



**Comhairle Contae
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Cavan
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Tuarascáil Bhliantúil
2019

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Mission Statement

“Putting Cavan First”

Our Vision

***Promoting Cavan as a unique place to live, work, visit
and do business”***

Policy Statement, 2015 -2019 Corporate Plan

***We will lead and promote the economic, social and
cultural development of our County, build confidence in
our future, improve quality of life for our citizens and
promote a more sustainable and inclusive society.
In delivering our services, we will ensure best possible
value for money and will be accountable for our actions.***



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Our County

County Cavan has a population of 76,092. It is predominantly a rural county although in recent years there have been significant population increases in its main urban centres. The County is characterised by drumlin countryside dotted with many lakes and small hills. The North West of the County is sparsely populated and mountainous with many areas of high scenic landscape. It is also home to a number of international tourism attractions including the Shannon Erne Waterway and the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark.

The M3 has improved access to our County with the County Boundary south of Virginia now less than an hour from Dublin. Cavan Town is also strategically located and is acknowledged as a gateway to and from Northern Ireland. Cavan Town was designated as a Hub Town in the National Spatial Strategy.



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Cathaoirleach's Address

*Mar Chathaoirleach ar Chomhairle
Contae an Chabháin tá sé de phribhléid
agam fáilte a chur roimh fhoilsiú
Thuarascáil Bhliantúil 2019.*

As Cathaoirleach of Cavan County
Council I am delighted to welcome the
publication of the 2019 Annual Report.



2019 was an eventful year, not least due to the local elections taking place in May. While stressful affairs for politicians, local elections are a wonderful occurrence, where the people exercise their democratic franchise, a right that was hard-won and whose importance should never be underestimated.

For those of us who were lucky enough to be selected to represent the people of Cavan, the next five years are an opportunity to repay your faith in us by working with each other and with the council management team to shape the present and the future of the county.

Some of my former colleagues, with whom I was honoured to share the council chamber for many years, did not contest the elections or were not selected this time around. Regardless of the manner of their exit, all can be proud of their work on behalf of the people of Cavan during their tenure.

As this report makes clear, 2019 was a busy – and challenging year – for the local authority, with some projects, such as Cavan County Museum's fabulous shared space, reaching completion, while others are just starting out, not least the new Virginia Civic Centre, for which I was pleased to welcome the announcement of €3,963,525 in funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund in November. This ambitious new facility, which will include a library building and an extension to the wonderful Ramor Theatre, will be a flagship space not only for Virginia but for East Cavan.

I was also delighted to join with Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation,



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Heather Humphreys in opening the state-of-the-art new Virginia Fire Station – as a local representative, I know the dedication of these frontline staff, and I am delighted to see these heroes get the facility their commitment deserves.

Ireland's history of emigration is such that the Diaspora is never far from our thoughts. I was honoured to join our Chief Executive and a delegation from Mullagh in a trip to Würzburg, where we met with President Michael D Higgins and Tánaiste Simon Coveney, and celebrated the feast of Mullagh native St Kilian. It was a privilege to help celebrate the feast day of one of Cavan's most distinguished sons with our German friends.

In 2019, the Chief Executive announced details of a fantastic new initiative to celebrate and engage with the Diaspora, Cavan Calling. This weekend celebration of our county and its people will take place in 2021 and will be a fitting tribute to many Cavan people, past and present, who have forged a new life for themselves overseas.

Cavan Digital Hub opened its doors in June, bringing world-class connectivity to the region. Already home to some truly innovative and exciting companies, this stunning, modern facility will be a key economic driver in the county for many years to come.

Is cúis mór bróid dom slabhra oifige an Cathaoirligh a chaitheamh, go háirithe mar thug sé an deis dom ionadaíocht a dhéanamh do mo chomhchomhairleoirí mór le rá agus d'fhoireann iontach na heagraíochta stairiúla seo.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le comhairleoirí an lae inniu agus an lae inné as a dtacaíocht liom féin agus le mo réamhtheachtaí, an Comhairleoir Madeleine Argue, le linn 2019. Trasnaíonn a mbród ina gcontae, agus a dtiomantas do leas a shaoránach uile na teorainneacha polaitiúla go léir. Is mian liom freisin mo bhuíochas a ghabháil lenár bPríomhfheidhmeannach, an tUasal Tommy Ryan, an fhoireann bainistíochta sinsearaí, agus go deimhin le foireann uile Chomhairle Contae an Chabháin, a bhfaca mé a gcuid iarrachtaí go pearsanta le linn mo thréimhse in oifig.

Mar is eol duit, tá dúshlán níos mó romhainn i 2020 sa chontae seo nár fhaca muid a leithid le blianta beaga anuas. In ainneoin na dtrialacha atá amach romhainn, táim



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cinnte go dtiocfaidh an eagraíocht seo agus na daoine a bhfreastalaíonn sí orthu chun cinn níos láidre amach anseo.

It has been a source of great pride for me to wear the chain of office of Cathaoirleach, in particular as it has given me the opportunity to represent my esteemed fellow councillors and the wonderful staff of this historic organisation. I would like to place on record my thanks to past and present councillors for their support of myself and my predecessor, Cllr Madeleine Argue, during 2019. Their pride in their county, and commitment to the welfare of all its citizens crosses all political boundaries.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our Chief Executive, Mr Tommy Ryan, the senior management team, and indeed all the staff of Cavan County Council, whose efforts I have witnessed first-hand during my time in office.

As you will know, 2020 has brought greater challenges that this county has seen in generations. Despite the trials ahead, I am certain that this organisation and the people it serves will emerge all the stronger.

Councillor Shane P. O' Reilly, Cathaoirleach



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Chief Executive's Address

Tá an-áthas orm Tuarascáil Bhliantúil Chomhairle Contae an Chabháin do 2019 a chur i láthair. Tá súil agam go dtabharfaidh sí léargas luachmhar duit ar an raon leathan oibre a rinne Comhairle Contae an Chabháin i rith na bliana, na dúshláin a bhí rompu, na fadhbanna a réitíodh, agus na feabhsuithe iomadúla a rinneadh ar saol laethúil an chontae.



I am delighted to present Cavan County Council's Annual Report for 2019, which I hope will give you valuable insight into the wide range of work undertaken by Cavan County Council throughout the year, the challenges faced, the problems solved, and the many improvements made to daily life in the county.

Thankfully, after a 2018 which brought exceptionally severe weather in the shape of the so-called 'Beast from the East', Cavan was spared the worst of the year's weather events. Nonetheless, our municipal district and roads staff, fire service, and civil defence volunteers deserve recognition for their constant vigilance and professionalism in the face of the worst our weather has to offer.

With local elections taking place in 2019, we witnessed great change in the local government sphere. Some councillors who had represented Cavan with distinction for many years retired, while others were not returned at the polls, having fought a strong campaign. I wish to thank all our former elected representatives for their years of service and extend a warm welcome to our new and returning councillors. I look forward to continuing to work with the elected members in a spirit of collaboration and mutual determination to serve the people of Cavan.



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As we reflect on 2019, we do so against the backdrop of the Coronavirus pandemic, which is currently raging across the globe. The challenges this continues to bring are complex and many, and the 2020 Annual Report will be unlike any previously compiled by this organisation. What is clear, however, is that the groundwork laid in developing a robust community sector, in fostering collaborative relationships with other state bodies and the voluntary sector, and in building a highly trained emergency service, have stood the county in good stead as we face down this singular threat together.

The progress detailed in this report is combination of an extraordinary effort by local authority staff, and the support of the elected members, our partner organisations, and the people of Cavan, and is made possible by the solid strategic framework that has been put in place over the past number of years, ensuring that our efforts are focused towards achieving Cavan County Council's vision of a "progressive, vibrant county which is smart, connected, innovative, inclusive and sustainable".

Listed below is a selection of some of the local authority's most achievements in 2019:

- In February, Cavan picked up two awards at the Local Authority Members' Association (LAMA) All Ireland Community and Council Awards, with the Cavan County Council – Cavan Older People's Council co-production, 'The Best Years of Our Lives Have Yet to Come' awarded the gong for 'Best Community Initiative', while Coláiste Dún an Rí receiving the award for 'Best Educational Building'.
- In March, the Chief Executive and Cathaoirleach visited New York and Philadelphia, where ties with the Cavan Diaspora were strengthened.
- A new festival to celebrate Cavan's diaspora was conceived. Cavan Calling will take place in 2021 and will bring Cavan people from all over the country and across the globe together for a weekday celebration of all things Cavan.



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- €3,963,525 was secured in funding for the Virginia Civic Centre project, an ambitious and transformative town regeneration project in the centre of Virginia Town, under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.
- In 2019, 11 new build social housing units were completed by Cavan County Council, with eight units at Rosehill, Mullagh, and three units at Ashgrove, Ballyjamesduff brought to completion.
- Approved Housing Bodies delivered a further 37 new build social housing units, while 17 units progressed to Stage 4 approval, 34 units progressed to Stage 2 approval, and 44 units progressed to Stage 1 approval. Cavan County Council also completed the acquisition of 45 houses under the Social Housing Acquisition Programme in 2019
- The Taste of Cavan was once again a highlight of the Irish food scene in 2019, with two new exciting elements introduced this year, a Health & Wellness Village and a Fashion Show, opening out the festival to a new audience.
- Cavan was named one of Ireland's Top Ten Foodie Destinations for the second year running in the 2019 Restaurants Association of Ireland Foodie Destination competition, cementing its position as one of the country's rising food stars.
- Cavan County Museum's new PEACE IV-funded Shared Space opened its doors. This modern yet historically sensitive design has proven to be a wonderful new addition to the 19th century museum building and has allowed Savina Donohoe and her team to take the museum's award-winning peace-building programmes to the next level.
- Cavan County Library Service abolished fines for late returns on library books, as part of an ongoing drive to encourage more people to use the many services they offer, from books to DVDs, to online access to myriad articles and courses.



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- Cavan Arts Office and the Creative Ireland Culture Team supported a huge variety of projects including the second Cavan Arts Festival, which took place in May and is already a highlight of the cultural calendar in the region
- The Cavan Local Economic and Community Plan was reviewed twice during 2019, revealing excellent progress had been made with almost every action in the plan.
- Cavan Traveller Movement, in partnership with Breffni Integrated (now Cavan County Local Development), were successful in drawing down funding for a Youth Employability Initiative. A Traveller Youth Needs Assessment was conducted with the official launch of its findings held in December.
- Phase Two of the Healthy Cavan programme was completed in 2019, while Phase Three funding of €246,050 was awarded to Cavan County Council in 2019 to cover activities from July 2019 to June 2021
- Cavan County Council, under the aegis of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), progressed the development of the N3 Virginia Bypass Scheme, appointing JB Barry Transportation Ltd as Technical Advisors on the scheme to provide all engineering, environmental, economic and appraisal services required to deliver the project through the planning and design phases.
- Work commenced on the development of Connected Cavan – A Digital Strategy for County Cavan
- Ambitious Town and Village Revitalisation Plans for twenty Cavan towns and villages were formally launched in February 2019 by Ministers Michael Ring and Heather Humphreys.
- In November, Cathaoirleach Cllr Shane P O'Reilly, and Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation, Heather Humphreys opened the state-of-the-art new Virginia Fire Station, aided by a €1.7 million investment by the



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Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government through the Fire Services Capital Programme.

- Cavan County Fire Service began the tender process to construct a new fire station in Ballyjamesduff, a project which will complete the modernisation of all fire stations in the county.
- The Ramor Theatre played host to 161 performances including Theatre, Film, Workshops, Popular Music, Children's Theatre, Comedy, Children's Film, Classical Music, Youth Drama, In-house Productions, Special Needs Drama and Community and commercial performances
- Work was completed on the renovation of Cavan's Town Hall, securing the future of this iconic Cavan landmark as an arts and cultural hub for generations to come thanks to investment from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, PEACE IV, and Cavan County Council
- Culture Night 2019 had a total audience of 2,382, with 48 free cultural events taking place in 26 venues county wide.
- The Cathaoirleach's Awards took place in April with Cathaoirleach, Cllr Madeleine Argue hosting over 250 guests at a gala dinner, where young singer and anti-bullying campaigner Ruby O'Kelly won the overall award. Ruby donated her €1,000 prize to childhood cancer charity, Aoibheann's Pink Tie.
- The Cavan Food Network was formally launched in May 2019, working in parallel with an external working group comprising representatives from the industry including chefs and producers and representative from the educational sector together with staff from Cavan County Council.
- Three Food Trails were organised in 2019 – the 'Taste of Cavan' Food Trail in Au-gust and a Christmas Food trail in December both in Cavan Town and a



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countywide food trail in October as part of the ‘Taste the Island’ initiative. A “Food Learnings from the South East” event was held in October 2019.

- Cavan County Council’s Tourism Development Office and Community and Enterprise section leveraged €193,765 for projects under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
- The launch took place this year of the 4Cs Multicultural Network for County Cavan
- An additional €500,000 in LEADER funding was allocated to the county in recognition of its performance as one of the top ten LEADER programmes in Ireland.
- Representatives from Cavan County Council, Mullagh Community Development Association and representatives of Cavan’s German partner municipality of Kürnach met with President Michael D. Higgins, his wife Sabina, and Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Simon Coveney, on their visit to Würzburg and Kürnach for the celebration of Kiliani Fest and St. Kilian’s day, 8th July.
- The Tourism Development office secured a grant of €404,389 in 2019 under Fáilte Ireland’s Destination Towns funding stream. Combined with €139,129 of the local authority’s own resources this will fund a total investment of €540,518 in Cavan town in 2020/21.
- Cavan came alive with the creativity of children on Saturday, 15 June for Cruinniú na nÓg. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme, which looks to enable the creativity of every child and young person. A diverse programme of free creative and cultural activities co-ordinated by Cavan County Council and the Local Arts in Education Partnership, CMETB took place across Cavan with parents, families and young people coming out in force.



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- Nine projects in County Cavan benefitted from €604,914 in funding under the Town and Village Renewal scheme for projects including an amenity area in Kingscourt, a Geopark Outdoor Pursuits and Services Hub in Swanlinbar, and a bus shelter and public seating in Butlersbridge.
- Year two of the SICAP Programme for 2018-2022, delivered by Cavan County Local Development Company, on behalf of Cavan Local Community Development Committee saw expenditure of €754,850 on implementing actions helping local community groups with capacity building, promoting engagement, building stronger communities, and promoting participation and collaboration.
- Cavan Tourism facilitated The Ray Darcy Show broadcasting live from Cavan Town on RTE Radio 1 in July as part of Fáilte Ireland's 'Yours to Uncover' summer marketing campaign for Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. Local tourism businesses were interviewed on the show and Ray visited Cavan Adventure Centre.
- The first Cavan Tourism Trade Forum took place in the Cavan Crystal Hotel in May. Sixty-three people attended for a morning of networking, collaboration, and planning for the future.
- The €3.1m Peace IV Action Plan was completed in September 2019 and a celebration closing event was held in the County Museum in August with Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council, Cllr Shane P O'Reilly, and Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation, Heather Humphreys.
- Thirteen staff members with 25 years' service or more and fifteen recent retirees were acknowledged for their efforts in service of the people of Cavan at a special reception.



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Arís eile, ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le foireann Chomhairle Contae an Chabháin as an gcruthaitheacht, an tiomantas agus an carachtar a thaispeánann siad go laethúil agus iad ag obair chun Contae an Chabháin a chur chun cinn do chách.

Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt freisin do gach duine a éascaíonn agus a chabhraíonn leis an obair seo, go háirithe ár gCathaoirligh le linn 2019, na Comhairleoirí Madeleine Argue agus Shane P O'Reilly, a gcomhbhaill tofa, Baill ár gCoistí um Beartais Straitéiseacha agus an Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil, ár gníomhaireachtaí comhpháirtíochta agus an iliomad eagraíochtaí pobail agus deonacha a mbímid ag obair go dlúth leo.

Tá éacht mór déanta againn le chéile in 2019, agus táim ag tnúth le comhoibriú torthúil leanúnach sna blianta amach romhainn.

Once again, I would like to thank the staff of Cavan County Council for the creativity, commitment, and character they show on a daily basis as they work to make Cavan a better place for all.

I would like to also acknowledge all those who facilitate and assist this work, especially our Cathaoirligh during 2019, Councillors Madeleine Argue and Shane P O'Reilly, their fellow elected members, the members of our Strategic Policy Committees and Local Community Development Committee, our partner agencies and the many community and voluntary organisations with whom we work closely.

We have achieved a great deal together in 2019, and I look forward to continued fruitful collaboration in the years to come.

Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive



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Municipal Districts and their Elected Representatives

Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal District



Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick (FF)



Cllr Carmel Brady (FG)



Cllr Clifford Kelly (FF)



Cllr Paddy Mc Donald (SF)



Cllr Sarah O'Reilly (Aontú)



Cllr Val Smith (FG)

Cavan-Belturbet Municipal District



Cllr John Paul Feeley (FF)



Cllr Madeleine Argue (FG)



Cllr Patricia Walsh (FF)



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Cllr Peter Mc Vitty (FG)



Cllr Sean Smith (FF)



Cllr Brendan Fay (Ind)

Ballyjamesduff Municipal District



Cllr Craig Lovett (FF)



Cllr Philip Brady (FF)



Cllr Shane P O'Reilly (FF)



Cllr TP O'Reilly (FG)



Cllr Trevor Smith (FG)



Cllr Winston Bennett (FG)



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Meetings of Local Authority

Meeting	Number
Monthly, Reconvened and Special	10
Ballyjamesduff Municipal District Meetings	7
Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal District Meetings	7
Cavan-Belturbet Municipal District Meetings	6
Annual General Meeting	1
Annual Budget Meeting	1
Corporate Policy Group Meetings	10
Housing, Community, Social & Cultural Strategic Policy Committee	2
Environment and Planning Strategic Policy Committee	1
Roads & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee	2
Economic Development	2
Joint Policing Committee	2
Audit Committee	3

Conferences, Seminars, Events Attended by Elected Members

Conference / Seminar / Event	Location	Purpose	Members Attended
Celtic Conferences	Clonakilty, Co. Cork	Understanding the Asylum Process in Ireland	1
Celtic Conferences	Clonakilty, Co. Cork	Good Governance of Community, Voluntary & Charitable Organisations in Ireland	3
Celtic Conferences	Clonakilty, Co. Cork	Ireland and Plastic Waste	1
Parnell Summer School	Avondale, Co. Wicklow	Summer School	3
McGill Summer School	Glenties, Co. Donegal	Summer School	5



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Foreign Travel by Elected Members

Location	Purpose	Number who attended
New York	Attendance by Cathaoirleach at St. Patrick's Day Parade and Cavan Association Dinner	1 (Cathaoirleach)
Kurnach, Germany	Development and strengthening of links with Wurzburg where St. Killian born in Mullagh was martyred	4
London	Attendance by Cathaoirleach at Cavan Association Annual Dinner Dance	1 (Cathaoirleach)

Training Availed of by Elected Members

Title of Training	Body that Provided Training	Location	Number who attended
Module 1 – Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies	Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Athlone	7
		Mullingar	3
Module 2 – The Marine, Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities	Association of Irish Local Government	Sligo	9
		Arklow	1
Module 3 – Induction Training for Elected Members	Association of Irish Local Government	Mullingar	9
		Tipperary	2
Module 4 – The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator	Association of Irish Local Government	Dundalk	5
Module 5 – Climate Action – The Local Authority Response	Association of Irish Local Government	Athlone	5
		Cork	3
Annual Conference	Association of Irish Local Government	Longford	11
Autumn Training Seminar	Association of Irish Local Government	Monaghan	12



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Spring Training Seminar	Local Authority Management Agency (LAMA)	The Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim	10
Autumn Training Seminar	Local Authority Management Agency	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	14

Public Authorities and Other Bodies Elected Members are represented on up to Local Elections in May 2019

Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board	Clifford Kelly, Shane P. O'Reilly, Madeleine Argue, Carmel Brady, Patrick O'Reilly, Paddy McDonald, Sarah O'Reilly
Health Service Executive Regional Health Forum, Dublin North East	Philip Brady, Peter McVitty, Paddy McDonald
Cavan Local Sports Partnership Board	Philip Brady, Madeleine Argue, Paddy McDonald
Northern & Western Regional Authority	Sean Smith, Paddy Smith
Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)	Winston Bennett, Fergal Curtin
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited	Paddy O'Reilly
Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	Philip Brady, John Paul Feeley, Carmel Brady
Local Authority Members' Association (LAMA)	Winston Bennett
Cavan Local Community Development Committee	Clifford Kelly, Patrick O'Reilly, Paddy McDonald
County Cavan Joint Policing Committee	Shane P. O'Reilly, Clifford Kelly, Fergal Curtin, John Paul Feeley, Winston Bennett, Carmel Brady, Peter McVitty, Paddy Smith, Madeleine Argue, Damien Brady, Noel Connell, Paddy McDonald, Sarah O'Reilly
North East Regional Drugs Task Force	Shane P. O'Reilly
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	John Paul Feeley, Paddy Smith, Daniel Downey, Damien Brady



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Local Monitoring Committee (Rural Water Programme)	Sean Smith, Winston Bennett, John Paul Feeley
County Cavan Heritage Forum	Val Smith, Damien Brady, Sarah O'Reilly

Public Authorities and Other Bodies Elected Members are represented following Local Elections in May 2019

Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board	Clifford Kelly, Sean Smith, Patricia Walsh, Brendan Fay, Sarah O'Reilly, Madeleine Argue, Carmel Brady
Health Service Executive Regional Health Forum, Dublin North East	Aiden Fitzpatrick, Craig Lovett, Trevor Smith
Cavan Local Sports Partnership Board	Brendan Fay, Paddy McDonald, Craig Lovett, Patricia Walsh, Madeleine Argue
Northern & Western Regional Authority	Sean Smith, Craig Lovett
Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)	Patricia Walsh, Clifford Kelly, Winston Bennett
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited	Paddy McDonald
Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)	John Paul Feeley, Shane P O'Reilly, Peter McVitty
Local Authority Members' Association (LAMA)	Clifford Kelly
Cavan Local Community Development Committee	Clifford Kelly, Aiden Fitzpatrick, T.P. O'Reilly
County Cavan Joint Policing Committee	Sarah O'Reilly, Shane P. O'Reilly, Clifford Kelly, John Paul Feeley, Carmel Brady, Peter McVitty, Madeleine Argue, Paddy McDonald, Patricia Walsh, Aiden Fitzpatrick, Philip Brady, Craig Lovett, Brendan Fay, Trevor Smith, T.P. O'Reilly
North East Regional Drugs Task Force	Aiden Fitzpatrick, Carmel Brady
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	John Paul Feeley, Patricia Walsh, Trevor Smith, Madeleine Argue



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Age Friendly Alliance	Brendan Fay, Carmel Brady
Local Monitoring Committee (Rural Water Programme)	John Paul Feeley, Sean Smith, Winston Bennett
County Cavan Heritage Forum	Brendan Fay, Aiden Fitzpatrick, Shane P. O'Reilly, T.P. O'Reilly
HSE Cavan/Monaghan Suicide Prevention Steering Group and Community Implementation Group	Sarah O'Reilly, T.P. O'Reilly

Payments to Members of Cavan County Council in 2019

Annual Expenses Allowance (travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses)	€91,147.49
Representational Payments	€312,461.94
Cathaoirleach / Leas Cathaoirleach Allowances (including Municipal Authorities)	€42,000.00
Chairpersons of Strategic Policy Committees	€27,500.00
Travel, Subsistence for attendance at Conferences, Seminars	€9,057.92
Travel, Subsistence for attendance at Training Events	€24,121.97
Travel, Subsistence for attendance at events abroad	€2,596.37

Strategic Policy Committees from June 2014 to June 2019

Economic Development	Environment and Planning
Councillor (Cllr) John Paul Feeley Chair Cllr Carmel Brady Cllr Daniel Downey Cllr Peter McVitty Cllr Sarah O'Reilly Chris Kirk, Public Participation Network (PPN) Thomas Rogers (Agriculture) Gary Allison Nikki McGoohan	Cllr Damian Brady Chair Cllr Winston Bennett Cllr Fergal Curtin Cllr Val Smith Cllr Madeleine Argue Fintan McCabe (Environmental) Barry Kavanagh (PPN) Thomas Cooney (Agriculture) Andrew O'Gorman (Chambers Ireland)



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Housing, Social and Cultural	Transportation and Infrastructure
Cllr Val Smith Chair Cllr Noel Connell Cllr Clifford Kelly Cllr Patrick O'Reilly Cllr Shane P O'Reilly Thomas Maughan (PPN) Madeleine Ui Mhealoid (PPN) Larry McCluskey (PPN)	Cllr. Paddy O'Reilly Chair Cllr Paddy McDonald Cllr Paddy Smith Cllr Sean Smith Cllr Philip Brady Jim Maguire (PPN) Philip Smith (Agriculture) Gary Meehan Pauline Flood

Strategic Policy Committees from June 2019 to June 2024

Housing, Social Inclusion & Corporate Services	Climate and Biodiversity Action & Environment
<p>Cllr Val Smith Chair Cllr Patricia Walsh Cllr Madeleine Argue Cllr Clifford Kelly Cllr Paddy McDonald Cllr Trevor Smith Theresa Thompson (Trade Unions) Paul Elliott (Development & Construction) Thomas Maughan (Social Inclusion) Leanne Coyle (Community / Voluntary)</p>	<p>Cllr Philip Brady Chair Cllr Madeleine Argue Cllr Winston Bennett Cllr T.P. O'Reilly Cllr Craig Lovett Cllr Shane P. O'Reilly Joseph Brady (Agriculture & Farming) Fintan McCabe (Environment / Conservation) Barry Wilson (Community / Voluntary)</p>
Cultural Development, Irish Language & Sport	Transportation, Infrastructure & Emergency Services
<p>Cllr Clifford Kelly Chair Cllr Philip Brady Cllr Paddy McDonald Cllr Craig Lovett Cllr Val Smith Cllr Shane P O'Reilly Michelle Duffy Rudden (Business & Commercial) Evija Nwaneri (Environment / Conservation) Grainne McPhillips (Social Inclusion) Mary B Duffy (Community / Voluntary)</p>	<p>Cllr. Sean Smith Chair Cllr Peter McVitty Cllr Sarah O'Reilly Cllr T.P. O'Reilly Cllr Brendan Fay Cllr Trevor Smith Padraigh J Young (Agriculture & Farming) Eamon Mulcahy (Community / Voluntary)</p>
Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning	
<p>Cllr John Paul Feeley Chair Cllr Peter McVitty Cllr Sarah O'Reilly Cllr Winston Bennett Cllr Aiden Fitzpatrick Cllr Carmel Brady Thomas Rodgers (Agriculture & Farming) Jim McGaughran (Development & Construction) Tom Brady (Business & Commercial) Stanley Nwaneri (Community / Voluntary)</p>	



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Political Donations

The Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations & Expenditure) Act, 1999 (as amended) requires that Elected Members of Local Authorities furnish donation statements to their Local Authority by 31st January each year giving details of donations received by them in the preceding twelve-month period. No political donations were declared by the elected members for the period 1st January 2019 to the 31st December 2019 as per donations statements submitted by each elected member by the 31st of January 2019.

Corporate Plan

Mission Statement: “Putting Cavan First”

Our Values

We will endeavour to demonstrate these values in how we treat people, provide services and engage with the public and other organisations

Honesty	Tell the truth
Courteous	be polite and respectful
Helpful	be willing to assist others
Ambitious	be successful
Innovative	explore new ideas
Progressive	continuously improve
Responsible	take our duty seriously
Reliable	can be counted on
Inclusive	embrace diversity
Hard working	deliver on our objectives

By living out these values in our language, behaviour, relationships, and decision making, Cavan County Council, will create a positive ethos for our staff, elected members, our stakeholders and everyone who is a recipient of the services we provide.



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The Corporate Plan

The Corporate plan was adopted in April 2014 and outlines the Local Authority's strategic framework for activity during the lifetime of the Council. (It is adopted in accordance with section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001 as inserted by section 49 of the Local Government Act 2014)

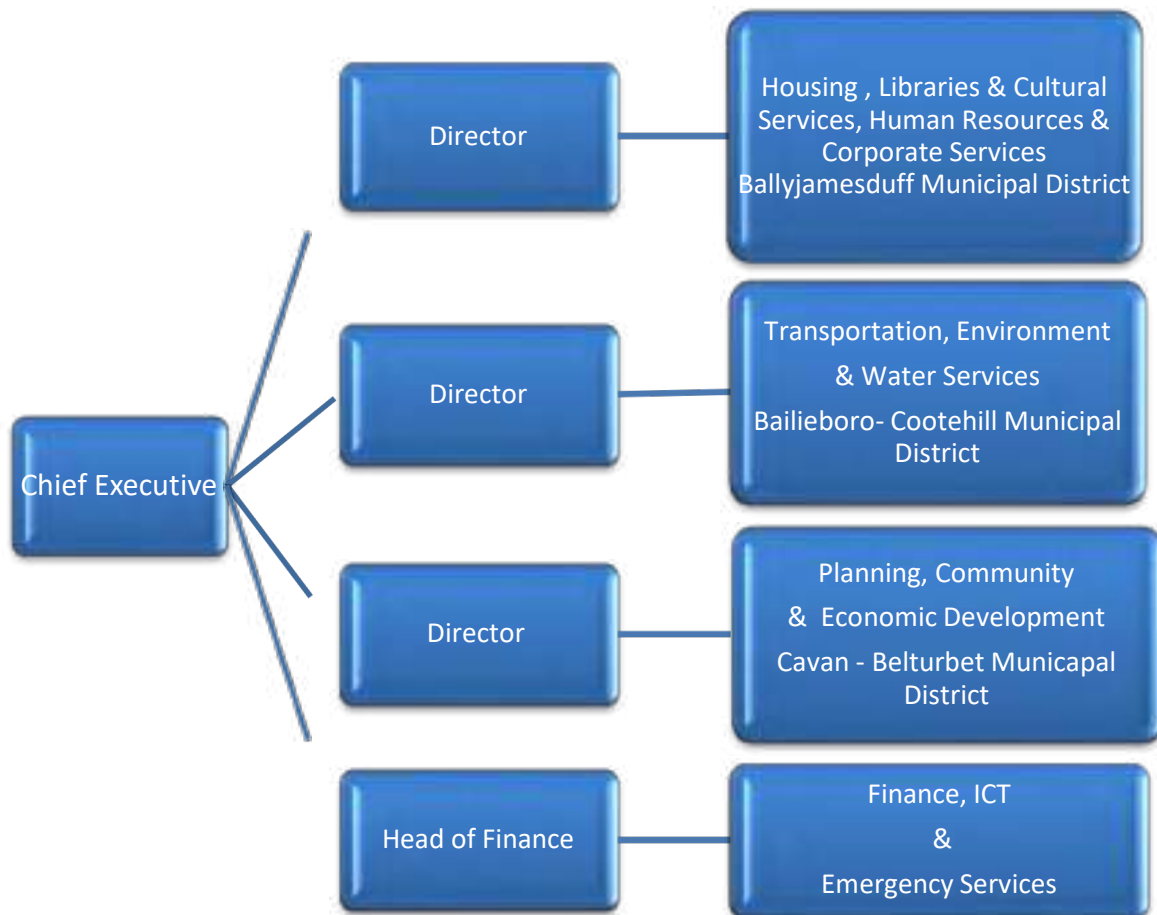
The Strategic Objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2015-2109 are as follows:



In accordance with section 134 (9) (a) of the local Government Act 2001 Cavan County Council is required to prepare an Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Corporate Plan. This annual review was carried out and presented as part of the budget report submitted to the members at the time of the statutory budget meeting. The annual progress report included reports by the various departments and is supplemented by the Annual Service Delivery plan and the chief executives' monthly reports. The report highlighted progress made during 2019 and also sets out progress made in relation to commitments set down by the Council's Corporate Plan for the period 2014 -2019.



Management Team



Eoin Doyle
Director of Services



Paddy Connaughton
Director of Services



Brendan Jennings
Director of Services



Margaret McNally
A/Head of Finance



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Housing, Libraries & Cultural Services, Human Resources & Corporate Services

Human Resources and Corporate Affairs

Human Resources Department is responsible for the delivery of all aspects of the human resources function which includes the recruitment, selection, and organisation of staff, training and development, staff welfare, industrial relations, performance management and development, workplace partnership, equality and diversity and superannuation.

At 31st December 2019 413 staff were employed by the Council. The numbers of core staff in each of the categories are as follows:

Staffing	Number
Managerial	4
Clerical/Administrative	184
Professional/Technical	69
Outdoor	131
Contract Posts/Projects	15
Temporary/Seasonal	10
Total	413
Retained Firefighters	88

Recruitment

During 2019 the Human Resources Department organised 34 separate competitions for various posts within the Council. These competitions attracted 900 applicants, 650 of whom attended interview and to date 40 staff have been appointed as a result. These appointments include staff joining the organisation and existing staff attaining promotion.

Staff Welfare

We are conscious of the need for staff to balance their working and domestic lives. Employees have access to a wide range of schemes that aspire to assist employees achieve a proper work life balance. Schemes include parental leave, force majeure leave, work sharing, term time leave, shorter working year and career breaks.



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Learning & Development

A comprehensive Training Programme was delivered in 2019 to enable staff carry out their role in a confident, competent manner and contribute effectively to the overall vision of the organisation and the accomplishment of its goals and objectives. Staff training was delivered with specific emphasis on health & safety and mandatory organisational training needs. Cumulatively, training was provided to 987 indoor staff and 422 outdoor staff. Support continued to be provided to staff wishing to pursue further education study programmes. Training was delivered to Elected Members following elections in May 2019.

Performance Management and Development System (PMDS)

Performance Management and Development System (PMDS) is the mechanism used to support and improve performance at individual, team and organisational levels and is a means of engaging, supporting and developing individual staff members. The competency framework, now embedded in the organisation for both Senior and Middle Managers, is an integral part of our PMDS process. Performance Management and Development System in Cavan County Council is driven by the Senior Management Team.

NOAC Performance Indicators

Human Resources is required to complete performance indicators in respect of sick leave. Statistics for 2019 are not yet available but the following statistics were submitted in respect of 2018:

% of working days lost to sickness		
	Certified Sick Leave	Uncertified Sick
2018	4.51%	0.20%

Freedom of Information (FOI)

The Freedom of Information Act came into effect on 21 April 1998. The current Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation was enacted and applied to local authorities in October 2014. The 2014 FOI Act provides that every person has the following legal rights to:



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- access official records held by Government Departments or other public bodies as defined by the Act.
- have personal information held on them corrected or updated where such information is incomplete, incorrect or misleading.
- be given reasons for decisions taken by public bodies that affect them.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Statistics 2019:

Cases brought forward from 2018:	4
Number of applications received:	110
Number of applications granted:	93
Number of applications part granted:	4
Number of applications refused:	12
Withdrawn/Dealt with outside FOI:	5

Data Protection

GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 came into effect in May 2018. GDPR has wider scope, standards and sanctions & is seen more fit for purpose in the digital age.

The following rights have been conferred on members of the public:

- the right to be informed;
- the right of access;
- the right to rectification;
- the right to erasure;
- the right to restrict processing;
- the right to data portability;
- the right to object;
- rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

As a Data Controller Cavan County Council is legally obliged under legislation to:

- Process it lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner;
- Collect it only for one or more specified, explicit and legitimate purposes, and do not otherwise use it in a way that is incompatible with those purposes;



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- Ensure it is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purpose it is processed;
- Keep it accurate and up-to-date and erase or rectify any inaccurate data without delay;
- Where it is kept in a way that allows you to identify who the data is about, retain it for no longer than is necessary;
- Keep it secure by using appropriate technical and/or organisational security measures;
- Be able to demonstrate your compliance with the above principles; and
- Respond to requests by individuals seeking to exercise their data protection rights (for example the right of access).

Data Protection Statistics 2019: Subject Access Requests 6

Protected Disclosures

The Protected Disclosures Act 2014 became operational on the 15th July 2014. In accordance with Section 22 of that Act, Cavan County Council has an obligation to report on the number of protected disclosures made to the Council in the preceding year.

Section 22 states that:

- (1) Every public body shall prepare and publish not later than 30 June in each year a report in relation to the immediately preceding year in a form which does not enable the identification of the persons involved containing information relating to the matters specified in subsection (2).
- (2) Those matters are -
 - (a) the number of protected disclosures made to the public body,
 - (b) the action (if any) taken in response to those protected disclosures, and
 - (c) such other information relating to those protected disclosures and the action taken as may be requested by the Minister from time to time.

In accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, Cavan County Council reports that it did not receive any protected disclosures in the 12-month period ending on 27th June 2019.



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Corporate Plan

Work is ongoing on the development of the Corporate Plan 2019-2024. This included the completion of a consultation session with our Elected Council as well as consultation with staff and our external stakeholders. The new Corporate Plan will outline the range of strategic corporate objectives which will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan.

Council Meetings and Elected Members

Corporate Services has responsibility for the administration of plenary Council meetings and provides support to the Cathaoirleach and the Elected Members in carrying out their functions and duties.

In 2019 Corporate Services also organised a number of Cathaoirleach's Receptions, Civic Receptions and official welcomes for visiting Ambassadors and dignitaries to the Council.

Register of Electors

Corporate Services has responsibility for the compilation of the Draft and Live Register of Electors and also for the compilation of the Supplement to the Register. The Register is published every year on the 1st February and comes into effect on 15th February of that year.

The Register is comprised of the following categories of electors: Presidential, Dáil, European and Local Government electors. A person's citizenship will determine their category and the type of election at which they may vote as shown below.

Citizenship	Type of election at which eligible to vote
Irish Citizens	All Elections and Referenda
British Citizens	Dáil, European and Local Elections
Other EU Citizens	European and Local Elections
Non-EU Citizens	Local Government Elections only



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To be eligible for registration as an elector, a person must be:

- 18 years or over on 15th February in the year in which the Register comes into force.
- Be normally resident in one of the three electoral areas on the 1st September of the year before the Register comes into force.

The total number of Electors in the County for the 2019/2020 Register of Electors is 55,655. The Constituency Commission Report of 2012 removed 36 electoral divisions, loosely alluded to in the report as “west” of County Cavan, from the Cavan-Monaghan constituency to the new constituency incorporating Sligo, Leitrim and part of Donegal. In relation to the Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act 2017 (No. 39 of 2017) which was signed into law by the President on 23 December 2017 the Counties of Cavan and Monaghan, with some population from the constituency of Meath East will form the Cavan-Monaghan constituency which will become a 5 seat constituency.

Local Electoral Area	Number of Electors
Bailieborough-Cootehill	19,958
Ballyjamesduff	19,734
Cavan-Biotarget	17,789
Total	57,481

2019 was a significant year for our elected members as our citizens went to the polls on the 24th May to elect 18 members to sit on Cavan County Council. Thirty-three candidates in total ran for the local election in County Cavan, 13 in Bailieborough Cootehill Municipal District, 11 in Cavan Belturbet Municipal District and 9 in Ballyjamesduff Municipal District. Six members were elected in each of the three Municipal Districts.



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Little Acorns, Mighty Oaks Reading Programme 2019

Cavan County Council and St. Felim's National School worked in partnership on this exciting 6 week reading programme in 2019 and which will continue in 2020. Ten staff members along with 20 second class boys from the school took part in this "reading for enjoyment" initiative once a week in Cavan Library. The staff members provided valuable reading support in terms of the children's comprehension and fluency. As a thank you, the pupils wrote this lovely thank you!

***"Cavan Co Co, I want you to know
I loved how you brought me to what I now know.
Inside of my books, there's a world that exists
With laughter and warmth and so many twists.
The reader in me has sure been re-born,
In fact, I've become quite the book worm!
You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child
I'm so glad you chose me, to guide me, to teach me, to welcome me kindly and
read with me weekly.
I'll always remember this journey with you
Thank you sincerely, I will miss you."***

Housing

The core objective for Housing is to ensure that all out citizens enjoy an adequate standard of housing accommodation appropriate to their needs, and as far as possible, in a location and tenure of their choice and to provide a responsive and supportive housing service for those in need of assistance. 2019 saw a continued high demand for services and increased delivery activity in the area of Housing and Social Support.

Need for Social Housing Support

The annual Housing Needs Assessment was undertaken months of May and June 2019. On assessment day i.e. 11th June a total of 979 households qualified for social



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housing support. 371 of these were already in receipt of some form support and had applied for a transfer leaving the total nett need for social housing support in the county at 608. The following outlines the different measures available to meet the need.

Allocation of Council Houses

99 council houses were let during the year with a further 57 houses let by Approved Housing Bodies. This means that a total of 156 permanent units of accommodation were let to persons in need. It should be noted that 23% of all offers of accommodation were refused during the year.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP scheme is a form of social housing support whereby the Council provides financial assistance to people who are qualified renting in the private rented sector. There was a total of 485 active tenancies by 31st December 2019. All HAP properties must be inspected within 8 months of the time the first payment is made to the Landlord. A total of 131 inspections were carried out in 2019.

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

The RAS Scheme continued to operate successfully in 2019 with a lot of activity despite challenges posed by the reduction in the availability of suitable properties in some towns and villages. One of the other challenges in 2019 was assisting RAS tenants who had received Notices to Quit terminating their tenancies. The total active tenancies - 545 (incl. Approved Housing Body).

Leasing of Property

Under the social housing leasing scheme there was 36 active lease agreements in place with private landlords and Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) which provide 89 units of accommodation. All of these are rented by the Council to qualified applicants on its waiting list.



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Mortgage to Rent Scheme

The Mortgage to Rent Scheme is an initiative to help homeowners who are at risk of losing their home through mortgage arrears. At 31 December 10 homeowners were successfully housed in the scheme with a further 3 signed awaiting completion and 9 applications being processed.

Loans and Tenant Purchase

The Council continued to offer loans to first time buyers under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme. At end of 2019, 4 loans were paid out with a further 5 finally approved and 10 approved in principle. 4 tenant households had purchased their houses under the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme.

Private House Grants

There are three types of grants provided by the council: Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability Scheme, the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme and the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme. The schemes are designed to help people remain living in their homes when they are no longer suited to meet their needs. A total of €1,280,866 was spent on grants in 2019 as follows:

Grant	Number	Amount
Housing Adaptation Grant for people with a Disability	42	€594,803
Housing Aid for Older People Scheme	80	€508,059
Mobility Aids Grant Scheme	30	€177,004
Total	153	€1,280,866

Traveller Accommodation Programme



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Pursuant to Section 8 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1988, the Council adopted a new Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2019 – 2024 at its meeting in September having gone through the formal process of preparing a new plan. A review of the 2014 – 2018 (TAP) confirmed that the Council had met its agreed targets over its lifetime.

The Cavan LTACC plays an active and pivotal role in both the preparation and implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme in County Cavan. Set up under Section 21 and 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committees (LTACC) were established to facilitate consultation between Housing Authorities and Travellers and to advise on any aspect of accommodation for Travellers, and to advise on the preparation and implementation of any accommodation programme.

The membership of the Cavan LTACC comprises of 12 members with 4 Local Authority Members, 4 Traveller Representatives and 4 Local Authority Officials making up the LTACC membership.

At the end of 2019, a total of 120 traveller households were in receipt of social housing support.

Refugee Resettlement Programme

20 households were assigned to the County under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme. Funding up to a maximum of €249,698 was provided to the Council, as coordinator of the Resettlement Project from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund. Following a formal tendering process, the Council appointed Breffni Integrated as Programme Implementer. Breffni Integrated have employed a Resettlement Support Worker and an Intercultural Worker whose job it is to assist the Refugees to ensure that the Refugees can settle into the community, can access services appropriately and build lasting relationships with the local community. A total of 13 no. households were settled into the County in 2019.



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Estate Management

The Council is working actively in partnership with residents across the county to improve the appearance and living environment of public areas. To this end, the Council has assisted with the establishment of a network of residents' association, otherwise known as Estate Management Teams, in social housing areas. In 2019 there were 83 Estate Management Teams (EMTs) active and formally registered with the Council.

Estate Enhancement

The EMT organise social and community events annually such as street sweep days, community art, family fun days, heritage projects and initiatives to protect wildlife and biodiversity. An important element of the work of the EMTs is to include neighbours in community life and to involve residents in plans for their street. Estate enhancement works carried out by voluntary groups in 2019 included maintenance of green areas, planting of trees, flowers and shrubs, community gardens, rainwater harvesting and community composting areas.

Estate Grant and Awards Scheme

The Council provides funding to residents' groups in social housing areas through the annual Estate Grant and Awards Scheme. A total of 78 Local Authority Estates participated in 2019. Each participating estate group was awarded a grant and entered into an awards scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to recognise and support outstanding efforts made by groups or individuals dedicated to improving the appearance or amenity value of public areas.

Prizes were awarded in the following categories: Best Individual House and Garden, Best Youth Group, Best Up cycling Award and Best Special Feature. Litter Free Awards were also allocated to a number of estates.



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Housing Construction

The Housing Construction Section is primarily responsible for the maintenance of the Council housing stock of 2081 houses, the construction of new social housing schemes and the acquisition of existing houses for use as council owned social housing.

In addition, the Housing Construction Section is responsible for pre-letting repairs, energy retrofit works and major renovation works to vacant houses.

Funding for the maintenance of existing houses comes from the Council's own resources and funding for the capital programme for new construction and acquisitions is provided by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

The 2019 Capital Funding Allocations received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government were as follows:

(i) Housing Construction Programme	€ 967,355
(ii) Housing Acquisition Programme	€ 6,310,253
(iii) Voluntary Housing Bodies - CAS & CALF Funding	€ 3,682,996
(iv) Energy Retrofit Programme	€ 277,478
(v) Voids Programme	<u>€ 117,161</u>
Total	€ 11,322,243

Social Housing Construction Programme

In 2019, 11No. new build social housing units were completed by Cavan County Council - 8No. at Rosehill, Mullagh and 3No. at Ashgrove, Ballyjamesduff.



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New Housing Scheme at Rosehill, Mullagh completed in 2019.

In addition, Approved Housing Bodies delivered a further 37No. new build social housing units - 29No.Units at Castlemanor, Cavan and 8No. Units at Rampart View, Virginia.

In 2019, significant progress was also made on other projects which are at various stages of approval with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

17 units progressed to Stage 4 approval;

- 11No. units at “Ashgrove”, Ballyjamesduff.
- 4No. units at Corstruce, Ballinagh.
- 2No. units at Clones Road, Butlersbridge.

34 units progressed to Stage 2 approval;

- 19No. units at Main Street, Mullagh.
- 15No. units at Cavan Road, Ballinagh.

44 units progressed to Stage 1 approval;

- 22No. units at Magheranure, Cootehill.
- 13No. units at Elm Grove, Cavan Town.



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- 6No. units at Main Street, Butlersbridge.
- 3No. units at Cluain Dara, Kingscourt.

Social Housing Acquisition Programme

The Council completed the acquisition of 45 No. houses in 2019.

Programme of Works to void housing units

Funding of €112,500 was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the completion of improvement works on vacant houses.

Housing Maintenance Programme

A sum of €781,532.40 was spent on in the 2019 budget for ordinary housing maintenance.

Corporate Plan 2015 - 2109

All the above work programmes carried out by the Housing Construction Section directly support the Corporate Plan 2015-2019, in particular “Strategic Objective 4: Plan and Develop Infrastructural Capacity” which has specific Housing Objectives as follows:

- 4.2b: Develop annual Social Housing Investment Programme to implement the National Housing Strategy at local level.
- 4.2c: Implement annual Planned Maintenance and Retrofitting Programme to improve the quality and energy efficiency of the social housing.

Libraries and Cultural Affairs

Cavan Library Service

2019 heralded a new chapter for library users nationwide with the removal of fines from January 1st 2019. Cavan County Library Service members no longer have to pay fines for overdue items and no existing fines will be collected when overdue items are returned. This is a very significant step towards removal of barriers and the development of a more inclusive service for all.



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Programme of Events

Cavan County Library Service delivered a wide-ranging programme of events across the year, which celebrated both national and local campaigns. 2019 highlights included Seachtain na Gaeilge in March, Bealtaine in May, Heritage Week in August, Culture Night in September and Cavan Monaghan Science Festival in November. National initiatives, *'Right to Read'*, *'Healthy Ireland at your Library'* and *'Work Matters at the Library'* as laid out in the public Library Strategy *'Our Public Libraries 2022'*, were also implemented across the Library Service in 2019.

'Right to Read' supports the development of literacy, and Cavan Libraries successfully delivered support programmes such as class visits in partnership with schools, a Spring into Storytime event for families in April and a very engaging Summer Stars schedule comprising art and craft workshops, magic shows, author visits and storytelling along with a special Family Time at your Library in December. Cavan County Library Service was presented with a Right to Read Champion Award by Mr Seán Canney TD, the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, in October 2019, in recognition of our ongoing efforts to support literacy development through the library service. Cavan County Library Service engaged in a Council-led initiative to support shared reading with children from St. Felim's National School during the 2018/2019 academic year and will again during 2019/2020.

The *'Healthy Ireland at your Library'* initiative proved very popular with the local community and was well promoted by Northern Sound Radio which aired several interviews with speakers from Cavan's *Healthy Ireland at your Library* programme, including:

*Stella O'Malley, Mental health professional, best-selling author and regular contributor to Newstalk radio and the Irish Independent, who delivered a talk in Johnston Central Library to over 130 people on "Bully-Proof Kids: Raising Happy Kids in an Anxious World" and

*Dr Paul Gaffney, HSE Psychologist and David Kearney, Olympic Coach who spoke on how parents can help their children to prepare for exams.



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'Work Matters at the Library' provides support for business and employment, through access to relevant and current information resources, IT facilities etc.

Our branch libraries play a central role in supporting local community activities by providing venues and promotion for events, such as Bailieborough Library hosting a photographic exhibition as part of the local Midsummer Festival in July, and Cootehill Library hosting workshops and an art exhibition as part of Cootehill's Arts Festival.

Working in Partnership

Cavan County Library Service acknowledges the important role of the many partners we work with in delivering our annual programmes, including Cavan County Council's Community and Enterprise Section, Cultural Team, Cavan Sports Partnership, and external agencies such as Cavan/Monaghan ETB, Monaghan County Council, the HSE and many more.

Cavan County Library Service plays an integral role in the coordination of the Creative Ireland programme for the county and 2019 highlights include the Cavan Arts Festival in May and Cruinniú na nÓg in June. *Cruinniú na nÓg*, a national day to celebrate creativity among children and young people, took place Saturday 15 June with a range of activities taking place in Johnston Central Library and other cultural venues across the County.

Cavan County Library Service prides itself in delivering a quality series of history lectures on matters of local and national interest. The library offering has been further enhanced through the allocation of Decade of Centenaries funding which has supported a variety of presentations in branch libraries in 2019, including Dr. Dónal McAnallen's lecture on the GAA in Cavan 1918-1921. The library service enjoys close links with the local historical group, Cumann Seanchais Bhreifne and in November, hosted the launch of 'Society and Administration in Ulster's plantation towns' edited by Dr. Brendan Scott, followed by a lecture entitled 'The Church of Ireland diocese of Kilmore in 1622'.

Cavan County Library Service has been proactive in securing Peace IV funding for projects in 2018 and 2019. The 2018 project, 'Voices of the Troubles' comprised 85



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interviews with participants from the Cavan /Fermanagh border area regarding their experiences of living with 30 years of conflict in Northern Ireland from 1968 to 1998, and aimed to build positive relations with people from different backgrounds and communities on both sides of the border to support peace and reconciliation. Cavan County Library Service was shortlisted for a Chambers Ireland for Excellence in Local Government award in 2019 for this project.

In 2019 the EU's Peace IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body, supported the development of a publication 'Royalists, Rebels and Revolutionists: A History of County Cavan's Revolution 1912 – 1923' by Mullagh native and author, Johann Farrelly. The book launch took place in Johnston Central Library in May 2019.

Plans for a new library and cultural civic centre in Virginia are being progressed with Stage 2 approval granted by the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2019.

Cavan County Library Service received a grant of €13,297.50 from the Dormant Accounts Fund to deliver tailored projects to marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities as per the new public library strategy, Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities. Projects included creative drama workshops for adults with unique abilities, and a programme of story, rhyme and crafts for pre-school children from disadvantaged areas, with transport provided.

Cavan County Library Service provides a vital service in the heart of each community it serves with branch libraries serving as civic spaces, open and welcoming to all. The quality of our offering was justly recognised when it earned The Public Sector Magazine's *County Library Service of the Year* Award for 2019.

Staffing Developments:

Tom Sullivan, retired in May 2019, having served with Cavan County Library Service since 1982. As County Librarian, Tom's achievements were wide-ranging. They included his work as Chairman of Cavan County Council's Cultural Committee and his role as Coordinator of Cavan County Council's successful Creative Ireland



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Programme. All at Cavan County Council wish him good health and happiness in his retirement. Emma Clancy was appointed to the role of County Librarian with Cavan County Library Service in June 2019.

Cavan Diaspora Engagement Strategy 2017 – 2021 and Cavan Calling 2020

As part of Cavan County Council's Diaspora Engagement Strategy, Cavan County Council initiated plans to host Cavan Calling 2020, a major gathering of the global Cavan family in August 2020 with an inaugural Cavan Day scheduled to take place on August 22nd 2020. A cross-sectoral committee was established to plan the event and a newsletter detailing the Cavan Calling Festival issued to many thousands at home and abroad in December.



Image: Participants attending a Basketweaving course in Cootehill Library, run in partnership with Cavan Monaghan ETB Photography Credit: Cavan Library Service



Image: Children enjoying activities in Cavan Library as part of the Cruinniú na nÓg 2019 celebrations.
Photography Credit: Adrian Donohoe Photography

Promotion of the Irish Language

Cavan County Council promotes the development of the Irish language through its services and amongst the public in general. The Irish Language is an integral part of their event programming and is particularly to the fore in the provision of cultural services. Cavan County Council has provided a wealth of opportunities for people to practise and use Irish ranging from conversational groups, reading groups as Gaeilge, activity club meetings for primary school children as Gaeilge and the provision of a number of Gaeltacht scholarships for both adults and secondary school pupils. The Irish language is an intrinsic part of many of their major cultural events including Seachtain na Gaeilge, Bealtaine, Culture Night, Children's Books Festival, Science Week and School Programmes.

Cavan County Council have a long-established working partnership with many Irish language organisations including Glór Bhréifne, Ógras, Conradh na Gaeilge,



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Oireachtas, Coláiste na bhFiann and Gaelscoil Bhréifne. This partnership approach has enabled the delivery of a very successful Irish Language programme.

Club na nÓg under the umbrella of Ógras has proved to be a resounding success with many national school children. This bi-weekly event hosted through the medium of Irish encourages children to speak the language in a fun environment, helping to grow their vocabulary and language skills. Events such as the trip to “Lilliput Adventure Centre” in June 2019 proved very popular and author Gemma Breathnach visit to libraries throughout the county enthralled hundreds of school children.

Leaving Certificate students from around the County enjoy the benefit of Oral Irish workshops which are delivered countywide through Cavan County Council’s Library Service. These workshops are provided at a nominal cost to ensure that all students can avail of this educational opportunity.

Cavan County Council in partnership with Glór Bhreifne and Coláiste na bhFiann have awarded several scholarships to secondary school pupils to attend Gaeltacht College summer schools while Oideas Gael kindly offered a number of scholarships to adult learners.

The “Rang Gaeilge” meet weekly in Johnston Central Library for conversational Irish which provides an excellent opportunity for Irish speakers, those learning the language, and those who only rarely use Irish, to come and use their ‘cúpla focal’ in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

A unique lecture on the “Ardscoil Bhréifne – Cavan’s Irish College, Glangevlin 1920-1924” was delivered by Aogán Ó Fearghaíl in Cootehill Library and was very well received by the audience.

Club Leabhar is a reading group for adults as Gaeilge where a varied collection of titles, books from Irish authors and some classics translated to Irish are discussed. In 2019 the group were delighted to host journalist and author Michelle Ní Phaidín from



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Donegal who spoke about her new book “Fuascailt an Iriseora” during Seachtain na Gaeilge.

All as Gaeilge services are supported by a broad ranging collection of Irish language material which is available countywide through Cavan Library Service.

Arts

In accordance with Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003 local authorities may provide financial assistance for the purpose of: (a) Stimulating public interest in the arts, (b) Promoting knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, or (c) Improving standards in the arts within its functional area.

Cavan County Council arts office is guided by **Inclusivity and Ambition – A Strategy for Cavan Arts 2018 – 2023**, the arts office reports on request to **Housing, Corporate and Cultural Affairs Special Policy Committee**.

The primary funding source for arts development is Cavan County Council with programme support from the Arts Council of €49,200.

Mission

Cavan County Council will, through our guiding principles of **Inclusivity and Ambition**, nurture and create the conditions in which great art can happen while at the same time ensuring that as many people as possible can engage and participate in high quality arts experiences.

The priorities are:

- Artistic
- Audience Development
- Diversity
- Infrastructure



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Framework Agreement Cavan County Council and the Arts Council

The Framework Agreement 2019 to 2026 identified three shared priorities. They are:

1. Supporting Artists
2. Young People and the Arts
3. Reaching More People.

Performance Indicators

Performance Indicators for the arts are underdeveloped. We include funding allocations, applications numbers and awards provided.

Arts Awards and Bursaries

The arts awards are designed to stimulate and support arts development by supporting artists and communities.

The main categories are, **Arts Development Awards** for communities and the **Professional Awards** to support artists. Advertised annually in December for the following year. Applications are adjudicated by an independent panel and recommended to the Members of Cavan County Council.

The Tyrone Guthrie Bursary was awarded to Jackie O'Neill, visual artist to spend two weeks working at the Centre.

The Moth Studio Bursary, Milltown provided a week-long residency to Bryony Littlefair and Gabriel Smith

2019 Funding Breakdown

Arts Awards and Bursaries	Received	Awarded	Total Value
Professional Artists	21	17	€18,940
Development Awards	46	34	€20,048
The Tyrone Guthrie Bursary		1	€770
The Moth Studio Bursary		2	€600



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Reaching Out

14 E-Bulletins in 2019 with regular updates on Facebook and Twitter.
Facebook followers 2,236, Twitter followers 2,739 Instagram @cavanarts
www.cavanarts.ie website information for artists and audiences.



Talking Heads Invite Image with members of Killeshandra and Cavan communities as part of
reminiscent project – with Maura Williamson, producer and Paul Farnan, Videographer.

Capital Development

Townhall Cavan

An extensive project of renovations took place at Townhall Cavan. Managed by Housing Construction and promoted by the Arts Office the project was substantially completed in 2019. In addition to Cavan County Council resources the following was sourced:

Arts and Culture Scheme,

Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht €750,000

Peace IV, SEUPB €272,000



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Townhall, Peace IV Activation Programme

Four artists working with local communities responded to the renovation works at the Townhall and the Peace legacy in Cavan. The projects produced with communities included:

- A Day in the Life of A Border Town by Marie Smith
- 'Monumental Shift' by Kim McCafferty
- 'Tongue' a short film by Robbie Perry. www.cavanarts.ie
- Cavan Convergence by Heather Brett with local writers from Cavan, Fermanagh and Armagh.



Eoin Doyle, Director of Services, Cavan Co. Co. (CCC), Romy Kanitz, Bluett and O Donoghue Architects, Catriona O Reilly, Arts Officer (CCC) and Cllr John Paul Feeley, (CCC) at the launch of One Day in the Life of a Border Town by Marie Smith, artist and local participants – photo by Céin O Brien.

Research Findings

Policy documents 'Towards an Integrated Policy for Arts Venues & Cultural Infrastructure in Cavan', 'A Recommended Operating Model for Townhall, Cavan' and 'Crossings - An Integrated Venues Policy for Cavan', followed extensive research and stakeholder engagement by Mary McAuliffe, arts consultant commissioned by the arts office.



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The primary recommendation was an integrated approach between Ramor Theatre and Townhall, Cavan, managed as a local authority arts venue with the remit to reach out beyond the building wall and support local arts development across the county.

Arts Programme

Writer in Residence

Crime Writer Anthony J Quinn was appointed Writer in Residence for County Cavan in association with the Irish Writers Centre (IWC).

Programmed included:

Editing the Lit Lab Anthology 'Where You May Find Yourself'.

Series of workshops in community settings including: the Older People's Council, the Ballyjamesduff Social Club, in the Libraries in Cootehill, Cavan and Bailieborough.

Culture Night 2019

Total audience	2,382
Venues	26
Events	48

Funding Source

Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	€8,250
Cavan County Council own resources	

Arts and Health

In 2019 the Arts and Health Network was established and includes members from: Tusla, Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Services, (CAMHS), Cavan Monaghan Local Arts and Education Partnership (LAEP), Cavan Monaghan Music Generation, the arts office and social inclusion sections of Cavan County Council, artists and youth leaders.

The aim of the network is to support sustainable health outcomes using the arts as a tool for change and resilience.



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Programme included:

- Continuing Professional Development was delivered to 32 artists, health workers, community and youth leaders by contributors: Julie Aldridge, Louise Gartland, Marie Brett, Helen McCrarren, Anthony J Quinn and The Music Room.
- Two actions research projects for young people with resulting exhibitions.
- Studio arts sessions were facilitated at The Moth Studios, Cavan and Social Services, Ballyjamesduff.
- An evaluation report was commissioned and recommendations by the author Mary McAuliffe will inform progression in this area.

Funding Source

Value

Department of Children and Youth Affairs, What Works Well

€20,000



CMX Film project image Invitation photo credit Colm Mullen and CMX as part of What Works Well Project with youths in Cavan and Monaghan.



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Peace IV Youth Arts Lab

Throughout 2018 and 2019, 313 young people engaged in the Peace IV Youth Arts Lab which included young people from Counties Cavan and Fermanagh. A summer project was hosted with the Cavan Autism Parents Association. 19 artists worked on this project over its duration in informal education and community settings and each child received 26 contact hours.

The aim of this project was to create cultural memory. The programme funding included programme and salary costs, supported by Peace IV and funded by Special European Union Programme Bodies.

Creative Ireland

Projects under Creative Ireland deliver on the priorities identified in Creative Cavan strategy

Video entitled 'Beware' produced by Padraic Conaty and Kim Doherty on cyber bullying themes written by the Kilnaleck Youth Drama Society Members (KYDS) with Alice Lynch, playwright championing kindness in the digital age.

Creative Communities

The arts office supported Aaron Monaghan through Livin Dred to deliver theatre workshops with local actors.

Commission with Martin Donohoe and the Nyah Comhaltas entitled 'Cavan Images Rich in Character and Full of Story', with spoken word, storytelling, sean nós, set, ceili dance, world dance traditions inspired by Kevin Mc Dermott, Wexford and Cavan.



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The Reminiscence Project

Research and interviews with community activists in Cavan and Killeshandra produced by Maura Williamson, Paul Farnan, videographer documenting local stories. Contributors included: John Conlon, discussing Cavan Drama Festival, the Hacklers, the late Dermot Healy former Town and County Councillor Paddy Conaty on political rivalries.



Talking Head Project 2019 with screen shot of Paddy Conaty, former Councillor with his father Patrick Conaty, former Councillor photo credit Jago Studios from video footage by Paul Farnan.

Creative Schools and Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg, an initiative of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as part of Creative Ireland the national day of creativity for children and young people took place in Cavan on 13 June 2019 with participation from 8 local schools in association with LAEP, Creative Cavan and Monaghan.



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- 14 schools in Cavan taking part in Creative Schools an initiative of the Arts Council and Creative Ireland. The Creative Artist Associates were Mary Farrelly, Joanne Behan and Anna Spearman.
- Chalk Dust adaptation of Noel Monahan's long poem was adapted and directed by Padraic McIntyre and performed at Ramor Theatre by young people.

Funding Source

Creative Ireland, as part of overall budget allocation to Cavan County Council.

Music Generation

Two staff were appointed to Music Generation Cavan Monaghan, Mairéad Duffy, Music Generation Development Officer and Paul Markey, Administrator. 25 national schools in Cavan expressed interest with 19 commencing including the Holy Family School, Cootehill. 27 musicians were recruited.

Funding Source

Match funding allocation €30,000 partners Cavan County Council, Monaghan County Council, lead partner Cavan Monaghan Education Training Board and Music Generation National Headoffice.

Public Art

"What's in a Story" (working title) is a documentary by Ray Fitzsimons that examines the role of culture and identity in society and how, in modern times, technology and consumerism have transformed the way in which we relate to the world.

Curator of Stories Ray Fitzsimons is working on a version of the Hero's Journey and interviewing inspirational people who have taken different paths in life.

Redemption of a Rogue first feature length film by Philip Doherty

Philip Doherty scriptwriter supported to develop and direct feature length film starring



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Aaron Monaghan. Shot on location in Swalinbar and Cavan, produced by Pale Rider with a professional crew and voluntary and community participation.

Archiving

Work ongoing on archiving collections in music, public and the visual arts.

Funding Source: Percent for Art Budget on Capital Projects including Housing and Roads.

Tom MacIntyre

On 31 October 2019 Tom MacIntyre, playwright, poet and man of letters died. His life and outstanding arts legacy were celebrated at the Ramor Theatre.



Celine McAdam, wife of the late Tom MacIntyre with his image in the background as created by Michelle Boyle, artist taken at Ramor Theatre, Virginia during a celebration of the life and work of Tom MacIntyre.



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Museum

During 2019, Cavan County Museum continued to play a pivotal role as one of Cavan County Council's core service areas, delivering a wide range of exhibitions, events, and initiatives. As custodians of Cavan's historical collection and a major tourist attraction for the county, the Museum is constantly developing and expanding its service.

Museum staff work together to ensure our visitor experience is paramount while taking great pride in looking after our guests. We strive to deliver an engaging, informative and varied programme of events annually.

The museum is unique in that it facilitates a variety of indoor and outdoor exhibitions. Our outdoor exhibitions, in particular the World War One Trench Experience, 1916 Rising Experience, the Battle of the Somme installation, and Road to War – Path to Reflection exhibitions are truly immersive, balanced and authentic, allowing our visitors to place themselves in the shoes of soldiers on the front lines in the Somme or rebels fighting in the GPO.

These experiences really lift history off the page and have been hugely successful for us in terms of engaging both young and old and encouraging people to think about our history and the choices past generations made from their perspectives.

In March, the '**Women of Influence**' Exhibition was launched. This exhibition was the culmination of a project undertaken by Cavan County Museum and Cavan Arts Office as part of the Decade of Centenaries commemorations. The exhibition highlights remarkable Irish women and the role they played in the Irish State throughout the 20th century along with their profound achievements in arts and culture, education, science, business and social change. As part of this exhibition opening, an extract from 'Fragments', by Jessie Keenan, contemporary choreographer was performed.



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Catriona O'Reilly, Cllr
Paddy Smith, Cllr
Carmel Brady,
Catriona Crowe, Cllr
Madeleine Argue,
Jessie Keenan,
Marion Cronin, Savina
Donohoe and Cllr
John Paul Feeley



'Fragments', performed
by Jessie Keenan and
Marian Cronin

Other highlights during 2019 included:

Cavan Women in Politics Exhibition

Bernadette Blessing's 'Hidden Waters' Exhibition

Keith Armstrong's - 'Cavan and Beyond' Exhibition



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Bernadette Blessing, Artist and Cllr.
Madeleine Argue, Cathaoirleach, Cavan
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‘Print, Protest and the Polls: The Irish women’s suffrage campaign and the power of print media’ travelling Exhibition. Launched with a Lecture delivered by Micheline Sheehy Skeffington

‘Remembering Stanislaus Lynch – Poet, Journalist, Horseman, Gentleman and proud son of Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

The Annual Arthur Griffith Lecture was delivered by Commandant Leo Quinlan entitled ‘The UN and The Battle of Jadotville’ describing experiences of his father Commandant Patrick Quinlan.

Historical & Military Show – over 6,000 people attended this wonderful weekend event in August

Caring for and documenting our collection is an extremely important element of the museum’s work. We are aware of our continued commitment to people who generously and kindly donated personal artefacts to enhance our collection. While we have constantly strived to develop the Museum, work has continued on the archive, and staff have updated and redesigned a number of our existing in-house exhibitions.



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October saw the launch of the newly constructed Peace IV Shared Space and Exhibition area under Cavan County Council's Peace IV Programme. Located at the rear of the Museum, this new space adds greatly to the delivery of our award-winning educational programme, accommodating large tour groups, hosting drama and music events, along with conferences, workshops and lectures. It's a beautiful modern design that bridges on to our existing 19th Century convent building, and that bridging of future and past is what Cavan County Museum is all about.



Cllr. Shane P O'Reilly
officially opens the
Museum's Peace IV
Shared Space

Cavan County Museum's Education Programme was chosen as a case study for the Department of Education's training of History teachers in the new Second Level Junior Cycle and now features as an element of teacher training. As a result, there has been a marked increase in the number of secondary schools taking part in the education programme. This was previously an untapped audience for the Museum and has led to a significant number of schools travelling from Dublin and surrounding counties to the Museum. Given the Department of Education's focus on the Museum this is a trend which will continue to grow.

A further development in terms of the education programme has been a significant increase in the number of cross-community and cross-border partnerships taking in the education programme as part of their own programmes.



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The Museum's Connecting People, Places and Heritage Peace IV Project promoted peace and reconciliation by engaging with youth groups in Cavan and Fermanagh. Transition Year Students from St. Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff and The Royal School, Cavan produced a short film entitled 'My Dearest' which was filmed, directed and written by the students.



Students from St. Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff and the Royal School, Cavan along with their teachers Emer McGovern and Aisling Gray co-ordinated by Gary Martin, Museum Outreach Officer.

Ramor Theatre

Background

Ramor Theatre's mission is to encourage, nurture and develop an interest and participation in the arts in County Cavan. Ramor Theatre aims to achieve this mission by presenting a varied programme of performances by professional artists in all the art-forms. This will be done in tandem with encouraging, facilitating and developing the work of new and emerging professional artists, through a number of partnerships. It is also achieved by developing youth arts and working with community based arts groups and individuals to develop projects and showcase them in the venue.

Ramor Theatre celebrated 20 years open to the public in 2019 having opened its doors in September 1999 and since then it has been the central hub of the cultural and artistic life in County Cavan. The Ramor Theatre is home to Livin Dred Theatre



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Company which over the past fifteen years has worked in partnership with the venue to incubate, develop and produce top quality professional theatre which has then gone to tour both nationally and internationally.

Ramor was the instigator and remains one of driving forces behind the NOMAD Theatre Network. The Theatre is actively involved with numerous community arts groups and is home to POD Youth Theatre. Ramor Theatre also produces Inhouse Productions working with both professional theatre practitioners and with community-based individuals.

The Theatre is run by the Local Authority with significant financial support from the Arts Council of Ireland.



The Ramor Theatre, Main St. Virginia, Co. Cavan

Ramor Staff



Nuala McCabe



Frances Brady



Annette McGovern



Paddy Farrelly

Theatre Manager Padraic McIntyre



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Technical Manager Paddy Farrelly

Administrator Nuala McCabe

Box Office Frances Brady

Front of House Annette McGovern

Front of House/Coffee Bar Helen Foy

A Brief Review of Activities at The Ramor Theatre in 2019

2019 was another extremely busy year at The Ramor Theatre with 161 performances taking place at the theatre across all artforms including Theatre, Film, Workshops, Popular Music, Children's Theatre, Comedy, Children's Film, Classical Music, Youth Drama, In-house Productions, Special Needs Drama and Community and commercial performances.

Income from Box office for 2019 is expected to be in the region of €236,000 with a further income from The Arts Council of Ireland grant of €55,000. It is expected to have 16,000 paying customers passing through the door in 2019. These figures confirm The Ramor's commitment to the Strategic Objectives laid out in The Cavan County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 through Community Development, Participation, Quality of Life and Inclusion by bringing and promoting Arts and Culture to the citizens of Cavan. The Ramor's Box office Income is in keeping with Sustainable Economic Activity and with 15,000 customers coming to Virginia for our events this inevitably means support for local businesses. Visitors coming from beyond the County means the development of tourism which promotes a positive image of Ramor Theatre, Cavan County Council and indeed the County of Cavan as a whole.

Public Engagement

Public engagement with our local community is hugely important to us at The Ramor Theatre. We are constantly engaging with the general public in order to attract them to shows we are presenting as well as encouraging them to participate in arts activities.



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We are constantly reaching out through community organisations to attract as diverse a demographic from our locale as possible.

The majority of The Ramor Theatre ticket sales continue to come from our seasonal events brochure, 2550 which is distributed three times a year. It is also sent by email to 600 further customers.

100% of customers details are now been captured at the point of booking through our Ticketsolve system. This information is analysed and checked against new GDPR databases which are then targeted for future events in the relevant artforms.

Support for Artists

Together with other cultural sectors of Cavan County Council, Cavan Arts Office, Cavan County Museum and the libraries we work to ensure that the arts is integrated as a core function of Cavan County Council and our ambition is to place the artist together with the audience at the centre of this.

Some of the artists supported in 2019:

ALAN BRADLEY: In 2019 Ramor Theatre was a producing partner on Virginia Actor and director Alan Bradley's debut solo play 'Grounds from Concern', performed in Croke Park Dressing Rooms as part of Dublin Fringe Festival. Ramor Theatre provided Alan with rehearsal space and tech time and this play was then performed at Ramor GAA Dressing Rooms in November 2019.

NOEL MONAHAN: To celebrate Ramor Theatre's 20-year anniversary Ramor Theatre produced a production of 'Chalk Dust' an adaptation of Noel Monahan's dramatic poem.

LIVIN DRED: TRAD by Mark Doherty was teched at The Ramor Theatre in April 2019. In 2019, The Ramor Theatre contributed €1,250 to the development and creation of a new production of 'Tarry Flynn' to tour in 2020.

It is our ambition that The Ramor Theatre will be seen by artists as a place where their work and careers can be nurtured and grow through an inclusive, diversive and creative arts programme.



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Charlie Bonner in Chalk Dust by Noel Monaghan at Ramor Theatre (November 2019)

Professional Theatre



Furniture by Sonya Kelly by DRUID THEATRE at The Ramor (April 2019)

Thirty-one performances of Professional Theatre were hosted at The Ramor Theatre in 2019 up from 24 in 2018.

Highlights: Crowman, Charlie is A Clepto, Trad, Furniture, Before, Pumpgirl, Tom Crean, Dirty Dusting.



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Children's Theatre



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens at The Ramor (December 2019)

Twelve performances of Children's Theatre were hosted at The Ramor Theatre in 2019 up from 9 in 2018 with a total audience of 1991. This was part of a strategic plan to develop the children's audience at The Ramor Theatre.

Performances hosted which included: Lambert Puppet Theatre (Snow White), a Christmas Carol and Ger Carey Live.

Film



The Man Who Wanted To Fly at The Ramor (September 2019)

Eighteen Screenings in association with Access Cinema took place in the Ramor Theatre in 2018 including Irish, International, Foreign Language and Documentary films.



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Music



Mary Coughlan at The Ramor (February 2019)

Music continued to be a major part of Ramor Theatre's programme in 2019 with 9 performances by music artists and an audience of 1160.

Highlights included Mary Coughlan, Sean Keane, Chris Difford, Mick Flannery, Don Baker and Pilgrim St.

Community Arts



Millrace Drama Groups Production of Lovers Meeting by Louis Dalton at The Ramor (June 2019)

Our Community Arts Programme continues to be an integral part of the programme here at The Ramor Theatre. We had 8 performances in 2019 with the majority of them local amateur drama groups in the area but also some from a music background.

Groups we hosted included: Bailieboro Drama Group, Cornmill Theatre, Millrace Drama Group, BeezneeZ and Munterconnaught Variety Group.



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Commercial



ROBERT MIZELL at The Ramor December 2019

Some of our programme are regarded as Commercial. We host 17 Commercial events in 2019 with an audience of 2575. These include popular music events like Flaherty, The Illegals, Cliona Hagan and Robert Mizell. These successful high profile acts continue to raise the profile of the Ramor Theatre in County Cavan and beyond.

Drama & Theatre Workshops



Aaron Monaghan Theatre Workshop Ramor Theatre (January 2019)

In 2019 we undertook an ambitious strategy to develop Drama & Theatre workshops at The Ramor Theatre. This involved Professional Theatre Artists delivering both weekly and weekend courses at the venue to both professional, semi-professional and amateur individuals and groups based in our region.

Artists Involved included: Geoff O'Keefe and Aaron Monaghan.



Youth Drama



POD Youth Theatre runs at The Ramor with an emphasis in developing participants skills and the advancement of the artistic, personal and social development of young people through drama as well as enhancing young people's understanding of theatre as an art form. There are 55 members.

DRAMA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Ramor Theatre runs 6 week block courses aimed at bringing Drama to Young People with Special Needs. These workshops use drama as a medium for learning and as a means of expression for children with special needs. This will be done through dramatic explorations and playfulness through both group and individual work. There is 23 participants.

In-House Production



Funny Money at The Ramor (October 2019)

Funny Money was our main inhouse production for 2019. It had two runs in February and October.

Our second In house Production in 2019 was Chalk Dust by Noel Monaghan in 2019. This project was a huge success using transition year students, professional actors and community based actors.



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Service Indicators

Audience Figures 2019

GENRE OF SHOWS AT THE RAMOR 2019	NO. OF SHOWS	AUDIENCE
KIDS FILM	4	119
FILM	18	751
WORKSHOPS	9	52
PROFESSIONAL THEATRE	31	3071
COMMERCIAL	17	2575
COMMUNITY	8	1183
MUSIC	9	1160
CLASSICAL MUSIC	5	598
KIDS THEATRE	1	1991
COMEDY	3	602
IN HOUSE PRODUCTION	3	1935
KIDS WORKSHOPS	5	30
YOUTH DRAMA	13	331
SPECIAL NEEDS DRAMA	6	144
TOTALS	132	14542

Public Engagement 2019

Type	Weekly	4 Monthly	Total 2018
Brochure		2500	7500
Emails	112		5376
Text	259		12432
TOTAL			25308



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Payments 2019

TYPE OF PAYMENT		%
CASH		15.34%
CREDIT CARD		81.91%
CHEQUE		2.85%
CHIP & PIN		0%
VOUCHER		2.01%
CREDIT CARD REFUND		-2.76%
TOKEN/SPONSORSHIP		0.05%
BANK TRANSFER		0.60%
TOTAL		100%

Point of Sale 2019

LOCATION		%
Box Office		15%
Online		43%
Phone		42%
TOTAL		100%

2019 Funding from Arts Council €55,000



Transportation, Environment and Water Services

Transportation

Roads & Transportation

Cavan County Council is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of all National, Regional and Local roads within the County. In total, Cavan County Council is responsible for the maintenance of in excess of 3,000km (1,880 miles) of public road annually.

As a land locked county with a reliance on the road infrastructure, the roads area is an integral part of delivering key strategic objectives contained within the Cavan County Council Corporate plan.

1. Supporting Communities
2. Stimulate Sustainable Economic Activity
3. Protect & Enhance Natural Environmental Resources
4. Plan and Develop Infrastructural Capacity
5. Promote a Positive Image of Cavan County Council and the County
6. Good Governance and Building Organisational Capacity

These objectives are contained within our Annual Service Plan and help shape our objectives for the year ahead.

Cavan Road Network Classification

The total estimated value of the road network in the County is over €1.1 billion, with the Regional and Local Road network accounting for €1 billion of this total. There are a total number of 779 road bridges (span greater than 2 metres) in the county.



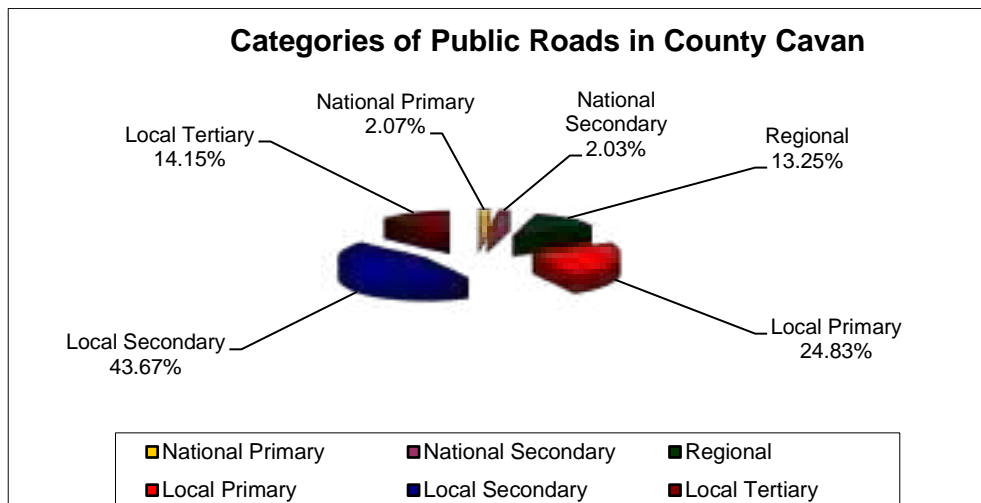
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Category	Road Type	Length (Kilometres)
National	National Primary	62.21
	National Secondary	61.07
Non – National	Regional	399.14
	Local Primary	747.83
	Local Secondary	1315.08
	Local Tertiary	426.03
Total		3011.36

The total length of public roadway in County Cavan is 3,011km.



Funding

Funding for the improvement and maintenance of public roads in Cavan comes primarily from three sources. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), provides funding for National Roads with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) providing funding for the Regional and Local Road Network. Technical and administrative backup for this funding is provided by the TII as required. Cavan



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County Council provides a substantial annual allocation from own resources towards the upkeep of the Local and Regional Road Network.

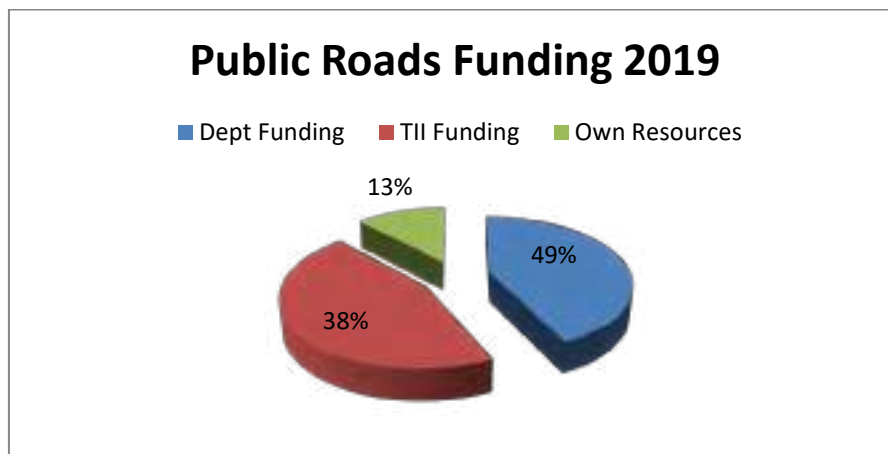
2019 Funding Allocations

The table below shows the funding allocated by each funding source at the start of 2019.

Road Category	Funding Source	Initial Allocation
National Roads	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	€ 7,121,344
Non-National Roads	Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTaS)	€ 12,896,209
Non-National Roads	Cavan County Council	€ 2,326,379
		€22,343,932

Cavan County Council Contributions

At the start of 2019, Cavan County Council provided €2.32 million of its own resources towards the Maintenance and Improvement of the Non-National Roads Network (Local and Regional Roads). This demonstrated the Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining its roads network.





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Additional Allocations

During 2019 Cavan County Council was able to avail of additional TII funding. This was primarily due to projects being ready in advance and an emphasis on maximising income into the county for the improvement of our road's infrastructure. The authority received additional allocations of €186,500 for route lighting and €75,000 for road defects from the TII during the year.

National Roads

The National Primary road network consists of the N3 and N16. The N3 is the Dublin/Enniskillen/ Ballyshannon Road; the N16 is the Sligo/Enniskillen Road. The National Secondary network consists of the N54 Cavan/Monaghan road between Butlersbridge and the County Boundary at Leggykelly, the N55 Cavan/Athlone road and the N87 from Staghall Roundabout, Belturbet to the Border at Swanlinbar.

Major Schemes

Virginia Bypass

Virginia is the last remaining town on the N3 National Route from Dublin to the NI Border which has not been bypassed. It is also the only town on the national primary network within a 100km radius of Dublin not to be bypassed. Cavan County Council have appointed JB Barry Transportation as Technical Advisors to provide all engineering, environmental, economic and appraisal services required to deliver this project through the planning and design phases. The study area for the scheme will extend from the end of the existing N3 dual carriageway at the Cavan/Meath border to Lisgrea, North of Virginia Town. The scheme will greatly improve safety on the N3, reducing congestion in Virginia and the settlements of Maghera and Whitegate while providing a consistent route cross-section with an improved journey time and travel efficiency for national road traffic.



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Above: Congestion in Virginia Town

Minor Improvement Schemes

N55 Corduff to South of Killydoon, Section A

Section A, which involved a 3.2km realignment of the N55 at two distinct locations to the south of Ballinagh, reached substantial completion on 30th November 2018. The Contract is currently in the defects period and the Contractor (Fox Building and Engineering Ltd.) is continuing to carry out snagging works which are due to be completed at the end of November 2019.



Above: An aerial view of the realigned N55 at Garrymore, and the new junction with the L-6552, complete with dedicated right turning lane.



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Above: An aerial view of the realigned N55 at Oghill which now offers opportunities for overtaking and replaces the previous narrow section that was defined by a lack of verges and steep side slopes.

N55 Corduff to South of Killydoon, Section B

Section B, between the townlands of Ballytrust and Mullahoran, involves a 3.7km realignment of the N55 immediately south of Section A. The Planning and Design of this Section has progressed well during 2019. An Bord Pleanála confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order for the Scheme in February 2019 and Cavan County Council published notice of the Board's Order in April 2019. Notice to Treat was issued to affected landowners in early October 2019.

The Scheme has also progressed to the procurement of Engineering Consultancy Services to progress the scheme through the remaining project phases, including the Main Construction Contract. The Tender process for Engineering Consultants is ongoing, with appointment of the lowest Tenderer expected in late November. Pending the appointment of Consultants and their successful completion of Phase 5 (Enabling & Procurement) and subject to the necessary TII approvals, it is hoped that the Main Construction Contract for Section B will be awarded in late 2020.



Above: Location Map of N55 Corduff to South of Killydoon Realignment, Section B

N3 Dublin Road Roundabout Scheme

RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed to progress the N3 Dublin Road Roundabout Scheme through phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Project Management Guidelines. The Primary aim of this scheme is to address the congestion and safety issues at the roundabout. RPS are currently working on phase 2, option Selection.

National Road Safety Schemes

A Preliminary Design for Phase 2 of the N3 Virginia Main Street HD15 Scheme was completed in late 2018 following consultations with Municipal District Councillors, the Town Team, the Development Association, and the public. In 2019 approval was received from the TII to appoint Roadplan Consulting Engineers to the scheme to progress it through Part 8 Planning, Detailed Design, Tendering and Construction.

National Road Pavement Overlays Schemes

There were eight pavement overlay schemes completed in 2019:

- The N55 Moynehall to North Ballinagh Pavement overlay



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- The N3 Cornaslieve to North Virginia Pavement Overlay
- The following four schemes on the N87 were combined into one project with a combined length of 6.9 Km. The total TII allocation for these schemes was €3.3M. These works were complete in Nov 2019:
 - Ballyconnell Pavement Overlay Scheme – 2.0 Km
 - Swanlinbar Pavement Overlay Scheme - 2.1 Km
 - Gortullaghan Pavement overlay Scheme 1.5 Km
 - Killyneary Pavement Overlay Scheme 1.3 Km
- The N16 Blacklion West Pavement Overlay – These works have been designed and tendered and it is hoped to commence construction in 2020, subject to funding availability.
- Cavan County Council hope to progress a pavement overlay scheme during 2020 on the N55 through Ballinagh Town.



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NP/NS Safety Barrier Minor Improvements 2019

The TII allocated €265,000 for repair and replacement works of Safety Barrier along the National Primary and Secondary routes which have recently been completed.

NP/NS Retrofit Fencing 2019

TII allocated €100,000 for retrofitting of existing concrete/timber rail fencing along the national routes with a revised fence type namely, tensioned wire mesh restraining system along clear zones of sections of the national road where the 100 km/h speed limit applies. Three pilot locations with landowners' consent had been identified on the N3 and N87. The two locations on the N3 were completed mid-year with the last section on the N87 completed in November.



Section of Retro-fit fencing scheme on the N3 at New Inns



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Regional & Local Roads

2019 Road Works Programme

A grant of € 12,896,209 was allocated to Cavan County Council during 2019 for the improvement and maintenance of Regional and Local roads in the county this includes the figure for Bridge Rehabilitation, Speed Limits in Housing Estates, Low Cost Safety Schemes. Works generally consisted of drainage improvement, strengthening with granular and macadam materials and surface dressing. The 2019 RWP was delivered through the three Municipal Districts.



Regional & Local Road Safety Schemes

Cavan County Council received €264,500 in DTTAS Grant Allocations for 9 No. Low Cost Safety Schemes for 2019.



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The schemes included improved signage at bends on the Regional Roads, R165 Lavey to Bailieborough, R191 Bailieborough to Cootehill and R178 Bailieborough to Virginia. New Pedestrian Crossings were constructed in Cavan Town near the Bus



Station and close to Con Smith Park/ Cavan Institute. A Pedestrian Crossing and footpaths were also provided in Crosskeys Village. Traffic Calming measures were introduced on the approach to the industrial Parks on the

Cavan Road approach to Cootehill Town. The first phase of works to improve safety have been completed on the Virginia road into Bailieborough Town and similar works are due to commence on the Dublin Road in Kingscourt.

Fig: New Pedestrian Crossing and Bus Bay at Cavan Institute/Con Smith Park in Cavan Town.

Regional & Local Road Bridge Projects

Cavan County Council received €492,600 in DTTAS Grant Allocations for the rehabilitation of 18 Regional & Local Road Bridges in 2019. These bridges were as follows :- R162 Shercock Bridge, L6101 Lisagoon Bridge, L1520 Laheen Bridge, L6109 Corcloghan Bridge, L6532 Cloggy Bridge, L2011 Creenow Bridge, L5515 Foalies Bridge, L2013 Shankill Upper Bridge, R178 Annalong Bridge, R191 Drumgoon Bridge, R205 Derryginney Bridge, L2011 Lisatoo Bridge, R191 Enagh Bridge, L3535 Gallonboy Bridge, L6141 Killycloghan Bridge, L2014 McShane's Bridge, L1520 Derrindrehid Bridge and R198 Tircullen Bridge.

Works have been completed on all but three of the DTTAS Bridge programme. These three bridges; namely Cloggy, Creenow and Drumgoon have been postponed until 2020 owing to environmental and local issues. There were cost overruns on 2019



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bridge programme due to higher than estimated tender costs and the need for more extensive repairs. In addition, three additional bridges were identified during 2019 that were in very poor condition and required extensive intervention which in turn affected the budget. These bridges were the R198 Railway abutment, Farnham Road, L3520 Derry Bridge and L3508 Doughty Bridge. Cavan Co Co applied to DTTAS and received funding for an additional €97,242.48 to cover these additional costs.

Throughout the course of the year Cavan County Council became aware of three bridges that were in very poor condition and required extensive intervention which in turn affected the budget. These bridges were R198 Railway abutment, Farnham Road, L3520 Derry Bridge and L3508 Doughty Bridge. Cavan County Council applied to DTTAS for additional allocation of €137,747.50 to carry out these urgent rehabilitation works.

An additional €231,000 of own resources was allocated to any necessary specialist design that was required together with the rehabilitation of 5 bridges at Dernakesh bridge no. 2, Greaghadosan bridge, Drumcoghill bridge, Greaghadosan culvert, Tullyvin bridge and advanced vegetation removal works to bridges.

In addition, Carrickane bridge was repaired under the Cavan Town Greenway funding.





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Shercock Bridge – Before



Shercock Bridge – After



Lisnagoon Bridge - Before



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Lisnagoon Bridge – After

Community Involvement Schemes

Cavan County Council's Roads and Transportation section continues to support Community involvement in the improvement of Local Roads. In 2019, 6 Community Involvement Schemes were funded from DTTAS, with the applicants providing 20% of the cost of the works. These schemes were located at Lisnasasna, Kilcogy Upper, Drumbaag, Fraal, Castlerahan.

Road Maintenance

Ongoing maintenance of the road network is critical in maintaining the investment of improvement works of previous years. The table below shows the value of maintenance works carried out during the year on each road type.

Road Category	Kms	Maintenance Costs 2019 (€)
National Primary	62	544,473
National Secondary	61	370,830
Regional	399	945,288
Local	2489	4,495,712
Total	3011	6,356,303



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National Road Maintenance

During 2019 Cavan County Council has received €915,303 in funding for maintenance of the national primary and secondary network in Cavan under the Winter Maintenance, Route Lighting, Ordinary Maintenance and Route Defects programmes. Additional maintenance funding has been provided by TII for other specific maintenance works.

Regional & Local Road Maintenance

In 2019 the DTTAS provided an allocation of €2.3m in the form of a Discretionary Grant specifically for the maintenance of the Regional & Local Road network. Cavan County Council provided an additional €1.53m from its own resources for the same purpose. The principle maintenance operations included drainage and surface repair work.

Winter Maintenance

Cavan County Council treats a designated 530km of the Road network as part of its Winter Maintenance Service which accounts for 18% of the entire network. A Winter Service Response Plan and maps of the salting routes are posted on the Council's Website for public viewing. The National Road Network is prioritised as it carries the greatest volume of traffic and caters for higher speeds. Winter Maintenance is carried out as a pre-treatment on the basis of forecast conditions.

Public Lighting

Cavan County Council provides and maintains Public Lighting to a total of 29 towns and villages. Throughout the year the Council upgraded sections of the lighting infrastructure within each of the three Municipal Districts, including the use of LED technology which reduces the energy and maintenance costs and decreases carbon emissions.



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37% of Cavan County Councils public lighting stock has been updated with LED fittings as of the end of 2019. In terms of route lighting on our National Primary and National Secondary Roads, Cavan County Council secured €186,500 for upgrade works. We anticipate completing upgrades to all National Roads in 2020. Cavan County Council is currently working in partnership with the RMO on a regional basis to achieve a full LED retrofit programme which we anticipate will be rolled out in quarter 4 of 2020 or early 2021. SSE Airtricity Utility Solutions Ltd is the Council's Maintenance Contractor for public lighting and Energia provide the supply of unmetered electricity.

Smarter Travel & Greenway Development (Amenity)

Active Travel Towns 2014-2016

This scheme is now complete. Outstanding surfacing of cycle lanes has been completed in September 2019.

Greenway Development (Amenity)

Cavan Leitrim Railway Greenway

Cavan and Leitrim Local authorities are working in partnership on the development of this Greenway project. This 54km Greenway development plans to utilise the old railway that ran from Belturbet in County Cavan through Tomkin Road, Ballyconnell, Ballyheady, Templeport, Killyran, Garadice, Ballinamore, Lawderdale, Fenagh, Adoon, Rosharry, Mohill and Dereen to Dromod in County Leitrim. This Greenway Project is being developed in conjunction with the local community groups and development associations along the proposed route.

Cavan County Council as the lead authority, following a procurement process, appointed Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers to prepare a detailed Preliminary Design and to carry out AA Screening and EIA Screening for the project and this work was substantially completed in 2016. Cavan County Council has submitted a funding application to Fáilte Ireland for the scheme.



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Cavan to Butlersbridge Greenway – Cavan Town Greenway

Cavan County Council has successfully obtained funding for a section of Greenway along the obsolete Railway line from Loreto Road connecting to the back of Cavan General Hospital. CST Consulting Engineers have prepared the preliminary design for the Part VIII Planning application. Part VIII Planning was approved at the July 2019 meeting of the Municipal District.

Tender documents were finalised in September and the Scheme was advertised on etenders with a return date of 11th October 2019. Tender assessment was completed in December 2020 and a letter of intent was issued. Construction is due to commence in quarter 1 2020 and scheduled to be completed by Quarter 3 2020.

Ballyconnell to Bellaheady Greenway

Cavan County Council in partnership with Waterways Ireland was awarded funding under Measure 3 of the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme 2017. The development of a 5.5km recreational cycling and walking trail from the town of Ballyconnell, County Cavan to Bellaheady Bridge, primarily along the Shannon-Erne Waterway on the banks of the Woodford River is due to commence construction in January 2020 and scheduled to be completed during 2020.

Belturbet to Corraquill (Lock 1)

In partnership with Waterways Ireland, Cavan County Council has successfully obtained funding for a section of Greenway / Blue way from Belturbet Town to Lock 1 at Corraquill. Jennings O' Donovan Consulting Engineers have prepared the preliminary design for the Part VIII Planning application. Part VIII Planning was approved at the July 2019 meeting of the Municipal District. The trail uses the existing road network and upgrades private access tracks on its way towards Aghalane Bridge. An upgraded footbridge across the Rag River is also incorporated in the design. From Aghalane the trail extends along the Woodford Canal to Lock 1.



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Tender documents were finalised in September and the Scheme was advertised on etenders with a return date of 18th October 2019. Tender assessment was completed in December 2020 and a letter of intent was issued. Construction is due to commence in quarter 1 2020 and scheduled to be completed by Quarter 2 2020.

Road Safety

The Cavan Road Safety Action Plan 2017-2020 was launched in May 2017. The plan was prepared by the Cavan Road Safety Working Together Group, which is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary group established in 2015 to ensure a co-ordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to improving safety for all road users.

The Cavan Road Safety Working Together Group includes representatives from Cavan County Council, The Fire Service, The RSA, The TII, An Garda Síochána, The HSE, The Ambulance Service and The Cavan Monaghan Education & Training Board.

The objectives of the Action Plan are: -

- To make the road network in Cavan safe for all road users.
- To apply the principles of the National Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020, in particular, to focus on the four main elements of road safety, namely Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation.
- To promote a collective sense of responsibility towards road safety.
- To address the key behaviours which have been identified within the National Road Safety Strategy as requiring to be changed.
- To address any particular behaviours applicable to County Cavan and to develop strategies to address these behaviours.
- To continue and strengthen cross border linkages and cooperation, particularly in the area of education and enforcement.



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The Plan will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis and the hope and expectation is that the Cavan Road Safety Action Plan 2017-2020 will significantly contribute towards improving road safety in County Cavan.

Cavan County Council received Virtual Headsets and training from Aviva which should help in our education programme for secondary schools.

Strategic Policy Committees

One of the main objectives of Better Local Government was to enhance Local Democracy and as a result Strategic Policy Committees were set up. These provide a new forum for Elected Representatives of the Council and Representatives of Community and State Organisations to work together to develop new policies and review old ones. Each Committee is chaired by a Member of the Council and is serviced by a Director of Services.

Strategic Policy Committee for Roads and Transportation;

2 Meetings took place during 2019 and the following topics were discussed and progressed: 2019 Roadworks Programme, Severe Weather Planning, CIS, LIS, Noise Action Plan

The Strategic Policy Committee members for Roads and Transportation are:

Cllr Sean Smith	Chairperson, SPC
Cllr Peter Mc Vitty	Member of Cavan County Council
Cllr Sarah O' Reilly	Member of Cavan County Council
Cllr TP O' Reilly	Member of Cavan County Council
Cllr Brendan Fay	Member of Cavan County Council
Cllr Trevor Smith	Member of Cavan County Council
Padraig J Young	Agri and Farming Representative
Eamon Mulcahy	Community Representative



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Environment, and Waste Management

The Environment and Waste Management Section is the section responsible for all matters related to environment within the county. It also manages the Dog Warden Service, Veterinary Service, Maintenance of Vested Burial Grounds, Casual Trading bye-laws and Energy Management.

Environment

Cavan is a predominantly rural county with numerous rivers and lakes it is therefore no surprise that the issue of water quality demands significant attention. Water quality can be impacted by industrial and commercial discharges, farming practices, discharges from urban wastewater treatment plants and wastewater treatment systems serving one-off housing. The Environment and Waste section play a vital role in the source protection of our many drinking water supplies public, group and private across the County. The section also deal with other environmental issues, including on site wastewater treatment inspections, noise and air pollution, planning applications and environment specific bye-laws. We monitor energy consumption and drive sustainable energy practices and reduced energy consumption within Cavan. Climate change is now recognised as a global challenge with policy responses required in terms of both mitigating the causes of climate change and in adapting to the now inevitable consequences of our changing climate. Action at local level is vitally important to help reduce the risks and impacts of climate change across communities. The Cavan Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was adopted in 2019 and it will develop the process of adaptation planning in Cavan County Council and is the first step in increasing knowledge and understanding of our changing climate, growing resilience, and enabling effective responses to the threats posed by climate change.

Natural Waters

It is said that Cavan has a lake for every day of the year and because of its unique geology Cavan is where two of Irelands biggest rivers the Shannon and the Erne rise. Our natural waters are an essential part of the attractiveness of the county for residents and visitors alike. By maintaining good quality waters we reduce the cost of treating



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drinking waters and we also make our county more attractive both for the people of Cavan and visitors. A safe and secure water supply is one of the key drivers of economic activity in County Cavan. The agriculture, food and beverage industries rely on having a clean water supply

Water Framework Directive

The EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2000 seeks to protect and improve our natural waters, including rivers, lakes, groundwater, coastal water and transitional waters. The Water Framework Directive objectives are implemented through a River Basin Management Plan which is the government's approach to improve and protect water quality across the country.

In July 2014, The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government issued the European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014, which gave effect to a new, three tier, governance framework and placed new obligations on local authorities to co-ordinate the catchment management and public participation elements of the Water Framework Directive. Every water body has been given a quality status. We are obliged to protect all waters that are either good or high status and those waters that are below good status must be improved.

River Basin Management Plan(RBMP)

Ireland is required to produce a river basin management plan under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021 sets out the actions that Ireland will take to improve water quality and achieve 'good' ecological status in water bodies (rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal waters) by 2027. Water quality in Ireland has deteriorated over the past two decades. The Plan provides a more coordinated framework for improving the quality of our waters — to protect public health, the environment, water amenities and to sustain water-intensive industries, including agri-food and tourism, particularly in rural Ireland.



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The Local Authority Waters Programme- LAWPRO

The Local Authority Waters Programme is a shared service working with Local Authorities and state agencies to develop and implement River Basin Management Plans in Ireland, as required under the EU Water Framework Directive. The core focus of this work is to protect and improve water quality in rivers, lakes, and groundwater. Good water quality, and a healthy water environment, is vital for human health and a myriad of wildlife. It is also underpins the local economy and supports local jobs in sectors such as tourism, agriculture and manufacturing.

The three strategic aims of the programme are as follows:

- Support and coordinate public bodies and other stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the RBMP.
- Activate local communities to engage with river catchments in line with the integrated catchment management approach
- Build a foundation and momentum for long-term improvements and inform the development and implementation of the 3rd Cycle RBMP.

River & Lake Monitoring

Over 500, river and lake samples were taken across County Cavan during 2019 by Environment Section field staff. These samples were undertaken in accordance with the Water Framework Directive National Monitoring Programme. The results of analysis from these samples, combined with other biology, ecology & hydromorphology data available to the EPA, is used to classify the water quality of the rivers and lakes for the purposes of the Water Framework Directive. There are a number of different types of pressures on water quality including, urban waste water, agriculture and forestry. Pressures on water quality are diverse and most of the “at risk” waterbodies are subject to more than one pressure. Much of the work we do to improve water quality is not readily apparent. It can take a long time for the water quality in lakes in particular to show improvement. However, given the systems in place, we hope to be able to show steady continuous improvement in the coming years until we achieve good status for all our waters.



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Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems

The Water Services (Amendment) Act was enacted in 2012, to protect ground and surface water quality (particularly drinking water sources) from the risks posed by malfunctioning domestic water treatment systems. All owners of premises connected to a domestic wastewater treatment system were required to register their systems by February 2013. A National Inspection Plan (NIP) set out the inspection requirements on a National basis and prioritises the inspection selection on the basis of pollution risk.

Environment staff have been trained and have undertaken inspections of wastewater treatment systems in accordance with the NIP. 33 inspections were carried out in 2019 in County Cavan. One grant application was received during 2019 and processed by Cavan County Council in conjunction with the Department.

Water Pollution

During 2019, staff from the Environment Section responded to nearly one hundred water related complaints. The investigations relating to these complaints resulted in various forms of enforcement action being initiated. In some cases no further action was required upon investigation and the file was closed or referred to another Section of the Council for inspection. Where enforcement action was deemed necessary due to a discharge of polluting matter or a risk of pollution to waters taking place, the following actions may have been taken depending on the scenario encountered on site by the Inspector –

- Advisory letter
- Warning letter
- Section 12 Notice (Water Pollution Acts)
- Section 3 Notice (Water Pollution Acts)
- Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture



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Discharge Licences

Inspectors from the Environment Section monitored 57 discharge licenced facilities during 2019. This involved 247 investigations. These licences provide control over effluent discharges to ground and surface waters, which includes rivers & lakes. These licences place responsibility and accountability on the discharger/licence holder. Cavan County Council is responsible for controlling the discharge of effluent to waters through licensing. The licences include appropriate pollution control conditions as well as emission limit values on the discharge.

The Environment Section is also involved in the process of licensing discharges to the sewer network. This falls under the remit of Irish Water and the relevant Environment Section Inspectors carry out this work in accordance with the service level agreement with Irish Water.

Air Pollution Acts & Regulations (Solvents/Decopaints/PVE/Smoky Coal)

During 2019, there was one active Air Licence operating in the County, Inspectors attended the site and are liaising with the operator in relation to their compliance with the licence requirements.

The Solvents Regulations deal primarily with emissions from dry cleaning establishments across County Cavan. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are emitted as gases from certain solids or liquids. They include a variety of chemicals, some of which may have short and long-term adverse health effects. These regulations are in force to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into the environment, especially through controlling, preventing and reducing emissions to air. This is because VOC releases can have negative impacts on human health and the environment. The operators have assessments carried out and if all is in order, they apply to Cavan County Council for Certification. The Certificates can be issued for up to 3 years if the operator is adhering to the regulations. Shorter time frames may be imposed if non compliances have to be resolved. There were 5 facilities with the required Certificates in place at the end of 2019.



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The Decopaints Regulations, make it an offence to operate a vehicle refinishing or repair installation without a valid certificate of compliance. Motor factors and paints suppliers also need to comply with these regulations as it is an offence to place non-compliant vehicle refinishing products on the market. The procedure for Certification is similar to that of the Solvent Regulations. There were 11 facilities with the necessary Certificate in place at the end of 2019.

Petrol Vapour Emission Regulations (PVE's) are relevant if a company deals with liquid and gas fuels, such as petrol stations, then there is a need to obtain a petroleum vapour emissions (PVE) certificate from Cavan County Council. An assessor undertakes an assessment when petrol is being delivered. The findings of same are submitted to Cavan County Council. If all is in order a Certificate can be issued, 24 facilities had the necessary Certificate in place at the end of 2019.

Smoky Coal Regulations are also referred to as the Air Pollution Act (Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels) Regulations 2012 (as amended). There is a ban on the burning of smoky coal and certain other fuels in all Low Smoke Zones (LSZ's), in 2019 this did not include County Cavan. During 2020, Cavan town will be included as a low smoke zone from September.

During 2019, significant sampling and analysis was undertaken across County Cavan on fuel supplied for sale in the County to ensure it was adhering to the sulphur requirements. Varying levels of compliance were encountered and investigations are ongoing in this regard. Adherence to these regulations will ultimately improve air quality, public health for everyone across the County, as well as helping to protect those who are vulnerable to respiratory problems.

Farm Inspections and the Nitrates Regulations

Agriculture plays an important part in the economic and sustainable growth of County Cavan. In order for this to continue, the agricultural community has to ensure that various obligations regarding the law and the environment are applied.



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Cavan is predominantly a rural County; therefore, one of the potential sources of pollution to our rivers and lakes can be poor agricultural practices. The Nitrates Regulations or GAP (Good Agricultural Practice) Regulations are enforced in County Cavan. These Regulations provide statutory support for good agricultural practice to protect waters against pollution from agricultural sources and include measures such as

- Periods when land application of fertiliser is prohibited
- Limits on the land application of fertilisers
- Storage requirements for livestock manure
- Monitoring of the effectiveness of the measures in terms of agricultural practice and impact on water quality.

Inspectors from the Environment Section undertook 13 farm inspections in accordance with these Regulations during 2019.

Public Drinking Water

Drinking water from public water supply schemes and major group water schemes are monitored. This is done to ensure that the schemes are producing water that meets the appropriate standards with regard to public health, and to ensure that drinking water complies with the relevant regulations. Environment Section staff undertake the public drinking water monitoring work on behalf of Irish Water under the existing service level agreement.



Photo: Lough Acanon the drinking water supply source for the Cavan Regional Water Supply Source



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Public Engagement

The Environment section staff meets with members of the public on a day to day basis. They use these opportunities to educate the public in relation to, improving water quality, maintaining good water quality by protecting our rivers, lakes as well as our drinking water supply sources. On a more formal basis we carry out school visits to spread this message to the younger members of our community by giving presentations on water quality in the school as well as across the County. We have provided information sessions in local library branches and community centres. We regularly use social media and local media to educate and inform the public in relation to seasonal environmental issues.

The Environment Section participated in a dedicated citizen engagement strategy as part of the National Inspection Plan for Domestic Wastewaters during 2019. The section were involved as part of the Teagasc knowledge transfer events in conjunction with the Agricultural Sustainability and Support Advisory Programme - ASSAP - Farming for Water Quality. The theme of these events was “Pesticide Application with Improving Water Quality – We Can Achieve Both”.

Cavan Monaghan Science Festival

Over 7000 participants attended science events in County Cavan during the Science festival in November 2019. Cavan and Monaghan County Councils again joined forces hosting a range of events for this year’s event which was following a national climate action theme. The objective was to stimulate and sustain the interest of all in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) by producing an exciting and educational festival. Environmental staff from the council worked with national school children rolling out a Water workshop.

Working across the organisation

The Environment Section works in an integrated way with other Council departments including:

- Pre planning meetings, planning application referrals and responding to issues/queries from Planning with water quality, air or noise elements



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- Assisting with green school assessment visits and awareness presentations
- Advising Housing on site suitability for demountable rural housing
- Dealing with queries and referrals from Municipal District Offices, Community and Enterprise, Water Services/Irish Water, Waste Management and Roads in relation to water quality, protection and restoration.

Certification, Enforcement and Licensing activities 2019	
Number of Section 4 Discharge Licenses	57
Number of Air Pollution Licenses	1
Number of Solvent Regulation Registered Sites	5
Number of Decorative Paints Registered Sites	11
Number of Petroleum Vapour Regulations Registrations	24
Number of Farm Inspections	13
Number of complaints received (water/air/noise excluding waste)	127
Number of cross reports to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	4
Number of Section 12 Notices served in accordance with the Water Pollution Acts	12
Number of Domestic Waste Water Treatment System inspections	33



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Energy Management

Across the entire organisation the Council's Energy Manager undertakes the following

- Reporting on Cavan County Council's Energy Reduction Targets
- Ensuring Cavan County Council's energy supply complies with the Office of Government Procurement national contracts.
- Establishing procedures to monitor energy consumption
- Providing guidance and advice on energy regulations and statutory requirements.
- Raising awareness to improve energy efficiency
- Encourage sustainable energy practices
- Support energy efficiency improvement projects

Cavan County Council's target is a 33% improvement in energy efficiency by 2020. Based on the Monitoring and Reporting submissions to SEAI for 2019, Cavan County Council has made a 14% improvement in energy efficiency since the baseline period of 2001-2005. However, there was an annual increase in total final energy consumption of 233,891 kWh in 2019.

During 2019 a significant reduction was reported in "Onsite Generation by Non-Fuel Renewables or Landfill Gas". The shortfall appears to have been largely made up by "Net Electricity Imports (MPRN data)". This does not have much impact on a Total Final Consumption (TFC) basis. However, there is a big difference in Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER). SEAI apply a Primary Energy conversion factor of 1 to "Onsite Generation by Non-Fuel Renewables or Landfill Gas" as the electricity is generated onsite, i.e. it is assumed that there are no losses in generating and distributing this electricity. This compares with a 2018 factor of 1.962933 for "Net Electricity Imports (MPRN data)". So, Cavan has a reduction in TFC from 2018 to 2019, but an increase in TPER. TPER is used in the savings calculations.



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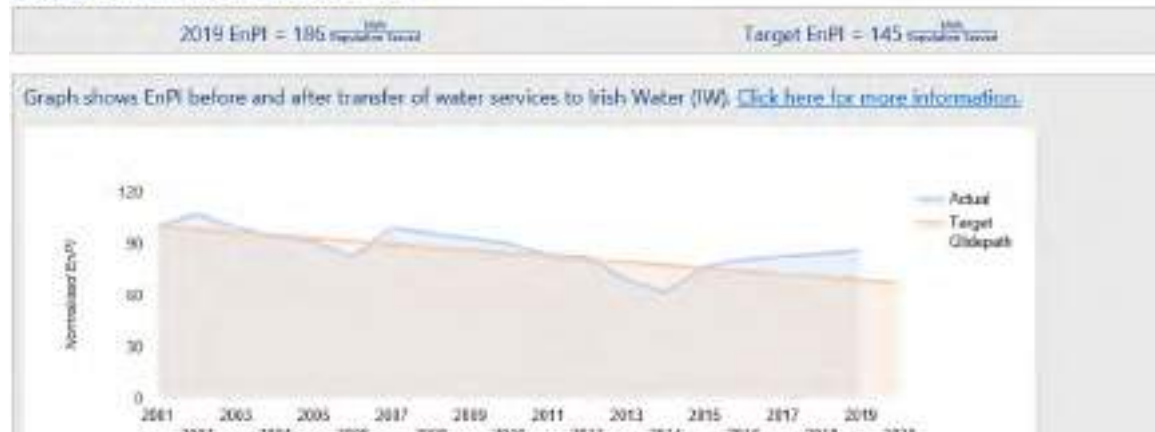


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Since Baseline to 2019:



Energy Performance Indicators - 2019



The Energy Manager reports the annual energy consumption and related data to the SEAI in accordance with deadlines imposed each year.

All electricity consumed by Cavan County Council is procured in accordance with the National Procurement Service tender and this is administered by the Energy Manager. Since June 2019, the electricity contract for non-domestic buildings is with one supplier who serves nearly 60 sites operated by Cavan County Council which include Office Buildings, Libraries, Laboratory, Waste Management facilities, Recreational facilities, Museum, Theatre, etc. Some of the buildings and sites operated are listed below:

1. Cavan Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre
2. Johnston Library Building
3. Cavan Courthouse
4. Old Reference Library Buildings
5. Multi storey Car Park
6. Machinery Yard, Moynehall



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7. Corranure Landfill Cavan
8. All Fire Stations
9. All Libraries
10. Various buildings & depots utilised by Area Offices/Municipal Districts
11. Museum

The Public Lighting electricity supply contract is also administered via the Office of Government Procurement with one supplier supplying electricity to the public lights under Cavan County Council's control. There are approximately 6600 public lights which have to be supplied with electricity (80% of energy cost) and have to be maintained (20% of energy cost). Public lighting is the most significant user of energy within Cavan County Council making up circa 60% of energy consumed.

Cavan County Councils energy consumption during 2019 which resulted in a spending of just under **€1.5 million** is detailed in the table below:

Energy Type		Energy Consumption (Total final consumption)
		kWh
Electricity		5,595,546
Thermal		1,735,454
Transport		1,717,038
Total Energy Consumed		9,048,038

Some of the Significant Energy Actions Undertaken during 2019 include

- Energy Monitoring and Reporting submitted in accordance with deadlines for 2018 energy consumed. Cavan County Council selected for a Data Verification Assessment (DVA). Submissions made as requested and DVA successfully passed.



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- National Energy Report issued in 2019 demonstrating Cavan County Council has achieved a 22% improvement in energy efficiency from the baseline.
- Cavan County Council Energy Engagement Strategy implemented.
 1. Out of Hours Energy Audits undertaken across headquarter buildings.
 2. Monthly meter readings for headquarter buildings ongoing.
 3. Seasonal messages to staff regarding energy efficiency implemented.
 4. Energy actions circulated to all Heads of Section for inclusion in all Annual Service Delivery Plans/Business Plans. Establish and improve on procedure for monthly monitoring of energy usage
 5. Energy Awareness presentations rolled out to Cavan County Council Departments in accordance with adopted Energy Engagement Strategy. Recommendations from same to be added to the ROO (Register of Opportunities).
 6. Energy Policy circulated to all Heads of Section for distribution to all staff.
 7. Energy Team established, charter signed and letters of appointment issued.
 8. Energy & Strategy Awareness survey undertaken with staff.
 9. Ongoing monitoring of bills and ongoing requests for meter readings within CCC. Liaising with relevant staff re. payments/approval system ongoing.
- Ongoing engagement with Cavan Sustainable Energy Group – funding applications for public lighting, buildings, etc. projects being considered in conjunction with private and community section under remit of SEAI Communities grant scheme.
- Preliminary investigations at the swimming pool and leisure centre as this is the most significant energy user after public lighting so significant potential for energy efficiency and savings at this site.
- Energy upgrades by the Council's Housing Section on some of Cavan County Councils housing stock.



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- Housing staff participated in the Interior Lighting Retrofit Project Accelerator Programme. Old Reference Library, Roads building, JCL & Courthouse selected as sites for basis of this programme.
- Ongoing allocation of sites in accordance with the National Procurement Service winning tenders as new sites come online.
- Information circulated to community groups regarding the community enhancement programme which provides capital funding to community groups across Ireland. Energy-saving projects are included on the types of projects that can be funded.
- 40% of public lighting stock upgraded to energy efficient LED lights.
- OPW Optimising People @ Work Programme. Service level agreement signed by the DoS/EPO and returned to the OPW in order to participate in their *Optimising People @ Work* initiative. Intend to launch in 2020
- Expression of Interest submitted to ESB Network in relation to the Smart Metering Programme. Early adaptors. Being rolled out nationally, LA want to take exemplar role and be an early adaptor. Only suitable for 24 hour meter sites.

Actions Planned for 2020

- Complete SEAI Energy Efficiency Performance Monitoring and Reporting for 2019 in accordance with deadlines imposed.
- Report on energy efficiency progress to Senior Management Team
- Team Meeting Presentations
- Finalize implementation of Optimising Power at Work programme with OPW
- Launch Optimising Power at Work programme
- Ongoing Implementation of the energy engagement strategy.



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- Raise staff awareness and improve energy efficiency using seasonal messages.
- Out of hours audits
- Review of monthly bills, compare and disseminate information
- Maintain procedure for monthly monitoring of energy usage
- Maintain procedure for frequent meter reads
- Maintain Energy Team Meetings and Actions.
- Support Community & Enterprise Section by providing information regarding all types of funding available for communities/groups /individuals.
- Cavan Sustainable Energy Group – input to group actions, investigate opportunities for community grants, establish linkages to CCC projects and finalise Cavan's Energy Master Plan.
- Liaise with SEAI and CARO to co-ordinate school events/workshops with primary & post primary schools in Cavan during Science Week.
- Public lighting upgrades – maintain progress with a target of 60% LED upgrades completed by year end 2020.
- Continue to allocate new sites in accordance with National Procurement Service winning tenders
- The swimming pool is a significant energy user in the organisation. If a reduction in energy consumption could be achieved with the implementation of energy saving measures this would contribute significantly towards achieving the 2020 target.
- Investigations into energy consumption in other facilities identified within the top 10 energy consumers across the organization, this could contribute further reductions towards the 2020 33% target.
- Investigate regional opportunities for energy saving and energy efficiency projects in conjunction with neighboring local authorities.



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Climate Change

The Cavan Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was adopted in 2019. The local authority adaptation strategy aims, to ensure a proper comprehension of climate change, to bring forward the implementation of climate resilient actions, and to ensure that climate adaptation considerations are mainstreamed and integrated into all functions of Cavan County Council.

In the face of climate change this adaptation will allow Cavan County Council improve effectiveness and maintain staff welfare and allow for the continuing delivery of services and functions across the administrative and geographical area of County Cavan.

Perhaps the most important elements of the Adaptation plan are the adaptation actions identified in order to enhance the capacity of Cavan County Council to adapt to climate change impacts and to address priority climate risks in the context of projected climate change.

Ultimately the success of the plan will depend on the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of those actions selected. It is expected that the actions will be reviewed and refined as monitoring and evaluation establish what is appropriate. It is hoped that this demonstrates that Cavan County Council is planning proactively to take action and will make the required adjustments to minimise or avoid the existing and anticipated impacts from climate change.

Waste Management

The Waste Management section of Cavan County Council has responsibility within the County for Waste Management, Litter Management and Environmental Awareness and Education. It also manages the Dog Warden Service, Veterinary Service, Maintenance of vested burial grounds and Casual Trading bye-laws. The Waste Management Sections remit extends from waste management policy and planning to managing the waste infrastructure and enforcement of the Waste Regulations.



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Waste Management Policy and Planning - Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA)

Cavan is part of the Connaught Ulster Waste Management Planning Region. The Connaught Ulster Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) is responsible for coordinating waste enforcement actions in the region.

The Connaught-Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan was launched in 2015 and runs until 2021. It provides a framework for the prevention and management of waste in a sustainable manner for eight local authorities in the region. The enforcement plan has been prepared having regard to the policies and objectives contained within the regional waste plan in so far as are possible.

Waste Regulations and Enforcement

All local authorities are required to prepare annual environmental inspection plans in accordance with a European Parliament and Council recommendation which provided for minimum criteria for environmental inspections in EU member states. We are required to report on inspection and enforcement activities and carry out regular reviews of their respective plans to ensure that the plans are being implemented effectively. Inspections carried out by the Waste Management Section can be divided into two categories:

- Routine Inspections (which include businesses/facilities permitted by Cavan County Council). Routine Inspections can be planned in advance as is the purpose of the Annual Inspection Plan
- Non-Routine Inspections which typically involve those inspections associated with the investigation of Waste Complaints.

Environmental Inspections carried out by the Waste Management Section include inspections under a wide range of Waste Regulations. Non-Routine Inspections that are carried out are normally associated with complaints received by members of the public, or from within the Cavan Local Authorities or outside agencies and organisations. Typical inspections that are carried out include inspections of unauthorised waste disposal or recovery sites, inspections of fly tipping and illegal dump sites and inspections relating to general unauthorised waste activities (illegal



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burning and illegal movement of wastes for example).

Year 2019	
No. of Waste /Litter Complaints Received	601
No. of complaints Closed	580
No. of routine inspections carried out	1086
No. of non- routine inspections completed	586

Table - Complaints & Inspections Activities in 2019

National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2019

The priorities listed in the Inspection Plan for 2019 took into consideration the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2019 which are set out in accordance with national waste enforcement priorities identified by a National Waste Enforcement Steering Group. The priorities included:

- **Illegal Activity and Unaccounted for Waste**

Tackling significant illegal waste activity i.e. operators or sites engaging in a significant level of illegal activity, the enforcement of which requires a Multi-Agency response. Potential operators of concern are identified and prioritised for a concerted enforcement approach. Illegal dumping and unauthorised movements of waste is also targeted under this priority.

- **Construction and Demolition Activity & Capacity Challenges**

This included enforcement of Construction and Demolition Waste activities, and misclassification of waste and monitoring of waste movements

- **Dealing with sites containing illegally deposited waste**

Sites identified which contain waste that has been deposited without authorisation identified and appropriate enforcement actions initiated.

- **Producer Responsibility obligations**

Including associated regulations relating to Tyres, Batteries, WEEE, ELV's, Farm Plastics and Packaging enforced.



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County of Cavan (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2019

The above bye-laws came into force on December 13, 2019 and they govern a range of issues, including

- obliging consumers to participate in an authorized waste collection service or provide documentary proof on what alternative means they use to dispose of their waste, and
- encouraging greater segregation of waste to reduce volumes of residual waste collected.

These bye-laws apply to all households, apartments and commercial premises. In order to manage waste correctly there must either be:

- Have a contract in place with an authorised door-to-door waste collector
- Have a bin sharing agreement in place ensure that the account holder has provided you with proof of agreement
- Demonstrate regular use of an authorised waste facility e.g. civic amenity site

Whichever option you chose, you must be able to provide documentary evidence, such as receipts, statements or other proof of payment or for bin sharing a signed letter of consent from the person who holds the contract.

[http://www.cavancoco.ie/file/environment/Waste_Management/Finalised New Waste Bye-Laws Dec_2019.pdf](http://www.cavancoco.ie/file/environment/Waste_Management/Finalised_New_Waste_Bye-Laws_Dec_2019.pdf)

Litter/Waste Complaints

All Litter and Waste Complaints reported to the Council are recorded and fully investigated. We endeavour to deal with these complaints in a prompt, efficient and effective manner.



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An example of fly tipping/illegal dumping investigated by our Enforcement Team

In 2019, the Waste Management Section received 601 complaints which related to littering, fly tipping, illegal dumping, hoarding of waste and backyard burning. A total of 103 on-the-spot Litter Fines (€150) were issued for offences committed under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended. Three files have been referred to the Council's Law Agent to initiate legal proceedings for non-payment of said Litter Fines.

A further 15 files have also been referred to the Council's Law Agent for offences under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended. The maximum fine in these cases is €5,000. It is expected that all of the above cases will be heard at Cavan District Court later this year.

Working across the organisation

The Waste Management Section works in an integrated way with other Council departments including: Pre planning meetings, planning application referrals and responding to issues/queries from Planning with water quality, air or noise elements



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- Assisting with green school assessment visits and awareness presentations
- Liaising with Housing Dept in relation to Waste management issues/complaints
- Dealing with queries and referrals from Municipal District Offices, Community & Enterprise, Water Services and Roads in relation to Waste Management issues.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The aim of the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) is to tackle illegal dumping and provide local authorities with support to monitor and ensure the surveillance of dumping blackspots and develop an integrated approach to deal with this issue. As part of the 2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative, Cavan County Council completed five projects which prioritised the four key measures outlined in Circular WP02.19 issued on 1st April 2019 – abatement, prevention, education and enforcement:

- Project 1 – Abatement Measures – Site clean ups at 3 known illegal dumping blackspots
- Project 2 – Prevention Measures – 3 No. Bulky Waste Collection Days at Corranure Civic Amenity Centre
- Project 3 – Education Measures – Design and Printing of a 20-page information booklet titled “Household Waste Management Guide”
- Project 4 – Enforcement Measures – Covert CCTV Surveillance of 3 known illegal dumping/littering blackspots (different locations targeted in project 1)
- Project 5 – Enforcement Measures – Drone Training for Waste Management and Environment Enforcement Officers

Site clean ups at 3 known illegal dumping blackspots

Three sites were identified (Ardkeen, Cavan, Kilnaleck Butlersbridge, Tycusker, Arva) where historical illegal dumping had built up and posed significant risks to public health and local residents. It had also seen the degradation of the local environment and was destroying the aesthetic appearance of the locality.

Bulky Waste Collection Days

Cavan County Council through the aid of ADI funding provided 3 separate Waste Collection Days for members of the public during July, August and September. The first 2 days were designated for bulky household furniture i.e. couches, 3-piece suites, etc. The 3rd day was for household paints.



Fig. household paint collected as part of waste collection day at Corranure

Design and Printing of a 20-page information booklet titled “Household Waste Management Guide”

The Waste Management Section designed and printed an 20-page information booklet for householders to raise awareness on the negative impact improper management of household waste is having on our environment and climate change and to provide advice on how to minimise household waste and dispose of it appropriately.

This booklet will be available to members of the public





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at all public offices and will be circulated through the Green Schools Programme and at all informational events hosted by the Waste Management Section.

Covert CCTV Surveillance

Three sites were identified (Enagh Bog, Killygarry and Shantemon) where illegal dumping had become prevalent and it was suspected that the waste was being deposited by unpermitted household collectors. Installing covert CCTV at these locations will enhance the Council's ability to apprehend and prosecute these offenders under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.

Drone Training for Waste Management and Environment Enforcement Officers

All Enforcement Staff from the Waste Management and Environment Sections received a 2-day Drone Safety Training Course run by Safe Drone Academy. Training of Enforcement Staff will ensure that all Irish Aviation Authority, GDPR and Health & Safety restrictions are adhered to. Fully trained staff will provide the following benefits:

CCTV

The Waste Management Section deployed CCTV at 3 known dumping blackspots. These projects were funded through CU WERLA and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Recycling Centres & Bring Centres

A recycling centre is a facility provided for the householder where they can dispose of their household waste and recyclable material for a fee. The Bring Centre provides a free to use community service where people in local areas can recycle materials such as clothing, plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars and aluminium food and drink cans.

The County is well served with a full range of recycling infrastructure. With 3 fully operational Recycling Centres located at Corranure, Bailieborough and Ballyconnell and 30 Bring Sites, we continue to provide householders with a local and convenient way to recycle all their household recyclables.



Recycling Map



Historic Landfills

Under the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008, we are required to carry out a risk assessment of all former town landfills within its functional area. The main purpose of the regulations involves the undertaking of risk assessments at these sites to determine if they still present an environmental threat and the carrying out of remediation works where necessary.

In 2019, the former unlicensed landfill at Virginia underwent a Tier 1 and 2 risk assessment in accordance with the requirements of the CODE OF PRACTICE Environmental Risk Assessment for Unregulated Waste Disposal Sites.

Promotion of the Green Schools Programme

Cavan County Council continue to prioritise the Green Schools Programme and work in partnership with An Taisce. We encourage all schools to participate in the



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programme and have increased the number of schools participating in recent years. To date, we have a network of 92 educational institutions including primary schools, post primary schools, Cavan Institute, 1 special school and 3 Adult Education Centres, with 75% of all schools registered awarded at least 1 flag.

In May 2019, the following schools were awarded a Green Flag:

Water Theme:

Farnham NS, Cavan

Laragh Muff NS, Kingscourt

Scoil Mhuire, Swanlinbar

Scoil Naomh Bhríd, Redhills

Scoil Naomh Bhríd, Ballyconnell

St. Patrick's NS, Swanlinbar

Loreto College, Cavan (who was also the Western Region winner for Secondary Schools in this category)

Biodiversity Theme:

Scoil Bhríde, Mountnugent

St. Aidan's Comprehensive, Cootehill

St. Mary's NS, Arva

Global Citizenship Litter & Waste:

Mullahoran NS, Glan, Kilcogy (who was also the Western Region winner for Primary Schools in this category)

Global Citizenship Marine:

Scoil Bhríde, Killeshandra



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Tidy Schools Competition

In 2019, the Waste Management Section ran its inaugural “Tidy Schools Competition”. Scoil Bhríde, Killeshandra were the overall winners with four other schools obtaining awards for their work in improving biodiversity and wildlife habitats on their school grounds.

National Spring Clean

The National Spring Clean Campaign which runs throughout Ireland during the month of April has gone from strength to strength in County Cavan. In support of this campaign, we encouraged Schools, Tidy Towns Committees, Local Community Groups and Resident Associations throughout the County to become involved in clean-up projects in their area. Bags, gloves, litter pickers and high-vis vests were among the items provided to groups to assist in their clean ups. Groups from all over the county participated in the campaign and large amounts of roadside litter was collected. In 2019, 94 groups registered with An Taisce with over 2,300 participants

Gum Litter Awareness Campaign

Chewing gum is still one of the largest components of litter in the County. This National Education Awareness Campaign highlights the need to appropriately dispose of chewing gum into litter bins and informs the public about the problems caused by gum litter. In 2019, Cavan County Council’s local campaign was launched by the Cathaoirleach in Cavan Town and was supported by members of Cavan Tidy Towns and St. Felim’s National School.

Belturbet Zero Waste (BZW)

BZW began as a local response to the global problem of unsustainable production and consumption. BZW is a community intervention which compels sustainable behaviour by identifying sustainable practices and policies with the aim of reducing the carbon footprint **of the Belturbet Community.**





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This is a 5 year waste prevention and awareness and communication project led by Belturbet Tidy Towns in collaboration with Cavan County Council, Cavan County Local Development, the Connacht Ulster WERLA and the EPA, Dr. Vincent Carragher, Research Fellow, Dept of of Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering, Trinity College, Dublin and Clean Technology, Cork (CTC). It involves working with local businesses and householders to reduce all forms of waste, promote sustainable consumption and reduce Belturbet towns overall carbon footprint.

Outcomes

- Provided the first “Excess Packaging Collection Facility” in County Cavan at Donohoe’s Centra, where consumers can leave excess packaging in store for recycling
- Provided 3 No. segregated street litter bins installed in the town which accepts general waste and recyclables
- Supported St. Bricin’s College’s upcycling efforts which resulted in a TY student making the final of the 2019 Junk Kouture national competition
- Provided a water refill station in St. Bricin’s College, Belturbet
- Provided a series of public consultation meetings and workshops on recycling, energy savings at home, etc
- Creation of BZW newsletter
- awarded 2019 Spark Change Award under Best Communicator Category
- Awarded an All-Ireland Community & Council Award under the Best Waste Management Programme Category





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The County Cavan Litter League

The Council works with local communities to improve the cleanliness and appearance of our towns, villages and countryside. We use similar inspections and scoring criteria employed by Irish Business Against Litter for Cavan Town. The County Litter League is based on regular inspections of 28 towns and villages within the County. All selected towns and villages are surveyed by Litter Enforcement staff.

The development of the County Litter League has improved cleanliness levels in towns and villages throughout Cavan immeasurably over the past few years. This is due to the increased level of activity from businesses and local communities and individuals which has resulted in a reduction in litter levels in the County. All 28 towns and villages surveyed in 2019 showed that a significant amount of effort was put into making their communities more attractive to its residents and visitors to the area and all towns and villages obtained a Litter Free Status for 2019.



Mini Library in Maghera



Flower arrangement in Kilnaleck

Partnership with Tidy Towns

Cavan County Council held numerous information workshops in 2019 including a “Stop Food Waste” forum at the Virginia Agricultural Show and a recycling information desk at Ballyconnell Cottage Market, at the Taste of Cavan and at the 2-day Kingscourt Christmas Craft Fair.



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Refill Ireland Project

This was a waste prevention and an awareness project undertaken by Cavan County Council in collaboration with Refill Ireland, Tidy Towns and Green Schools across County Cavan. The objectives of the project were to increase awareness as regards water conservation and to reduce consumption of single use plastics. The following four projects were undertaken in 2019:

Creation of a business network: Cavan has a number of active community groups, including 25 Tidy Towns Committees who are continuously looking for new methods of reducing roadside litter and creating environmental awareness through their activities. Cavan County Council selected 4 Tidy Town groups to work with Refill Ireland and local businesses to create a network of businesses across the County that would provide no obligation, free water refills to members of the public who have a reusable cup or bottle. This was supplemented by a social media campaign coordinated by Refill Ireland and Cavan County Council's Communication Officer.

Greening a sporting event: Cavan Sports Partnership and Healthy Cavan host a number of sporting events each year. These events use up a large amount of single use plastic water bottles which are often disposed of inappropriately and not recycled. The Waste Management Section coordinated with Refill Ireland who attended 1 event in Cavan and supplied a water refill station and reusable beakers. Such an initiative could be easily replicated in other areas of the County and Country.





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Education & Awareness: Refill Ireland worked alongside the Waste Management Section and provided an education stand at Cavan's 2-day food festival "Taste of Cavan" in August 2019.

Green Schools: Cavan County Council worked with schools and education facilities across the County in 2019 as part of the Green Schools Programme (Water and Litter & Waste Themes). Focusing on the areas of waste prevention and reuse, Cavan County Council provided participating schools with reusable sports bottles made from sugar cane to eliminate the excessive use of single use plastics. We also provided 2 water refill stations to a local post primary school in Cavan Town which caters for 750 students and 80 staff.



Outcomes

- Creation of a network of 51 businesses across Cavan Town, Butlersbridge, Cootehill and Virginia that have installed free water refill stations
- Greater awareness in relation to water conservation and prevention of single use plastics through social media campaigns and multi stakeholder participation.
- Provision of 1,500 reusable beakers to Refill Ireland to be used at sporting events across the Country
- Provision of 2 water refill stations and reusable bottles to all students (750) and staff (80) at Breifne College, Cavan
- Provision of 670 reusable bottles to other schools in County Cavan participating in the Green Schools Programme
- Strengthened links with Tidy Towns and Green Schools

Diversion of waste from landfill and increased reuse and recycling



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Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund

This fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at a local level. The funding is provided by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and Local Authorities. Projects and schemes such as community gardens, allotments and compost schemes and educational initiatives can be funded. Cavan County Council have supported a number of environmental projects under the Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund which played a very positive role in tackling litter pollution.

Dog Warden Service

The Implementation of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended requires the Local Authority to employ a full time Dog Warden. The Dog Warden provides an effective and efficient service, dealing with the control and management of stray dogs, unwanted dogs and anti-social behaviour by dogs and issuing of dog licences.

Veterinary Services

We employ one full time Veterinary Officer who is assisted by 6 part time veterinary inspectors. The Veterinary Officer inspects/licences and audits slaughter houses and small meat plants within the County. Throughout the year, random samples of meat are submitted to The Dept of Agriculture and Foods Central Meat lab in Kildare for testing for residues of antibiotics and other chemicals residues.

Environment and Planning Strategic Planning Committee

One meeting was held and the topics and issues discussed included, Climate Change Adaption Strategy, Waste Bye-Laws and Refill Ireland proposals.

Membership of Environment & Planning Strategic Policy Committee

Cathoirleach Cllr. Damien Brady

Cllr. Madeline Argue

Cllr. Fergal Curtin



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Cllr. Winston Bennett

Cllr. Val Smith

Fintan McCabe, Environmental Pillar

Orla Sheridan, Public Participation Network

Jimmie Jackson, Construction Pillar

Thomas Cooney, Agricultural Pillar

Water Services

Cavan County Council Water Services Section continues to adapt to challenges of what is still a relatively new operating environment in collaboration with Irish Water. Cavan County Council Water Services Department is to the forefront of shaping and delivering an operating framework to ensure that we as a County and Nation are best positioned to avail of the opportunities presented by the changing circumstances.

From 1st January 2014 delivery of water and wastewater services became the responsibility of Irish Water. This year, (2019), marks year 6 of a 12-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water for the delivery of the services.

Water is considered a 'social good' and activities related to water services support the three aspects (economic, social and environmental) of sustainable development.

The objectives of the section working on behalf of Irish Water are to:

- provide an adequate water supply of sustainable quality for domestic, industrial, agricultural and other users.
- provide sewerage facilities for the safe and adequate disposal of sewage and other waterborne wastes.
- provide the infrastructure to support the above objectives.
- provide an efficient and responsive service to customers at all times.
- plan for future growth and development.
- deliver all of the above at the most economic cost and minimum charge to customers.



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There are 16 Public Water Schemes in the County of which 8 are being supplied by private Group Water Schemes. There are 26 public wastewater treatment plants in the County.

Performance Indicators

Sampling and testing of all Public Water supplies and effluent discharges from wastewater plants is overseen by the Council's Environment Section utilising Irish Water Laboratory Framework.

Performance indicators for the section relate to compliance with the Drinking Water Regulations 2014.

The following are the compliance figures for the Public Water Supply Schemes.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compliance	98.4%	98.8%	99.1%	98.4%	98.5%	99.1%	99.4%	99.3%	98.9%	98.9%	98.9%

Unaccounted for Water (UFW) is currently 30% compared to a National average of 47%.

Major Capital Works

Irish Water Capital Investment Plan 2017 – 2021

Waste Water

52 waste water treatment plants identified across the country for upgrade due to failings on discharge limits and hydraulic capacity.

9 bundles of work planned with Cavan & Leitrim included in call off contract 6 (Ballyjamesduff, Bailieborough, Kingscourt, Ballinagh, Cootehill & Virginia)

Atkins Consultants were appointed to carry out the following works.



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surveying. All initial surveys are completed.

Stage 2

Workshops to determine scope of works have been completed.

After a change in the funding stream for this project, installation works were programmed to start in early January 2019 and be completed during 2020.

Works have commenced in Cootehill WTP Ballyjamesduff WTP Cavan WTP and Swanlinbar WTP

Minor Capital Programmes

Cootehill Water Treatment Plant repairs to Clarifier Tank

Temporary sealing of the tank was successfully carried out by Source Civil Ltd
A proposal for the installation of a new clarifier and new settlement tank with associated works has been submitted to Irish Water for funding approval.

Swanlinbar water CFC (Coagulation, Flocculation and Clarification) Program

These works included the automation of chemical dosing, automation of filter backwash, installation of slow start/run to waste on filter, replacement of air blowers, installation of static mixer and a new control panel.

Contractor - Coffey Water. Construction was completed in July 2019.

Ballyjamesduff Water and Belturbet Water CFC Program.

Contractor - Ward and Burke. Works commenced on site in March 2019 at Ballyjamesduff and May 2019 in Belturbet. Construction works are complete at both sites with a few snags outstanding.



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Works included installation of slow start/run to waste on filter, replacement of air blowers, replacement of compressor, new chemical dosing pumps and a new control panel.



**New Air Blowers & Back Wash Pumps installed at Ballyjamesduff Regional Water Plant
Cootehill watermain replacement – 1km of water main was replaced.**

Contractor - Farran Construction. Construction completed in May 2019, Snag list to be completed.



Directional Drilling Technology in use on Cootehill water main replacement.



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Dowra watermain replacement 1.3km

Preliminary design & survey carried out. Awaiting commencement date from Irish Water.

Cavan Town Main Street watermain replacement

Preliminary design & survey complete, final design approved.

Commencement date for construction is Q1 2020

Back Yard Services Projects. (BYS)

This is the replacing of ageing back yard water mains and providing of new service connections for customers.

Contractor Farran Construction. In 2019 the following BYS works were carried out.

Mount Pleasant Ballyconnell, new watermain and 11 BYS construction complete.

Cootehill Road, Cavan 12 BYS, construction complete.

Drumbannon, Baileborough, 37 BYS, construction complete.

Rock Cross, Cavan 9 BYS, Construction complete.

Griffin Park, Belturbet 16 BYS, at design stage.

St. Patricks Terrace, Cavan new watermain, 27 BYS, at design stage.

Bothar Mhuire, Kingscourt new watermain, 8 BYS, at design stage.

Marian Park, Belturbet, new watermain, 24 BYS, at design stage.

St. Mary's Terrace, Belturbet new watermain, 22 BYS at design stage.

Marrion's Row Belturbet new watermain, 26 BYS, at design stage.

Percy French Park, Ballyjamesduff new watermain, 12 BYS at design stage.

NCAP, (National Certificate of Authorisation Program) – Gowna, Kilcogy & Redhills Wastewater Treatment Plants

Consultant - RPS

Carry out an impact assessment of the discharges on the receiving surface water / ground water. Inspection of storm water & emergency overflows in addition to primary & secondary discharges. At planning & design stage. Gowna WWTP is at advanced design Stage



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Inlet Works, Storm & Sludge Program – Blacklion, Ballyhaise, Shercock, Kilnaleck, Mullagh & Shercock Wastewater Treatment Plants

Consultants - JP Barry

Blacklion and Ballyhaise WWTP are at planning consultation stage

Site investigation works in Ballyhaise, Shercock and Blacklion commenced in late October 2019.

Cavan Rural Water Update

The **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021** was launched on February 8th, 2019. This is a three-year rolling programme. Submissions were sought under 7 different measures.

1. Source Protection
2. Public Health Compliance of Existing GWS
3. Enhancement of Existing Schemes including Water Conservation
4. New Group Water Schemes
5. Transition of Existing GWS to IW
6. Community Water and Wastewater Connections
7. Research and Innovation

Cavan County Council made a submission for funding under the various measures on foot of details submitted by Group Water Schemes in the county. These submissions were evaluated by an Expert Panel who made recommendations to the Department. Based on these recommendations the Department submitted proposed allocations for the Minister's consideration. The Expert Panel met during Q1 & Q2 2019 and having completed their deliberation their recommendations were submitted for the attention of the Minister. Notification of 2019 allocations were issued by Dept. on 14th October 2019. The total allocation for Cavan regarding the 2019-2021 programme was €1,686,471 with €1,010,005 of this allocated under 2019 and so available immediately once schemes have complied with requirements of MARWP. In most cases this resulted in works being carried out in 2020. These allocations are both scheme and project specific. Submissions were made for funding towards 51 specific projects on



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behalf of 27 Schemes or scheme bundles. Allocations were received for 23 of these projects, (covering 17 schemes or scheme bundles). A detailed report on the MARWP allocations for the 2019-2021 period was delivered to a meeting of the County Rural Water Monitoring Committee on 5th November 2019.

None of the Group Water Schemes were able to draw down their allocation in 2019 given the late notification of allocations and the time of year. A meeting with the Department in late 2019 confirmed that there is no funding for projects/schemes not already included in the 2019-2021 programme unless in emergency circumstances.

Well Grants totalling **€35,039.94** were processed on behalf of 18 applicants/households in 2019. The objective of the grant scheme is to assist households dependent on private individual water supplies who are incurring capital expenditure to provide a piped supply of water for domestic purposes, or remedy serious deficiencies in an existing supply of water for domestic purposes. The scheme does not apply to houses to which a public or group scheme water supply has already been provided or can reasonably be provided.

A **Subsidy** continues to be available from the State for Group Water Schemes towards costs associated with supplying domestic water, to ensure equivalent financial support between public supplies and GWS's. Subsidy payments totalling €4,380,068 were issued to schemes in Cavan 2019.

Cavan County Council via the **Monitoring Programme** continue to work closely with Group Water Schemes to ensure drinking water remains of a high standard and compliant with the Drinking Water Regulations. 178 samples were taken by Council staff from schemes in 2019.

Poles GWS has applied to be taken over by Irish Water and work is ongoing to have the necessary information & reports required gathered together as soon as possible to complete the takeover process in 2020.



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Best Estate Special Feature

Fairgreen, Kilnaleck – ‘Herb Tyre Planters’

Best Individual House and Garden

Paula Tranmer, Rathdrum, Virginia

Special Awards

Litter Free Status - The Steeples (Cavan Town), Kilnavara Heights (Cavan Town), Kilnavara Crescent (Cavan Town), Highfield Road (Cavan Town), Griffith Park (Cootehill).

Best Upcycling Award

Cloneary, Templeport – ‘Old Man of The Forest’

Best Youth Group

Seangharrai Drive, Ballinagh

Lifetime Achievement

Josephine McDermot, Ballinagh

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Planning

The Planning Department is responsible for implementing the Planning and Development Acts 2000 as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. The work of the Planning Department encompasses the following areas:

- Forward Planning
- Development Management and other Statutory Functions
- Derelict sites & Dangerous Structures



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- Taking in Charge of Housing Estates
- Unfinished Estates
- Market Surveillance
- Development Contributions and Bonds
- Building Control
- Development Compliance/Enforcement:
- Heritage
- Planning & Environment Strategic Policy Committee
- Performance Indicators

Forward Planning:

Both the Cavan County Development Plan 2014-2020 and the Cavan Town & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 came into effect in June 2014. Work was ongoing in 2019 preparing for the commencement of the review of these plans. Ongoing implementation and monitoring work of the objectives of the Cavan County Development Plan and Cavan Town and Environs Development Plan was undertaken. This included collation of information on the number and trends of rural housing and urban housing within the county. The forward planning team also collaborated with Community and Enterprise Section in its implementation of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme following the completion of Revitalisation Plans for 20 towns and villages in the County.

Architectural Conservation Areas

Work was completed on four Architectural Conservation Areas in the County in 2019. These were in Bridge Street, Cavan Town, Redhills Village, The Diamond Belturbet, and Main Street, Mullagh. These works will be incorporated into the new County Development Plan.

Consultants were engaged in 2018 to carry out works for the following projects and these projects were completed in 2019.



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1. Review of Architectural Heritage in the County – to examine the existing Protected Structure List and National Inventory of Architectural Heritage List for the county and compile a new Protected Structure List for the new Development Plan.
2. A Review of all the towns and villages of the county and recommend areas suitable as Architectural Conservation Areas.

URDF Application for Abbeylands

Following approval in 2018 of Category B Urban Regeneration and Development Funding for a regeneration project in the centre of Cavan Town around Abbeylands, consultants were appointed in late 2019 to prepare and complete a Masterplan for this area. The Masterplan completion is expected in 2020.

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

Work continued in 2019 by the Forward Planning Section inputting into the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Region. A number of submissions representing the views of both the executive and elected members were presented to the Regional Assembly.

Development Management and other Statutory Functions:

The Planning section received 515 planning applications in 2019. The majority of applications related to developments such as industrial, rural enterprise, housing schemes, agricultural, commercial, single dwellings, extensions to existing dwellings, domestic garages and retention of existing works.

There were 9 decisions of the Planning Authority appealed to An Bord Pleanála with 8 (89%) of the determinations of An Bord Pleanála confirming the decision made by the Planning Authority.

There was also an increase in the number of applications for Extension of Duration of planning with 15 applications received in 2019.



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Derelict Sites and Dangerous Structures:

In December 2018 there were 5 partial registers for derelict sites in the county. These were updated and combined into one register. A draft policy was then formed to ensure the process would be compliant with current legislation and map the way in 2020 towards reducing the number of derelict properties in the county. All sites which were on the previous registers have now been processed and the major towns will now be revisited to update the current register. In 2019 there were:-

- 52 section 8/2 warning letters issued,
- 22 section 8/7 intent to enter property on to register letters issued,
- 22 properties placed on the derelict sites register, and
- a successful resolution on a further 17 properties.

Taking in Charge:

A Taking in Charge policy was written and adopted for Cavan in 2007 as directed by the Minister John Gormley. This policy was revised in 2016 and the revision adopted by the elected members. The revisions were for clarification and to create a more user-friendly document. This document was again revised in 2019 to reflect new legislation introduced in 2018.

There are currently 236 housing estates in the county. 48 of these estates have been taken in charge. 12 were adopted in 2012, 24 were adopted in 2017, and a further 12 were adopted in December 2018. The remainder are constructed in excess of 12 years. 5 estates have had their public lighting upgraded to LED. 8 applications for Taking in Charge have been received in 2018 and these are added to the 29 already on the list. It is intended to take estates in charge on a continuous basis as resources allow, until all historical estates are Taken in Charge.



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Unfinished Housing Estates:

In 2010 there were 156 estates in Cavan on the Departments Unfinished Estate Register. There are currently 5 estates remaining on the register and the proposal is to address these in 2020/2021. This has exceeded the recommendation outlined in Managing and Resolving Unfinished Housing Developments, where it is proposed to annually reduce this by 25% min. 2016 saw the focus move toward bond drawdown and completion of smaller outstanding works in these estates by the council and this is still the focus going forward. The Team continues to monitor the status of all unfinished estates, and work with financial institutions and developers to resolve outstanding issues in these estates.

Market Surveillance:

Any person or company, manufacturing an item for sale on the European market, including the Irish market, must comply with the Construction Products Regulations (CPR) 2013. This means the product must be tested and certified as fit for its intended purpose. It is then issued with a CE number and the manufacturer must attach a Declaration of Performance (DOP) for the purpose of ensuring consistency across all member states.

Article 40 of the CPR requires each Member State, to designate a notifying authority, that shall be responsible for setting up and carrying out the necessary procedures for the assessment, and notification of the bodies, to be authorised to carry out third-party tasks in the process of Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance (AVCP) for the purposes of the CPR, and for the monitoring of those notified bodies.

In the case of Ireland, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government is the designated notifying authority under the CPR. The Irish National Accreditation Board undertakes accreditation and monitoring of all notified bodies in Ireland. The notified bodies are the testing houses which have been awarded notification status by the notifying authority.

The market surveillance authority for building products is the Building Control Authority for the county where the product was manufactured, as set out in S.I.225/2013.



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Development Contributions:

This 2017 Development Contribution scheme came into effect on applications granted on or after 1st January 2017. This contribution is attached to applications granted in the County and in accordance with the adopted scheme. A number of exemptions and reductions are also available including a newly introduced 10% reduction where development contributions are paid in full within 6 months of lodgement of commencement notices exemptions apply). A total of €1,458,404 (€1,218,749 net of Irish Water deductions) was collected in development contributions.

The Development Contribution Team continue to pursue outstanding development contributions by issuing invoices as commencement notices are lodged and following up on existing accounts to ensure payments are being made. Permissions granted since 2004 where no commencement notices have been lodged are also being checked to establish if development has taken place and payment of development contribution is being sought where appropriate.

Building Control:

May 2014 saw the introduction of the Building Control Management System or BCMS. This is an online system for registering and managing all building applications. The title BCMS was changed in 2017 to BCMP (Building Control Management Project). The CCMA set up 3 regional authorities, as follows:

Building Control Regions	Local Authorities
Greater Dublin Area /Eastern and Midland Region	Dublin City, Fingal, South Dublin, Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown, Meath, Louth, Kildare, Wicklow, Longford, Westmeath, Offaly, Laois (12)
Northern and Western Region	Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Mayo, Roscommon, Galway City, Galway County (9)
Southern Region	Clare, Limerick, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford, Kerry, Cork City, Cork County, Waterford City and County (10)



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Each region has one representative on the BCMP project board. The Northern and Western Region continues to be represented by Cavan County Council (Senior Executive Engineer over Building Control).

The Building Control Department offer advice and guidance to agents and users of the system as well as conducting site inspections to ensure compliance and accuracy of information submitted. During 2019, Cavan County Councils Building Control Section processed 205 Notices and 34 Certificates of Compliance on Completion (CCC). This total is made up of:

- 20 invalidated Commencement Notices;
- 76 validated Commencement Notices (long form);
- 31 validated Commencement Notices (short form);
- 61 validated Commencement Notices (opt Outs);
- 17 validated 7 Day Notices.

Of the 34 CCC's processed, 4 were invalidated.

The Planning Department continues to regularly monitor and inspect developments to ensure that buildings are constructed in accordance with the relevant Planning Conditions and Building Regulations.

Development Compliance/Enforcement:

The Enforcement Section opened 79 new cases which were subject to complaints for the 2019 calendar year. The Section closed 43 cases during the same period.

Of the closed files:

- 46% (or 20 cases) were resolved because these were 'statue barred', or were deemed to be 'Exempted development' and no Warning Letter was issued;



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- A total of 21% of the files (or 9 cases) were closed as a result of negotiations with the Planning Authority.
- 33% (or 14 cases) were closed following the issue of Warning Letters or an Enforcement Notice.

There are 249 open cases being investigated and these include the preceding years.

Heritage:

2019 marked another busy year for Cavan Heritage Office as it continues to ensure that the unique and diverse heritage of County Cavan is conserved, sustained, and, above all cherished and celebrated by the people of the county. In 2019, the Heritage Office continued to implement European, National and Local heritage policies where applicable. In addition, to policy implementation, the Heritage Office promotes a range of projects and activities which enable communities to actively engage and participate with our heritage.

The Heritage Office receives an annual funding allocation from the Heritage Council. This funding allows the Heritage Office to target specific projects which have a long term and lasting impact on the heritage of the county.





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Cavan Golden Ways

2019 was another very successful year for Cavan Golden Way, with the number of communities participating still growing. During 2019, the Heritage Office engaged two local artists to facilitate and work with local Golden Way groups in the county. The aim of this project is to use the creatives to facilitate communities to respond to the heritage along their Golden Ways in an imaginative and creative manner. It is anticipated that this project will be developed further in 2020.



The trees huddle, bared trunks
lean back from the wind, intone psalms
that hum quietly from sparse leaf to
sparse leaf,
birch to ash wood, oak to sprawling
beech. Chants catch in the reach and
dip

Historic Graveyards Network

The Historic Graveyard Network has grown in success since its inception in 2017. The network has expanded with the number of Council owned historic graveyards participating in the network increasing. The aim of the network is to improve access to these sites, help undertake essential repairs and provide directional and interpretive panels. Projects this year as part of the Graveyards Network included signage for, recording of, and digital mapping of, the historic graveyards.



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Explore Lough Oughter

In 2018, Abarta Heritage completed a study of the greater Lough Oughter Area. One of its findings was that Lough Oughter is a wonderful area abounding with natural heritage and suitable for promotion as a heritage tourism destination, focusing on the natural heritage product and using the slow tourism model. In 2019, Woodrow Associates completed a nature study for Lough Oughter. This study made a series of recommendations which will inform future action plan for the development of the area.



National Biodiversity Action Plan funding for Local Authorities

In 2019, the Heritage Office received Biodiversity funding through the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. This allowed the Heritage Office to organize a series of biodiversity training workshops for communities and Council staff.



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Heritage Week, 2019

Heritage Week 2019 was very successful in Cavan and witnessed more people actively engaging with, and participating in, the weeklong activities. The week offers people the opportunity to become a tourist in their own backyard. In 2019, many communities availed of the Local Heritage Week Grant Scheme and organised events in their local communities. These events were in addition to the events organised by the Heritage Office as part of the Heritage Week celebrations.



Built Heritage 2019

The Heritage Office continues to promote the conservation and management of our built heritage in County Cavan. In addition to reviewing and updating the record of protected structures and associated works, the heritage office provides advice and informs policy to the Planning Department. The general public are also assisted in management of Built Heritage. The Heritage Office of Cavan County Council successfully drew down €52,000 under the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) and €50,000 under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS).

Projects included in the HSF were:

Jacobean Church, Killeshandra	€15,000
Knockatador Mill, Tullyco, Stradone	€22,000
Owendoon House, Owengallis	€15,000



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Jacobean Church, Killeshandra



Knockatudor Mill, Tullyco



And under the BHIS:

Gate Lodge, Cullies, Cavan	€5,500
Drumgoon Parish Church, Dernakesh	€12,000
Knockatudor Mills, Tullyco	€3,500
Cavan Parish Church, Cavan	€5,500
St Brigid's Church East Knockbride	€7,000
Drumkeen House / Loreto College, Drumkeen	€5,500
St Mary's Church, Bruskey	€6,500
Former See House, Upper Kilmore	€5,250
Ballintemple Church of Ireland, Ballintemple	€3,750

The Heritage Officer sits on numerous internal committees which actively promote Heritage in County Cavan:-

- Cavan Walking Festival - specific heritage walks to promote heritage awareness among walkers.
- Geopark Management Team
- Creative Ireland, 2017-2022 committee



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Planning and Environment Strategic Policy Committee:

The Planning and Environment SPC met on one occasion during 2019 prior to the Local Elections being held in May 2019. The SPC members are listed below.

Environment and Planning SPC	Nominating Pillar
Damian Brady	Chair
Winston Bennett	Cavan County Council
Fergal Curtin	Cavan County Council
Val Smith	Cavan County Council
Madeline Argue	Cavan County Council
Fintan McCabe	Environmental
Barry Kavanagh	CPPn
Patrick Denning/Thomas Cooney	Agriculture
Andrew O Gorman	Construction

Following the local elections, Cavan County Council was required to review its SPC Scheme and the new scheme was approved at its meeting on 14th October 2019. This has resulted in a restructuring of the SPC to now include the areas of responsibility of Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning. The following is the membership of this new SPC.

Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC	Nominating Pillar
Cllr John Paul Feeley	Chair
Cllr Peter McVitty	Cavan County Council
Cllr Sarah O'Reilly	Cavan County Council
Cllr Aidan Fitzpatrick	Cavan County Council
Cllr Winston Bennett	Cavan County Council
Cllr Carmel Brady	Cavan County Council
Thomas Rodgers	Agriculture & Farming
Jim McGaughran	Development & Construction
Tom Brady	Business & Commercial
Stanley Nwaneri	Community / Voluntary



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Planning Performance Indicators:

P1: New Buildings Inspected	
Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	176
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2019 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2019	29 (16%)
P2: No./% of Planning decisions confirmed by <i>An Bord Pleanála</i>	
Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal in 2019	9
% of the determinations at A which confirmed decision made by the LA	8 (89%)
P3: % of Planning Enforcement cases closed as resolved	
Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority investigated	79
Total number of cases that were closed during 2019	43
% of cases at B dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000 or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	20 (46%)
% of cases at B resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	9 (21%)
% of cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	14 (33%)
Total number of planning cases being investigated at 31/12/2019	249
P4: Cost per Capita of the Planning Service	
The 2019 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	Cost per capita €17.90

Community, Enterprise and Tourism

The Department of Community, Enterprise and Tourism is responsible for the Local Community Development Committee, Town and Village Revitalisation, Cathaoirleach's Awards, Social Inclusion, Cavan Drug and Alcohol Forum, Age Friendly County Programme, Peace IV Programme, Comhairle na nÓg (Junior Council), Community and Voluntary Grants, Cavan Sports Partnership and Healthy Cavan, the Tourism Office, and major annual events such as Taste of Cavan and Cavan Walking Festival. The Department supports and funds the Public Participation Network, an independent network of community and voluntary groups in County Cavan that has a remit for improving engagement with citizens. It is closely involved



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with the Cavan Children and Young People's Services Committee and the Local Connecting for Life Suicide Prevention plan.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC co-ordinates various programmes and funding streams for the county including SICAP (Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme), Healthy Ireland Fund, LEADER and Peace IV. It is responsible for implementing the community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

2019 was a successful year for Cavan LCDC in terms of advancing the LEADER programme, SICAP and the Healthy Ireland Programmes. It also saw the very successful closure of the Peace IV Programme, with a superb closing event held in August 2019 to mark the outstanding project activity completed over the duration of the Programme. Another particularly important highlight in 2019 was Cavan being recognised as one of the top ten best performing LEADER programmes in Ireland, with an additional €500,000 being allocated to the County. 2019 also saw significant progress being made under the SICAP programme 2018-2022 with annual targets reached with valuable supports being delivered to Local Community Groups and disadvantaged individuals across the County. Phase 2 of the Healthy Ireland Initiative was successfully delivered with a very welcomed Phase 3 being announced. This is a two-year addition to the Programme for follow on actions to run until 2021.

While there were a number of changes in membership of the LCDC during 2019, there continues to be excellent engagement at LCDC meetings by both statutory and non-statutory members. There were nine meetings of the LCDC during the year. An annual report on 2019 LCDC activity was prepared and submitted to the Department.

LCDC members were provided with various presentations from members and external bodies to increase familiarity with sectors of work and improve opportunities for networking and service enhancement.

Four subgroups operate under the LCDC: the LCDC Equality Subgroup, the SICAP Monitoring Subgroup, the LEADER Sub-Committee and the Healthy Cavan Subgroup.



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SICAP

2019 was the second year of implementation of the SICAP programme 2018-2022. Cavan County Local Development, Breffni Integrated, (programme implementor) successfully implemented actions helping local community groups with capacity building, promoting engagement, building stronger communities, and promoting participation and collaboration. They also supported individuals, in personal development and well-being, provided lifelong learning opportunities, supports for those seeking employment as well as and self-employment opportunities. The 2019 annual targets were successfully reached with SICAP supporting 520 individuals, 3 social enterprises and 43 local community groups. Total expenditure under the SICAP programme in County Cavan in 2019 was €754,850.17.

Healthy Cavan

Phase 2 of Healthy Cavan activity was completed in 2019. Activity under Phase two included promotional work, Cavan Fit Towns Initiative, Family Fizzical Fun Programme and a West Cavan Schools Health & Wellbeing Programme.

Phase 3 funding of €246,050 was awarded to Cavan County Council in 2019; with this phase to run from July 2019 to June 2021. Activity has commenced on the Phase 3 actions, which include physical activities initiatives, Healthy Food Made Easy, holistic health initiatives, and a digital health conference. Phase 3 also includes a new 'Community Mental Health Fund' action, young peoples resilience Project. In addition to this a Community Mental Health Fund Small grant scheme will also be rolled out over the period of the programme.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

The Cavan Local Economic and Community Plan was reviewed twice during 2019 which illustrated good progress with almost every action in the plan.

During 2019, there was continued progress with actions in the community plan, notably:

- Launch of 4Cs Multicultural Network for County Cavan
- The Volunteer Information Service was upgraded to a volunteer centre.



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- Drug and Alcohol Addiction Family Support meetings continued in Cavan town throughout 2019, with peer facilitator training rolled out. Drugs and alcohol education sub-group provided a second successful teacher training seminar in collaboration with An Garda Síochána and the Cavan Drug and Alcohol Forum
- The first ever Children and Young People's Plans for Cavan was launched on 28th June 2019 by the Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC). The three-year plans for 2019-2021 by CYPSC Cavan seek to address gaps in services provision and areas of concern for children and young people.
- Youth Network supported by Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board. Plans officially opened a Youth Hub in Belturbet in December 2019.
- Connecting for Life strategy being implemented and monitored
- LocalLink transport reported large increases in the use of its services around Cavan town and Cavan-Monaghan routes
- Cavan Traveller Movement in partnership with Breffni Integrated Local Development Company were successful in drawing down funding for a Youth Employability Initiative. A Traveller Youth Needs Assessment was conducted with the official launch of its findings held in December.
- Cavan Disability Network held its third annual conference 'Employment Matters'. They also held a 'Make Way Campaign' and held the 'Back in 5' campaign in two towns.
- Older People's Council was shortlisted for a Chambers Ireland Award and a Pride of Place Award for their Drama Project, "The Best Days of our Lives are yet to Come". Intergenerational activities took place with the Royal School, St. Pat's College St. Clare's College Ballyjamesduff and St. Mogue's, Bawnboy.
- Capital works at Townhall, Cavan on the project restoration were completed in 2019.
- Culture Night 2019 had a total audience of 2,382, in 26 venues county wide hosting 48 events.
- Development of an Energy Master Plan for County Cavan began.



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LEADER Programme

The Local Community Development Committee acts as the Local Action Group [LAG] for the LEADER Programme. The Committee is working well and is supported by the Leader Sub Committee while members of the Independent Evaluation Committee provided much valued oversight and consideration on all projects presented to the LAG for funding.

The LAG met a total of 9 times over the course of the year.

Cavan received an extra € 500,000, as part of the distribution of € 5 million in additional funding for the top ten performing Local Action Groups (LAGS). Cavan, along with the other nine LAGS, were the most advanced in the delivery of the Leader Programme throughout the 26 counties. This funding was in addition to the existing budget of € 220 million already available to the LAGS. The selection of the top ten LAGS was based on an assessment of the level of funding they had approved for projects and the level of funding actually drawn down in respect of those projects on the 20th September 2019.

Cavan had committed € 4,733,382.09 for approved projects while a total of € 2,168,545.70 has been paid out to promoters following completion of their projects.

CLÁR

CLÁR is a targeted investment Programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructure projects in area that experience disadvantage.

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measure (as per 2018)

Measure 2: Play Areas (including MUGAs) (as per 2018) and

Measure 3: Community Wellbeing Support (new in 2019) comprising of

(a) First Response Support,

(b) Mobility and Cancer Care Transport, and

(c) Sensory Gardens.

In 2019 Cavan County Council submitted 15 projects to the Department for approval and subsequently received an allocation of € 226,747.60 for 6 Projects under



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Measures 1 and 2 and a further €35,700 for 2 Sensory Garden Projects under Measure 3(c).

Social Inclusion

The role of the social inclusion is to improve services for marginalised customers and to work on an interagency basis to address poverty and exclusion in the county.

Significant areas of social inclusion activity during 2019 included:

- Further development of the Age Friendly County Programme
- Supports for the Cavan Older People's Council
- Cavan Traveller Interagency Group
- Cavan Drug and Alcohol Forum
- Support for the Local Connecting for Life suicide prevention steering committee, led by the HSE
- Support for the Children and Young People's Services Committee, led by TUSLA
- Support the implementation of social inclusion actions under the LECF.

Age Friendly Programme

The Cavan Age Friendly County Programme is steered by an alliance of senior managers from the main public sector agencies, older people's representatives and other organisations.

Notable age friendly activity in 2019 included:

- The Older People's Council performed three successful sold out theatre performances of their play, "The Best Days of our Lives are yet to Come". They were also shortlisted for a Chambers Ireland Award and a Pride of Place Award for this project.
- The Older People's Council hosted a well attended information seminar under the theme Positive Mental Health for Older People, as part of their AGM in June 2019.



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- Chief Executive Tommy Ryan was presented with a certificate of affiliation by the World Health Organisation in recognition to the implementation of age-friendly policies and practices by all the local authorities under the Age Friendly Ireland Programme.
- Appointment of an Age Friendly Technical/Housing Specialist with training provided on Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm.
- Johnston Central Library received a charter in recognition of becoming an Age Friendly Library.
- Steps taken to reinvigorate the Age Friendly Business Programme with a review carried out of achievements to date and appointment of an Age Friendly Business Consultant.
- Sports Partnership programming targeting older people.
- Continue to operate the Free Smoke Alarm Scheme to older and vulnerable members of the community in conjunction with Fire Services on behalf of Dept of Community, Environment and Rural Affairs.
- A full review has been conducted on the Age Friendly Strategy 2017 – 2019 and work commenced on the preparation of a new Age Friendly Strategy for the county 2020 -2023

Traveller Interagency Group

Community, Enterprise and Tourism co-ordinates the Cavan Traveller Interagency Group. This is a statutory group that provides an interagency response to social exclusion issues among the Traveller community. A funding proposal was submitted to the Department of Justice and Equality to develop a strategic plan for the Traveller Interagency Group. Activity during 2019 included a presentation on Traveller housing by CENA Housing (approved voluntary housing body). Members of the Traveller community and the Traveller Interagency Group attended a screening of 'Float like a Butterfly'; a film that illustrates and celebrates Traveller culture.

Cavan County Council supports a community development service provided by Cavan Traveller Movement [CTM]. During 2019 CTM collaborated with Cavan County Local Development and the ETB on a Traveller Youth Employability Initiative.



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As part of this initiative a 'Needs Assessment of Traveller Youth in Cavan' was conducted. The recommendations of this report will be included in the work plan of the Traveller Interagency Group over the next year. Cavan Traveller Movement also held a workshop facilitated by Niall Crowley, Equality and Human Rights expert, called 'Shared Spaces and Shared Agendas for Change', funded under the Peace IV Programme. The purpose of this workshop was to open up a dialogue across civil society organisations and between Travellers and settled people on exploring the potential in values-led action for a more inclusive Cavan.

Drug and Alcohol Forum

The Cavan Drug and Alcohol Forum provides networking opportunities for relevant services and implements a work plan. Approximately 20 organisations are represented ranging from HSE services, public sector agencies, drug and alcohol services, youth, community and family support services. A key achievement from 2019 was the delivery of second successful school's education seminar on drug awareness with support from An Garda Síochána and Cavan Drug Awareness. Representatives from all secondary schools within the county attended the seminar. Funding was also obtained through the sub-group under Healthy Ireland funding to roll out a Peer to Peer Education Programme on Drugs & Alcohol to all secondary schools within the county. A Local Directory on Drugs & Alcohol Services within County Cavan was produced through the Forum in 2019 and widely distributed within the county.

County Cavan Joint Policing Committee (JPC)

The function of the Joint Policing Committee is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussion and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area. County Cavan Joint Policing Committee met twice times over 2019. A new committee was constituted in 2019 following the local elections in June 2019.

Key achievements included:

- The roll out of the Community Property Marking Initiative within County Cavan. Four training sessions were delivered locally through Property



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Marking Ireland. Many members of An Garda Síochána are now trained to deliver property marking. 20 Community Groups borrowed the machine over 2019 to deliver local Property Marking Schemes.

- During 2019, two Community Safety Network Meetings for Community Alert Groups in County Cavan took place in April and December 2019 with the latter meeting forming part of stakeholder consultation for the 2020 Policing Plan for both the Cavan and Bailieboro Garda Districts.

Pride of Place

The Pride of Place Awards ceremony 2019 took place on Saturday 30th November The Lyrath Hotel, Co. Kilkenny. This year The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cavan Branch won a runner up prize for their ‘Dementia Friendly Garden and Reminiscence Walk in the ‘Age Friendly’ category.

Three groups from County Cavan were nominated: The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Cavan Branch, Cavan Older Peoples Council Drama Project, ‘The best years are yet to come’, (Creative Place Initiative) and Tullyvin Musical Society (Community Wellbeing Initiative).

The competition promotes and celebrates the best in community development and recognises the selfless efforts of people in making their neighbourhoods better places to live work and socialise.

Taste of Cavan 2019

The food world descended on Cavan Town on Friday and Saturday 9th -10th August for the Taste of Cavan food festival at Cavan Equestrian Centre.

The festival offered over 130 food and drink stalls and craft fair, a great line-up of cookery demonstrations and Masterclasses and a Kids Zone. The major attraction at this year’s event was the “Cook Along With Neven”.

Two new exciting elements, Health & Wellness and a Fashion Show were included in 2019. The Health & Wellness Village offered a variety of speakers, activities and exhibitions. The Fashion Shows showcased the latest fashions from several our local boutiques.



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Community/Festival Grants Scheme

The Community Grants/ Festival Schemes both aim to encourage organisations and groups to implement projects in their local community which will help to improve the quality of life for the local citizens and enhance the sense of community in the county. The purpose of the scheme is to provide low level support to projects which may not have received funding from other sources.

Grant funding of €44,450 was allocated to 83 community groups in 2019.

Community Enhancement Programme

In 2019 a total of 69 Community groups received grants totalling € 134,757. This money was for small to medium capital projects. An additional € 18,325 was allocated to Men's Sheds affiliated to the Irish Men's Sheds Association. This year for the first time Hens Sheds were included in the groups eligible for funding.

Cathaoirleach's Awards

The Cathaoirleach's Awards gives due recognition to those in County Cavan who, through participating in unpaid Community & Voluntary activities, have had a significant impact on the quality of life of their communities. Over 250 attended the awards night held in the Cavan Crystal in May.

In 2019, the recipients of the awards under the various categories were:

Youth:	Ruby O Kelly
Social Inclusion:	Vanda Brady
Community:	Dowra Resource Centre Community
Sports:	Cavan CYMS
Active Age:	Mary Armstrong
Arts/Culture/Heritage:	Ruth Donnelly

Ruby O'Kelly won the overall winner's prize of €1000 for her chosen charity of Aobheanns Pink Tie. Ruby's rendition of her own song entitled "You Won't Stop Me" at the end of the night left everyone in no doubt that she was a worthy winner.



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Service Indicators	2018	2019
Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg scheme	100%	100%
Number of organisations registered with the Public Participation Network	272	295

Cavan Public Participation Network (Cavan PPN)

Cavan Public Participation Network was established in July 2014 and now includes almost 200 registered groups as part of its network. There is a Committee of 24 community representatives from the Secretariat of the Cavan PPN, with representation being fulfilled on 19 boards and committees. These representations come from the three themed sectors of Environment, Social Inclusion and Community/Voluntary and three geographic sectors of Cavan-Belturbet, Ballyjamesduff and Bailieborough-Cootehill Municipal Districts.

Cavan PPN assists in networking community news and events with the publication of E-Newsletters and social media updates. The PPN also arranges training sessions and active representation on a variety of bodies.

The PPN National Conference was held in Athlone over two days in October. This brought together all the co-ordinators for the PPN and the Local Authority staff involved in the PPN Structure to discuss the successful projects being achieved within the PPN /LA collaboration and also to provide prospective outlook for new projects going forward.

Cavan Sports Partnership (CSP)

Cavan Sports Partnership successfully delivered the third year of its implementation plan of 'Sport and activity for life, for all 2017-2021'.

CSP continued to support local delivery of the Healthy Ireland fund with physical activities taking place in the five 'fit town' areas of Kilnaleck, Cavan Town, West Cavan, Virginia and Cootehill.

Cavan LSP appointed a full time sports inclusion development officer to work



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specifically with older adults and people with a disability in the county. Partnership working with the HSE and Cavan Leisure complex saw the delivery of a new falls prevention programme Ottago targeting at risk older adults in our community.

A successful 'woodlands for health' initiative in partnership with Get Ireland Walking, Coillte, Mental health Ireland, HSE, Healthy Cavan and Cavan Local Link took place over 12 weeks. Participants engaged within the HSE mental health services experienced a variety of weekly walks throughout the county based on the 'green prescription' model.

The dormant accounts fund continued to support the work of the Kilnaleck and Belturbet activity hubs while also providing a new accessible pool hoist for Cavan leisure complex to encourage greater participation in swimming for people with mobility issues. A coach education programme was delivered in partnership with 7 National Governing Bodies of Sport to support the capacity of local club coaches in the county.

The sports hall athletics programme was piloted in the county among primary schools with both mainstream and special schools taking part. CSP had an increase in demand of child safe-guarding courses throughout 2019 and facilitated these at both club and community level.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

In April 2019 the Town and Village Renewal Scheme was announced by the Minister for Rural and Community Development. Nine towns and villages successfully secured funding under this scheme; Kingscourt was awarded €95,140, Kilnaleck secured €85,917, Ballyhaise, Gowra and Mullagh were awarded €80,000 each, Swanlinbar secured €79,960 whilst Killeshandra was awarded €44,000 with Ballyconnell securing €33,440 and Butlersbridge securing €26,457. Works under the Town and Village renewal schemes will be completed in 2021.



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Town & Village Revitalisation Plans

Cavan County Council commissioned Gaffney & Cullivan Architects in association with Tyréns, urban renewal specialists, to complete Town & Village Revitalisation Plans for twenty towns and villages in County Cavan. The aim of these plans was to propose improvements that can enhance the town or village as an attractive place in which to live and work. The towns and villages included are Cavan, Virginia, Bailieborough, Ballyjamesduff, Cootehill, Kingscourt, Belturbet, Mullagh, Ballyconnell, Ballinagh, Ballyhaise, Shercock, Killeshandra, Arva, Kilnaleck, Swanlinbar, Butlersbridge, Blacklion, Gowna and Dowra. The plans will act as a catalyst to bring improvements to the towns of County Cavan and will provide a template for the revitalisation and development of each town.

The plans were formally launched in February 2019 by two Government Ministers - Minister Michael Ring and Minister Heather Humphreys.



Town Teams

Under Action 8.1a of the Local Economic Community Plan, Cavan Co Council, as Lead Partner, committed to establishing 'Town Teams' in a number of towns throughout the County. Town Teams are now in place in Cavan, Cootehill and Virginia and all are progressing a number of actions. The needs, aspirations and vision of the local communities is at the core of the Town Plans.



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Cavan Food Strategy

The Cavan Food Strategy 2017 – 2022 aims to promote a more coordinated and collaborative approach to the development of the ‘Cavan Food Product’.

Implementing the actions set out in the strategy will help strengthen our current food initiatives, encourage new activity and support all those involved in the food sector in Cavan.

The Cavan Food Network was formally launched in May 2019 with the assistance of James Burke, Food and Beverage Consultants. The energy and enthusiasm experienced at this launch event resulted in an External Working Group being formed consisting of representatives from the industry including chefs and producers and representative from the educational sector together with staff members from Cavan County Council. The External Working Group have worked tirelessly together with the Food Strategy Co-ordinator throughout 2019 to progress actions that were identified as priorities of the Cavan Food Strategy and that have been part funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the Rural Innovation and Development Fund (RIDF) Agri-Food Tourism measures and Cavan County Council including -

- Creation of a Cavan Food & Drink Producer Directory
- Provision of marketing materials to support the Cavan Food Network and the promotion of Cavan food
- Supports for the new food brand

Cavan was successful in getting into the final of the Foodie Destinations competition for the second year in a row, receiving lots of very positive and encouraging feedback from the Judges.



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Photo credited to photographer Sheila Rooney

Three Food Trails were organised in 2019 – the ‘Taste of Cavan’ Food Trail in August and a Christmas Food trail in December both in Cavan Town and a countywide food trail in October as part of the ‘Taste the Island’ initiative. A “Food Learnings from the South East” event was held in October 2019.

Designworks have developed a brand proposition that represents a unifying identity, narrative and brand image that can be adopted by all stakeholders. This new brand for Cavan Food will be launched in early 2020.

Tourism Strategy

Cavan tourism continues to work towards the implementation of the County Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2021 which aims to increase things for visitors to do in the county and increase bednights and subsequent visitor spend. Tourism in Cavan supports 3200 jobs and generates in the region of €95M to the local economy.



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Funding / Product Development

2019 resulted in positive funding announcements for Bawnboy Trail; Hawkswood Trail, Swanlinbar; Furnaceland / Aghnacally Trail in Swanlinbar; the Nun's Walk, Ballyjamesduff; and Geopark trails maintenance. Funding for the above was achieved under Measure 1 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019 and each project received €20,000 or less. Cavan County Council was successful in achieving €112,565 funding for one Measure 2 project under the same scheme to upgrade the access road into Castle Saunderson demesne.

The council has plans to further develop Cavan Burren Park, the Shannon Pot and Cavan County Museum and made applications to Fáilte Ireland under the 'Platforms for Growth' capital grants scheme in 2019. Cavan Burren Park / Shannon Pot project has proceeded onto the final stages of the funding competition while Cavan Museum was unsuccessful at Stage 2.

2019 saw progress in delivering works on the ground on projects funded in 2018. Works were progressed in Killykeen; Deerpark Forest; Flemings Folly, Castle lake and others.

Cavan County Council continued to work closely with Coillte to make plans for the future in regard to the further development and improvement of strategically important forest parks in the county such as Dun a Ri, Killykeen, Deerpark and Castle Lake, Bailieborough.

Cavan County Council received a grant of €404,389 in 2019 under Fáilte Ireland's **Destination Towns** funding stream. Combined with €139,129 of our own resources this creates a total investment of €540, 518 in Cavan town in 2020/21.

Angling

Cavan Tourism attended the '*Angling Ireland*' Expo in the National Show Centre in late February in Swords, promoting fishing holidays in County Cavan.

In addition, the Upper Shannon Erne Future Economy Group (USEFE), of which Cavan is a partner, supported a delegation of angling stakeholders from the region to attend two UK angling shows in 2019 - *The Big One* angling show in Farnborough in London in March and the *Great Northern Angling Show* in Manchester in February.



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Cavan Tourism also had a presence at the Utrecht Angling Fair in Holland as part of a group from BBI Travel, promoting fishing holidays and competitions in Cavan and Leitrim. **Photography**

Cavan Tourism invested in a suite of new professional outdoor trails photography for the County. Funding for this project was secured by the tourism office under ORIS 2018 and was completed in 2019. This will add to the extensive suite of photography which has been compiled by Cavan Tourism.



Dun a Ri Forest Park, as photographed by Tony Pleavin for Cavan Tourism

Guides

Cavan Tourism continued to produce and distribute a wide range of visitor maps and guides. These include Cavan Angling Guide; Walking Guide; General visitor information map; Guide to County Cavan. These are distributed throughout the county. In addition, a variety of merchandise such as tote bags, jackets, badges, keyrings, pens and pencils are produced and distributed at visitor shows, are used locally by hotels at conferences and are brought overseas by elected members etc.





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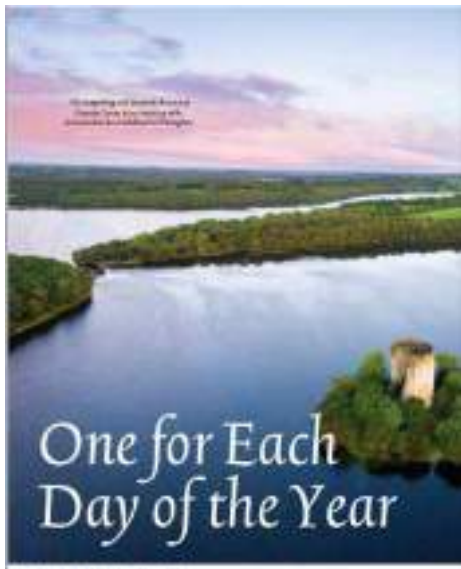


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Some of the merchandise produced by This is Cavan!

Familiarisation Trips

Cavan was included in a Fáilte Ireland familiarisation trip of overseas journalists in September 2019. In addition, journalist Domhnall O Donohoe visited Cavan in late 2019 for 'Ireland of the Welcomes' magazine and featured a number of attractions including Cavan County Museum, Clogh Oughter Castle and Crafts of Ireland in an eight-page article on the County. The trip was coordinated by Cavan Tourism, who also supplied the photography. See below.



Sections of the 8-page article on County Cavan in 'Ireland of the Welcomes'

Advertising

Articles and advertisements on holidays in County Cavan were also included in editions of the 'The Spirit of Ireland', Celtic Media Group holidays supplement; Ulster Tatler, 'Ireland at Your Leisure' and the Anglo Celt as part of the publicity around the annual Tourism & Business Awards.

The Ray Darcy Show broadcasted live from Cavan Town, on RTE Radio 1 in July as part of Fáilte Ireland's 'Yours to Uncover' summer marketing campaign for Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. Local tourism businesses were interviewed on the show and Ray visited Cavan Adventure Centre.



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Ray Darcy at Clogh Oughter Castle in July 2019

Trade Shows

This is Cavan! attended the Holiday World Show 2019 in the RDS. The Cavan stand promoted all accommodation providers, festivals and events, angling, walking, activities, and things to do in the County. Other attendees from Cavan included Cavan County Museum, the Geopark and the Breffni Arms hotel, all of which had a presence on the This is Cavan! stand.



Joanne Hayes, Tourism Officer, with Paul Kelly CE of Fáilte Ireland at the This is Cavan! stand

At the end of 2019, Cavan Tourism procured a large branded trade stand for members of the tourism trade to use while attending trade fairs into the future. Up to ten businesses can participate the stand at any one time.

This is Cavan! also attended or had a presence at several angling shows in 2019.

See angling section above.



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Digital Media

A digital media company were engaged by tourism to deliver a targeted online campaign to promote County Cavan in the summer months of 2019. A promotional online video was also produced along with a series of online ads for the County. Social media training was delivered to relevant staff.

In addition, This is Cavan! continued to deliver an in-house social media campaign for This is Cavan! using Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Cavan Tourism also supported the online promotion of the Taste of Cavan, Cavan Walking Festival and other events in the county. This is Cavan! had 16,000 fans on Facebook by end 2019 and maintained very high levels of engagement relative to similar counties.

Tourism Network

The first Cavan Tourism Trade Forum took place in the Cavan Crystal Hotel in May. Sixty-three people attended for a morning of networking, collaboration, and planning for the future.



Cavan Trade Forum in the Cavan Crystal Hotel, May 2019



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Two familiarisation trips for the trade subsequently took place – one in May and one in June. In total over 60 members of the tourism trade visited a number of attractions throughout the county including Cavan Museum, Cavan Burren Park, Crafts of Ireland, the Shannon Pot and others.

Newsletters on ‘*Cavan Calling 2020*’ and a ‘*Cavan Tourism Industry Update*’ have been separately sent to over 300 members of the tourism trade in County Cavan in Dec 2019.

Shannon -Erne Masterplan

An assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the tourism product in the Shannon region was undertaken by Waterways Ireland and Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Local Authority Representatives in 2019. Proposals are being made to grow a sustainable international tourism destination in the Shannon Corridor which respects the nature and diversity of the environment and its people. The project is running in parallel with the Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands branding project which is being led by Fáilte Ireland and of which Cavan is a partner.



Comhairle na nÓg 2019

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund provides €20,000 annually to local authorities to run an effective Comhairle na nÓg. Local authorities also provide resources for Comhairle na nÓg. Comhairle na nÓg Development Fund is managed and supported by Foroige and administered by Pobal.

Comhairle na nÓg are child and youth councils in the 31 local authorities of the



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country which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

Cavan Comhairle na nOg AGM was held Tuesday 22 October 2019 in the Virginia Show Centre, Virginia. From 9.30am to 2.30pm. All 11 post primary schools in Co Cavan attended. 34 new members signed up to Comhairle na nOg 2019/20 term. 170 young people attended the AGM. 7 current members attended the Dial na nOg event in Leinster House on Saturday 23rd November.

PEACE IV

A total of €3,128,825.00 was allocated to Cavan Co Council for the 2016-2019 period to deliver their Peace IV Local authority action plan which contained projects under the themes of:

- **Children and Young People;**
 1. Cavan Youth Arts Lab – Cavan Arts Office
 2. FACE OFF – CMETB
 3. Connecting People & Places – County Museum
- **Shared Spaces and Services;**
 1. Bailieborough Court House – Bailieborough Development Association
 2. Cavan County Museum
 3. Townhall Cavan
- **Building Positive Relations**
 1. Fostering Shared Communities – CMETB
 2. Building the capacity of minority communities -Cavan Traveller Movement
 3. Build greater community integration and cohesion – Cavan GAA (Breffni Park)
 4. Voices of the Troubles – Cavan County Library
 5. Cavan & the revolutionary period - Cavan County Library

18 small grants were delivered under the themes of Children & Young People and Building Positive Relations.



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Peace IV project activity was completed in September 2019 and a celebration closing event was held in the County Museum in August 2019. Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council, Cllr Shane P O'Reilly, and Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation, Heather Humphreys officially marked the closing of the Cavan County Council PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

The ceremony closed out with the PEACE-funded Military and Historical Event, which took place over Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2019, featuring exhibitions, talks, and military re-enactments.





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Local Enterprise Office



Local Enterprise Office Cavan (LEO Cavan) engaged in a broad range of activities throughout 2019. LEO Cavan forms part of a strong collaborative framework within County Cavan delivering supports and services to new and existing small businesses. The demand for our services is growing year on year as local businesses are expanding and competing in international markets. Demand for our services also reflects a wider trend of growing interest in self-employment and entrepreneurship.

The impact of BREXIT and the uncertainty surrounding future trading relationships and regulatory requirements understandably changes the economic landscape, particularly in the Border Region, and poses additional challenges to businesses in our county. As a LEO, we provide a range of supports for our clients to inform and assist them in dealing with the potential barriers they will undoubtedly face, as the uncertainty becomes a reality. This forms part of our ongoing drive to support our clients to evaluate their competitiveness and business operations, as they look to market diversification and try to remain resilient, viable and sustainable. Throughout 2019 LEO Cavan delivered a suite of Brexit related supports including, for example, customs training workshops, mentoring, Lean for Micro projects, Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters and Trading Online Vouchers.

Reflecting upon 2019, there have been some key outputs for LEO Cavan, illustrating the innovative and ambitious nature of our entrepreneurs in County Cavan. For example, 21 businesses were approved a total of €390,160 in LEO Measure 1 financial assistance and 2 business were approved a total of €246,224 in LEO Agile Innovation R&D financial assistance. In addition, 15 businesses were approved for



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Trading Online Voucher scheme funding in 2019 to develop their online trading presence and capacity. The number of gross jobs created in businesses supported by the LEO in 2019 was 215. Over the course of the year, 64 enterprise related training programmes and network events/seminars were delivered by LEO Cavan and attended by over 1300 participants availing of knowledge-based learning and information. This includes tailored networking workshops and seminars throughout the year aimed at increasing opportunities for businesses to network and communicate and develop their business skills and potential. Also during 2019, 80 businesses availed of our mentoring programme across a wide range of business areas, including ecommerce and trading online and 30 businesses engaged in a special Brexit Advisory mentoring programme. Demand and membership for our business networks remains strong and we look forward to continuing developing our business networks in 2020.

Local Enterprise Week 2020 opening event





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Promoting and highlighting enterprise and entrepreneurship as widely as possible is supported by initiatives such as Local Enterprise Week which took place from March 2nd to 6th, Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur, Student Enterprise Programme and the National Enterprise Awards. LEO Cavan was successful at the National Enterprise Awards in 2019 with a Cavan business winning the Innovation category. LEO Cavan also had a regional winner in Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition 2019, who represented LEO Cavan in the Best Established Business category at the National Finals.



Pictured at Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Regional Finals 2020: Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO Cavan; Caroline Thompson, Riverside Spa, Winner Best Established Business; Tara Smith, LEO Cavan; Andrea Corrigan, LEO Cavan.

The Local Enterprise Network National Enterprise Awards Programme aims to recognise and reward the commitment, dedication and entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses at local and national level. LEO Cavan encourages small businesses to showcase their business achievements, supporting their application



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through the county competition process. In 2019 LEO Cavan closed Local Enterprise Week with a special reception to announce the Cavan County Enterprise Award winners. Overall County winners Ice Cream Treats Ltd went forward to the National Finals where they won the Innovation Award.



Pictured at Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Regional Finals 2020: Mark Christal, Enterprise Ireland; Andrea Corrigan LEO Cavan; Gerry Sheridan Ice Cream Treats, Winners National Innovation Award; Minister Pat Breen; Kathryn O'Reilly Ice Cream Treats; Marcella Rudden, Head of Enterprise, LEO Cavan; Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive Cavan County Council.

Local Enterprise Office Cavan is a partner on the Enterprise Europe Network initiative which helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partner searches for EU funded R&D. On October 16th 2019 Local Enterprise Office Cavan a number of Cavan engineering firms participated in the EENGINEX Meet the Buyer and Matchmaking Event at the Combilift factory complex in Monaghan. The event, which was organised by EEN through the Local Enterprise Offices and Enterprise Ireland, offered Cavan



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businesses a valuable opportunity to engage in pre-arranged, face-to-face sales meetings with key buyers and other suppliers from Ireland and UK and also included support for businesses on issues such as Brexit and LEAN manufacturing. LEO Cavan will continue to promote the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) in 2020 to facilitate linkages and potential business partnership and trading opportunities across the EU.

Cavan Digital Hub opened to its first tenants in June 2019. Since then, several companies, including Public Relay (an IDA client company), have taken up occupation of offices on long term leases. Several others have been hiring dedicated desks or hot desks on short term agreements or hiring the Innovation Suite meeting and event facilities. Cavan Digital Hub and LEO Cavan hosted a number of high profile enterprise events during 2019, for example, 18th July - **Future Jobs Ireland** consultation forum on remote working held by Heather Humphreys, TD, Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, and Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment; 4th September – an event with **eBay and IDA** promoting remote and home working opportunities with eBay for Cavan job seekers; 5th December – **Regional Presence Global Impact** - Industry Engagement evening – a collaboration with The Hive Carrick On Shannon and guest speakers from DKIT and Public Relay; 30th December – **Diaspora Drop In Day** – a USEFE collaboration with Leitrim, Longford and Roscommon County Councils to promote job opportunities in the region for Diaspora visiting home at Christmas. LEO Cavan continues to promote Cavan Digital Hub and to refer local businesses and entrepreneurs to its facilities, including new long-term office tenants, medium-term ‘dedicated desk’ users, and short term ‘hot-desk’ users. Cavan Digital Hub facilities are also being promoted for use by companies and local, regional and national stakeholders as a venue for holding enterprise and digital economy events.

LEO Cavan is actively engaged in all National LEO programmes and initiatives including the Local Enterprise Village at the National Ploughing Championships, Showcase, National Women’s Enterprise Day, Food Academy as well as local strategies for County Cavan including the Food and Digital Strategies.



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LEO Cavan will continue to work closely with Cavan County Council and other partners in the development and delivery of the new Cavan Food Network and the associated new Created in Cavan brand which was recently launched as an expression of the collective community of food and drink producers and food tourism services participating in the supply, production and service of quality local food and drink across County Cavan.

Networking remains a core demand led business support that LEO Cavan have successfully provided over the past number of years. CBWC (Cavan Business Women's Club) has continued to flourish and retain an engaging, interactive membership. LEO Cavan hosted a National Women's Enterprise Day event on October 17th, 2019 with over 70 women from the Cavan region, including members and guests of Cavan Business Women's Club, attending the networking event to celebrate female entrepreneurs in the region.



Pictured at Cavan's National Women's Enterprise Day event 2019 are: L-R: Margaret McKeon Boyle, Co-Ordinator, Cavan Business Women's Club; Andrea Corrigan LEO Cavan; Guest speaker Patricia O'Reilly and NWED Ambassador Vicki O'Toole, JJ O'Toole Ltd.; Marcella Rudden, Head



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of Enterprise, LEO Cavan.

Our commitment in 2020 is to continue to provide the best service we can to our clients, encouraging and fostering new start-ups, supporting the expansion of established businesses and utilising the resources, knowledge and expertise that we have, in pursuit of a thriving sustainable county economy.

Finance, ICT, Emergency Services

Finance

The provision of accurate and timely financial information in respect of all Council services and ensuring appropriate effective internal control procedures are in place. The Finance Department plays an important role in the support and delivery of services. It deals with the financial management and financing of the Authority's operations, both of a revenue and capital nature, across all Service Divisions.

The primary objectives are to:

- Achieve the financial objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan
- Provide and promote the best financial management and practices throughout the Council
- Manage the financial affairs of the Council
- Ensure that statutory and financial accounting principles, which apply to all County Council financial transactions, are complied with
- Ensure that adequate internal controls are in operation to safeguard the assets of the organisation, and ensure the accuracy and reliability of the accounting records
- Ensure that value for money is achieved throughout the organization



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Loans

The Council has 185 loan accounts which generated mortgage repayments of €495,000 during 2019.

During 2019 Cavan County Council has continued to proactively engage with customers who have found themselves in unsustainable arrears positions.

Provision of Payroll Function

This service involves the processing and payment of wages and salaries for all staff including deduction of P.A.Y.E., P.R.S.I., other statutory and non-statutory deductions and completion of all relevant returns. There are approximately 501 employees on Cavan County Council's payroll. In addition to this, the Payroll function processes payments for the Council's Pensioners and Elected Members. Total payroll costs were €26.9m in 2019.

Rates

A total of 2,584 Rate Demands were issued for the year 2019 which resulted in a total levy of €14,277,348. The Annual Rate on Valuation fixed by the Council for the year was €60.87. An amount of €12,389,243 was receipted in respect of commercial rates for the year ending 31st December 2019.

The Revaluation for County Cavan was completed by the Valuation Office during the year. In September 2019, the Valuation Office issued final Valuation Certificates to ratepayers in County Cavan.

Rates are a charge on the occupation of commercial and industrial property and are a major contributor to the funding of and delivery of services by local authorities each year. Rates payable by an individual ratepayer are a product of the Net Annual Value (NAV) set by the Valuation Office and the Annual Rates on Valuation (ARV), set by Cavan County Council. The outcome of the revaluation will become effective from January 2020.



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Over 66% of ratepayers in County Cavan will see a reduction in their rates liability in 2020 after the revaluation process which is in line with the outcome of other revaluations conducted to date under the National Revaluation Programme.

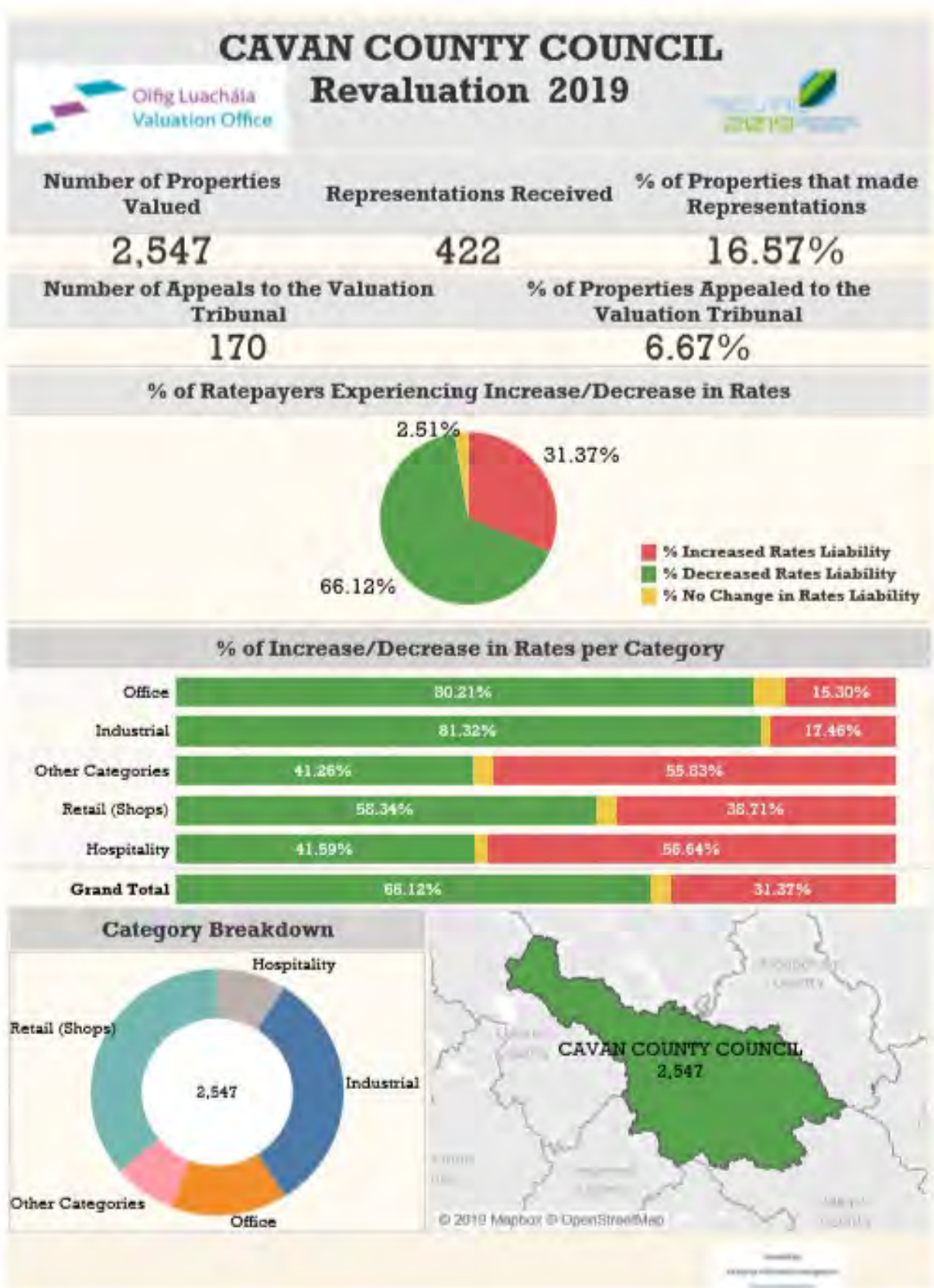
The four main categories of ratable property in every local authority are Retail (Shops), Offices, Industrial Units and businesses in the Hospitality Sector such as licensed premises and hotels. These categories make up over 90% of the ratepayers in County Cavan. The “Other” category includes properties such as supermarkets, retail warehouses, cinemas, carparks, stadia, tolls, nursing homes, wind farms, service stations, quarries, clubhouses and advertising stations.



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Procurement

Our Mission Statement

“To ensure that Cavan County Council’s Procurement function is discharged with probity, transparency and accountability, adheres to EU/National Law and National guidelines, and operates in the most efficient and effective way to support value for money purchasing while achieving the required standards to deliver quality services to the citizens of County Cavan”.

Procurement

A new procurement strategy was launched in April 2019 following a significant review of the Council’s procurement structure and procurement function, by Senior Management and the Procurement Officer.

Key to this strategy was the introduction of a new Corporate Procurement Plan 2019-2022.

The Plan promoted strong governance within Cavan County Council and introduced strategic measures for implementation, while supporting and reaffirming, controls and procedures already put in place during the lifetime of the previous plan. It also established a platform for new organisational and procedural controls to further strengthen the council's procurement function going forward.

The Plan introduced:-

- A new Central Tendering Administration Unit (**CTA Unit**)
- A new Procurement Steering Group
- A new Quarterly Public Procurement Monitoring Report
- New measurable actions and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)
- Stronger controls for the Requisition / Purchase to Pay Cycle
- Stronger controls for the use of Low Value Purchase Cards



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- Revised Local rules for tendering requirements valued below the National Threshold
- Revised Local rules for tendering requirements valued above the National Threshold
- Revised staff approval limits for Purchase Orders
- Revised staff approval limits for entering into / signing Contracts

And also reaffirmed:-

- The use of Procurement References and Quotation Forms
- The proper use of Chief Executive Orders

The Council's procurement function remains intrinsically linked to the principles and strategic objectives of the organisation's Corporate Plan and the Corporate Procurement Plan puts in place the principles and proper foundation on which the Council's procurement function will operate.

A new Council Procurement Procedure Manual was also introduced to provide operational protocols and procedures required to deliver and support the strategy outlined in the Corporate Procurement Plan going forward.

During 2019, staff were given continued procurement support and guidance from the Procurement Officer and the new Central Tendering Administration Unit (**CTA Unit**). Quotation and Tendering assistance were provided to all Departments and Sections throughout the Organisation e.g. Community and Enterprise, Arts, Housing Construction, Roads, Environment, Planning, Fire Service, Library Services and Local Enterprise Office.

The Procurement Officer held meetings with Department Heads, Section Heads and various other staff groups throughout the year to ensure proper roll out of the new strategy and a new Procurement Steering Group was established, the members of



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which help to spread the procurement message to their respective Sections and Departments.

A new Quarterly Public Procurement Monitoring Report was introduced to provide the Chief Executive (CE) with a quarterly oversight on the procurement compliance of all Departments within the organisation.

The Procurement Officer and the I.T Department are in the process of developing an electronic version of the Monitoring Report and hope to launch this new Reporting system in 2020. This should help improve the gathering and viewing of Data through more efficient means.

Continued compliance with The Public Spending Code

In 2019 the Procurement Officer also coordinated, compiled and submitted the Council's Quality Assurance report for 2018 to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) as required under the Department of Public Expenditure and Reforms **Public Spending Code**.

The report noted that the checklists completed by Cavan County Council showed a high level of compliance with the Public Spending Code and the in-depth checks carried out on a selection of projects/programmes revealed no major issues which would cast doubt on the Council's compliance with the Code.

Cavan County Council's report coordinated by the Procurement Officer contained:-

- An inventory list for 2018 (totalling **€503,481,249.51**) of all current and capital Projects / Programmes whose expenditure / lifetime cost in 2018 exceeded €0.5m.
 - **87** Projects/programmes were identified
 - **25** projects / programmes were being considered in 2018
 - **56** projects / programmes incurred expenditure in 2018
 - **6** projects / programmes ended in 2018



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- A summary of all procurements above €10m.
- A completed set of checklists (7 in total) for the whole organisation based on **18 samples** taken across the organisation, representing **32%** of the total relevant expenditure in the 2018 inventory list.
- A summary of the Internal Auditors in dept checks representing **1%** of the total value of all Current (revenue) projects / programmes identified in the Inventory list for **2018** and **29%** of the total value of all Capital projects / programmes identified in the Inventory list for **2018**.

Internal Audit

Internal Audit provides an independent appraisal function that is charged with conducting reviews on the policies, plans, procedures, practises and performances of the organisation. Its prime objective is to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls within Cavan County Council. The role of Internal Audit contributes to the economic and efficient use of resources and is very much a core element of good corporate governance which is pivotal to achieving the main priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan.

The core control areas examined include:

- Accounting and management systems
- Compliance with internal controls
- Adequacy and integrity of the financial data produced
- Compliance with laws and regulations
- Exposure to fraud and / or corruption
- Effective use and safeguarding of assets
- Economic, efficient and effective use of resources

It is the policy of Cavan County Council to maintain and support a quality Internal Audit function in accordance with the Internal Audit Charter. All Council's activities



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fall within the remit of Internal Audit. The Internal Auditor reports directly to the Chief Executive and the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

Value for Money

Local authorities including Cavan County Council operate in an environment that requires accountability and transparency of all management decisions taken. The Council must ensure that its services are operated in an economical, efficient and effective manner with an increased emphasis placed on achieving Value for Money and maximising performance levels throughout the organisation.

Internal Audit Training & Seminars

Various courses & seminars were attended by the Internal Auditor during 2019. These included Regulatory Audit Training on SICAP, the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme and the Article 48 Leader Funding Assessment Procedures as formally undertaken by Pobal. The Internal Auditor also attended Local Government Internal Auditor Network (LGIAN) Synergy Sessions and seminars on the International Internal Auditing Standards.

In Sept 2019 the Head of Internal Audit was awarded the Chartered Internal Auditor's Qualification- as a Chartered Member of the Institute of Internal Auditor

An Awareness Programme on the Importance of Supporting Good Corporate Governance within the organisation was also presented to all Council Officials by the Internal Audit Unit.

Annual Audit Plan 2019

The Annual Audit Plan for 2019 set out specific audit reviews to be undertaken based on the availability of staff resources and the potential risks identified by the Directors of Service, the Audit Committee and the Local Government Auditor.



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Internal Audit Work 2019

The audit work undertaken during 2019 incorporated control inspections in the Motor Tax Office, the Ramor Theatre and the Cashier Offices / Customer Service Desk. Specific audits reviews were also undertaken in relation the Part V Planning & Social Housing Procedures of the Council, the Purchase to Pay Control Procedures operated in the Bailieborough Cootehill Municipal District, Cavan Town Car Parking Charges System, the Risk Registers Procedures of the Council, the Operations of Cavan Sport Partnership, Regulatory Public Spending Code In-depth Reviews on 1) The Proposed East West Link Road (Dundalk to Sligo) SRLR Scheme, 2) The Provision of Public Lighting in County Cavan and a Review of SICAP- the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme as managed by Breffni Integrated on behalf of the LCDC.

Internal Audit also undertook the new Article 48 Leader Funding Checking Procedures covering 34 project applications valued €1,938,660 including 34 expenditure claims amounting €1,550,206.

Various audit requests from the Local Government Auditors were processed with the effectiveness of Internal Audit considered a key factor in the Local Government Auditor's assessment of the controlled environment of the Local Authority.

Audit Committee

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provided statutory effect to the Action Programme for effective Local Government and re-stated the legislative provisions relating to audit committees.

The Audit Committee has an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of Cavan County Council.



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The current Audit Committee was established by resolution upon nomination by the Corporate Policy Group of the Local Authority and following consultation with the Chief Executive. Their term of office is concurrent with that of the elected Council which commenced on 1st June 2019 and will terminate on 31st May 2024.

The particulars of the (AC) Audit Committee members are as follows:

Former AC June 2014 - May 2019	New AC June 2019 – May 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Con Dolan (Chairperson) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonia McEntee (Chairperson)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Lalor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Con Dolan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ Dunne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Corcoran
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Madeleine Argue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Madeleine Argue
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As a result of the change of the committee in 2019 the members met on 3 occasions. They have a crucial role in the governance framework of Cavan County Council, particularly in the context of scarce resources, risk management, and public sector accountability.

During the year the committee met with the Chief Executive Mr Tommy Ryan and various line managers to discuss a broad range of issues. Areas of priority included the Annual Budgets and Financial Statements, the Internal Audit Charters Plans and Annual Audit Work Programme, Annual Performance Indicators.

Overview

Internal Audit is proactively working with management to provide assurance that the existing internal controls and processes are sufficient to optimise the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan.

This report highlights some of main activities performed by Internal Audit in 2019 that are key to identifying and addressing any significant risks facing the Council.



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During 2019 additional staff resources were allocated to Internal Audit to assist with the new SICAP Regulatory Audit responsibilities and the Article 48 Leader Funding Verification requirements of the Council.

As always Internal Audit is committed to responding to the changing demands of Cavan Local Authority and will endeavour to optimise its governance contribution to the organisation in accordance with the Strategic Audit Plan.

Based on the audit reviews undertaken reasonable assurance was provided to all relevant stakeholders that the operations and governance structures of the organisation incorporate best management practices, value for money principles, accountability and transparency that ensures maximum efficiencies are achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted with work of the Internal Auditor during the year. The guidance of the Chief Executive Tommy Ryan, A/Head of Finance Margaret Mohan, the Financial Accountant Bernadette Smith and the Local Government Auditors Paddy McCabe and Martin White is always greatly appreciated. Internal Audit also acknowledges the work and support of the Senior Management Team and the Audit Committee.

Motor Taxation

Cavan County Council's Motor Tax Section is responsible for:

- Issue of vehicle licence
- Issue of duplicate Registration Books, Receipts and Trade Plates for motor traders
- Processing change of ownerships and refunds
- Issuing S103's and CT53's Certificates

The continuing decline in the numbers of the public attending the Motor Tax Office to conduct their business was reflected in revenue receipted during the year for motor



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tax and other transactions. The total receipts amounted to €4,342,804 in 2019, down from €4,772,292 in 2018. This represents a decrease of € 429,488 in revenue over 2018. The main reason for this is the continued growth in the use of the Motor Tax Online service.

Breakdown of income and transactions:

	Total Transactions	Total Income
Vehicle Licences	21,985	€4,004,361
Trade Licences	57	€20,121
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,097	€19,363
Arrears	3,645	€298,959
Total	27,784	€4,342,804

Motor Tax Online:

In addition, 72,965 transactions were processed online, and revenue collected amounted to €11,558,731. The Motor tax online service is available to owners of private cars, motorcycles, agricultural tractors, exempt vehicles, motor caravans, and commercial vehicles for renewal. Customers are encouraged to avail of the online service by logging onto www.motortax.ie



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Service Indicators

M.1 Number & Percentage of Motor Tax Transactions	2019
Number which are dealt with over the counter	23,295
Number which are dealt with by post	3,383
% which are dealt with over the counter	87.32%
% which are dealt with by post	12.68%
M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications	
Number which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	2,787
Number which are dealt with on the 2nd or 3rd day from receipt of application	463
Number which are dealt with on the 4th or 5th day from receipt of the application	72
Number which are dealt with in over 5 days from receipt of the application	61
% which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	82.38%
% which are dealt with on the 2nd or 3rd day from receipt of the application	13.69%
% which are dealt with on the 4th or 5th day from receipt of the application	2.13%
% which are dealt with in over 5 days from receipt of the application	1.8%
M.4 Public opening hours	
Average number of opening hours per week	32.5

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

The ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Section reports to the Head of Finance & IT and is responsible for managing the organisations ICT infrastructure, websites, software applications, GIS systems and digital transformation initiatives. This includes local (LAN) and wide area (WAN) networks combined of wired and wireless links which enable voice and data communications for the organisation.



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Geographic Information Systems.

The GIS section facilitate the development and use of GIS within the Council. This involves implementing the GIS strategy, providing support for existing users, while capturing and processing geographic data, promoting GIS throughout the Council, provide GIS training and liaison with external partners. Key projects in GIS during 2019 were:

- Tender process completed and contract awarded to IMGS to implement a new GIS system using M.App Enterprise software. This will provide a new internal GIS Web Viewer, new software to plot datasets such as Planning applications, an internet GIS Web Viewer, and new mobile GIS Software.
- Training of the new system has been completed and work is underway to import our data into the new system.
- Significant progress has been made on data cleansing of our current data which is required before the data can be imported into the new system.
- Mobile apps were created to allow data to be captured onsite for H&S, Environment, Waste Management and Vacant Sites.
- Daily GIS activities included data capture, maintenance of third-party datasets and support to the business areas of the Council in GIS technologies.

Network Infrastructure.

The I.S. department is responsible for the Council's network infrastructure and for ensuring the availability and security of ICT systems and services. As a result of the LGMA decision to withdraw from operational IT the National Active Directory Forest of which Cavan was a tenant was to be discontinued. This impacted upon all I.S. systems and services and in 2019, significant resources went into setting up a new locally hosted Active Directory estate and migrating all user accounts, devices, systems and services into this new environment.

Other projects in this area included:

- New Wi-Fi solution in our main Council buildings
- Replacement of main firewall.
- Setup of ICT infrastructure for local election count centre.



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- Tender process completed for full replacement of server infrastructure.
- Network switch replacement.
- Upgrade of all remaining Windows 2003 servers.

Digital Transformation Team

The Digital Transformation Team focuses on progressing the Digital Strategy and increasing mobility and digital awareness of council staff. Providing better services to the public and involving citizens in digital transformation is also a priority.

- First draft of the Digital Strategy for County Cavan completed.
- Procurement for WiFi4EU initiative, a free, open-access WIFI networks in 4 communities throughout county Cavan.
- The National Broadband Plan has been awarded at national level and the ongoing participation of Cavan County Council in the national Broadband Officers network is supporting the delivery of the plan.
- Initiation of Broadband Connection Point project (BCPs) in twelve rural communities. Each BCP will provide high speed broadband access to the local community at the selected location.
- Implementation of the Office 365 strategy to improve workflow efficiency and reduce IT Infrastructure Investment.

ICT Security.

The ICT security function ensures the safety and security of our data and systems.

- Multifactor authentication implemented on all email and O365 accounts.
- Installation of new network firewalls with full redundancy.
- New MDM solution on all new mobile phones.
- Cyber security training included as part of new staff inductions.
- Replacement of Internet proxy server.

Operations.

Daily technical support to all users Indoor/Outdoor of Cavan County Council's IT infrastructure.

- Over 95% of our Windows 7 PC's replaced.



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- Replacement of remote access software.
- Introduction of paperless meetings for elected members.
- Migration of Council mobile phone fleet to new provider.
- Replacement of public PC's in branch libraries.
- 3,296 calls logged on IT Helpdesk in 2019.

Cavan County Fire Service



The new Virginia Fire Station which became operational during 2019

Cavan County Council employed 87 retained Firefighters in 10 fire stations located around the County at the end of 2019. During 2019, 2 firefighters retired from the Fire Service and 2 new firefighters were recruited and completed initial training.



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New recruits Conor Harrington (Cavan) and Vincent Conaty (Ballyjamesduff) with CFO Noel O'Reilly at their passing out parade following the successful completion of their QQI Firefighting Skills course with Galway Fire Service

Service Indicators

F1: Cost per Capita of the Fire Service

Cost per Capita of the Fire Service €52.04

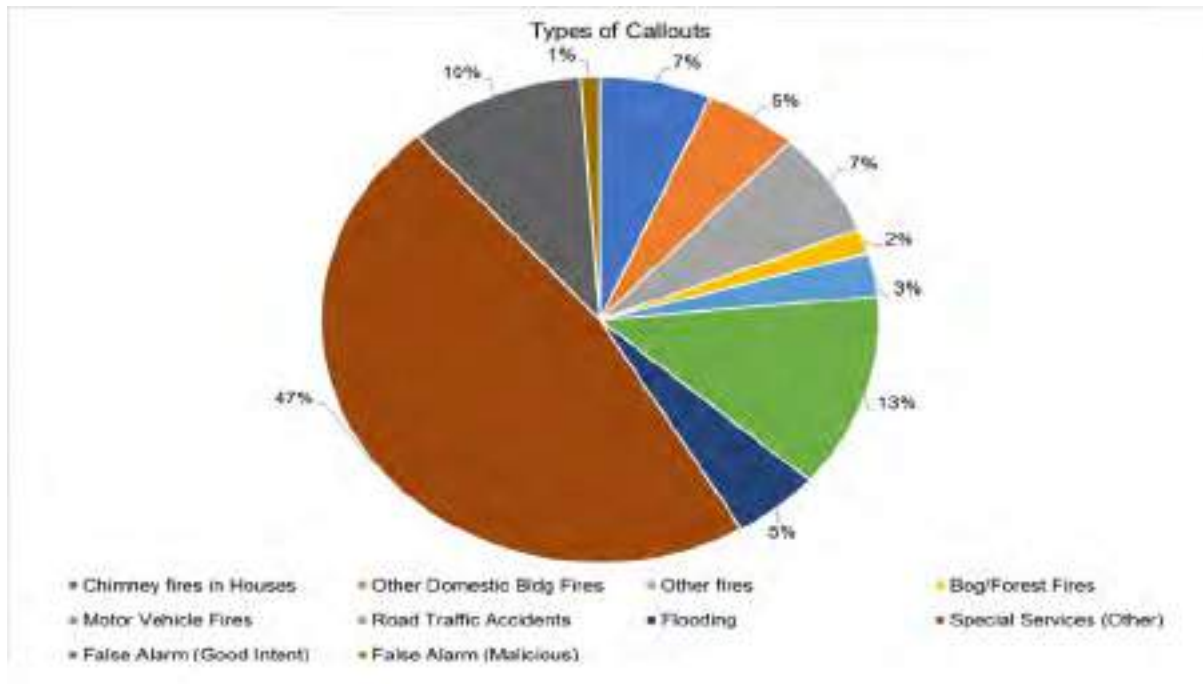
F2: Service Mobilisation

	Fire	Non-Fire
Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades	6:01	6:16

F3: Percentage Attendance Times at Scenes

	Fire		Non-Fire	
	%	No.	%	No.
First attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	29.68	46	29.49	92
First attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	56.77	88	46.79	146
First attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes	13.55	21	23.72	74

Fire Service Call Outs



The Fire Service had 692 responses to 623 incidents in 2019, which is a slight decrease from 2018.



Cavan Town crew dealing with a domestic fire in a derelict building in the town



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Capital Programme

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government approved a new Fire Appliance for Cavan County Fire Service in the Capital Programme in 2017 and the vehicle was delivered in the third quarter of 2019. This vehicle is based in Bailieborough



Pictured at the handing over of a new fire appliance to Cavan County Council by HPMP, Tullow, County Carlow are the Elected Members and Senior Management Team of Cavan County Council.

The construction of a new fire station in Virginia was completed in September 2019 by Gowna Construction as the principal contractors. The Official Opening of the station was conducted by Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation and Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly, Cathaoirleach, Cavan County Council 25th November 2019.



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Pictured at the Official Opening of the new Virginia Fire Station on 25th November 2019 are the elected representatives from County Cavan in the presence of Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation and Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive, Cavan County Council.

The Construction of a new Fire station at Ballyjamesduff was identified in the 2016 – 2020 Fire Service Capital Programme as one of 16 new priority projects. The Council received approval from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to proceed with tendering this project on 22nd October 2019. As part of the tender preparation a Part VIII Planning Application was submitted in December 2019.

Major Emergency Planning

The arrangements for major emergency management in County Cavan were reviewed during 2019 and a familiarisation exercise was held in the Courthouse in Cavan on the 27th March 2019, involving personnel from Cavan County Council, An Garda Síochána and the HSE including Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive, Cavan County Council, John O'Reilly, Chief Superintendent of the Cavan/Monaghan Garda Division and Cathal Hand, HSE Network Manager.



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The Courthouse in Cavan is the Local Co-Ordination Centre in the event of a Major Emergency in the County and is used for regional working group and steering group meetings during the year. Noel O'Reilly and John McKernan attended a regional training course for the role of On-Site Co-Ordinator in January in Monaghan. Olivia Smith and Olga Connolly attended a regional training course on the information management system in December in Ardee.

Fire Safety in Ireland

The Report of the Fire Safety Task Force was published by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management on the 28th May 2018. The report identifies current arrangements for fire safety in Ireland and describes the actions that were taken post the devastating Grenville Tower fire in London. While the report primarily looks at building design and management regarding fire safety, it also describes arrangements for intervention by local authority fire service in the event of an outbreak of fire. The implementation of the recommendations within the report are continuing.

Training

In 2019 dedicated training courses were provided in a wide range of potential activities that fire service personnel may encounter during the course of their employment, these included : Breathing Apparatus Refresher, Breathing Apparatus Maintenance, Compartment Fire Behaviour, Advance Driver Training in preparation for assessment by RSA Testers for compliance with the Emergency Services Driving Standards, Incidents involving Hazardous Materials, Chainsaw Operator Refresher, Emergency Fire Responder, Health & Safety, National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management Courses for both Junior & Senior Fire Officers.



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As part of a recruitment campaign FF Pamela Donohoe (Cootehill), SO Joey McDonald (Cavan), FF Olga Brady (Virginia) & FF Andrew Murray (Cavan) promoted the role of Cavan County Fire Service within the community.

Fire Prevention

Public houses, Hotels, restaurants, community halls, clubs and petrol stations are inspected each year in response to legislative requirements and the processing of applications for liquor licences, dance licences, club licences, dangerous substance licences and Gaming and Lottery Licences.

A continuing programme of community fire safety is carried out each year throughout the County. The fire service endeavours to visit third class in every primary school in the County each year to deliver the primary schools programme. Almost eighty schools were visited, and safety packs given out to every student in the class. The smoke alarm programme is another initiative specifically targeted towards identifying vulnerable persons in our community. Free smoke alarms were issued to almost two hundred vulnerable persons. A number of community fire safety talks were delivered



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by the local firefighters of each station to groups across the County.

Under the Building Control Regulations Fire Safety Certificates are required prior to the construction, extension or material alteration of most buildings excluding dwelling houses and agricultural buildings. A total of 64 Fire Safety Certificate Applications were received in 2019 with fees totalling €99,411.22.

Health and Safety

The process of reviewing the competency and safety standards of the contractors and service providers to the Fire Service is ongoing. The County Council has an occupational Health Scheme and the Firefighters undergo medical examination under the National Firefighters Agreement.

All vehicles are independently checked and tested to ensure that they are roadworthy.

Presentation of 1916-2016 Centenary Medals

The issuing of 1916 – 2016 Commemorative medals was originally a commitment in 'A Programme for Partnership Government' for the Defence Forces. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government Medals commissioned medals in recognition of the role played by staff working in the Fire Services in relation to the 1916 commemorations. All Fire Services staff serving in 2016 – a total of 3,800 nationwide - are eligible to receive the medal, to honour the legacy of continued service by the fire service to the state since its foundation. The medals acknowledge the work of the fire services across the country over the past 100 years, as well as the role that the fire brigades played in the 1916 Easter Rising.

The 1916 - 2016 Commemorative medals depict a flame representing the role of the fire services. The medal ribbon is of the Irish flag colours, with red outer strips to represent the fire service. The obverse side depicts the official Government 1916-2016 logo.



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On 25th November 2019 Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation, Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly, Cathaoirleach, Cavan County Council and Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive, Cavan County Council presented 1916 - 2016 Commemorative medals to relatives of deceased firefighters, retired firefighters, Station Officers representing all Fire Stations within the county and the members of the Virginia Unit. All the remaining medals were presented by CFO Noel O'Reilly over the subsequent weeks. A total of 98 personnel from Cavan County Fire Service received 1916 - 2016 Commemorative medals.



Picture of the 1916 – 2016 Commemorative medals

Retirement of Fire Service Personnel

Patrick Duignan, Station Officer, Ballyconnell Fire Brigade and Pat McGovern, Driver, Dowra Fire Brigade, retired during 2019. Both had given 31 years of service and commitment to the Fire Service.

We thank Patrick and Pat for everything they did for Cavan County Fire Service



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Civil Defence Officer

In June 2019, Cavan County Civil Defence was delighted to appoint John Maguire as its first full time Civil Defence Officer for Cavan. This is a testimony to Cavan having the highest number of Volunteers of any county except Dublin. The appointment of a full time Civil Defence Officer this is a very welcome development and shows the volunteers that their contribution to the wellbeing of the population of the county is appreciated.

Operational Duties

Cavan County Civil Defence volunteers attended 127 duties during 2019 including:

- Gaelic football matches
- Hurling matches
- Rugby matches
- Triathlons
- Charity events (walks/runs/cycles)
- Military and Historical Display at the County Museum
- Handball
- Taste of Cavan
- Boxty across the Border
- Mullahoran Music Festival
- Walking Festival
- Virginia Show



The Civil Defence Flag at the Parade during the Military and Historical Display



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A major undertaking was providing ambulance and medical cover to the three-day Northern Ireland Equestrian Festival at the Cavan Equestrian Centre, which is reputed to be the biggest indoor equestrian event in Ireland.

Cavan County Civil Defence boat team provided safety boats, while the ambulance crew were on standby for the Blessing of Graves on St, Mogue's Island in Templeport as part of the Bawnboy Community Festival.



Cavan County Civil Defence team at Templeport for the Blessing of the Graves on St. Mogue's Island

Cavan County Civil Defence assisted both Meath and Monaghan Civil Defence during 2019, Meath Civil Defence were assisted at the Slane Concert (boat cover on the river) and at the Moylagh 50-mile Challenge (first aid posts and radio control for the entire event) which commenced at 08.00 am on 8th June 2019 and ran until 2.00 am the following morning. Monaghan Civil Defence were assisted with drone coverage and ambulance support for their Major Emergency Exercise in November.

Cavan County Civil Defence were called out by An Garda Síochána on three occasions during 2019 to assist with searches and the drone team assisted the Local Authority engineering section with flooding surveys. In January, volunteers used four-wheel drive jeeps to assist with delivering meals on wheels and the transportation of District Nurses during poor road conditions in West Cavan.



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Training

During the training year from, October to April, there were 13 first aid classes per week in 11 different centres and the rope rescue and boat training continued throughout the year except for August.

Cavan County Civil Defence hosted two Regional training days: one in March for Auxiliary Fire Service from Cavan, Donegal, Meath and Monaghan in Belturbet and one in May for the Rope Rescue Service in Nulty's Quarry in Castletara.

In April, to mark the end the training year, Cavan County Civil Defence held a first aid competition between the classes. Initially, there were two heats (West and East of the county), while the final was held in the Hotel Kilmore. This proved a very enjoyable event.

During the year, 6 volunteers qualified as Emergency First Responders, 30 volunteers completed off road driving training with Terrafirma in Monaghan and 6 volunteers qualify for their Marine Band VHF Licence, bringing the total number of boat crew members with this licence to 14.

Cavan County Civil Defence's boating instructor qualified as a level two powerboat instructor, which will prove a great advantage to the boating team as training can now be provided in-house. The first aid instructors provided CPR +AED and first aid classes for many groups in the county including Cavan Men's Shed, St. Patricks College, The Royal School, Breffni College, the Geopark, staff from Cavan County Council and many local GAA clubs. We also provided training to the public at events such as the Military and Historical event and Science week.



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Teaching Basic Life Saving skills to the public at one of the many events covered

Cavan County Civil Defence also assisted the Cavan County GAA Board with their Healthy U initiative at Breffni Park by giving basic lifesaving training and health checks to the public during their promotion.

Other Developments

During the year Cavan Civil Defence were provided with two bicycles for use by our medics. These have proven very useful in other counties and will be used at 5/10k walks and runs and at events in crowded areas. A new Ford Ranger Jeep was also added to the fleet, which will be a great help in severe weather and to assist with transporting of boats.

Long Service Awards

In April 2019, Chief Fire Officer Noel O'Reilly presented long service medals to 15 volunteers, eight 10-year service medals, six 20-year service medal and one 50-year service medal. Elizabeth Baxter is only the second volunteer within Cavan Civil



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Defence to receive a 50-year service medal.



Elizabeth Baxter receiving her 50-year service medal from Noel O'Reilly, CFO



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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Summary of Expenditure and Income Revenue Account 2019

	2019 €000	2018 €000
Expenditure (A)	70,157	68,452
Receipts		
State Grants	30,458	27,150
Good & Services	16,160	17,725
Commercial Rates	13,884	13,931
Other Local Authorities	174	165
Local Government Fund	9,481	9,481
Total Income (B)	70,157	68,452
(Deficit) / Surplus (B-A=C)	0	0
Opening Revenue		
Balance 1st January (D)	1,743	1,743
Closing Revenue		
Balance at 31st December (C+D+E)	1,743	1,743

Revenue Expenditure 2019

	€M	% of total Expenditure
Housing and Building	9.09	12.95%
Road, Transport and Safety	22.85	32.57%
Water Supply and Sewerage	8.85	12.61%
Development Incentives and Control	7.50	10.70%
Environmental Services	7.23	10.30%
Recreation and Amenity	5.98	8.52%
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	0.63	0.90%
Miscellaneous	5.73	8.17%
Transfer to Capital	2.30	3.27%
Total	70.16	100.00%



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Capital Account 2019

	Expenditure	Income
	2019	2019
	€000	€000
Programme Group		
Housing and Building	13,605	13,315
Road, Transport and Safety	7,951	7,230
Water Supply and Sewerage	621	620
Development Incentives and Control	3,642	3,780
Environmental Services	1,793	1,731
Recreation and Amenity	2,039	1,533
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	0	0
Miscellaneous	2,748	1,754
Total	32,400	29,963

Revenue Income 2019

	€M	% of total Income
Housing and Building	10.11	14.41%
Road, Transport and Safety	16.00	22.81%
Water Supply and Sewerage	8.89	12.68%
Development Incentives and Control	3.73	5.32%
Environmental Services	2.09	2.98%
Recreation and Amenity	1.97	2.80%
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	0.47	0.67%
Miscellaneous	3.53	5.04%
Rates	13.88	19.79%
Local Government Fund	9.48	13.51%
Pension Levy	0.00	0.00%
Total	70.16	100.00%