines is also available through the PressReader and Libby apps.

Archives and Local Studies

The county archivist is currently working on two national funding submissions in partnership with the local studies librarian to promote access to collections.

The *Decade of Centenaries at your Library* programme will complement, support, and expand existing activities in the community under the Decade of Centenaries national framework and be fully consistent with the whole-of-Government and whole-of-society approach to enhance understanding of and respect for events of importance among the population as a whole.

The primary focus of the programme will be to identify and digitise records held by public libraries relating to the Decade of Centenaries, make them openly available for use and re-use online, and then build a series of activities and events for the public around the digitised material. A particular

focus could be placed on the digitisation of relevant minute books, a wonderfully rich archival source illustrating the various aspects of local administration and democratic government during one of the most significant periods in Irish history. A broad range of information is available in the minute books of various county councils, as well as the various town and rural councils, relating not only to their work but also to events of local and national significance. Resolutions of the councils give an insight into national and international events and contain an important record of local views of these events.

Heritage Stewardship Scheme,

An application has been submitted for the purchase of a book scanner for the Meath County Archive. A successful application would significantly improve access to the permanent collections and aid outreach projects throughout the county. It would offer the opportunity to reach a new audience base and enhance the range and scope of future projects

Transportation Services

1. National Roads 2022 funding from TII - €9,996,967

N51 Dunmoe Phase 2	Construction Works re Earthworks, Drainage, & Utilities to offline sections ongoing. Traffic management in place for online construction works on the Slane end of the scheme.
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme	RPS progressing the Phase 3 design documents, EIAR documents and CPO documents.
N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon	Topographical, LiDAR and Utility Services Survey Contractor has been appointed and expected to be mobilised on site in the coming weeks. Awaiting TII approval to proceed to Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation
N52 Grange to Clontail	Phase 3 deliverables are currently going through the TII approval process. TII approval is awaited to enter into Phase 4 (statutory processes).
National Road Resurfacing	<p>Capital Maintenance Schemes - TII approval of N51 Ongenstown maintenance scheme received.</p> <p>N51 Higginstown to Crowinstown –works ongoing– scheme is being progressed in conjunction with Westmeath County Council as per Section 85 Agreement</p> <p>N2 Balrath Cross resurfacing complete. N2 Curtis Cross, N2 Kilmoon and N52 Stokes Cross resurfacing scheduled to continue in March/April 2022 with associated road closures</p> <p>N2 Kellystown to Glassallen, N2 Rathdrinagh to Tuiterrath and N51 Halltown overlay schemes at design stage</p>

2. Non- National Roads 2022 funding from DoT – Grant Allocation €24,992,217 in total

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

Road Works Programme	<p>Contract Documents prepared and request for tenders issued for Phase 1 Recycling Overlay and Surface Dressing and Phase 3 Structural Overlay and Surface Dressing.</p> <p>CIS schemes 2022 – Funding allocation confirmed from DoT. Successful applicants will be notified in the coming weeks once indicative Tender rates are available</p> <p>LIS schemes 2022 - waiting on confirmation of funding allocation from DRCD</p>
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2. (b) Strategic Regional & Local Rds & Specific Improvement Grant

R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road Scheme	Final account discussions ongoing with contractor. Land acquisitions to be progressed.
R162 Kilberry Phase 2	Works re current phase at Kilberry substantially complete. MCC reviewing design in advance of meeting with DOT to discuss next Phase of works.

**2. (c) Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads – Allocation for 2022
€337,000 – 9 schemes**

2021 Schemes	Road	Status
Newgate	R147	Works ongoing
Clonguiffin, Longwood	L-4020/ L-80142-47 /L-2226-0	Works commenced approx. 70% completed

**2. (d) Bridge Rehabilitation Works Regional & Local Roads - Allocation for 2022
€675,000 – 9 schemes**

2021 Schemes	Status
Julianstown Bridge (R132)	Works ongoing
Gibber Bridge (L-7400)	Works ongoing
Breakey Bridge (L-2805)	Works ongoing
Ballymacarney Culvert (L-5043)	Works ongoing, road closure has ended
Ashfield Bridge (L-8029)	Works ongoing
2022 DoT Schemes	
Tremblestown Bridge (L-40131)	Tenders being assessed for Consultants
Seymourstown Culvert (L68291)	Tenders being assessed for Consultants
Donaghpatrick Bridge (L7413)	Tenders being assessed for Consultants
Monknewtown Church Bridge (L5606)	Tenders being assessed for Consultants
Tatestown Culvert (L3409)	Consultant appointed
Dardistown Bridge (R108)	Consultant appointed
Oldbridge Bridge (R161)	Consultant appointed
Kilcarn Bridge (R147)	Details of the required works are being finalised
Rath Bridge (L62151)	Tender documents for consultants being prepared
2022 Own Resources Schemes	
Mullaghmore Bridge (L34031)	Tender documents for consultants being prepared
Kiltale Culvert (L62033)	Consultant appointed

3. Active Travel Grants 2022 from NTA – €13,910,000

Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030)	Paving 'snagging' works complete. Tender assessment for construction of Contract 3 (Kennedy Rd bus interchange, Kennedy Plaza works, Paddy O'Brien St junction, Abbey Rd (to include new taxi rank), and Market Sq. complete - letters to the Successful and Unsuccessful Tenderers have issued.
Navan Town Bus Stops	Final construction elements completed, final snagging works elements being undertaken. Stage 3 Road Safety

	Audit to be undertaken. Project close-out and final account documentation being prepared.
Navan GDA Cycle Network - Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme	Irish Rail investigating options for fully automated CCTV upgrade for the rail crossing. Agreement in principle reached with NTA for temporary measure at the existing level crossing; final details to be agreed with Irish Rail. Final designs for ESB ducting, traffic signals & public lighting almost complete. Awaiting final revised design for Eir network. Drainage design almost complete. Negotiations for agreement on replacement extension works on Station House ongoing. All other negotiations for land/property agreements progressing positively.
Navan GDA Cycle Network - Fairgreen to Johnstown	Convent Road Filtered Permeability Trial Scheme – works substantially complete. Periodic inspections and monitoring by MCC continuing during the trial period. Traffic count survey procured. Design work commenced for a Part 8 planning application in Q3 2022 for a proposal to make the trial scheme permanent.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1- R147 Martha’s Bridge to Circular Road	Consultant working on the delivery of Phase 2 to 4 design works. Works continuing on route option selection process. Draft Feasibility Study & Options Selection Report received and under review, to be completed by end of March.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1- R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout	Drafting of tender documents for Consulting Engineers for delivery of Phases 2 to 4 (through to planning stage) almost complete, the aim is to go out to tender in April
Navan GDA Cycle Network – Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme	Draft tender documents commenced for appointment of Consulting Engineering Services for delivery of Phase 2 to 4 (through to planning stage) services, and this tender competition will take place in April
Ratoath Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme	Part 8 Planning Application has been validated by MCC Planning Department and went on public display on the 25 th March 2022.
Navan Public Realm – Academy Street Upgrade	Currently preparing a brief for technical assistance for feasibility/options assessment, preliminary design and planning stages.
Boyne Greenway -Drogheda to Mornington	A submission of further information was made to An Bord Pleánála on the 4 th of March.
Harlockstown Pedestrian and Bus Stop Improvement Scheme	Construction works commenced on site week commencing Monday 28 th February and ongoing
N51 Park & Ride	Approval to advance to construction received from the NTA. Contractor about to be appointed, with works anticipated to commence at the start of April 2022
Bus Shelter Enabling Works	Contractor appointed. Works being undertaken in conjunction with the Accessible Bus Stops Works project. Works commenced on site on 21 March. Construction expected to take circa 5 months
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Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation	Tender assessment process complete and letter of Intent issued to the Successful Tenderer.
Eastham Road Cycle facilities	Tender assessment process complete and letter of intent issued to the Successful Tenderer
Donacarney Footpath/Cycleway	Part 8 process ongoing.

4. Roads & Sustainable Transport Schemes 2022 - Funding other than primarily DoT & NTA

Athboy Town Centre Project	Submissions received in relation to the Part 8 public display for the proposed bus turning area being reviewed. Report expected to be brought to the MD in May 2022.
R135 Cycle Network Design	Pre-start meeting was held with the preferred tenderer Fox Contracts on the 14 th March and contracts signed. Works commencing on site 24 th March 2022.
Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway	Construction works continuing on the Greenway between Gibbstown & Wilkinstown. Tender process complete for section between Castletown & Nobber, Letter of Acceptance issued to the successful tenderer. Tender documentation currently being prepared for construction of two further Greenway sections, Nobber to Kilmainhamwood and Castletown to Wilkinstown.
N52 at Calliaghstown, south west of Kells	TII design reports uploaded to TII Portal on the 10 th March. Awaiting formal response from TII in advance of commencing Part 8.

5. Other Actions/ Projects

Risk Mitigation – Footpath Improvement Works	<p>Ashbourne MD – Works in Maple Drive & Deerpark almost complete. Tenders for Deerpark Phase 3 currently being assessed. Tenders for Clonalvy also being assessed.</p> <p>Laytown/ Bettystown MD – works on Ballygarth Rd, Julianstown almost complete.</p> <p>Trim MD – Rathmolyon Footpath (From Church to Trammon Cross) works ongoing</p> <p>Kells MD – Works in Priory Gate Athboy ongoing</p> <p>Ratoath MD – Tenders for Dunshaughlin Main St currently being assessed.</p>
County Wide Special Speed Limit Review	Submission period open for the County Wide Review until 29 th April 2022
PLEEP Project	The PLEEP ER is in the middle of the Tender process. Letters issued to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers for the Works Contract. MCC has entered into MOU with Kilkenny County Council for the Project

Planning and Development

Planning Applications

386 planning applications were received in the period 01/01/2022 to 25/03/2022 compared to 558 in the same period in 2021.

Development Contributions

Development Contribution receipts for February 2022 were €1,464,901. This is compared to €1,182,641 in February 2021. (Figures are not inclusive of Irish Water receipts)

Planning Enforcement

58 planning enforcement cases have been opened to 25/03/2022.

	Number
New Cases to be Investigated	17
Warning Letter	31
Enforcement Notice	1
Referred for Legal Proceedings	0
Further Information Requested	0
Closed	9

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office Meath

Activity	Approvals
Mentoring Assignments	4
Trading Online Vouchers Approvals	4
Training Online Courses Attended	179

Finance Section

Housing Loans:

RIHL/LAHL Loans Data 1st January 2022 to 21st March 2022		
Fully Completed Applications Received 2022	23	
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	16	all relate to 2022 applications
Awaiting Further Information	4	all relate to 2022 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	9	1 relates to 2022 8 relate to 2021 applications
Refused by Credit Committee	3	1 relates to 2022 2 relate to 2021 applications
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	0	all relate to 2022 applications
Returned to Customer	2	1 relates to 2022 & 1 to 2021
Active Approvals	31.12	22 Relate to 2021 & 0.12 relate to 2020
Expired	12	all relate to 2021 applications
Drawdown by Customer	4	all relate to 2021 applications

Figures above relate to activity from 1st January 2022 – 21st March 2022 and in some cases relate to applications pre 2022.