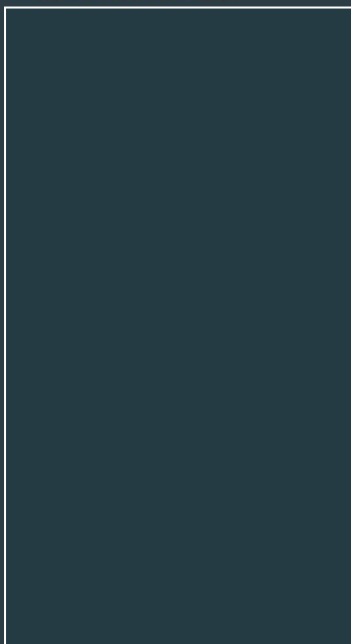


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Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



White Paper on Water Services

Minister Darragh O'Brien, TD published the policy paper "*Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility*" on 23rd February 2021 following its approval at Cabinet.

This Policy Paper sets out the Government's expectations on the next steps in the transformation of the water sector that will lead to the retention of Irish Water as a national, publicly-owned, regulated, water services utility.

Irish Water will integrate the day to day operation and delivery of water services into its own organisational structure, in place of the current Service Level Agreement, on a phased basis. In preparation for such integration of services under Irish Water, an engagement process will commence under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) to identify a stable operational framework for the future delivery of water services and this engagement process is expected to be concluded by July 2021.

Irish Water, working with local authorities and current water services workers, will implement a phased plan for the integration of water services into its organisational structure, with implementation to be concluded in 2022.

Mayo County Council will work to implement Government policy, with regard to water, in collaboration with the Department, colleagues, unions and Irish Water

St Patricks Day Celebrations

Due to Covid-19 restrictions no physical parades will be taking place throughout the County. In celebration of our National Day, Mayo.ie will present **Virtual St. Patrick's Day 2021**. This Virtual St Patrick's Day event will provide an opportunity for people at home and abroad to enjoy a trip down memory lane with a wide selection of images, videography and memorabilia from parades around the County and overseas in times gone by. It will also include some music to celebrate our National Day with performances from the world-famous Achill Pipe Band and The Lone Piper.

The presentation of Mayo's festivities can be accessed through the Mayo.ie website <https://www.mayo.ie/stpatricksday2021> together with an array of activity on our social media channels culminating in a Live show '**The Story of St Patrick**' which will broadcast on mayo.ie facebook live at 7.30pm, on St Patricks day on www.facebook.com/mayodotie

Covid- 19

Level 5 restrictions will remain in place until 5th April. We have been living with this pandemic for 12 months now and the public health message around social distancing, wearing of face coverings and reducing social contacts remains as important as ever to combat the spread of the virus and reduce the rate of infection. We continue to deliver our services to the citizens of the County with all of our services accessible over the phone or online.

The Mayo Community Call-line is **(096) 906 4660** and is available to support anyone feeling isolated or who might need some support. The helpline is open 7 days a week.



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Planning Statistics

- Applications received - 58
- Decisions to grant - 69
- Decision to refuse - 3
- Applications in hand - 124
- Preplanning applications - 9
- Preplanning meetings – 126
- Appeals to An Bord Pleanála - 2

Retirements:

- 4 Retirements

Freedom of Information:

- 8

Insurance:

- 4

Dates to Note

List upcoming events & meetings:

Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development

Catherine Mc Connell



IT

- User testing completed for an online recruitment system.
- 400 Mbps resilient second connection installed for Claremorris Area Office.
- New email security solution procured at significant cost savings.

Digital Transformation

- Company CRM Project kicked off.
 - Project Discovery Phase underway
 - 80% of department workshops complete
 - Defining project scope for senior management
 - Steering Group meeting monthly
 - Information briefing being delivered to leadership group next week
- Enghouse Customer Contact Centre - Ongoing
 - Weekend support for Covid-19 Helpline.
- Planning Digitisation Project
 - Solution review complete - awaiting a decision from Planning.
- Consultation Portal – Live.
- Council & MD Online Meetings via Teams
 - Online meetings operating successfully and media access to each meeting working well.

HR and Corporate

New Appointments:

1 Clerical Officer	1 Staff Officer
2 Work Placements	1 RFF

Promotions:

Chief Fire Officer	4 Waterworks caretakers Grade 3
2 Gangers	

3 Campaigns Advertised:

Waterworks Caretaker G5 Erris,
Assistant Staff Officer
Retained Firefighters (Castlebar, Ballina, Westport, Swinford).

Library

- All library branches closed. Online services only
- Grants Advertised - Decade of Commemorations, Creative Ireland community and Creative Ireland Cruinniú.

Communications

- Public Information Updates: Covid-19 daily Public Health messaging • Impact of level 5 Restrictions on Council Services • Traffic Disruption • Water disruption, • Weather alerts • Road Gritting updates • Local Authority Recruitment.
- Campaigns • Collaborative interagency public health video message - #Stay home- Stay safe- Stay Positive • Ireland Reads Campaign • Public Consultation on Draft County Development Plan • Keep well campaign • Hedge cutting season • Draft Newport Town Design Statement • National Spring clean • Local Enterprise week • Calls for funding applications- GMA, Creative Ireland, Decade of Centenaries.
- Media: Responses issued to Local and National media queries. Press statements/releases issued on a variety of Local Authority matters.
- Diaspora Engagement - Preparation and production of a Virtual St Patricks Day.
- Oifig na Gaeilge • Translations for adverts, publications and website • Coordination of a range of virtual activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge.
- Road Safety Awareness: • Share the road campaign for Valentine's day • Joint campaign with environment department - Why not car fast this lent. • Winter driving safety tips & advice.

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Water Services, Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture & Emergency Services



John Condon

Climate Action:

- Membership and Terms of Reference of the M.C.C. Climate and Biodiversity subcommittee have been agreed by the S.P.C. and the first meeting is due to take place in March.

Awareness:

- Plastic awareness workshop ran in Our Lady Secondary School Belmullet - facilitated by VOICE remotely
- Midwest Environment Slot
- New dog fouling awareness campaign launched
- Distribution of materials for National Spring Clean2

Veterinary: 2020 Dog Statistics – Mayo - 1 dog in Pound @31/12/20

No of dogs taken into dog pound	No. of stray dogs entering the pound	No of surrendered dogs entering the pound	No. of dogs reclaimed by owners	Transferre d to Dog Welfare Groups	No. of dogs dying from natural causes	No. of dogs Euthanised
140	114	26	32	102	0	5

2020 – Dog licences

Individual licences	6040
Lifetime licences	253
General licences	13
Total	6306

Laura Mulligan, Dog Warden, was interviewed by Tommy Marren on 02/02/21 discussing sheep worrying and the effects of roaming dogs on sheep flocks and their owners, and the requirements of owning a new puppy. **“Do you know where your dog is?”** Advertisements were placed in local newspapers in association with the Irish Farmers Association to raise awareness amongst dog owners of the consequences of dog attacks on sheep and to ensure dogs are kept under control.

Civil Defence - January/February 2021

Training

Civil Defence has continued essential training.

The following courses have been undertaken by our Volunteer members during this period:

- Cardiac First Responder Advanced - Re-certifications
- Tusla - Introduction to Children First (E Learning)

Operations

Civil Defence as part of our response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, have assisted members of our community in accessing hospital/medical appointments 10 times and have assisted the Irish Blood Transfusion Board at their clinic in Ballina.

Civil Defence members responded to requests for assistance from our colleagues in Roscommon and Galway during missing person searches in Athlone and Galway City areas. We provided Sonar Technology at these searches to aid in the effort.

Locally we responded to a request from An Garda Siochana on the 6th Feb to a missing vulnerable person in the Ballina area, it resulted in the person being located safe and well.

Health and Safety

A revised Safety Management System has now been approved and will be implemented across the organisation locally in Q1 & Q2 of 2021.

Inter-agency/National

Civil Defence Officers hold regular remote meetings with the Civil Defence Branch at the Department of Defence to keep updated on national issues and activities. We have also taken part in fora at a local level with the HSE, An Garda Siochana and other Voluntary Emergency Services. Civil Defence in Mayo are now preparing to assist the HSE with the roll-out of the Covid 19 Mass Vaccination Programme in the weeks and months ahead.

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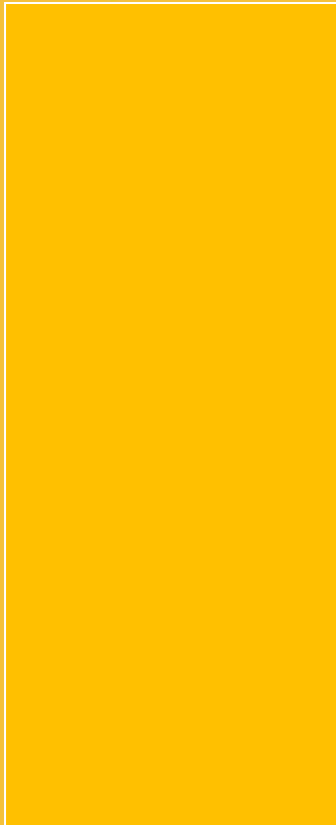
Mayo Goes Green for St
Patricks Day

Marchathon: March 1st to
28th

Billboard / Bus shelter
campaign for Dog Fouling
Awareness in Ballina,
Claremorris, Westport
and Castlebar.

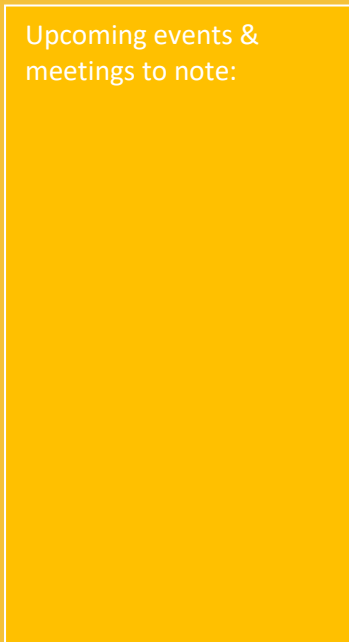
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Upcoming events &
meetings to note:



Housing and Architectural Services

Simon Shevlin



Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708 however we will endeavour to exceed this figure.

Progress on 2016-2021 programme, 564 units have been completed with another 210 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS

In February 2021, 15 houses were delivered under the HAP scheme and 2 houses were delivered under the RAS scheme. This gives a total of 2,161 active households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo at the end of February 2021.

Leasing

In February 2021 under the leasing programme, 3 houses were delivered under STL and 2 houses delivered under RLS. This give a total of 259 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo.

Homelessness

There were 7 presentations in February 2021.

Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

To date, 75 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications have been received, 48 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Approvals issued, and 6 Stage 2 Grant Approval applications received, under the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

Heritage

- Launch of Wetlands of Mayo booklet on World Wetlands day.
- Review of Mulranny Biodiversity Management Plan.

Conservation

- Tender published for Framework of Conservation Contractors with the initial contract for Ballinrobe Library, funded under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund & MCC.
- Submission of MCC application for funding under the Historic Towns Initiative 2021.

Parks

The submission of the following schemes to the Sports Capital & Equipment Funding. programme

- Upgrade of floodlighting at the synthetic track Belleek Ballina.
- Construction of a Municipal Multi Sport Astro facility, Belleek, Ballina.
- The provision of an LED lighting scheme to the Urban Loop, Clare Lake, Claremorris MD.
- Completion of new playground at Bofeenaun, Castlebar MD.



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- The National Enterprise Awards for 2020/2021 were held virtually on the 11th of February. Velvet Cloud represented Mayo. Over 3,600 viewers tuned into the event.
- Over 500 people completed the Mayo Operation Transformation Programme which incorporated a virtual 5K walk / run & minimum fitness tests for all.

Dates to Note

- The E & IU will participate in two international initiatives in the US on the 16th of March, the Cleveland Sister Cities Conference & Mini Economic Summit and the LITTUS Philadelphia Transatlantic Showcase

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



LEO / Invest

- The Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning and Marine SPC was updated on LEO Mayo's performance for 2020. Key highlights included: €780,880 approved in capital grants for micro-enterprises; 511 Trading Online Vouchers approved to a value of €1,172,401.00, up from 40 vouchers approved in 2019; 288 Business Continuity Vouchers approved to a value of €424,025; 1,859 participants trained online and 597 individual business mentoring sessions held.
- Ongoing roll out of Broadband Connection Points and Wifi4EU connections

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Capital Works: Planning works ongoing at Erris, Knockmore, Achill, Ballina
- Draft MooreHall Masterplan completed and presented to Castlebar MD

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Mayo County Childcare Committee continues to link in with childcare services to assess their open/closed status, support with force majeure applications, occupancy levels and HPSC infection control guidance for early years settings.
- Mayo Arts Service in partnership with the Jackie Clarke Collection has invited submissions from Artists in response to the Decade of Centenaries commemoration programme. Closing date April 15th.
- MCC & National Museum of Ireland (NMI) have welcomed the installation of a sculptural artwork by Maria McKinney at the NMI - Country Life in Turlough Park. The work is entitled 'Straw Sister' & was funded by MCC and NMI with support from Mayo Artsquad.
- Mayo Community Futures has invited communities to apply for the next round of the programme. To date, 32 communities in the county have taken part in the programme. All elements of the Community Futures process will be online this year.
- The Covid Helpline continues to operate 7 days a week, 9 to 5. New subgroups have been established to align with and promote the National Keep Well campaign.
- Mayo Comhairle na nÓg have been awarded funding for ICT which will form part of an ICT library for young people to loan chrome books. The Comhairle Coordinator is now distributing/loaning these chrome books to Comhairle members.

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Roads

The policy on Roadside Memorials was considered by the Roads & Transportation SPC at its last meeting and was agreed to be brought to the full meeting of the Council for adoption.

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Roads

- Roadworks other than critical / essential maintenance activities suspended until early April due to Covid 19
- Notification from the Department of Transport of Regional and Local Road Grant allocation of €33,525,916 for 2021
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla Scheme.
- Design work ongoing to the N60 Heathlawn scheme with the aim to go to tender in late 2021
- Design work ongoing for N59 Derrada scheme with the aim to go to tender in late 2021.
- Construction contract procurement has commenced on the N17/R320 Junction project at Lisduff Claremorris .
- Works ongoing to R312 Glenisland Bridge scheme.
- Works have re commenced on the N60 Breaffy – Manulla pavement overlay scheme.
- Design works on going for 2021 pavement overlay and safety programmes.
- Discussions on going with the National Transport Authority in relation to 2021 Mayo Active Travel Allocation.

Procurement & Efficiency

- RFT 185341 – Newport Regeneration – Landscape Architecture/ Public Realm Enhancement Works (1)
- RFT 185279 - Architect led design team services for Ballyhaunis Community Vision Phase 1
- RFT 185067 - Newport Regeneration Public Realm Works (2)
- RFT 184880 - A554 - Lios na Circe (Phase 2) - 22 UNIT Housing Development PH 2 at Lios Na Circe, Saleen, Castlebar.
- RFT 183964 - Ballinrobe Library, Co Mayo - Establishment of Multi-Party Framework Agreement of Conservation Contractors with the initial contract for Ballinrobe Library, Ballinrobe, Co Mayo
- RFT 183504 - Ballina Car Park QS Consultants - QS Services Tender for new Car Park at Ballina County Mayo
- Tenders for refurbishment works to LA housing; Killala, Westport, Ballina, Swinford x 2,
- Several RFT's for Plant Hire for 2021 for all areas of MCC
- Tender for emergency refurbishment Works to LA dwellings Claremorris/Swinford
- Tender for Extension to Myna Community Centre, Kilmeena

Finance

Mayo County Council was notified of the deferral of the National Revaluation Programme to 2022. Due to Covid-19, we have been advised that the revaluation will now be finalised in September, 2022 and become effective for Rates purposes from 2023 onwards.

Dates to Note

Roads & Transportation
SPC –
18th May, 2021



Mayo County Council

APPENDIX A

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2021 Adopted Budget for month end January 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW JANUARY 2021

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Jan-21	Budget 2021	Remaining 2021	% Spent 2021	Inc. To Date Jan-21	Budget 2021	Not Rec'd 2021	% Rec'd 2021
A	Housing and Building	1,101,037	19,682,822	18,581,785	6%	1,154,536	19,831,762	18,677,226	6%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	1,870,325	47,892,469	46,022,144	4%	970,795	40,820,501	39,849,706	2%
C	Water Services	716,167	16,726,566	16,010,399	4%	1,024,547	20,253,755	19,229,208	5%
D	Development Management	1,492,629	13,859,093	12,366,464	11%	462,740	4,187,315	3,724,575	11%
E	Environmental Services	945,863	16,396,894	15,451,001	6%	285,691	5,744,900	5,459,209	5%
F	Recreation and Amenity	891,090	10,724,014	9,832,924	8%	107,774	3,386,330	3,278,556	3%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	107,323	1,954,527	1,847,204	5%	48,627	588,260	539,633	8%
H	Miscellaneous Services	774,110	11,488,138	10,714,028	7%	423,275	7,213,963	6,790,688	6%
J	Central Management Charges	1,645,715	20,444,108	18,798,393	8%	125,000	1,500,000	1,375,000	8%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	2,897,453	34,784,930	31,887,477	8%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	1,738,075	20,856,905	19,118,830	8%
GRAND TOTAL		9,544,279	159,168,621	149,624,342	6%	9,238,513	159,168,621	149,930,108	6%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection Jan-21	Collected Jan-21	Arrears Jan-21	Collected %
Rents	1,689,620	607,267	1,082,353	36%
Rates	4,182,249	2,970,290	1,211,959	71%
Housing Loans	875,843	254,501	621,342	29%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft	Estimated Interest Incurred
	5	217