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Chief Executive's Report for Elected Members

Monthly Management Report
June 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

Council Meetings

As agreed at the Protocol Meeting in May, the Council AGM will take place in person in the Solstice Arts Centre on 13th June 2022. The Council meeting will continue on a hybrid basis in the Solstice Arts Centre for the June Council meeting.

It is intended that all MD meetings in June will be undertaken in hybrid format.

Ukrainian Refugees

Responsibility for sourcing accommodation for refugees lies with the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS), which comes under the remit of the Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. The Council has been providing assistance to IPAS in this regard. To date (1st June 2022), a total of 350 Ukrainian Refugees have been accommodated at the Council's Emergency Rest Centre at Mullaghboy, on a temporary basis and all have been relocated to other accommodation facilities within the county.

Communications and Events

Volunteer Recognition Event



Meath County Council with the support of the Dept. of Community Development and Charities hosted an event to acknowledge the enormous contribution made by Meath volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic and to thank them for their invaluable work and support during a very difficult time.

The event was emceed by Rory O'Connor from Rory's Stories and featured videos from Minister Joe O'Brien and anecdotes from several people throughout the county that shared their experience of the volunteer assistance that they had received and what it meant to them at that time.

A total of 245 individual Volunteers were recognised at the event, receiving a letter of thanks from An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, along with a commemorative badge designed by Nora Doe of St. Paul's NS, Sligo as part of a school art competition.

Climate Action and Environment

Climate Action

Air Quality Project Trim:



Meath County Council has signed the contract for the Trim Air Quality Project with Trilateral Research.

In attendance were Meath County Council Cathaoirleach Cllr. Sean Drew, Cathaoirleach of Trim Municipal District, Cllr. Joe Fox with Meath County Council officials and representatives from Trilateral Research.

Meath County Council is commencing the project through the Department of Rural & Community Development's Digital Innovation Fund to monitor the air quality in Trim over a 20-month period. Air quality sensors will be installed in a number of locations in Trim, with a dashboard subsequently being made available for the general public to view real-time data from the sensors.

This project will assist Meath County Council to monitor and improve air quality if required and help raise awareness of the importance of air quality. The Council also hopes to add additional social impact by including school children in the project.

This project ties in with Trim Decarbonisation Zone, to reduce emissions within the town by 51% by 2030 in line with national targets, and Global Goals for Cities – the European URBACT project that Trim is involved in to localise the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to air quality monitoring, the Trim Air Quality project aims to facilitate additional data sets such as weather data and traffic data.

Going forward, the air quality data collected will inform the provision of sustainable solutions to improve air quality and reduce emissions within Trim and inform the community of the air quality in Trim town.

Green Coast Award Mornington

At a ceremony held at Curracloe Beach in County Wexford on the 20th May, An Taisce as the coordinating body for the awards, announced that Mornington Beach was one of 62 areas nationally which were awarded a Green Coast Award for 2022.

The Green Coast Award recognises beaches for their clean environment, excellent water quality and natural beauty. An important aspect of the Green Coast Awards is the involvement of Clean Coasts groups and in this regard the Beach Management Committee are the associated Group for Mornington beach.

Rubbish Film Festival



Coláiste na Mí, Loreto Navan, Coláiste na hInse, Ashbourne Community School and Coláiste Clavin took prizes at the Meath County Council Rubbish Film Festival at the Solstice Arts Centre on Wednesday 4th May.

The judges had a difficult task choosing winners from many great entries from TY students across the County, who each took part in Createschool movie making workshops with an environmental theme.

Link to all of the movies here www.rubbishfilmfestival.com

10 schools have signed up for the event in 2022/23 with workshops set to commence in the Autumn.

PickerPals



Angela and Patrick, the founders of 'Pickerpals' continued their visits to Meath schools with a visit to Bellewstown National School for a morning of fun and games, with their strong Anti Litter message and 'Cloak of Howth', made from marine litter.

The Meath County Council supported initiative was rolled out to 88 classes in Meath in the past year. The children have been working hard all year, taking turns with the Pickerpals pack, collecting litter in their local environment and reporting back to the class.

The programme was delivered to 1,300 classes across in Ireland this school year, where the participating schools, kids and families cleaned up 150 tonnes of litter – which is the equivalent of 75 giraffes according to the Bellewstown kids!

More classes will be included in the programme next year.

Housing Services

Capital Programme

- Summary Profile of Approved Direct Construction Projects

PROJECT NAME	NO. OF UNITS	ESTIMATED START DATE	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
DESIGN PHASE			
Swan Lane, Navan	6	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Pitcher Lane, Kells	4	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Brews Hill, Navan	12	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
New Lane, Abbeylands, Navan	4	Q3 2023	Q3 2024
Ratholdron Court, Navan	26	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	47	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Total	99		
PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS			
Kells Archdeaconary	22	Q4 2022	Q2 2024
Kildalkey Road, Athboy	28	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney	2	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Nangle Court, Navan	15	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Church View, Rathmolyon	22	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Haggard Street, Trim	4	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Totals	93		
TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION			
Castle Street, Ashbourne	74	Q2 2022	Q1 2024
Farganstown	84	Q3 2022	Q1 2024
Total	158		
CONSTRUCTION STAGE			
Staleen Park, Donore	21	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Lagore, Dunshaughlin	42	Q1 2022	Q3 2023
Total	63		
Overall Total	413		

Meath County Council Approved CAS, Part V & Turnkey

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Athboy	Turnkey	7
Kells	Turnkey	12
Bettystown	Part V	2
Donacarne	Part V	12
Drogheda	Part V	10
Duleek	Part V	2
Dunboyne	Part V	11
Dunshaughlin	Part V	13
Kells	Part V	6
Kilcock	Part V	12
Kilmessan	Part V	3
Stamullen	Part V	2
Trim	Part V	6
Total		98

Funding Requests - CAS, Part V & Turnkey

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Trim	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	4
Navan	Group Housing Scheme	6
Total		10

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

A call for Expressions of Interest was advertised on 18th February for uncommenced residential developments 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 Q3 2022
- **Alverno Court Refurbishment (€4,150,329)** - Refurbishment works commenced on site on 3rd August 2021 and will be completed across five phases. Phase 2 and 3 of the works commenced on 14th March 2022 and the tenants from Phase 2 and 3 of the works have been decanted to facilitate these works. The scheme also consists of the demolition of 2 No. additional units which are to be rebuilt over the duration of the 5 phases.

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

A total of 92 applications for Grant funding to the value of €681,791 were approved at the end of 2021. These approvals were carried forward into this year's budget as works will not be completed until 2022. A further 173 applications to the value of €1,150,822.00 have been approved to date in 2022. The total value for the 265 applications that have been approved to date equates to €1,183,2613

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 24th May 2022. For the period from 23rd April 2022 to 24th May 2022, works were completed on 9 vacant units, while 4 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	2	0
Kells	4	1	0	5	0
Laytown/Bettystown	0	1	3	4	0
Navan	9	2	1	12	0
Ratoath	1	2	1	4	0
Trim	3	1	0	4	0
TOTALS	18	7	**6	31	0

**Note: Four 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	Estimated Completion
Narrowways, Bettystown	12	Tuath Housing	Q2/2022
Abbey Road, Commons, Duleek	22	North and East	Q3/2022
Gort Fionnbarra, Navan	15	Tuath Housing	Q2/2022
Gort Fionnbarra, Navan	15	Tuath Housing	Q3/2022
Applewood Court, Beaufort Place, Navan	21	Tuath Housing	Q2/2022
Bryanstown Wood, Drogheda	28	Tuath Housing	Q3/2022
Tailteann, Navan	8	Meath Women's Refuge	Q3/2024
Athboy Road, Navan	63	Respond	Q4/2022
The Willows, Dunshaughlin	96	Cluid Housing	Q1/2023
Knightsbrook, Trim	22	Tuath Housing	Q4/2022
Royal Oaks, Enfield	16	Cluid Housing	Q2/2022
Church St., Oldcastle	5	SVDP	Q2/2023
Total Number of Approved Units	323		

Homelessness

	SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES	HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Placements at 31 st March 2022 (Previous Reported Figure)	136 (145 adults)	40 (69 adults 93 children)	176
Placements at 30 th April 2022	136 (147 adults)	41 (72 adults 100 children)	177
<p>Of the households with children, 34 families are placed in short term private rented accommodation (house/apartment) through Settlement Team's intervention and 7 Families in PMVT Family Hubs.</p> <p>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; leaving Hospital / Treatment / Prison / Refuge; couch surfing; rough sleeping</p>			

- 19 Placefinder tenancies were secured through the support provided by the Homeless HAP Placefinder Service for the period January 1st to April 30th 2022.

Social Housing Supports

- 257 new applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January 1st to 30th April 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 30th April 2022.

Allocations/Housing Supports	Number
MCC Direct Allocations	36
Approved Housing Bodies	40
RAS	0
HAP	106
MTR	9
TOTAL	191

Community Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 27th May and will receive any new updates.

LEADER Programme 2014-2022

The next LAG meeting is scheduled for Friday 27th May where the LAG will receive updates on EOI's received and consider any projects recommended by the IEC.

Comhairle na n'Óg

Work is continuing on the new facility locator app called 'Tír na nÓg' developed by Meath Comhairle na nÓg members. Initial testing of app is due to take place in early summer.

Joint Policing Committee

The Joint Policing Committee "Subcommittees" resumed their meetings in May 2022, and each agreed on work plan actions to achieve the objectives set out in the adopted Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026.

The 3 Subcommittees remain the same and met on the following dates:

Public Order & Antisocial Behaviour – 12th May

Road Safety & Improved Driver Behaviour – 16th May

Community Safety & Crime Prevention – 20th May

The main Joint Policing Committee held their May meeting in the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan on 23rd May.

NBP

Extensive work is now progressing for the Drogheda Deployment Area with works taking place in multiple areas to complete the Eir Make Ready portion of the work. NBI contractor is commencing in the coming weeks on their own underground work while fibre stringing on poles has already commenced.

SIRO

SIRO are rolling out their network in 4 additional towns in Meath- Stamullen, Enfield, Kells and Duleek over the coming months. Work has already commenced in these towns but will not be ready for residents to get connected until late 2022 or early 2023.

Broadband Connection Points

Microsoft Dreamspace are launching a new initiative in the BCPs with a pilot running at iDesk Cormeen (Cormeen Sports Complex). Local schools will be invited to an open day on the 14th June to learn more about the Dreamspace programme. Meath Libraries and Microsoft will support the project with laptops and programmable microbit devices for the pupils to use.

The Community Grant Scheme

The closing date for submission of applications in the re-advertised scheme was Friday 13th of May. 93 new applications were received and are being assessed.

Schools Pride of Place Gardening Scheme

Applications for the scheme closed on Thursday 7th April, 41 schools applied for the scheme. 20 of the schools have received Herb Patch kits. Judging will begin in May.

Pride of Place Initiative

The Pride of Place Initiative is open for applications until Friday 27th May. Categories remain the same as 2021. Judging is due to take place during June, July & August.

Carranstown Grant Scheme

30 applications received by the closing date and are being assessed for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee scheduled for Friday 17th June 2022.

Yellow Flag Programme

Community section has collaborated and secured a place for Scoil Mhuire, Navan under this 2-year programme which will commence from September. The programme works with the students, teachers and parents to build intercultural understanding, fostering connections with members of the local travelling community and migrants and develop integration initiatives to ensure the school becomes a yellow flag school at the end of the programme.

Meath Age Friendly programme

Meath Age Friendly hosted the national Older Persons 2-day convention in Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim which had been deferred since 2019 due to Covid. Over 150 persons from across the country attended both days. Various speakers and workshops were organised which linked into the convention theme "Live Well Be Well".

CLÁR

Nine applications were submitted to the department which are currently being assessed.

ORIS

Closing date for submission of applications to the department was 25th May with 3 applications submitted under measure 2 and one submitted under measure 3.

Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

This measure is to improve the visual appearance of the urban streetscape making them attractive to live, work and do business in. The criteria has changed for this year and the measure will support a project proposal for one town/village with a population up to 15k. Eligible works include painting, murals, signage replacement, shopfront improvement, lighting and canopies with funding at a rate of 80% for works up to €100k. Projects to be submitted to the department for approval by July 1st.

Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place awards

The deferred 2021 Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place awards were held in person and livestreamed from Killarney on May 16th. Three groups had been entered with Athboy Development Forum being awarded first place in their category.

Community Response Forum Ukrainian refugees

The response forum, which is coordinated by the Community Section, continues to meet on a regular basis to ensure there is a co-ordinated response to assist with the needs of Ukrainian families entering the county.

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 of the mainline and side roads are ongoing. Road surfacing works on the Slane end of the scheme have commenced and are currently ongoing.
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme	Draft 1 of the EIAR documents has commenced and reviewing is ongoing by the Project Team.
N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon	Topographical Survey Contractor on site in the coming weeks. Design Consultants finalising ground investigation tender documents
N52 Grange to Clontail	Approval of Phase 3 deliverables is ongoing. On receipt of necessary approvals from TII, MCC will commence Phase 4 (statutory processes).
National Road Resurfacing	Capital Maintenance Schemes - N51 Ongenstown and N3/R147 Roundabout Kells maintenance schemes – tender documents being prepared N2 Kilmoon resurfacing postponed pending resurfacing requirements review N2 Kellystown to Glassallen, N2 Rathdrinagh to Tuiteath and N51 Halltown overlay schemes - design ongoing

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>Phase 1 - Recycling Overlay and Surface Dressing - Tenders awarded. Works on site commenced</p> <p>Phase 2 - Surface Dressing Awaiting details from Contractor to proceed to award of Contract</p> <p>Phase 3 - Structural Overlay and Surface Dressing - contract in the process of being awarded to successful tenderer</p> <p>Phase 4 - HRA942 - Contract awarded and prestart meeting held</p> <p>Verge Cutting - Tenders received and Tender Report approved.</p> <p>FWD - Tender awarded to successful tenderer</p> <p>CIS schemes – Tender documents prepared, and for surfacing schemes and put out to tender.</p> <p>LIS schemes – Tender documents prepared and for surfacing schemes and put out for tender. Tender report prepared</p>
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2. (b) Strategic Regional & Local Rds & Specific Improvement Grant

R156 Jenkinstown to Mullagh	Review of previous 2012 Part 8 design underway re current design standards and environmental requirements.
R162 Kilberry Phase 2	Progressing detailed design for 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

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

2022 DoT Schemes	
Tremblestown Bridge (L-40131)	Consultant appointed
Seymourstown Culvert (L68291)	Consultant appointed
Donaghpatrick Bridge(L7413)	Consultant appointed
Monknewtown Church Bridge (L5606)	Consultant appointed
Tatestown Culvert (L3409)	Consultant appointed
Dardistown Bridge (R108)	Consultant appointed
Oldbridge Bridge (R161)	Consultant appointed
Kilcarn Bridge (R147)	Works tender being finalised
Rath Bridge (L62151)	Contractor in the process of being appointed
2022 Own Resources Schemes	
Mullaghmore Bridge (L34031)	Contractor in the process of being appointed
Kiltale Culvert (L62033)	Consultant appointed

2. (e) Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works – Allocation for 2022 €535,000 – 6 schemes

L-6219 Newtownmoyaghy road edge	Consultants working on reviewing options and completing environmental reports
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3. Active Travel Grants 2022 from NTA – €13,910,000

Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030)	Works commenced on Paddy O’Brien St/Kennedy Rd junction & Abbey Rd. Road Closure advertised for Old Cornmarket laneway to commence 7am on Mon 13 th June 2022 and continue to 7pm on Fri 29 th July, 2022. Temporary traffic management measures implemented on Paddy O’Brien St, restricting entry from Kennedy Rd. Detailed design commenced for the next contract (Contract 5 of the Navan Town Scheme), to consist of Bakery Lane, Preston Lane, Old Cornmarket, Fairgreen and Church Hill.
Navan Town Bus Stops	Final snagging works elements ongoing. Stage 3 Road Safety Audit to be undertaken and the final RSA report to be received.
Navan GDA Cycle Network - Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme	Designers producing the various works packages for tender documentation. MCC reviewing as received. Meetings held with Eir re the proposed design & costs for works to be included in tender. Works agreed with Virgin Media. Contact commenced with legal reps of some of the affected landowners. Station House extension design progressing, awaiting remainder of

	engineering specification. Draft licence received from CIE for works at entrance to bus/rail station.
Navan GDA Cycle Network - Fairgreen to Johnstown	Works on the Convent Road trial are substantially complete. Currently awaiting the enabling of ESB supply connection to the CCTV installations so that they can be commissioned. Ongoing monitoring of the trial.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1-R147 Martha’s Bridge to Circular Rd	Revised and updated 'Feasibility and Option Selection Report' submitted to NTA. Designers progressing with Phase 3 Preliminary Design.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1-R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout	Atkins appointed as Designers for Phases 2 - 4 for this scheme. Project commencement meeting & site walk through held on 06/05/2022. Topographical survey produced. Traffic Surveys completed. Phase 2 process commenced.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme	Preparation of Tender Documentation for competition for Consulting Engineering Services for Phases 2 - 4 complete and submitted to NTA for review. Awaiting NTA approval to proceed with tender.
Navan Public Realm – Academy Street Upgrade	Awaiting finalising of junction design & layout of Academy St/R147 before submitting Task Order for the Cycle Design Office assignment to the NTA.
Ratoath Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme	Deadline for receiving Part 8 submissions was 10 th May. Planners report currently being drafted. It’s envisaged that this will be put before elected members at the June Meeting of Ratoath Municipal District.
Boyne Greenway -Drogheda to Mornington	The public consultation on the Significant Further Information is complete. An Bord Pleanála is currently reviewing submissions. A progress update was provided to the Drogheda & Laytown MDs on Thursday 26 th of May.
Harlockstown Pedestrian and Bus Stop Improvement Scheme	Construction works progressing on site – good progress being made. Road closure application for 27 th June to 24 th July has been advertised in the paper.
N51 Park & Ride	Contractor appointed and currently mobilised to site. Construction commenced on 26 th April, anticipated to take 8 months. Site clearance works undertaken and construction of the drainage network underway.
Bus Shelter Enabling Works	Shelters erected in Sion Road, Navan, R147 Rathbeggan, R125 Ratoath and two on the R147 in Dunshaughlin. In Carnaross, proposed boundary wall adjustment agreed with landowner, Deed of Dedication issued.
Accessible Bus Stops Works	Works completed at Navan Hospital and Sion Road. This project is carried out in conjunction with the Bus Shelter Enabling Works
Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation	Phase 2 process commenced. Topographical and Traffic surveys have been completed. Customer Sentiment Survey being commissioned by CSEA. Some preliminary options have been developed.
Eastham Road Cycle facilities	Jacobs Engineering appointed for Design Contract. Route option assessment has commenced.
Donacarney Footpath/Cycleway	Part 8 planning approved. Ground penetration radar and topographical survey complete and detailed design has commenced.

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

Athboy Town Centre Project	Part 8 Report brought to Kells MD in May, and being considered by the Members.
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R135 Cycle Network Design	Fox Contracts started on site 17 th May 2022. Works started at Dunnes Stores and are working north. Construction programme is 65 weeks to substantial completion.
Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway	Construction works continuing on the Greenway between Gibbstown & Wilkinstown. GLAS Civil Engineering Limited working on the Castletown to Nobber section. Tender documentation being finalised for construction of two further Greenway sections, Nobber to Kingscourt and Castletown to Wilkinstown, (the documents for the Nobber to Kingscourt Section have been sent to TII for approval to go out to tender)
LDR1b Trim Rd to Kilcarn M3 Link Rd, Navan	2019 Part 8 route being reviewed with regard to amended zoning in the area, following the adoption of the new CDP 2021-2027.
Dunboyne Industrial Estate Link to R157	Consultants assessing options and carrying out environmental reports in advance of expected Part 8 later this year.

5. Other Actions/ Projects

Risk Mitigation – Footpath Improvement Works	<p>Ashbourne MD –Works on Deerpark Phase 3 and Clonalvy have commenced.</p> <p>Laytown/ Bettystown MD –Works in Millrace to commence shortly.</p> <p>Trim MD –Contract for Blackfriary Estate, Griffin Park & Dunderry Road has been awarded – works to commence in June.</p> <p>Kells MD –Tenders for Mount Dutton Estate Kells has been awarded.</p> <p>Ratoath MD –Contractor for Dunshaughlin Main St has been appointed - commencing when Irish Water have completed their works</p> <p>Navan MD – Tender for Clonmaggaden Road, St. Mary’s Park and Woodview has been issued.</p> <p>Silverlawns Estate - works commenced end of May - 10 week programme</p>
Housing Estate Works	<p>Laytown-Bettystown MD – Contract documents prepared for surfacing works in housing estates and put out to tender. Tender report prepared and in process of awarding contract to successful tenderer</p> <p>Duleek: Fr. Ryan Park, Goose Tail Avenue; Mornington: Fairways Lawn, Coney Hall; Beamore Road, Drogheda: Ard Rí Laytown: St. Anthony’s Villas</p>
PLEEP Project	The process of due diligence is being carried out on the preferred Tenderer for the PLEEP Works Contract- Killaree Lighting Services (KLS) – ASD Lighting (ASD) and is nearing completion. Subject to the successful completion of the due diligence process the anticipated date for the award of the Works Contract is early June 2021.

Planning and Development

- Planning Applications

688 planning applications were received in the period 01/01/2022 to 26/05/2022 compared to 1008 in the same period in 2021.

- Development Contributions

Development Contribution receipts for April 2022 were €4,562,585. This is compared to €5,193,532 in April 2021. (Figures are not inclusive of Irish Water receipts)

- Planning Enforcement

91 planning enforcement cases have been opened to 27/05/2022.

	Number
New Cases to be Investigated	28
Warning Letter	37
Enforcement Notice	6
Referred for Legal Proceedings	0
Further Information Requested	0
Closed	20

*please note these figures relate to cases opened in 2022 only

- Meath County Development Plan update

The judicial reviews relating to the Meath County Development Plan commenced in the Commercial Courts on Tuesday 24 May. The following two cases have been heard by the Court;

Case	Start Date	No. of Days
JR KILLEGLAND ESTATES LTD -V- MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL	24/05/2022	2
JR MC GARRELL REILLY HOMES LTD & ANOR -V- MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL	31/05/2022	3

The remaining three cases take place as follows;

Case	Start Date	No. of Days
3 JR HICKWELL LTD & ANOR -V- MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL	15/06/2022	2
4 JR PROTECT EAST MEATH LTD -V- MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL & ORS	17/06/2022	3
5 JR DOLENT PROPERTIES LTD -V- MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL	23/06/2022	2

On-going discussions are taking place between legal teams with a view to reaching a settlement in Dolent Properties -v- Meath County Development Plan

Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office Meath

Activity	Approvals
Mentoring Assignments	9
Trading Online Vouchers	4
Training Online Courses Attended	186
Meath Business Owners Network	16
Digital Marketing Clinics Attended	15

Finance Section

Housing Loans:

RIHL/LAHL Loans Data 1st January 2022 to 21st May 2022		
Fully Completed Applications Received 2022	48	
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	7	all relate to 2022 applications
Awaiting Further Information from applicants	4	all relate to 2022 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	32	24 relate to 2022, 8 relate to 2021 applications
Refused by Credit Committee	10	8 relate to 2022, 2 relate to 2021 applications
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	3	all relate to 2022 applications
Returned to Customer	3	2 relate to 2022, 1 to 2021
Active Approvals	45.12	24 Relate to 2022, 21 Relate to 2021, 0.12 relate to 2020
Expired	18	all relate to 2021 applications
Drawdown by Customer	7	all relate to 2021 applications

Figures above relate to activity from 1st January 2022 - 21st May 2022 and in some cases relate to applications pre 2022. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases