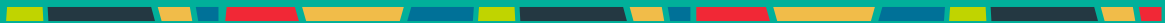




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INTRODUCTION

This past year of 2017 has again been eventful for County Mayo when, to paraphrase the song, ... Somethings changed, and some stayed the same... Our Football Team come heartbreakingly close to making history - again! We saw the first Mayo Taoiseach Enda Kenny finish his successful tenure in May. We saw a new beginning with a dedicated Department for Rural and Community Development headed up by Minister Michael Ring in June. Those were the national headlines but back on the coalface there was also much happening across a range of areas including;



Richard Finn
CATHAOIRLEACH
Mayo County Council



Peter Hynes
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Mayo County Council

ENTERPRISE - Mayo enjoyed key successes, in the Best Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Nigel O'Reilly, Jeweller and Master Goldsmith - and in the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Harry Hughes of Portwest, a very positive reflection on the spirit of entrepreneurship in our county. The continuing work of the Enterprise and Investment Unit and of our Local Enterprise Office have been key in fostering that spirit and in supporting investment and the creation of jobs throughout the county.

HOUSING - The homelessness crisis moved to centre stage nationally during the year and Mayo County Council responded by establishing a Centre of Excellence for Housing in our Swinford Office which has significantly accelerated our programme of house building.

CLIMATE - On the global stage, climate change is accelerating, and the Mayo response was the establishment of an Integrated Environment, Climate Change and Agriculture Department. We won the competition to become Lead Authority for the Northwest region which was a very significant step forward.

TOURISM - Tourism is one of our key growth areas and initiatives including the Spirit of Place project at Cong, the Ceide Coast and Westport 250 clearly demonstrated the importance of an overarching County Strategy and Brand which guides and supports local efforts. The resolution of the ownership and future strategy of Westport House Estate was also a key milestone.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Collaboration is essential for the Northwest to achieve our potential. Positive developments including designation of the Strategic Development Zone at Ireland West Airport Knock and agreeing a common position on the inclusion of Sligo as a Growth Centre in the National Planning Framework were indicative of the collaboration which will be required into the future.

CORE VALUES - The year saw positive strides in the delivery of key essential services and the management team renewing focus on our organisational values and issues such as staff welfare and dignity at work. We introduced a new Communications Unit with a designated Head of Communications and two new Directors of Services Catherine McConnell and John Condon also joined the team.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION - We won several awards during the year including the national title of Council of the Year from the Local Authority Members Association, a much sought-after accolade which certainly indicates positive progress.

In conclusion it is safe to say that 2017 was indeed an interesting year across many areas and as we draw it to a conclusion we would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to improve and promote our wonderful County and we look forward to continuing the mission in 2018 and beyond.

Richard Finn
Peter Hynes

MISSION STATEMENT

"Promote the well-being and quality of life of our citizens and communities in Mayo and to enhance the attractiveness of the County as a place in which to live, work, visit, invest in and enjoy".



VISION

A county that is sustainable, inclusive, prosperous and proud

CORPORATE PLAN

Mayo County Council is at the heart of local community, we are a key provider of economic and social development in the county, by delivering vital local services that are central to the quality of life for the people that we represent proudly.

As the leading public sector body, we also support and facilitate those who are responsible for providing key public services. When we deliver our responsibilities, they can deliver their obligations, we are always mindful of this so that we can effectively deliver on our commitments to make County Mayo, Sustainable, Inclusive, Prosperous and Proud.

The Corporate Plan was devised as a guide in delivering our commitments to the people of County Mayo. It sets out our mission, as the democratic body, of how we work and how we measure our efforts so that the end result transparently demonstrates the successes achieved for our communities.

Mayo County Council is community centred and people focused. Our Councillors represent the people of the county, and our staff is part of the Mayo community. All people and parts of this combined effort is to achieve the a positive contribution to the continuous and ongoing development of County Mayo.

A successful Mayo requires a successful Council, the corporate plan is a cornerstone in devising, tracking and implementing successful aspirations for the County.



COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Ballina Municipal District



Annie May Reape
CATHAOIRLEACH
FF



Neil Cruise
FG



Gerry Ginty
NP



Michael Loftus
FF



Jarlath Munnelly
FG



John O'Hara
FG



Michael Smyth
FF



Seamus Weir
NP

Castlebar Municipal District



Martin McLoughlin
CATHAOIRLEACH
FF



Cyril Burke
FG



Frank Durcan
NP



Blackie K. Gavin
FF



Henry Kenny
FG



Michael Kilcoyne
NP



Al McDonnell
FF



Thérèse Ruane
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Claremorris Municipal District



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CATHAOIRLEACH
SF



John Caulfield
FF



Tom Connolly
FG



John Cribbin
FG



Richard Finn
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CATHAOIRLEACH
MAYO COUNTY
COUNCIL



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FF

West Mayo Municipal District



Michael Holmes
CATHAOIRLEACH
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Gerry Coyle
FG



Christy Hyland
NP



Tereasa McGuire
FG



Paul McNamara
FF



Brendan Mulroy
FF



Teresa Whelan
SF

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS



Ballina Municipal District



Castlebar Municipal District





Claremorris Municipal District



West Mayo Municipal District

For Municipal District Annual Reports, please see **Appendix 1**

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Cultural, Education, Heritage, Corporate Affairs and Emergency Services SPC

Cllr John Cribbin
(Outgoing Chair)

Cllr Jarlath Munnally
(Incoming Chair)

The Cultural, Education, Heritage, Corporate Affairs and Emergency Services SPC met on 4 occasions in 2017 and their work programme included:

- ➔ Developing a Culture and Creativity Plan for 2017 and subsequent 5 year strategy under the Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022
- ➔ The Mayo County Library Draft Development Plan 2017-2021
- ➔ Agreement of a Programme of Events for 2018 in accordance with the Mayo Commemoration Strategy 2013-2023
- ➔ To agree the Committee's Priority Actions for 2018

Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC

Cllr Michael Kilcoyne
(Chair)

The Economic Development and Enterprise Support SPC met on 4 occasions in 2017 and their work programme included:

- ➔ Local Enterprise Office progress
- ➔ Mayo County Council Business Support Scheme
- ➔ National Broadband Plan and the rollout of Rural Broadband in Mayo
- ➔ Ireland West Trade Center, Rhode Island
- ➔ Enterprise and Investment Projects

Housing SPC

Cllr Gerry Ginty
(Chair)

The Housing SPC met on 4 occasions in 2017 and their work programme included:

- ➔ Housing Programme 2016-2021
- ➔ Vacant Homes
- ➔ Revised Housing Allocation Scheme
- ➔ Refugee Resettlement Programme
- ➔ Repair & Leasing and Buy & Renew Schemes
- ➔ Housing Disability Strategy
- ➔ Differential Rent Scheme

Planning, Environment and Agriculture SPC

Cllr Michael Smyth

(Chair)

The Planning, Environment and Agriculture SPC met on 3 occasions in 2017 and their work programme included:

- Presentation on Civic Amenity Sites Transition
- Presentation on Connaught Ulster Region Annual Report 2016
- Proposed amendments to Burial Ground Bye-Laws
- Public Consultation on the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (2018-2021)
- Vacant Sites Levy Update
- Regional Climate Action Office update

Road Transportation and Safety SPC

Cllr Brendan Mulroy

(Incoming Chair)

Cllr Annie May Reape

(Outgoing Chair)

The Road Transportation and Safety SPC met on 3 occasions in 2017 and their work programme included:

- National Roads Programme and Non National Roads Programmes for the county
- Road Safety
- Policy on Regional Road Improvement
- Speed Limits in Housing Estates
- Pilot Park-by-Text Scheme
- Establishment of a Hedge Cutting Forum
- Winter Services Plan
- Policy to deal with Dangerous Trees
- Local Improvement Scheme Policy

Tourism and Food SPC

Cllr John O'Hara

(Incoming Chair)

Cllr Gerry Coyle

(Outgoing Chair)

The Tourism and Food SPC met on 3 occasions in 2017 and their work programme included:

- The establishment of Tourism Networks and Steering Group to lead implementation of 'Destination Mayo - A Strategy for the Future Development of Tourism in County Mayo 2016 - 2012'
- Consideration of funding sources for projects
- Tourism Marketing of County Mayo



COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT



IN THIS SECTION

Castlebar Regional Training Centre

Corporate Affairs

Property Portfolio & Asset Management Section

Communications Department, Oifig na Gaeilge, Road Safety Awareness

Architects

Mayo County Library

Mayo Heritage Office

Arts Services

Information Communications Technology (ICTS)



CASTLEBAR REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Castlebar Regional Training Centre continues to provide workplace training on a shared services basis for six local authorities and other public and private sector organisations in the West and Midlands, with Mayo County Council as the lead authority.



The facility has accreditation from SOLAS, QQI, City & Guilds and ECITB, and has grown consistently over the past few years, now delivering over 5,000 training days per annum. We are self-financing and our turnover in 2017 was €1,024,630. Established to facilitate the provision of appropriate training to local authorities in key operational areas such as Roads, Water and Environment and more recently Fire Services, Housing and Planning, the Training Centre Network also provides a wide range of Occupational Health and Safety, Continuing Professional Development, Leadership and ICT courses. Many local authorities now have quality assurance such as OHSAS 18000/ISO 45000 accreditation and the centre has high quality procurement, data protection and quality assurance standards. With recovery in the construction industry, demand from the private sector and new local authority staff for quality training is increasing. One driver of this demand is mandatory training in the updated area of 'Managing Openings in Public Roads'.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Part VIII approval received for development of a state-of-the-art outdoor training facility for the provision of Roads and plant and machinery courses previously only available in Dublin
- › Overall winner of Public Sector Magazine Training and Development Category

2017 IN NUMBERS

Over **5,000** training days delivered

Turnover of **€1,024,630**

CORPORATE AFFAIRS



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The total number of requests received under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, for 2017 was **129**.

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Mayo County Council is committed to Human Resource Learning and Development to achieve our objectives and goals. We recognise that our success in providing a high quality of service to the community has been built on a loyal, dedicated and committed workforce. We deem it important to foster a team spirit in all our employees by implementing a progressive Learning and Development Plan for our employees throughout all areas of activities.

ETHICS REGISTER

Annual Declarations for 2017 from relevant employees and elected members were received within the statutory period, with the exception of three employees, however, all three completed declarations were subsequently received.

PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT, 2014

There were **no complaints** received under the above Act in 2017.

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO & ASSET MANAGEMENT SECTION

The Property Portfolio and Asset Management Section (PPAMS) was set up in August 2017 to identify council property assets and manage these efficiently and effectively to generate savings and income.

In late 2017 a Strategy to provide a framework for PPAMS was developed, containing a vision, four supporting Goals and 21 Actions for the period 2017 - 2021.

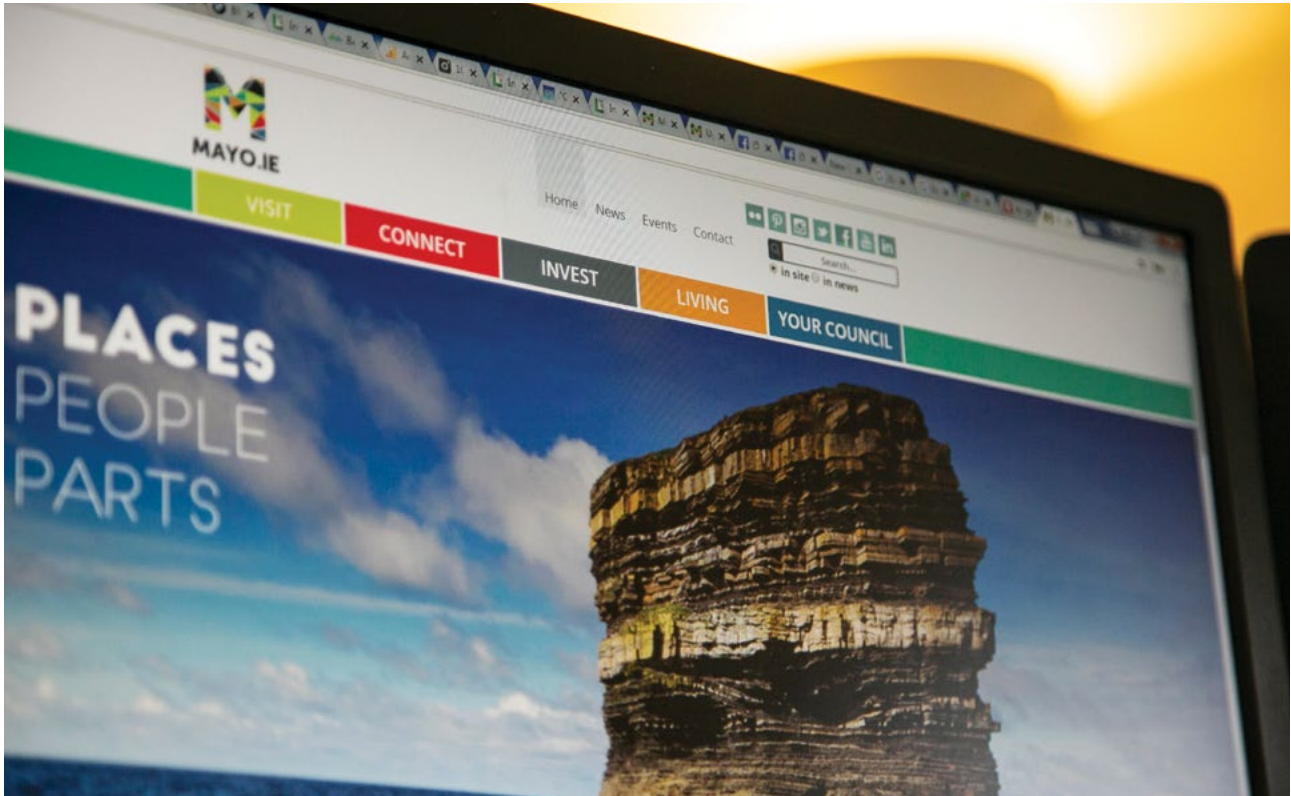
The section is now focussed on the development of a user-friendly real-time Property Register & Lease Register with property report generation capability, links to the council's financial systems and to the Fixed Assets Register.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Updating of State Asset Register
- › Value for Money Report - Corporate Assets
- › Preparation of Strategic Development Management Plans for Local Authority Housing

COMMUNICATIONS

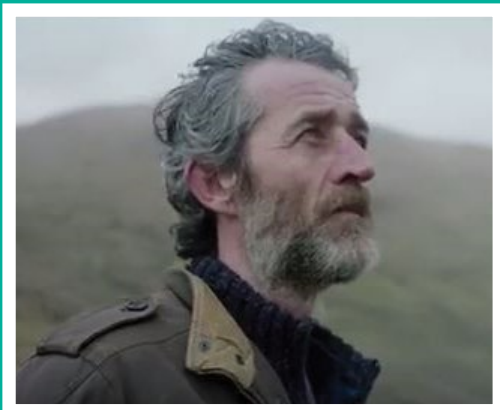
Working to raise the public’s awareness of the role and contribution of Mayo County Council as a provider of services and a community leader, 2017 has been a busy and productive year for the Communications Department.



Improving the quality and reach of public information about council services and policies, the department is responsible for the ongoing development of the external communications of Mayo County Council, enhancing internal communications, promoting the County brand to key audiences at home and abroad and the delivery of the services of the Irish Office/Oifig na Gaeilge and the Road Safety Awareness programme. Writing and syndicating of press releases and media statements for all public announcements, events and campaigns is a key support provided to council departments.

The Mayo.ie website is the local authority website to showcase Mayo as the ideal place to visit, connect with and invest in. A wide-ranging target audience includes Mayo communities at home and abroad, potential visitors, investors and any one interested in finding out more about our county. The brochure style design contains static information with news and events being updated on a daily basis. Social media channels, particularly **Facebook** and **Twitter**, are used to connect directly with our audiences.

These communication channels have a key role to play in supporting the emergency management team in communicating updates to the public and media and in giving guidance on crisis communications.



#MayoDay began in 2015 as a unique initiative to connect with Mayo people at home and abroad and to celebrate our county. Mayo Day 2017 was celebrated over three days from April 29th to May 1st. Events ranged from fireworks to battle re-enactments, live concerts, conferences and Irish-French spectacles and our Mayo Day promotional short film **'Our People, Our Place, Our Day'** received international

recognition for its emotive depiction of the county.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Our Mayo-French Connection Mayo Day Flagship Events from 29 April to 1 May in 4 different locations in the Castlebar Municipal District
- › Festivals and events supported included Mayo Business Awards, West of Ireland Women's Mini-Marathon, Rehab People of the Year Awards, Mayo Association Dublin Schools Debating, Mayo Manchester Tradfest, Mayo Quarter at the National Ploughing Championships and the Higher Education Colleges Ladies Gaelic Football Championships
- › The Mayo image library, a central resource of photographic images taken by council departments was developed and launched. This resource is available to all staff at <https://7551204.tifmember.com/>
- › Key council projects and initiatives highlighted in regularly published internal and external ezines
- › Mayo County Council were shortlisted as finalists with a record number of 10 projects across 7 different categories in the 2017 LAMA Awards. Two Mayo projects were announced as national winners

2017 IN NUMBERS

Mayo.ie had over **600,000** page visits in 2017, up from **400,000** in 2016

Facebook followers increased by **77%** to **23,463**

Twitter followers increased 34% to **10,100**

'Our People, Our Place, Our Day' went viral and trended at **No.20** on YouTube

#MayoDay was seen **16.9 million** times on Mayo Day 2017 and over **43 million times** in the weeks around Mayo Day

OIFIG NA GAEILGE

Oifig na Gaeilge sustains the use of Irish in County Mayo and develops and implements the Official Languages Act, 2003 and the Irish Language Policy of Mayo County Council.



Informing staff of the council's obligations regarding the Irish language, undertaking translation work, advising on forms of placenames to be used on road signage and ensuring that websites, publications, application forms and information leaflets are available in both official languages forms the bulk of the office's work.

Additionally, the office provides help and support to many community groups and festivals in sourcing funding through Foras na Gaeilge Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige for youth clubs in Mayo and Foras na Gaeilge Scéim na bhFéilte. Events supported included Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta 2017 in Tuar Mhic Éadaigh.

Language planning at community level, which will be central to the new definition of Gaeltacht areas is supported by the office.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- To celebrate Lá Mhaigh Eo 2017, Oifig na Gaeilge supported Erris Parkrun's themed run in the red and green. Participants were encouraged to run in the county colours and to use the Irish language during the run and at the tea station
- The very successful Lá Spraoi Teaghlaigh trí Gaeilge, a Family Fun Day trí Gaeilge was one of many events organised by Oifig na Gaeilge to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge 2017
- Lón Gaeilge and Maidin Caife continued to be organised 5 times a month by Oifig na Gaeilge

2017 IN NUMBERS

3

3 teachers from Mayo were selected in a competitive process to teach Irish language classes in the North American Gaeltacht

30

30 Mayo County Council staff members attended Certificate in Professional Irish classes run by Gaelchultúr on behalf of Oifig na Gaeilge

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

Mayo County Council, in conjunction with the Road Safety Authority, delivers a programme of education and awareness of Road Safety. This involves a proactive approach to promoting the need for caution and awareness of impending dangers on the roads in Mayo.



The Road Safety Officer delivers a suite of Road Safety Programmes to the public through schools/colleges, community groups, sporting organisations, local businesses and industries in Mayo. The focus of Road Safety education is vulnerable road users, driver behaviour and attitudes, social responsibility, driving for work, impaired driving, and cyclist safety. The office works with other Departments of Mayo County Council and with the Road Safety Together Committee in the County, comprising of officials of Mayo County Council, HSE West, Gardaí, Road Safety Authority, and TII, in the implementation of the Road Safety Strategy. During the winter period the Road Safety Office also issues daily road safety winter driving tips and advice on the winter maintenance program.

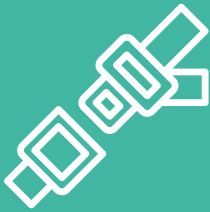
Mayo Road Safety Working Group organises the annual Mayo Road Safety Roadshow in **February** each year. This has been running since 2007, attracting audiences numbering approximately **1,500 pupils**, from **29 secondary schools**, including schools from surrounding counties.

The show includes presentations by members of An Garda Síochána, the Ambulance and Fire Services, a Medical consultant based within A&E Department in Mayo University Hospital, a family member of a deceased road traffic accident victim, a car crash survivor, and an Undertaker, outlining their firsthand experience of dealing with a serious road traffic accident. The hard-hitting Roadshow is aimed at transition year students, encouraging young drivers and those about to commence their driving career, to adopt a more responsible attitude in terms of their own driving behaviour.



The Education Programme

includes visits to schools by the Road Safety Officer and the promotion of Junior Warden and Cycle Training Schemes with schools. With the co-operation of teachers, the Gardaí and parents, these schemes make a significant contribution to Road Safety awareness



The Road Safety Office

supports two Junior Warden Schemes in the county; one in Swinford and the other at The Quay National School, Ballina. Uniforms and signs are provided by the County Council. Road markings are updated regularly. Without the enthusiastic support of the school principals it would not be possible to maintain the scheme.



General Promotion Of Road Safety Through Local Media

The County Council operates in support of the Road Safety Authority and also general promotion in the local papers.



ARCHITECTS

A multi-disciplinary office providing a centralised design, procurement, management, architectural, planning and consultancy services to all departments and regional directorates of Mayo County Council.



The Department encompasses a large range of in house technical expertise incorporating architects (including conservation expertise), engineers, architectural & civil technicians, horticulturalists, clerks of works and clerical staff.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Key projects undertaken in 2017 include:

- › Castlebar Swimming Pool
- › Tubber Hill Housing Development
- › Leeson Enterprise Centre, Westport
- › The Mulranny Activity Services Centre
- › Refurbishment of the Charlestown Outdoor Pool
- › Ballina Tourist Office
- › Various Playgrounds & MUGA'S
- › Architectural Conservation Works and associated Public Study Days

2017 IN NUMBERS

€600,000 investment in outdoor playgrounds and MUGA facilities

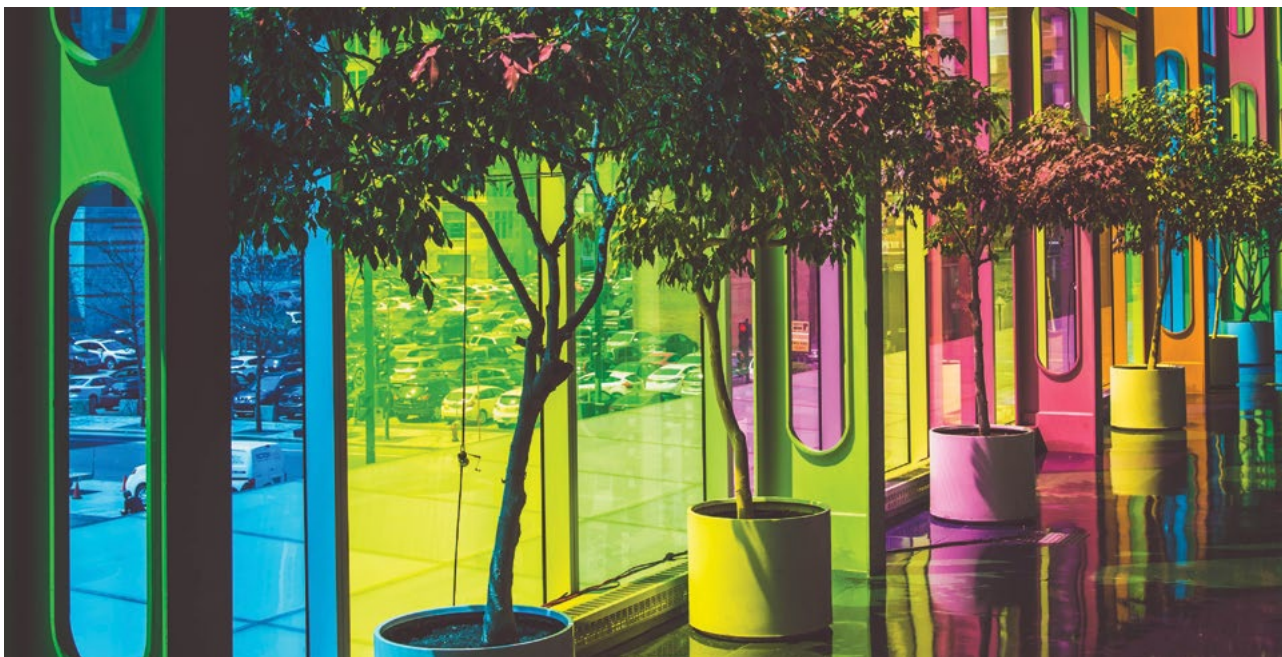
69 houses in total provided in Tubber Hill Development, Westport

€12.5 million Castlebar Swimming Pool development nears completion



MAYO COUNTY LIBRARY

The largest cultural or heritage organisation in the county, Mayo libraries attracted 360,000 visits in 2017. With an extensive cultural programme, over 300 events were hosted by Mayo libraries during the year, including a wide range of events for children, culminating with the month-long Children's Book Festival in October.



Creative Ireland, the Government's five-year initiative to place creativity at the centre of public policy, empowers local authorities to lead the engagement of citizens with arts and culture. The establishment of a Culture Team within the council brings together the Library, the Arts Office, the Heritage Office, Tourism and other relevant personnel to maximise synergies and focus on the capacity of the council to foster and encourage creative activity.

A comprehensive range of ICT initiatives contributes to the Library Service attracting many more visits than any other cultural or heritage organisation in the county.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Mayo Library Service has developed a Right to Read action plan, in consultation with local organisations that are interested in developing and promoting family literacy
- › New national delivery service allows books from any library in the country to be delivered within two days
- › Our Time to Read programme helps children develop a love for reading whilst increasing their confidence and self-esteem. Run by adult volunteers, including Mayo County Council staff, who read to children in disadvantaged schools over a period of 20 weeks
- › Cruinniú na Cásca, an annual programme of arts activities and cultural reflection over Easter marked by Bee Creative in Ballina, a fun-filled family day to celebrate our wild bees took place in the garden of the Jackie Clarke Collection
- › Le haghaidh Sheachtain na Gaeilge i mí an Mhárta, eagraíodh imeachtaí éagsúla trí mheán na Gaeilge i leabharlanna ar fud an chontae

2017 IN NUMBERS

600,000

Over 600,000 books borrowed by the 24,000 members of Mayo County Library

825

825 children read over 7,000 books as part of the Summer Reading Challenges

1,000

Mayo is the only library service in Ireland or the UK that provides the Musical Instrument Lending Scheme and over 1,000 instruments were on loan throughout the county in 2017

50,000

The Liam Lyons Collection of over 50,000 images was made available on the internet in 2017

The Jackie Clarke Collection

Route Millennia Mayo

Successful collaboration with other cultural attractions in county to develop Route Millennia Mayo joint marketing campaign

Céide Coastline

Contributed to 'Céide Coastline' being shortlisted in the **Top 3 destinations** of the Eden Award

LAMA Awards

The collection's Education Programme was a finalist in the **LAMA awards**

Irish Tourism Award

Irish Tourism Awards – The Collection itself was a finalist in the **Irish Tourism Awards**

29,164 Visitors

in 2017 exceeding Fáilte Ireland target of 25,000

New Website

Development of new mobile-friendly website

Internship Programme

First American internship programme with the collection hosting two students from Villanova University Pennsylvania

A "Must Visit Site"

The Collection's garden continues to draw praise, Tidy Towns Judges calling it 'a must visit site which is easily accessible to all and a sheer delight'

Outdoor Civil Ceremony

First outdoor civil ceremony held in July 2017

MAYO HERITAGE OFFICE

The Heritage Office works to promote awareness, interest, knowledge, pride and conservation of the built, natural and cultural heritage of the county.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- A diverse and eclectic programme of over 120 events was organised for Heritage week, including heritage walks, talks, demonstrations
- Ballina was one of 7 towns chosen to take part in the 'pilot' trans-disciplinary **National Town Centre Health Check (TCHC)** Training Programme

2017

In 2017, the Heritage Office continued its ongoing work with communities, assisting them in collecting information on, and protecting and promoting their built, natural and cultural heritage. **Some of the key projects undertaken include:**

- Conservation and Management Plan for Kiltane Graveyard, Bangor
- Research and Development of an Archaeological Trail in Kilmovee
- Murrisk Woodland Biodiversity Plan
- Implementation of Conservation Plan for Carrownalecka Graveyard, Ballinrobe
- Development of Ballindine Wildlife and Pollinator Garden in Ballindine
- Kilmaine Village Biodiversity and Wildlife Project

Public Realm Plans

In 2017, work was undertaken on the preparation of Public Realm Plans for Ballinrobe, Ballina and Knock. A shared vision for the future development and evolution of the towns was developed through a series of stakeholder meetings and community workshops, with the aim to improve the quality of the built environment for residents, businesses and those visiting the towns.

Ballinrobe Beoga

In May 2017, a Family Fun Day was held on Main Street, Ballinrobe, in collaboration with the Ballinrobe Area Office and the Town Team. One of the aims of this event was to highlight the potential of the Main Street as a public space for events and activities, and to engage the community with the draft Public Realm Plan.

Mayo Habitat Mapping Project

which commenced in 2014, continued in 2017 with mapping of habitats in Westport, Ballinrobe and Ballycastle. The natural heritage of these areas was assessed and evaluated, and a biodiversity management plan prepared with recommendations on practical measures aimed at conserving and enhancing the natural heritage of the towns/villages.

Pollinator Workshops

Workshops were held in Castlebar, Westport and Crossmolina to provide an introduction to native pollinators and the All-Ireland Project to protect them. Pollinators and pollination was the theme for the Bee Creative event held in the Jackie Clarke Library Garden to celebrate Cruinniú na Cásca. Talks on pollinators, along with bee puppet making workshops for children were held.

Mayo Heritage Calendar 2017

The theme chosen for the 2017 calendar was Built Heritage. The calendar showcases a selection of historic buildings and heritage structures throughout the county.

Mulranny Stone Wall Festival

The 3rd Annual Mulranny Stone Wall Festival was held from the 12th to 14th May 2017. The festival, organised by the Heritage Office, in collaboration with Mulranny Environmental Group, and supported by the Heritage Council, included an exciting programme of talks, demonstrations, workshops and local entertainment.

A diverse and eclectic programme of over 120 events was organised for **Heritage week**, including heritage walks, talks, demonstrations. The theme for the week (19th to 27th August 2017) was **“It’s in your Nature”**.

The events, many of which were organised by communities, showcased the rich and diverse built, natural and cultural heritage of the county. The Mayo County Council Heritage Week Event Grant Scheme provided support to 32 communities to organise and host events.

ARTS SERVICE

The Arts Service supports artists and arts practitioners who live and work in Mayo in order to maximise their creative potential. The support of those who make art and are involved in the arts, at whatever level, is at the core of this progressive and responsive service.



Arts information, promotion and advice regarding sources of funding for projects and programmes is provided to community groups, artists and arts organisations.

The Cultural Diversity Project, supported by the Arts Council is operated in partnership with Donegal and South Dublin County Councils to create culturally diverse arts services and provide opportunities for artists to work in intercultural contexts.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Mayo Artsquad provided support to community events in the county including a Hallowe'en event in Tacú Ballinrobe and Foxford Riverfest
- › An extensive consultation process took place to inform a new Arts Plan for 2018 - 2022
- › Cultural Diversity Partnership Programme with Bealtaine 2017, the Arts for Older People Programme, engaged with arts centres and care nursing units around the county
- › LAMA Award Nominations: The IGNITE! Partnership commission 'Silent Moves' was nominated in two categories, and the LUISNE Project was shortlisted in one category
- › New signage and a new website developed for the Tír Sáile Trail in North Mayo along with repair works
- › Poetry Day Ireland marked by readings from two Mayo poets live on MidWest Radio

2017 IN NUMBERS

41 organisations participated in at least **70** free events at **21** locations across Mayo to mark Culture Night 2017

24 young people participated in Mayo Youth Theatre 2017 in Ballina, staging a production and participating in theatre trips and the National Youth Theatre Festival

6 partnership programmes awarded funding under the **UPSTART Disability Arts** Programme with performances taking place in **5** venues in December

Film Mayo, an Arts Office initiative, assisted with over **30** production queries from feature films, international documentaries, television series, ad companies and filmmakers in terms of locations, crews and permissions

€144,000 in funding was distributed to arts centres within the county to assist with programmes

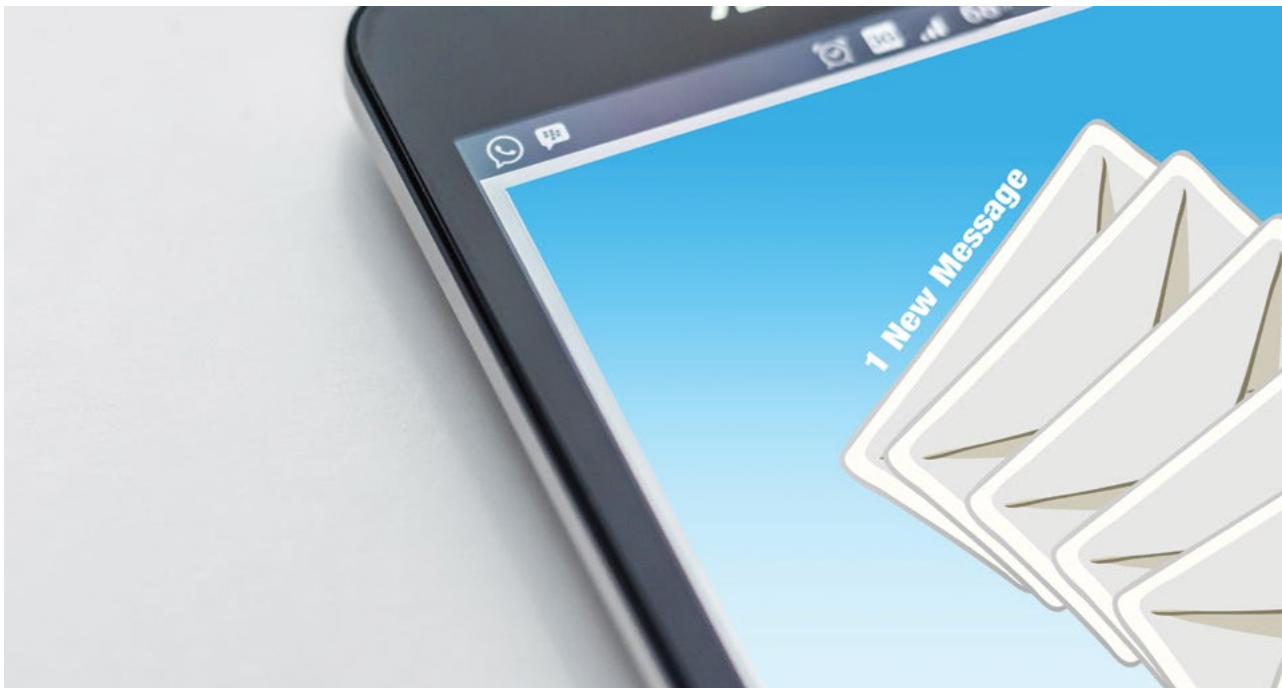
23 Arts Acts Grants and **3** MCC Tyrone Guthrie Awards issued in 2017

The Arts in Education Programme visited **2** schools with the MCC Schools Exhibition



INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

Throughout 2017 the IS (Information Systems) Department continued to maintain and support the ICT requirements of Mayo County Council.



In addition to supporting all Council systems and infrastructure for day to day operations, the IS Department completed several key strategic initiatives and put in place plans to continue to evolve next generation technologies as part of an organisation-wide digital transformation programme with a digital-first agenda.

Security is a key concern for the IS Department and the department has continued to maintain its ISO27001:2005 certification, being one of the only local authorities in the county to do so. Preparation for the introduction of GDPR continued during the year with staff training and records classification as foundations to the provision of a resilient and secure electronic repository.

A roll-out of cloud-based applications included migration of email from on-premise, local deployment to a cloud-based, available anywhere, anytime solution. In addition to the email upgrade, the Council started a move to a state of the art telephone solution. The new system, using Skype for Business, is not just a move away from traditional desk phones to headset-based “soft” phones, but increases video conferencing capability, reducing the need to travel and allowing remote collaboration between internal and external parties.

Engagement with industry partners was highlighted by the announcement in the Irish Times of a strategic partnership with Microsoft. Mayo County Council was identified in the article as a leader for the local government sector in driving efficiencies through the use of technology.

The Microsoft partnership supports the drive towards better delivery of services for our citizens through online channels and integrated back office systems. The recognition that leveraging technology in a world where more of our citizens have grown up in a born-digital environment, is a key motivator in the design of our strategies and this focus will continue in subsequent years.



PLANNING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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Community Engagement

County Childcare Committee

Mayo Sports Partnership

Local Enterprise Office

Invest

Tourism Development

Broadband & Digital Development Unit

Planning & Development

Planning Enforcement





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Engagement section was established to strengthen and enhance community wellbeing by Supporting Participation: Enabling civic participation in initiatives and policy-making aimed at improving quality of life for all, Building Strategic Partnerships: Working with other organisations and the voluntary sector to ensure better outcomes for communities throughout the County in the areas of community development, sports and childcare, and Oversight: Ensuring transparency and good governance in the administration of programmes supporting community, sporting and childcare development.

Facilitating & Supporting Integrated Development, Community Development & Social Inclusion

HIGHLIGHTS

Community Engagement 2017 highlights:

- › Aging Society Conference, May 2017, GMIT
- › Liberty Tree Conference, April 2017, GMIT
- › Ratification of the Protocol with Mayo Children and Young Persons Services Committee
- › Successful application for funding to Healthy Ireland fund.
- › Social Inclusion Week, September 2017
- › Achieved Healthy County status as part of World Health Organisation (WHO) Healthy Cities and Counties Project in August 2017
- › ‘New Answers for Youth – Better Futures for Europe’ project progressed with partner countries Bulgaria, Italy and Spain
- › Attymass Community overall winner of Pride of Place Competition in Population 0 – 300 Category
- › Age Friendly Programme progressed with first AGM of Mayo Older Peoples Council in November and ‘Go for Life’ sports programme in Swinford
- › Achill Community Futures Plan 2018 – 2023 launched
- › Resettlement of 114 people from conflict zones, including Syria, in Mayo up to end of 2017 facilitated by Refugee Resettlement Committee
- › 270 young people attended Comhairle na nÓg AGM with 86% of second level schools involved and 58 members from across the county

FUNDING OUTCOMES 2017

SOURCE	TOTAL ALLOCATION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED
RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development)	€64,500	29
Communities Facilities Scheme	€64,500	138
Town & Village Renewal Scheme	€1,348,178	14
LEADER	€2,100,000	47

In addition, the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), which concluded at the end of 2017 delivered €1,241,006 in three lots across the county, exceeding annual targets by an average of just over 23% across the lots. The second SICAP programme started in January 2018.

MAYO LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC):

The LCDC, a Committee of Statutory and Non-Statutory Members met on 10 occasions in 2017 and comprises 4 working groups: Education & Training, Health & Wellbeing, Social Inclusion & Community Development and Culture, Heritage, Environment & Language which operate as part of LCDC structures.

The committee's main task is develop and implement a 6 year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for the county and it has primary responsibility for co-ordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funding in County Mayo i.e. SICAP and LEADER Programmes. The committee brings a more joined-up approach and better co-ordination to the implementation, delivery and evaluation of local and community development programmes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

An independent umbrella organisation that provides a voice for voluntary, environmental and social inclusion groups throughout the county, the PPN held plenary meetings in the four Municipal Districts in March and September giving groups an opportunity to discuss local issues.

The network's constitution along with a budget and workplan for 2017 was agreed at a plenary meeting in Castlebar in April 2017. Induction for new representatives was completed and linkage groups established for all committees with PPN representatives.

E-newsletters now issue twice monthly and during 2017 115 new groups registered with the network.

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

A forum to support consultation and cooperation on policing and crime issues between An Garda Síochána, local authority officials and elected members and the community and voluntary sectors. The committee held 3 meetings during 2017 and the principal work areas for 2017 were:



› Road Safety

› Estate Management

Collaboration with Clúid Housing on addressing nuisance and anti-social behaviour to the benefit of our residents in mixed tenure estates and communities.

› Promotion of Justice Policy

› CCTV schemes

› UNHCR Resettlement Programmes

with Department of Justice & Equality

› Farm Safety

MAYO COMMUNITY FUTURES

A partnership of Community and Agencies established as a sub-committee by the County Community Forum in 2005 to assist communities prepare Community Action Plans, encourage more people to become active in their communities, strengthen and develop local community organisations, enable communities to identify and progress priority projects and actions and to effectively represent their interests at local, county, and national levels.

During 2017 Achill completed their Achill Community Futures Action Plan 2018 to 2023. This will be a guide for what the community try to make happen over the next 5 years. Renewal plans were also launched for Balla and Foxford during 2017.

COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

Mayo County Childcare Committee supports the delivery of early childhood care and education programmes in Mayo and works collaboratively and collectively with the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, Pobal and all stakeholders within the childcare sector.



The committee provides information, support and guidance about National Childcare Funding and related programmes to parents, early years services and local agencies which provide financial and educational support to these groups. Programmes promoted include the Free Pre-School Year (ECCE), Community Childcare Subvention (CCS), Training and Employment Childcare (TEC), Community Childcare Subvention Resettlement (CSSR), Aistear and Síolta – the national quality and curriculum frameworks for Early Years, Parent & Toddler Grant Schemes, Childminding Development Grant Schemes, Learner Fund Bursaries and Small-Scale Capital Grant schemes.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ In collaboration with Music Generation Mayo, 'Soundworlds', an early years music programme unique to Mayo was delivered to 11 early years services
- ▶ Four editions of the committee newsletter which offers practical guidance on a wide range of initiatives and issues were published reaching over 2,000 people per edition
- ▶ Supported Outdoor Play Day to mark International Children's Day organised by GMIT Mayo Campus in conjunction with Mayo CYPSC (Mayo Children and Young People's Services) and Mayo County Childcare Committee
- ▶ The new Early Years Yoga Programme offered to two services in the county

129 early years services with a total of **3,000** children supported across Mayo

9 early years workers received funding of **€750** each towards the cost of a major award in Early Childcare and Education at Level 7, 8 or 9

Wellbeing and Inclusion Seminar delivered to over **100 early years workers and professionals** in September as part of National Social Inclusion Awareness Week

27 Parent & Toddler Groups received a total of **€14,050** under the national Parent & Toddler Initiative

Childminders Development Grants totaling **€12,500** distributed to **13 childminders**

Training in Child Protection and Welfare delivered to **51 childcare workers** from 38 services

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Training delivered to **90 childcare workers** from 68 services

€326,925.52 capital funding investment in 26 early years services facilitated

€30,000 capital funding facilitated for 5 School Aged Childcare Services

MAYO SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Mayo Sports Partnership aims to increase participation in sport and physical activity among all sectors of the community through information sharing, education and policy development and implementation.



Programmes are facilitated and co-ordinated at local level targeting disadvantaged groups including youths at risk, people with a disability, teenage girls, women, ethnic minorities including members of the travelling community, older people and the unemployed.

Core staff, together with a team of nearly 30 tutors/coaches deliver training and participation programmes on behalf of the partnership in areas including Safeguarding, Club Development, Leadership Training and more.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Community Sport Hub Co-ordinators appointed in Ballyhaunis and in Ballinrobe.
- › Supported the development of a fifth Parkrun in Claremorris in addition to existing Parkruns in Ballina, Castlebar, Westport and Erris
- › Recipient of LAMA Award in the Health and Wellbeing Category for the Men on the Move Initiative
- › Supported Ballyhaunis GAA Club, winners of the LAMA Award in the Sports Club of the Year Category
- › Staged the 8th West of Ireland Mini-Marathon and the Primary Schools Fun Run
- › Achill and Ballinrobe 'Goal to Work' Sports Coach Training Programmes completed
- › 'Surf to Heal' surfing programme for children with autism and other learning difficulties completed at Carrowniskey Strand

2017 IN NUMBERS

3

Socially inclusive summer camps organised in Belmullet, Ballyhaunis and Castlebar

9

'Men on the Move' initiative now operational in 9 locations around the county

23

23 local events organised to mark **Bike Week 2017**

1,600

1,600 runners, joggers and walkers participated in the West of Ireland Women's Mini-Marathon

400

400 Students, mentors, teachers, parents and coaches attended 'Are we playing in a different league' seminar in GMIT in February which examined the continuing participation of girls, particularly those in the junior cycle of secondary school, and women, in sport.

1,200

1,200 turned out for 7 **Operation Transformation Walks** in January



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Part of a national network of Local Enterprise Offices established in accordance with government policy in 2014, Local Enterprise Office Mayo forms part of the Enterprise & Investment Unit within Mayo County Council and acts as a “First Stop Shop” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Mayo.



Driving the development of local enterprise and putting micro and small businesses at the heart of job creation, **LEO Mayo** supports start-ups and works to increase the job creation potential of new and existing microenterprises by providing access to information, advice, training, mentoring, seminars and selective financial support. The key functions of LEO Mayo are the provision of business information and advice, enterprise support services, entrepreneurship support and local enterprise development services on behalf of Mayo County Council.

LEO Mayo is funded by the Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation (via Enterprise Ireland), Mayo County Council and through income generated from programme fees and other initiatives. It operates in accordance with a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Enterprise Ireland and Mayo County Council.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Plans to develop a Trade Centre in Castlebar for US companies unveiled in September
- › Budding entrepreneurs from four secondary schools in Mayo scooped up five awards at the national Student Enterprise Awards final
- › Monaghan Brothers, supported by LEO Mayo, won the Best Export Business category at the National Enterprise Awards
- › Mayo Ideas Week attracted almost 1,200 attendees over 16 events, including seminars and workshops, across the county
- › Nigel O'Reilly, a Castlebar-based goldsmith, won the Regional Best-Established Business Award in Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition
- › LEO Mayo supported microenterprises to exhibit at Showcase in the RDS and to continue to participate in the iFactory West initiative

2017 IN NUMBERS

170

An additional 170 jobs created by LEO Mayo client businesses

330,318

€330,318 capital grants approved for client businesses

240

240 clients received **free mentoring** services

13

13 participants in Food Academy Programme jointly organised with LEO Roscommon

874

874 clients participated in subsidised training programmes

29

29 applicants received Trading Online Vouchers up to a value of €2,500 each

15

15 Microfinance Ireland applications facilitated by **LEO Mayo**

10

10 events for new and existing entrepreneurs during Local Enterprise Week

3

3 Mayo food companies entered the UK market via the Ireland West Food Group

LEO MAYO is looking forward to another productive and innovative year in 2018, with a particular focus on delivering National LEO programmes along with local, regional and international initiatives, similar to those provided in 2017 but with a concentration on addressing the current challenges and opportunities in business to allow emerging, new and existing microenterprises in Mayo to thrive.

INVEST

Invest promotes the economic development of the county, co-ordinating available enterprise supports to potential investors.



Two potential demonstration site projects were advanced in 2017. The Ampyx Power Test Site project involves a tethered aircraft that converts wind into electricity. The demonstration site, of which Ampyx Power will be the first user, opens possibilities for collaboration with a range of companies pioneering airborne wind power generation technology from around the globe, allowing County Mayo to work with lead innovators in this area.

The Skyway Project is a new transportation system involving light and compact vehicles which travel on steel wheels above the ground. The Invest Section is working with Skyway Technologies Co from Belarus to select a suitable location for a two-person Unibike demonstration site in Co Mayo.

Work continues with prospective developers to market the Killala Data Centre Strategic Site as a possible location for a Data Centre. America Europe Connect, the sub-sea cable system extending between Long Island in New York and Killala, together with easy access to a reliable power supply, provides a unique selling point for the site.

The redevelopment of Swinford Courthouse as a Creative Hub, with funding from Mayo County Council and Rural Economic Development Zone (REDZ) progressed in 2017. The final phase of works, subject to grant funding from Better Energy Communities (BEC), will continue in 2018.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Implementation of the County Mayo Tourism Strategy titled “Destination Mayo - A Strategy for the Future Development of Tourism in County Mayo 2016 - 2021” continued during 2017 and framed the work of the Tourism Development Section.



The vision for Mayo’s tourism industry in 2021 is to be a high quality, inclusive and authentic destination. Intrinsic to this vision is that Mayo’s tourism product appeals to the next generation of tourists, targeting both the mainstream mass market and niche specialist market segments with an array of high quality attractions and activity options coupled with a solid selection of accommodation, hospitality services and ancillary service products.

Key to the successful delivery of this vision is the building of collaborations between agencies, industry operators and local communities. A high level Steering Group has been established to progress and drive the actions as set out within the strategy. The Steering Group is headed up by Mr. James Horan, former Mayo Football Manager. In addition a total of eight networks have also been established to drive specific actions. The networks are spread over eight areas including Adventure, Culture & Heritage, Spiritual Tourism, Marketing of Festivals & Events, National Wilderness, Fishing, Sports Tourism and Food Tourism.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Mulranny Activity Services Centre on Great Western Greenway opened June 2017
- › New suspended rope bridge installed on Bangor Trail route
- › Two Nationwide programmes aired Spring 2017
- › A Guide for Planning your Visit to County Mayo aimed at tour operators, travel writers, bloggers and media production teams launched
- › Three Wild Mayo videos released in May and June
- › Trade Shows attended in collaboration with industry stakeholders include Holiday World Shows (Belfast and Dublin), the British Tourism and Travel Show (Birmingham), Milwaukee Irish Fest (USA) and National Ploughing Championships

2017 IN NUMBERS

33 Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Points in Mayo

€180,000 funding secured for Kiltimagh Velorail project

8,750 visitors and **€1.2 million** brought into local economy as a direct result of presence at trade shows

400,000 viewers of Nationwide programmes supported by Tourism Section

18,000,000 views of Wild Mayo videos

€420,000 invested in refurbishment of Mulranny Station House

BROADBAND & DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Government's Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce identified several tasks for completion in 2017.



One was the identification and mapping of priority areas of poor or non-existent mobile coverage in each county. Mayo County Council's Broadband and Digital Development Unit, in collaboration with the GIS Department, took the lead on this area of work and developed a system to map these areas of poor coverage using a combination of GPSS and mobile phone technologies.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ System developed to map areas of poor coverage piloted successfully with 44km of blackspots on the county's national primary and national secondary routes mapped and submitted to Telecoms providers for remediation.
- ▶ The system has been adopted by six other local authorities who have successfully used it to map their mobile blackspots.
- ▶ A free outdoor public Wi-Fi system was installed at Áras Inis Gluaire Civic Centre to coincide with the launch of Údarás na Gaeltachta's Digital Hub in Belmullet in September. The system went live in the week leading up to the launch of the hub and is now being extended around the town of Belmullet.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Development Management Section process all planning applications, including those from the former Town Council areas of Ballina, Castlebar, and Westport. The emphasis within the Development Management Section has changed from a planning control function processing of planning applications, to economic development and assisting development throughout every town and area in the County.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › **Vacant Site Levy and Register of Vacant Sites**
 In January 2017 Mayo County Council incorporated lands suitable for inclusion onto the Register of Vacant Sites and the statutory processes necessary to populate this register and to implement the levy commenced
- › The **Forward Planning Section** undertook a range of projects the overall aim being to support and facilitate proper planning and sustainable development, a greater emphasis has been placed on the **Formal Pre-Planning Applications**. This free service has been a great success of 2017
- › In 2017 the public consultation process for the preparation of a **National Planning Framework** to replace the National Spatial Strategy was launched. The **Forward Planning Section** co-ordinated and prepared the Council's submissions and collaborated with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly on its submission to the Framework
- › The **Planning Register** has also been **computerised** and the old **Planning Register Maps** have now been digitised. Planning Applications are scanned and are available in all **Area Offices** and on the internet to be viewed at any time
- › **Town & Village Enhancement & Renewal**
 Ongoing collaboration with the Heritage Office in the preparation of a draft Public Realm Plan for Ballinrobe. Similar work commenced on the preparation on a Public Realm Plan for Knock Village. Forward Planning also collaborated on the preparation of a Village Design statement for Newport town, which is being led by the Architects Section and is ongoing
- › One of the innovative outcomes from the 'Pilot' **Town Centre Health Check Training Programme 2016-2017** was the development by Mayo County Council of an app for undertaking land-use surveys which was piloted by the GMIT students during the survey work in Ballina town. This app was nominated for an **E-Government Award** for 2017. with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly on its submission to the Framework
- › **Extension of lifespan of Ireland West Airport Knock Local Area Plan 2012 -18.**
 Ireland West Airport Knock Local Area Plan 2012 – 2018 was due to expire October 2018. On June 12th 2017, the members resolved to extending the life of the existing Plan for a further period not exceeding five years.
- › Ireland West Airport Knock and lands surrounding the airport were designated as a **Strategic Development Zone (SDZ)** by the Government on 30th May 2017
- › A review of the **Renewable Energy Strategy** was ongoing during 2017 this review has been paused following the issue of Circular Letter PL 5/2017 and pending the publication of new wind energy guidelines

2017 IN NUMBERS

1,166

1,166 **Walk-in Planning Clinics** continue to be held each Wednesday at seven Council Area Offices. During 2017 there were 1,166 enquiries at the Walk-in Planning Clinics

6

Significant progress has been made on the "**Unfinished Estates**" list since its inception, the original 129 unfinished estates have now been reduced to a current total of 6

222

A greater emphasis has been placed on the formal **pre-planning process**. In 2014 there were 104 pre-planning applications, but this has more than doubled in 2017 to 222

€1,348,178

Participation in the inter-departmental collaborative process for the **Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017** which involved 14 towns & villages. A total of €1,348,178 was awarded to Mayo County Council under the scheme by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs



PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

The main function of the Planning Enforcement Section is to investigate written complaints received in relation to alleged unauthorized developments in accordance with the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

In the current economic climate it has been found that many Planning Enforcement files require protracted negotiation in order to achieve a satisfactory conclusion and there has been an increase in the necessity to issue enforcement notices and proceed to action by the Council Solicitor.

A summary of activity for the Planning Enforcement Section is shown below.

Table 1: Planning Enforcement Activity from 2013 to 2017

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of new complaints	135	152	149	155	129
Number of complaints resolved	78	100	69	73	115
Number of complaints dismissed	50	48	40	42	41
Number of Warning Letters issued	80	83	93	97	89
Number of Enforcement Notices issued	13	12	22	9	16
Number of files with County Council Solicitor	32	38	33	37	42
Number of prosecutions	0	3	2	0	0



HOUSING, ROADS & SERVICE DEVELOPMENT



IN THIS SECTION

Housing

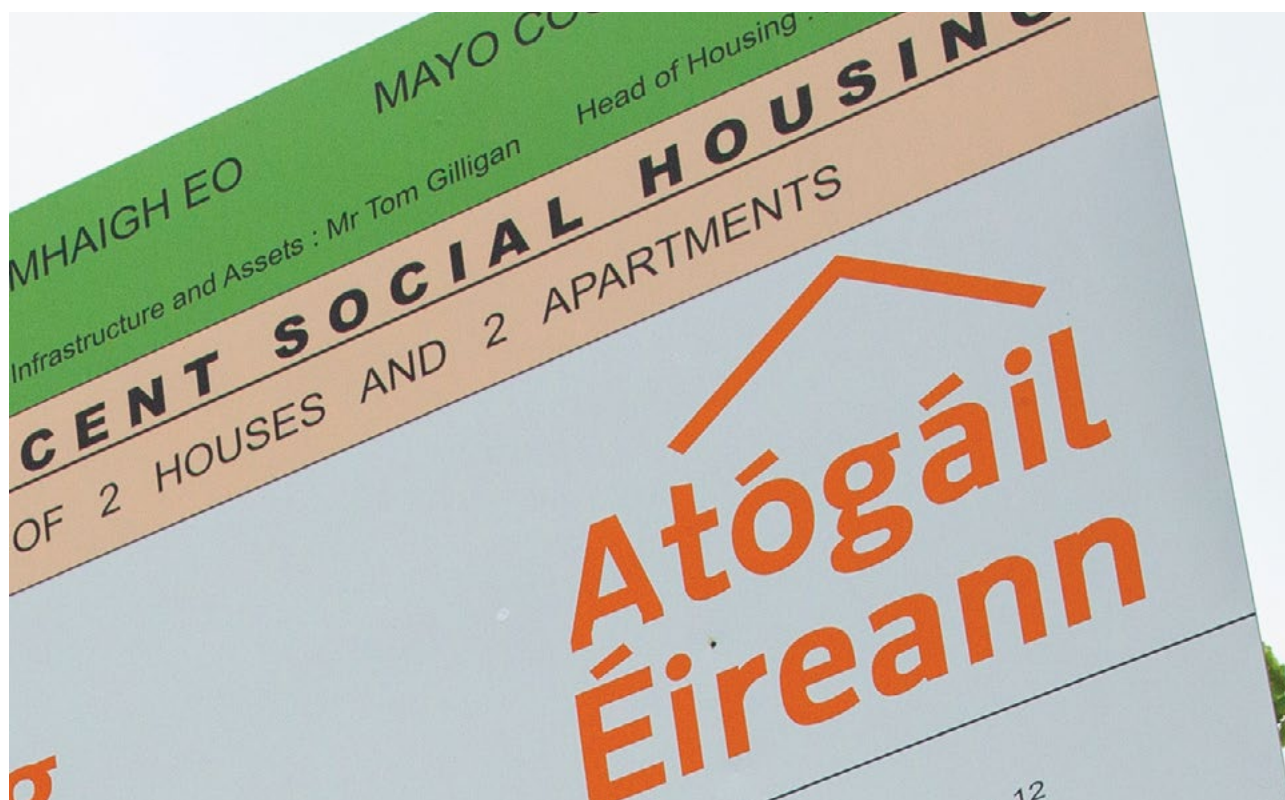
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Procurement & Efficiency Review



HOUSING

2017 was another busy year for the Mayo County Council Housing Service. Provision of good quality affordable accommodation presents challenges, but also opportunities, for Mayo and significant funding is being provided for the delivery of housing solutions for those in need.



The Principal work areas for the Housing Service in 2017 were:

- Delivery of the 2017 Housing Construction Programme
- Housing Needs Assessment 2017
- Management of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Social Leasing Scheme (SLS).
- Management of the Buy & Renew & Repair & Leasing Schemes
- Operation and Management of the three Housing Grant Schemes
- Maintenance and planned refurbishment of the housing stock

- Homelessness/Tenancy Sustainment
- Catering for Special Needs and Rural House Applicants
- Loans for Private Housing, Incremental Purchase and Home Improvement Loans
- Review and development of Housing Policy Statements and Procedures and Protocols for housing staff and clients
- Mayo Housing & Property Information Roadshow
- Differential Rent Scheme

In June 2017, Mayo County Council housed 7 families (34 persons) Syrian refugees who have been displaced by the ongoing war as part of Refugee Resettlement Programme

In August 2017, www.vacanthomes.ie was launched by Mayo County Council to quickly progress the delivery of vacant homes back into use.

As part of the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Mayo County Council had assumed responsibility for 1,671 units (484 from the Voluntary Sector & 1,187 from the Private Sector).

Mayo County Council had assumed responsibility for 226 units under **Social Housing Leasing**. This leasing scheme caters for clients who have been deemed eligible for Social Housing, but who are not in receipt of Rent Supplement. A huge challenge for the SHCEP team is the lack of properties available for renting and constant increases in rental prices is another challenge making it extremely difficult to secure good value for money.

There was a steady rise in the number of applications to participate in the Mortgage to Rent Scheme. At year end there were 7 active files in operation.

The Central Heating Programme was completed in 2017 ensuring that all Local Authority Houses have a central heating system.

The new Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) has been designed to bring all long-term social housing services, provided by the State, together under the Local Authority system, thereby providing for integrated social housing under one sector.

HAP plays a vital role in the delivery of affordable housing to the residents of County Mayo.

There were **805** live **HAP tenancies** in Mayo at 31st December 2017

2017 IN NUMBERS

The Council budgeted for expenditure of **€2,800,000** for **Housing Grants** for 2017. **Made up of Housing Aid for Older People, Mobility Aids Grants and Housing Adaptation Grants for people with a disability**

27 units were acquired by Mayo County Council in 2017 to ensure that new social housing stock is brought into play while the build programme is being rolled out

8 houses were sold to **Local Authority tenants** under the **Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme**

1 unit was completed in Mayo under the **Buy and Renew** scheme during 2017

22 vacant/void units were brought back into use during 2017.

1,222 households qualified for Social Housing Support in Mayo in 2017.
This figure represents the nett housing need and does not include transfer applicants

SVP St Michael's Housing Project Foxford designed by John Halligan Architects,
winner of Housing Project of the Year **2017**

ON-GOING WORK

The projected accommodation requirement in the 2014-2018 in the **Traveller Accommodation Plan** is 120 units:

- ➔ 31 units in the Ballina Municipal District
- ➔ 33 units in the Castlebar Municipal District
- ➔ 52 units in the Claremorris Municipal District
- ➔ 4 units in the West Mayo Municipal District

Since the adoption of the Traveller Accommodation Plan in April 2014 a total of 96 units out of 120 units of Traveller Accommodation have been delivered.

IN 2017 IN HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME ACHIEVED

21 Units at Tubberhill, Westport	On-site
1 Infill Unit at Westport	Complete
12 rurals at various locations	2 complete & 3 on-site
4 units at Marian Crescent, Ballina	On-site
8 Units at Knockmore	On-site
8 units at Knockmore	On-site
4 units at Kilmeena	On-site
4 units at Knock	On-site
1 infill unit at Newport	Pre-tender stage
7 Units at Logmore, Belmullet (IWCA)	Complete
4 units at Foxford (SVDP)	On-site
6 units at Glenamoy (Community)	Design stage
3 infill units at Swinford	Survey Stage

27 ACQUISITIONS IN 2017



ROADS TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

An efficient road transportation system provides the necessary infrastructure to support economic and social development of a region. Mayo County Council continued to play its part in 2017 in the maintenance and improvement of the road network in the County, thus supporting the economy within the County.



2017 IN NUMBERS

€45.8m spent maintaining and improving the **6,490 kms** of roadway in the charge of Mayo County Council

Speed limit in additional **130** Housing Estates reduced to 30km per hour, bringing total number to **330**

444 staff availed of Cycle-to-Work Scheme between 2010 and 2017

€23,552,862 spend on Regional and Local Roads including

- €657,460 invested in Community Involvement Schemes benefitting 15 communities
- Bridge Rehabilitation Grants totaling €585,555 allocated to works on 10 bridges
- Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants of €494,739 spent across 14 schemes

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Pavement Inlay Scheme commenced in the centre of Ballinrobe
- › 2km section of N59 Scheme at Rossow Bends – Rosdooaun Bridge completed incorporating a cycle-way completing the Great Western Greenway from Westport to Mulranny
- › Procurement of construction contract a 3km extension of Rossow Bends on the N59 at Kilmeena commenced in December
- › Repair of footpaths, ramps and pavement overlay/inlay on N5 Bridge Street, Shop Street & Castlebar Street, Westport
- › Archaeological Excavation, ESB Diversions and Fencing & Hedgerow Clearance Contract works continued on N5 Westport to Turlough Road Project
- › 2.7km long Pavement Overlay Scheme carried out between Kilkelly and Kiltimagh on the N17
- › N59 Westport to Mulranny – ‘Notices to Treat’ served on all landowners and approximately 95% of compensation claims settled
- › Safety measures provided at Carrowbawn on the Secondary Road Network
- › N26 Cloongullaune Road Project: Oral Hearing held in 2017 and further information subsequently requested submitted



NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE ROAD PROJECTS ADVANCED IN 2017

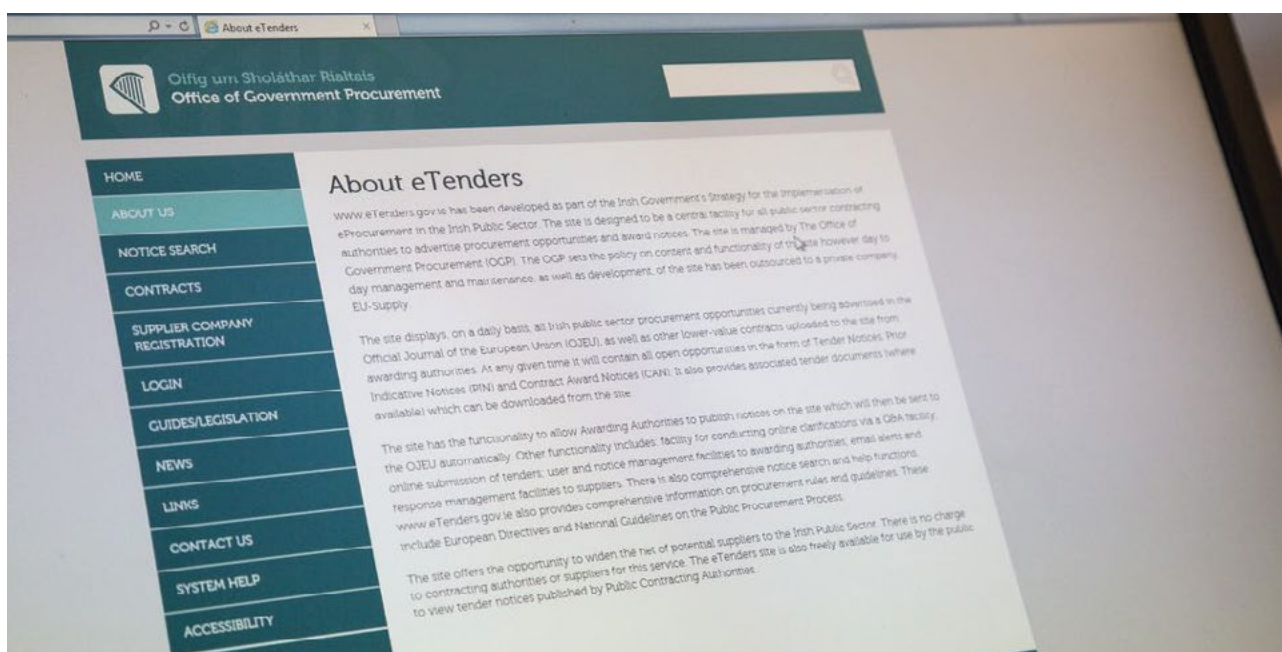
<p>N5 Westport To Turlough (27kms)</p>	<p>Negotiations proceeded with landowners with a view to reaching agreement on compensation. Advance works contracts also continued, including Archaeological Excavation, ESB diversions and a Fencing & Hedgerow Clearance Contract. Consultants were appointed to support the office through the administration, award and supervision of the Design and Build Construction Contract</p>
<p>N26 Cloongullaune (2kms)</p>	<p>This new 1.8km project on the N26 National Primary Road between Ballina and Swinford received an allocation in 2017. The CPO and NIS was published in October with the closing date for receipt of submissions being the 21st December 2016. The Oral Hearing was held in March 2017. Subsequent to the Oral Hearing An Bord Pleanála sought further information. This further information request was submitted to ABP and a decision is currently pending</p>
<p>N5 Bridge Street, Shop Street and Castlebar Street, Westport</p>	<p>The pavement on the Streets were identified as poor and the Pedestrian Ramps were in poor surface condition. The concrete Footpaths on both sides of Shop Street were cracking. Funding was provided to re-construct the Footpath and four of the Ramps as well as providing a Pavement Overlay/Inlay for the streets.</p>
<p>N17 Kilkelly - Knock Road Pavement Overlay Contract 2017 (2.7km)</p>	<p>A Pavement Overlay Scheme was carried out between Kilkelly and Knock on the N17 in the Townland of Bruff</p>

NATIONAL SECONDARY ROUTE ROAD PROJECTS ADVANCED IN 2017

N59 Westport-Newport at Kilbride, Phase I (3 kms)	Construction of this scheme is complete except for outstanding landscaping maintenance works
N59 Westport – Mulranny (40 kms)	Approximately 95% of landowner compensation claims were settled during 2017. The 2km section of the scheme at Rossow Bends , which is a continuation of the Kilbride Scheme south to Westport was completed. Mayo County Council commenced the procurement of a construction contract for the construction of a further 3 kms at Kilmeena , which is an extension of Rossow Bends with a view to awarding it in mid-2018
N60 Heathlawn (4km)	During 2017 land acquisition and payment of compensation to the affected landowners was progressed
N60 Lagnamuck (2km)	During 2017 land acquisition and payment of compensation to the affected landowners was progressed
N60/N84 Junction at Station Road & Moneen & Kilkenny Roundabouts Pavement Inlay Contract 2017	The N60/N84 Junction at Station Road, the N5 Moneen Roundabout and the N60 Kilkenny Roundabout were all renewed as well as the East bound approaches to the Moneen Roundabout and both approaches to the Pedestrian Traffic Lights adjacent on the N5 at the Curragh. A Pavement inlay was carried out for a 410 metre section of the N60 adjacent to Ashwood and the Cedars Housing estates
N60 Abbey Street, Ballyhaunis Pavement Inlay Contract 2017 (56m)	A Pavement Inlay Scheme was carried out beneath the Iarnrod Eireann Overbridge and its approaches
N83 Tavraun - Knock Road 2017 (2km)	A Pavement Overlay Scheme was carried out on the N83 National Secondary Road in the Townland of Tavraun
N84 Kilmaine - Shrulle Road (1.15km)	A Pavement Overlay Scheme was carried out between Kilmaine and Shrulle on the N84 in the Townland of Cregduff
N84 Ballinrobe Streets (1.15km)	A Pavement Inlay Scheme was undertaken in Ballinrobe town, at Bridge Street, Main Street, Bowgate Street and Glebe Street

PROCUREMENT & EFFICIENCY REVIEW

Mayo County Council champions the Office of Government Procurement model by embedding sustainable procurement throughout the organisation. Our key procurement principles incorporate fairness, openness, transparency, mutual recognition, non-discrimination and proportionality. The Procurement Office is committed to supplier inclusion and seeks to conduct business with a wide range of providers, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and third sector/socio-economy organisations, including supported businesses



The main changes introduced by the procurement reform regime are additional reporting obligations to ensure greater transparency when awarding contracts, greater focus on sustainable procurement, using smaller contracts lots to ensure fairer opportunities for SMEs, developing new solutions to meet the council's requirements through greater collaboration and more innovative approaches and reducing minimum time limits for procurement exercises, meaning that contracts can be put in place more quickly.

The role of the Procurement Office was outlined in the Corporate Procurement Plan 2016-2018 and the team have developed this role achieving increased value for money and greater efficiencies through common procurement frameworks, increased professionalism and innovative use of technology.

Procurement within the organisation is decentralised, with buyers in all areas of the council, with most of the procurement being conducted using the two electronic procurement portals; www.ETenders.gov.ie and www.SupplyGov.ie

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- › Historic Plant Hire and Road Marking frameworks were replaced with Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) allowing suppliers to join a DPS during its' term unlike a framework where unsuccessful/late suppliers might have to wait 12-24 months to be included in the next one
- › Procurement training, identified as necessary in the Corporate Procurement Plan, provided to staff.
- › The rollout of Milestone4 (MS4) allows for requests for spending in certain areas to automatically default to Procurement for initial approval when it has been confirmed that a competitive process has been engaged. The new system allows the tracking of Procurement Type and Procurement References to assist in the analysis and reporting of expenditure. More References will be rolled out over time as part of the expansion of approvals on MS4

2017 IN NUMBERS

44

44 competitions published on eTenders across a wide range of functional areas.

33

33 Requests for Quotations and 340 Requests for Tenders published on **SupplyGov.ie**

2,500

The Procurement intranet page, an important resource for disseminating information, had approximately 2,500 clicks during the year.



WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & EMERGENCY SERVICES



IN THIS SECTION

Rural Water

Environment, Climate Change and Agriculture

Mayo County Fire Service

West Region Fire Service

Mayo Civil Defence

Water Safety



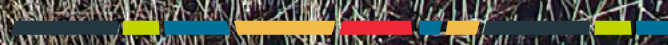


RURAL WATER

More than 18,000 rural households in County Mayo are served by 198 group water schemes (GWS) in the Rural Water Programme 2016 - 2018 administered by the Rural Water Section of Mayo County Council.

2017 was the second year of the transition to a new multiannual funding framework for the programme, the objective of which was to provide certainty for priority investment to support implementation of sustainable development in rural areas, meet the requirements of Drinking Water Regulations and support objectives in River Basin Management Plans.

As the Supervisory Authority for group water schemes under the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2007 and 2014, Mayo County Council is required to monitor group water supplies. Monitoring frequencies are based on the volume of water distributed or produced daily within the supply zone of the scheme and the HSE carry out the sampling on behalf of the council. The bulk of the 2017 budget was spent on addressing parametric non-compliance under Measure 1A, particularly on schemes experiencing trihalomethane (THM) issues.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Clooniron Reservoir at Uggooll on the Kilmovee/Urlaur Scheme was replaced.
- ➔ Major Network upgrade works on Cushin and Ayle schemes completed the final schemes in Mayo subject to the ECJ ruling against Ireland for non-compliance with the EU Drinking Water Directive and resulted in the lifting of a Boil Water Notice for 149 households.
- ➔ Specialist equipment to address THM formation was trialed by Coffey Water at the Prizon/Lisnolan, Ballyvary, Keellogues, Straide Scheme treatment plant and successfully demonstrated significant reductions in THM formation.
- ➔ Three schemes were taken in charge by Irish Water in 2017 and works were completed on a further four schemes in advance of their being taken in charge by Irish Water.
- ➔ Rural Water Conservation Engineer continues to assist schemes maximise income benefits by advising on reducing water leakage and wastage, assisting with minor works thereby helping the Rural Water Section prioritise future capital projects.

2017 IN NUMBERS

6.81

€6.81 million was invested in the Rural Water Programme in Mayo in 2017 from a national budget of €15.4 million

5

Minor treatment plant upgrades completed on 5 Design, Build, Operate (DBO) schemes

5

More substantial works completed on a further 5 DBO Schemes

10

10 DBO schemes were assessed to establish what improvements are needed to address THM exceedances

127

127 Boil Water Notice lifted for 127 households following upgrade works on the Glencorrib GWS

56

Two new schemes at Massbrook/Terry and Aghalonteen constructed in 2017 now serve a total of 56 households

47

Tendering process completed for a new scheme at Tonacrick-Culilnakillew which will supply water to 47 households

€55

Subsidy rates payable for domestic connections on public schemes increased from €55 in 2016 to €70 in 2017

€140

For private schemes, the domestic connection subsidy increased from €117.50 in 2016 to €140

€2.9 million

€2.9 million in subsidies towards the operation costs of schemes was paid out to 89 schemes who applied

15

15 Well Grant subsidies totaling €26,500 were paid

600

Approximately 600 water samples were taken

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & AGRICULTURE

Reflecting a shift in national priorities towards advancing climate action and acknowledging the contribution of agriculture were two key motivations for 2017.

The Department, assisted and supported by the Planning, Environment and Agriculture Strategic Policy Committee and the Agriculture Working Group, continued to promote the integration of a range of knowledge and perspectives from a wide range of stakeholders.

A priority focus was taken this year, on flooding, flood emergency planning and creating new strategies on climate change and agriculture.



A high-quality environment is essential for a good quality of life and is a key component of sustainable development. Mayo County Council places a high emphasis on increasing environmental awareness and promoting behavioural changes to foster that quality.

In tandem with the climate action work of the Department, the Environment, Climate Change & Agriculture team is tasked with the enforcement of environmental legislation, the implementation of EU directives and regulations, national and regional policies and the raising of awareness of environmental issues with the general public.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Establishment of the Mayo Climate Action Team to develop a strategy and action plan in line with the National Mitigation and Adaptation Plans
- ➔ Successfully bid for the Atlantic Seaboard North Regional Climate Change Office, which includes Donegal, Sligo, Galway and Mayo and will be a centre of excellence in Sea Level Rise, Coastal and Groundwater Flooding
- ➔ Fully participated in the preparation of the National River Basin Management Plan with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Local Authorities Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO)
- ➔ Supported the development and formation of the Moy Catchment Association in collaboration with LAWCO in preparation for the formation of a Moy Catchment Rivers Trust
- ➔ Flood Preparedness Planning in Mayo progressed in 2017 and work continues, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works (OPW), to find solutions to issues
- ➔ Waste management priorities for 2017 were management of waste tyres, household waste management compliance including brown bin roll-out and construction and demolition waste management
- ➔ Completion of capping of final cell at Rathroeen Landfill
- ➔ Upcycling workshop as part of National Reuse Month in Belmullet
- ➔ Pilot Bulky Goods Collection on Achill in advance of Bonfire's night

2017 IN NUMBERS

850

850 reusable coffee cups distributed for sale around the county with funds raised going to Tidy Towns Groups

61

61 Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (DWWTS) inspected

12

12 Blue Flag Beaches in the county

3

3 sites were removed from the Derelict Sites Register in 2017

100%

100% increase in the number of Construction and Demolition Materials Recovery Facilities in County Mayo

28

28 bathing waters were monitored and water quality reported on during the 2017 Bathing Water Season with six areas being awarded the Green Coast Award

108

108 of the 159 burial grounds in County Mayo maintained by community groups, supported financially by Mayo County Council through the Municipal District Allocation system

THE TWO ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN NATIONAL PLANS FOR TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE ARE:

MITIGATION: Reducing Greenhouse gases emissions and enhancing carbon sinks

ADAPTATION: Adapting to the actual and expected impacts of Climate Change both positive and negative

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

The Veterinary Department has two main areas of focus, Food Safety and the Dog Warden Service.



Carried out under a Service Contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI), the Department carries out Food Safety Work with a particular emphasis on hygiene and traceability. By working closely with local Food Business Operators to achieve and maintain the highest standards of food safety, the Department is actively involved in combating zoonotic diseases i.e. diseases transmittable between animals and humans and has direct input into the elimination of Notifiable Diseases.

Nine approved Small Meat-Manufacturing premises and a further eight registered premises throughout the county are inspected and monitored on a regular basis. In addition, veterinary staff carry out ante and post-mortem inspection on every animal slaughtered at the 16 abattoirs in the county, as well as overseeing general conditions of operational and structural hygiene.

The Dog Control Service is provided directly by the Department, ensuring that dogs in Mayo are licenced and kept under effectual control. In 2017 183 dogs were taken into the Dog Pound. 145 dogs were rehomed from the Pound during the year. An allocation of €38,000 was made to animal welfare groups in County Mayo during 2017.

Dog owners are required to have a dog licence and to have their dog microchipped and the Department strives to increase awareness of responsible dog ownership. A Free Microchipping Day in November 2017 was so successful that a second day was arranged in December. 55 dogs in total were microchipped over the two days.

MAYO COUNTY FIRE SERVICE

Mayo County Council has a statutory obligation, as a fire authority, under the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003, (a) to make provision for the prompt and efficient extinguishing of fire, for the protection of and rescue of persons and property from injury by fire, (b) establish and maintain a fire brigade and premises, and (c) make adequate provisions for the reception of and response to call for the assistance of the fire brigade.



Fire Prevention Office assesses buildings, from a fire safety perspective, to ensure that they are planned, designed, constructed and maintained in a safe manner, conducted via inspections on foot of licensing and planning applications.

121 firefighters employed in 12 fire stations located around the county, deal with a vast array of incidents annually, ranging from chimney fires, house fires, bog/forest fires, road traffic accidents, rescues and incidents involving hazardous materials.

The County Fire Service role in regard to Building Regulations is to guarantee people's health, safety and welfare within a premises, to ensure building access for people and the conservation of energy. Inspections are carried out via spot checks on compliance with the regulations.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- Achieved Certification in OHSAS 18001:2007, an international standard that provides a framework to identify, control, reduce risks and promote health and safety in the workplace
- Actively involved in Community Fire Safety Events throughout 2017
- Regional Training organised and facilitated at Lough Lannagh for the National Framework for Major Emergency Management Principle Response agencies in Mayo, Galway and Roscommon
- The fire appliance fleet replacement programme continues

2017 IN NUMBERS

114 Fire Safety Certificate Applications received

411 Commencement Notice Applications received

129 Licensing Application inspections carried out

70 other inspections carried out

NDFEM Primary Schools Programme delivered to **3586** students in **163** schools

Attended **766** incidents resulting in **888** fire brigade responses

82 valid Disability Access Certificate Applications received

65 new building inspections carried out

WEST REGION FIRE CONTROL

Operated by Mayo County Council on behalf of local authorities of Connaught and Co Donegal, the West Region Communications Control (Fire) or WRCC provides the 112/999 emergency call answering for the region.



2017 IN NUMBERS



17,650

Incoming calls were received



13,383

Outgoing calls were made



4,379

Fire brigade emergency incidents across the region resulted



54

WRCC oversaw and implemented the installation of a new Alerting and Mobilising Equipment and the new UDP/IP network to all 54 fire stations in the region

CIVIL DEFENCE

A voluntary organisation comprising of approximately 85 volunteers, Mayo Civil Defence provides support to Primary Response Agencies and local communities with highly trained members whose activities are valued by front line emergency services and local communities.



The strength of the organisation lies in its voluntary ethos and commitment to purpose with its members willingly and freely giving of their time and expertise and training on a weekly basis. In 2017 Mayo Civil Defence assisted An Garda Síochána and the Irish Coast Guard over a 6 week period in the search for the missing crew of Rescue 116, having a presence at Blacksod every day throughout the search operation.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Commander Fran Power received his Voluntary Services Training Skills QQI Award
- ➔ The county received a plaque in recognition of volunteerism from Sligo – City of Volunteerism 2017
- ➔ Westport Air Show
- ➔ Saddle Up for Epilepsy supported
- ➔ CPR Awareness Week Training in GMIT
- ➔ Presentation of 1916 Commemorative medals to volunteers



2017 IN NUMBERS



85

85 Volunteers



15

15 Vehicles



4

4 boats



6

6 weeks supporting Rescue 116 Search in Blacksod including Civil Defence Drone Teams



225

225 volunteers utilised equating to 2,480 man hours



1

1 ambulance acquired



1

1 double walled boat acquired



1

1 Land Rover acquired

WATER SAFETY

Mayo County Council is responsible for the employment of Beach Lifeguards during the summer months. In 2017 20 full time Beach Lifeguards were in place from June to September at Bertra, Carramore, Carrowniskey, Keel, Keem, Mulranny, Old Head, Ross and Silver Strand beaches. A further two full-time Pool Lifeguards were employed at Belmullet Tidal Pool and eight Reserve Beach Lifeguards supported these staff.

Lifeguard - Rescue Statistics- Full 2017 Bathing Season

BEACH /POOL	RESCUE WITHOUT CRAFT	RESCUE USING CRAFT	1ST AID	LOST CHILD	ADVICE GIVEN	ACCIDENT PREVENTED	OTHER
Belmullet Tidal Pool			7		1793		
Bertra			1		416	4	
Carramore			4		629	2	
Carrowniskey			13		1032	12	
Keel		1	24	2	1329	220	18
Keem			15	1	1107	68	7
Mulranny			5		642	27	6
Old Head			9	1	1039	17	
Ross			7		1251	39	1
Silver Strand			10		478	44	7
Total	0	1	95	4	9716	433	39



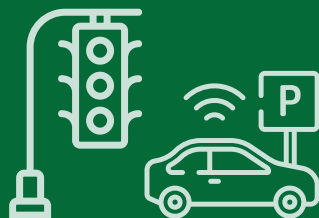
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & MOTOR TAX



IN THIS SECTION

Finance

Motor Tax



FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for the financial operations in Mayo County Council with particular emphasis on ensuring that adequate arrangements are in place to finance revenue and capital activity.



Revenue, or day-to-day expenditure, is defrayed from sources such as:



Government Grants



Commercial Rates



Housing Rents



Planning Application



Other goods and services such as
Landfill/Civic Amenity Charges, Pay & Display

A wide range of services are provided by the Finance Section, including:

- Financial & Budgetary Control, Cash Flow & Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Annual Budget
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Administration of the Financial Management Systems
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates Billing and Collection
- Housing Rents and Loans Billing and Collection
- Payment of supplier accounts
- Cash Receipting
- Administration and Collection of the Non-Principal Private Residence Charge

The Finance Department also ensures that statutory and financial accounting principles, which apply to all money, paid by, or to, the Council are complied with.

2017 was a challenging year for Mayo County Council. The challenging economic conditions have impacted considerably on the Council's financial circumstances since 2008. Income sources have particularly suffered while at the same time demand has increased for many of the services provided by the Council. This continuing financial situation places pressures on the Council and requires very focussed and ongoing financial management of available resources and appropriate discipline to work within available budgets and affordability thresholds.

2017 IN NUMBERS

Revenue Expenditure of **€138,389,521** and Capital Expenditure of **€67,452,960** indicate the extent of day to day service delivery and infrastructural development and demonstrates the significance of Council operations on the local economy

Collection levels increased in the three major collection areas below:

(Source: 2017 Annual Performance Indicators Returns)

- Rates **84.9%** ↑ 2.6% from 2016
- Rent and Annuities **86.1%** ↑ 1.3% from 2016
- Housing Loans **70.6%** ↑ 2.3% from 2016

Arrears levels have decreased across all these income collection areas.

Capital expenditure levels increased in key areas including House Construction/ Purchase, addressing Housing Voids and the provision of Water/Waste Water Schemes

€8,310,112 of the Local Property Tax received was collected within the county with **€11,502,232** received from the Equalisation Fund

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2017

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year. Transfers to/from reserves are shown separately and not allocated by service division. Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
	2017	2017	2017	2016
	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	15,726,150	15,477,465	248,686	402,553
Roads Transportation & Safety	37,434,683	28,729,303	8,705,379	9,067,927
Water Services	17,000,086	17,374,253	(374,168)	(693,206)
Development Management	10,268,133	3,123,617	7,144,516	6,227,529
Environmental Services	16,169,591	5,468,680	10,700,911	9,267,635
Recreation & Amenity	9,740,378	2,821,435	6,918,944	7,121,961
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,526,423	614,856	911,567	929,066
Miscellaneous Services	18,384,679	8,723,294	9,661,385	7,759,378
Total Expenditure/Income	126,250,123	82,332,903		
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates & Local Property Tax			43,917,220	40,082,844
Rates			28,973,107	25,766,049
Local Property Tax			19,812,344	17,492,594
Pension Related Deduction			-	1,577,802
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			4,868,231	4,753,602
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(5,467,687)	(4,448,785)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			(599,456)	304,817
General Reserve @ 1st January 2017			(4,351,379)	(4,656,196)
General Reserve @ 31st December 2017			(4,950,835)	(4,351,379)

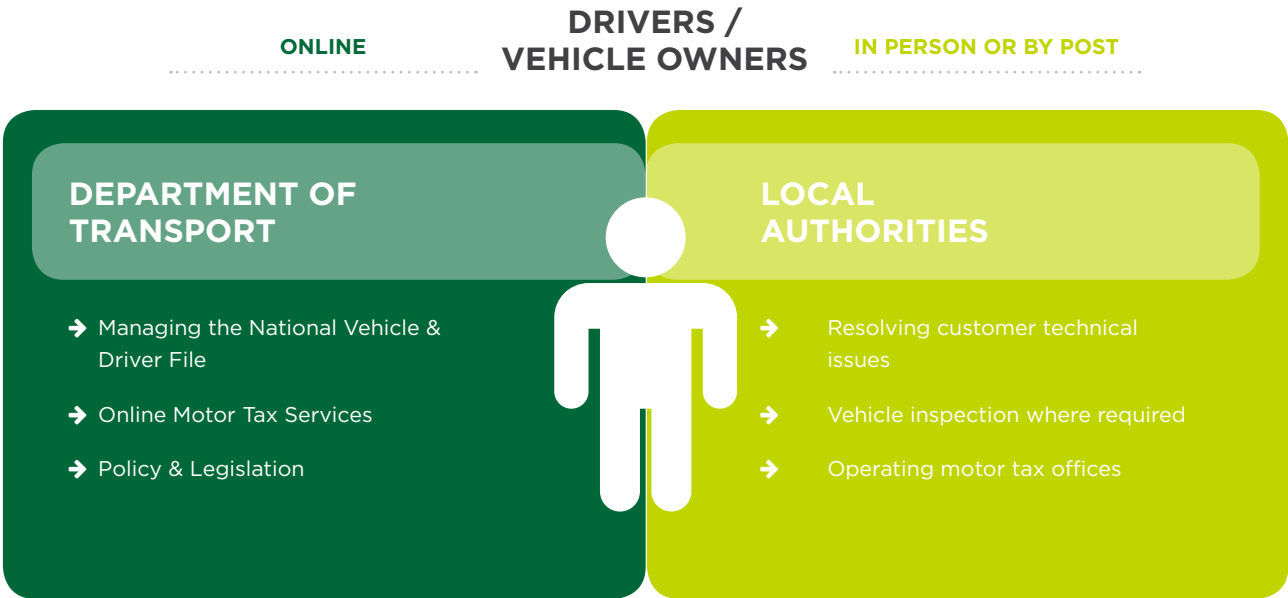
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AT 31st DECEMBER 2017

	NOTES	2017	2016
		€	€
FIXED ASSETS	1		
Operational		401,713,183	393,329,103
Infrastructural		2,988,412,538	2,988,318,640
Community		9,628,343	9,437,690
Non-Operational		59,296,713	56,460,668
		3,459,050,776	3,447,546,101
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	74,130,988	57,814,179
Long Term Debtors	3	65,378,008	65,736,806
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	4	398,837	329,708
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	19,508,458	18,617,996
Bank Investments		10,400,000	14,415,000
Cash at Bank		3,962,322	2,972,559
Cash in Transit		257,004	315,479
		34,526,620	36,650,742
CURRENT LIABILITIES (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	54,307,844	50,817,237
		54,307,844	50,817,237
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		(19,781,224)	(14,166,495)
CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR)			
Loans Payable	7	118,061,806	122,965,759
Refundable deposits	8	5,440,768	6,452,409
		123,502,574	129,418,168
NET ASSETS		3,455,275,976	3,427,512,422
REPRESENTED BY			
Capitalisation Account	9	3,459,050,776	3,447,546,101
Income WIP	2	73,625,411	55,623,453
General Revenue Reserve		(4,950,835)	(4,351,379)
Other Balances	10	(72,449,374)	(71,305,750)
TOTAL RESERVES		3,455,275,976	3,427,512,422

MOTOR TAX

Mayo Motor Tax continues to deliver quality and timely services, providing customer focused and friendly services to its users.

Below is a breakdown of the roles and responsibilities for the collection of Motor Tax, identifying the key role Mayo Motor Tax has in the collection and delivery of this service.



These services are delivered through our three strategically located offices within Mayo, detailed below

01 Glenpark, The Mall,
Castlebar

02 Civic Office,
Ballina

03 Belmullet Civic Centre,
Belmullet

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ The Total Income for Mayo Motor Tax in 2017 was €30,307,277. This total is comprised of €19,207,654 (online) and €11,099,623 (Mayo Motor Tax Offices)
- ▶ The total collected in the Mayo Motor Tax Offices during 2017 is broken down as follows;
 - Castlebar **€6,797,453**
 - Ballina **€3,075,439**
 - Belmullet **€1,226,731**

2017 IN NUMBERS

The Department of Transport has estimated that **98%** of renewal facilities are available for completion online



2017 IN PHOTOS







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