



Sligo County Council

Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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1. Introduction

Circular 13/13: *"The Public Spending Code: Expenditure Planning, Appraisal & Evaluation in the Irish Public Service-Standard Rules & Procedures"*, came into effect in September 2013.

The objective of the code is to ensure that the state achieves best value for the resources it has at its disposal. The Code covers all bodies in receipt of public funding, including Local Authorities. Each Authority is required to publish an annual report, signed by the Chief Executive, following the completion of a Quality Assurance process. In July 2019 the Public Spending Code was amended to update the central technical references and economic appraisal parameters in the Spending Code. In December 2019 the Public Spending Code was further amended as it applies to capital expenditure, updated the Guidelines for the use of PPPs and consolidated the Public Spending Code guidance on the website of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

This report is the "Public Spending Code-Quality Assurance Report" for Sligo County Council for the year ended 31st December 2022.

2. Format of Report

The Public Spending Code sets out five steps in the Quality Assurance Process, as follows:

1. Compilation of a list of all projects/programmes, at the different stages of the Project Life Cycle, with an anticipated cost in excess of €500,000 ("Project Inventories"). This list of Capital and Current Expenditure schemes/programmes are further classified under the categories of:
 - Being considered
 - Being incurred
 - Completed or discontinued
2. Where there are procurements in excess of €10m, relating to projects in progress or completed in the year under review, the Authority should publish summary information on its website.

3. Completion of checklists included in the Code.
4. Undertaking an in-depth check on a sample of projects/programmes. The value of the projects selected for in-depth review must follow the criteria set out below;
 - Capital Projects – minimum of 5% of the total value of all Capital projects on the Project Inventory
 - Revenue Projects – minimum of 1% of the total value of all Revenue projects on the Project Inventory.The minimum is an average over a three year period.
5. Preparation and submission of a short report to the National Oversight & Audit Commission (NOAC), summarising the information covered in steps 1-4 of the Quality Assurance process. The report is to be signed by the Chief Executive and published on the authority's website.

3. Inventory of Projects/Programmes (Step 1 of QA Process)

Appendix 1 sets out the inventory of Sligo County Council, for the year ended 31st December 2022. The current expenditure, capital grant schemes and capital projects are categorised under the three phases of:

- Expenditure being considered
- Expenditure being incurred
- Projects / Programmes completed or discontinued

Expenditure being considered

This heading includes expenditure for capital projects and grant schemes that are or were under consideration during the year and new current expenditure programmes/extensions to existing programmes, with annual expenditure greater than €0.5m per annum. Capital projects "under consideration" include those at appraisal and planning and design phases.

Expenditure being incurred

This covers capital projects that are at the implementation stage, capital grant schemes that are incurring expenditure and current expenditure schemes or programmes that are incurring expenditure.

Projects / Programmes completed or discontinued

This includes Capital Projects that were completed in the year, capital grant schemes that were completed/discontinued and current expenditure schemes or programmes that were completed /discontinued.

The revenue figures included in Appendix 1 are based on the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2022.

The total Current expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 2022 is €61,652,092.

The total inventory value for Capital Projects / Programmes for the year ended 31st December 2022 is:

Expenditure being considered	€124,553,185
Expenditure being incurred	€1,052,747,615
Project / Programme completed or discontinued	€6,284,873
Total	€1,183,585,673

4. Published Summary of Procurements (Step 2 of QA Process)

Sligo County Council has published details of procurements in excess of €10m, for 2022 inventories, on its website at the following link:

<http://www.sligococo.ie/publicspendingcode/>

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Procurement over €10 million

Procurements by Sligo County Council in excess of €10 million will be published here, in accordance with the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

[Procurement in excess of €10m - Project Details 2021.\(PDF\)](#) - 31 kbs 

[Procurement in excess of €10m - Project Details 2020.\(PDF\)](#) - 257 kbs 

[Procurement in excess of €10m - Project Details 2019.\(PDF\)](#) - 246 kbs 

[Procurement in excess of €10m - Project Details 2018.\(PDF\)](#) - 71 kbs 

There were no procurements by Sligo County Council in excess of €10 million in 2017.

There were no procurements by Sligo County Council in excess of €10 million in 2016.

The Authority will continue to update the information as new relevant procurements arise.

5. Assessment of Compliance (Step 3 of QA Process)

The following high level checklists have been completed by the Authority:

1. General Obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes
2. Capital Expenditure being considered – Appraisal and Approval
3. Current Expenditure being considered – Appraisal and Approval
4. Capital Expenditure being incurred
5. Current Expenditure being incurred
6. Capital Expenditure recently completed
7. Current Expenditure (i) reached the end of its planned timeframe or (ii) was discontinued

Checklist 1 – To be completed in respect of general obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.

	General Obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 1.1	Does the organisation ensure, on an ongoing basis, that appropriate people within the organisation and its agencies are aware of their requirements under the Public Spending Code (incl. through training)?	3	All relevant staff have been notified of their obligations under the PSC
Q 1.2	Has internal training on the Public Spending Code been provided to relevant staff?	3	Guidance documentation has been circulated and is available on the intranet.
Q 1.3	Has the Public Spending Code been adapted for the type of project/programme that your organisation is responsible for, i.e., have adapted sectoral guidelines been developed?	3	Yes, e.g. TII project appraisal guidelines
Q 1.4	Has the organisation in its role as Approving Authority satisfied itself that agencies that it funds comply with the Public Spending Code?	3	Where applicable.
Q 1.5	Have recommendations from previous QA reports (incl. spot checks) been disseminated, where appropriate, within the organisation and to agencies?	3	Recommendations are notified to relevant parties for review and implementation
Q 1.6	Have recommendations from previous QA reports been acted upon?	3	Recommendations are reviewed and implemented by relevant parties.
Q 1.7	Has an annual Public Spending Code QA report been submitted to and certified by the Chief Executive Officer,	3	Certified by the Chief Executive, submitted to NOAC and published

	submitted to NOAC and published on the Local Authority's website?		on Sligo County Council's website
Q 1.8	Was the required sample of projects/programmes subjected to in-depth checking as per step 4 of the QAP?	3	Yes, the required sample was subjected to an in-depth review
Q 1.9	Is there a process in place to plan for ex post evaluations? Ex-post evaluation is conducted after a certain period has passed since the completion of a target project with emphasis on the effectiveness and sustainability of the project.	3	Yes – standard part of Scheme Management for both TII, DTTAS and Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in relation to capital projects
Q 1.10	How many formal evaluations were completed in the year under review? Have they been published in a timely manner?	3	n/a in 2022
Q 1.11	Is there a process in place to follow up on the recommendations of previous evaluations?	3	Yes
Q 1.12	How have the recommendations of reviews and ex post evaluations informed resource allocation decisions?	3	Yes- they are used as a learning tool for future projects

Checklist 2 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes that were under consideration in the past year. Review of CAS Housing projects checklists for 2022.

	Capital Expenditure being Considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1	Comment/Action Required
Q 2.1	Was a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) completed for all capital projects and programmes over €10m?	3	Yes, where required
Q 2.2	Were performance indicators specified for each project/programme which will allow for a robust evaluation at a later date? Have steps been put in place to gather performance indicator data?	3	Housing Capital fortnightly review meetings and quarterly review meetings with Dept.

			Housing Capital team. SCC liaison point for AHB
Q 2.3	Was a Preliminary and Final Business Case, including appropriate financial and economic appraisal, completed for all capital projects and programmes?	3	Yes, AHB Consultants /Architects
Q 2.4	Were the proposal objectives SMART and aligned with Government policy including National Planning Framework, Climate Mitigation Plan etc?	3	Yes, AHB Consultants /Architects
Q 2.5	Was an appropriate appraisal method and parameters used in respect of capital projects or capital programmes/grant schemes?	3	Yes DHPLG 4 stage capital appraisal process
Q 2.6	Was a financial appraisal carried out on all proposals and was there appropriate consideration of affordability?	3	Yes, AHB Consultants /Architects / QS reviews
Q 2.7	Was the appraisal process commenced at an early enough stage to inform decision making?	3	Yes, DHPLG 4 stage capital appraisal process
Q 2.8	Were sufficient options analysed in the business case for each capital proposal?	3	Yes, AHB Consultants /Architects
Q 2.9	Was the evidence base for the estimated cost set out in each business case? Was an appropriate methodology used to estimate the cost? Were appropriate budget contingencies put in place?	3	Yes, AHB Consultants /Architects Unit Ceiling Costs (UCC) used
Q 2.10	Was risk considered and a risk mitigation strategy commenced? Was appropriate consideration given to governance and deliverability?	1	Risk mitigation underway. Risk Register prepared at Stage 1. Governance – fortnightly report to Housing Capital

			<p>Team, quarterly report to DHPLG Capital Team</p> <p>In 1 no. instance Risk Register absent from Stage 1 submission to DHLGH by AHB/Housing Agency</p>
Q 2.11	Were the Strategic Assessment Report, Preliminary and Final Business Case submitted to DPER for technical review for projects estimated to cost over €100m?	n/a	Under €100m
Q 2.12	Was a detailed project brief including design brief and procurement strategy prepared for all investment projects?	3	Yes DHPLG 4 stage capital appraisal process
Q 2.13	Were procurement rules (both National and EU) complied with?	3	AHB consultants / Architects aware of procurement rules with which to comply
Q 2.14	Was the Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) properly implemented?	3	AHB consultants / Architects aware of CWMF
Q 2.15	Were State Aid rules checked for all support?	3	AHB consultants / Architects aware of State Aid rules
Q 2.16	Was approval sought from the Approving Authority at all decision gates?	3	Yes, AHB Consultants / architects submission to LA – SCC liaison point for AHB

Q 2.17	Was Value for Money assessed and confirmed at each decision gate by Sponsoring Agency and Approving Authority?	3	Yes DHPLG 4 stage capital appraisal process
Q 2.18	Was approval sought from Government through a Memorandum for Government at the appropriate decision gates for projects estimated to cost over €100m?	n/a	Under €100m

See Note 2 in the opening guidelines in relation to the interpretation of Capital Grant Schemes in the context of Local Government

Checklist 3 – To be completed in respect of new current expenditure under consideration in the past year. B05 Public Lighting D09 Economic Development and Promotion

	Current Expenditure being Considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 3.1	Were objectives clearly set out?	3	Part of the annual budgetary process
Q 3.2	Are objectives measurable in quantitative terms?	3	
Q 3.3	Was a business case, incorporating financial and economic appraisal, prepared for new current expenditure proposals?	n/a	
Q 3.4	Was an appropriate appraisal method used?	n/a	
Q 3.5	Was an economic appraisal completed for all projects/programmes exceeding €20m or an annual spend of €5m over 4 years?	n/a	
Q 3.6	Did the business case include a section on piloting?	n/a	
Q 3.7	Were pilots undertaken for new current spending proposals involving total expenditure of at least €20m over the proposed duration of the programme and a minimum annual expenditure of €5m?	n/a	
Q 3.8	Have the methodology and data collection requirements for the pilot been agreed at the outset of the scheme?	n/a	

Q 3.9	Was the pilot formally evaluated and submitted for approval to the relevant Vote Section in DPER?	n/a	
Q 3.10	Has an assessment of likely demand for the new scheme/scheme extension been estimated based on empirical evidence?	n/a	
Q 3.11	Was the required approval granted?	3	Approved at the annual budget meeting
Q 3.12	Has a sunset clause been set?	n/a	
Q 3.13	If outsourcing was involved were both EU and National procurement rules complied with?	n/a	
Q 3.14	Were performance indicators specified for each new current expenditure proposal or expansion of existing current expenditure programme which will allow for a robust evaluation at a later date?	3	Additional expenditure relates to existing expenditure stream
Q 3.15	Have steps been put in place to gather performance indicator data?	3	Additional expenditure relates to existing expenditure stream

Checklist 4 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grants schemes incurring expenditure in the year under review. Review of Sligo Road Design projects for 2022.

	Incurring Capital Expenditure	Self-Assessed	Comment/Action Required
Q 4.1	Was a contract signed and was it in line with the Approval given at each Decision Gate?	3	Yes
Q 4.2	Did management boards/steering committees meet regularly as agreed?	3	Yes

Q 4.3	Were programme co-ordinators appointed to co-ordinate implementation?	3	Yes
Q 4.4	Were project managers, responsible for delivery, appointed and were the project managers at a suitably senior level for the scale of the project?	3	Yes
Q 4.5	Were monitoring reports prepared regularly, showing implementation against plan, budget, timescales and quality?	3	Yes
Q 4.6	Did projects/programmes/grant schemes keep within their financial budget and time schedule?	3	Yes
Q 4.7	Did budgets have to be adjusted?	3	Yes, by way of Change Orders
Q 4.8	Were decisions on changes to budgets / time schedules made promptly?	3	Yes
Q 4.9	Did circumstances ever warrant questioning the viability of the project/programme/grant scheme and the business case (exceeding budget, lack of progress, changes in the environment, new evidence, etc.)?	3	No
Q 4.10	If circumstances did warrant questioning the viability of a project/programme/grant scheme was the project subjected to adequate examination?	n/a	n/a

Q 4.11	If costs increased or there were other significant changes to the project was approval received from the Approving Authority?	3	Yes
Q 4.12	Were any projects/programmes/grant schemes terminated because of deviations from the plan, the budget or because circumstances in the environment changed the need for the investment?	3	Sligo Greenway- Bellaghy/Charlestown/Collooney - Contracts with Consultants terminated due to TII becoming the Approving Authority for the Sligo Greenway Project.

See Note 2 in the opening guidelines in relation to the interpretation of Capital Grant Schemes in the context of Local Government

Checklist 5 – To be completed in respect of current expenditure programmes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

	Incurring Current Expenditure	Self- Assessed	Comment/Action Required
Q 5.1	Are there clear objectives for all areas of current expenditure?	3	Annual Budget defines the expenditure for the year
Q 5.2	Are outputs well defined?	3	National Key Performance Indicators
Q 5.3	Are outputs quantified on a regular basis?	3	National Key Performance Indicators are set annually
Q 5.4	Is there a method for monitoring efficiency on an ongoing basis?	3	Budget monitoring on a monthly basis and regular team meetings to review activities
Q 5.5	Are outcomes well defined?	3	Yes, Corporate Plan objectives
Q 5.6	Are outcomes quantified on a regular basis?	3	As required

Q 5.7	Are unit costings compiled for performance monitoring?	3	As required
Q 5.8	Are other data compiled to monitor performance?	3	Reports as required by the Approving Authority
Q 5.9	Is there a method for monitoring effectiveness on an ongoing basis?	3	Monthly management reports
Q 5.10	Has the organisation engaged in any other 'evaluation proofing' of programmes/projects?	2	Performance Indicator data is available

Checklist 6 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes discontinued in the year under review.

	Capital Expenditure Recently Completed	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 6.1	How many Project Completion Reports were completed in the year under review?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 6.2	Were lessons learned from Project Completion Reports incorporated into sectoral guidance and disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and the Approving Authority?	n/a	Updated guidelines incorporate lessons learned
Q 6.3	How many Project Completion Reports were published in the year under review?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 6.4	How many Ex-Post Evaluations were completed in the year under review?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 6.5	How many Ex-Post Evaluations were published in the year under review?	n/a	n/a in 2022

Q 6.6	Were lessons learned from Ex-Post Evaluation reports incorporated into sectoral guidance and disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and the Approving Authority?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 6.7	Were Project Completion Reports and Ex-Post Evaluations carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 6.8	Were Project Completion Reports and Ex-Post Evaluation Reports for projects over €50m sent to DPER for dissemination?	n/a	n/a in 2022

See Note 2 in the opening guidelines in relation to the interpretation of Capital Grant Schemes in the context of Local Government

Checklist 7 – To be completed in respect of current expenditure programmes that reached the end of their planned timeframe during the year or were discontinued.

	Current Expenditure that (i) reached the end of its planned timeframe or (ii) was discontinued	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 7.1	Were reviews carried out of current expenditure programmes that matured during the year or were discontinued?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 7.2	Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were efficient?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 7.3	Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were effective?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 7.4	Have the conclusions reached been taken into account in related areas of expenditure?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 7.5	Were any programmes discontinued following a review of a current expenditure programme?	n/a	n/a in 2022
Q 7.6	Were reviews carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?	n/a	n/a in 2022

Q 7.7	Were changes made to the organisation's practices in light of lessons learned from reviews?	n/a	n/a in 2022
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Main issues arising from Checklist Assessment

The above checklists represent Sligo County Council's assessment of its compliance with the Public Spending Code. Overall, while there is a good level of compliance in most areas, the quality assurance process also has assisted in identifying areas where there are weaknesses and improvements are required.

Where current expenditure was incurred during the year, the rating of compliance was mainly in band 3 which is "Broadly Compliant". The authority will review the measurements of output, efficiency and effectiveness currently employed and assess if additional methods of monitoring outcomes could be developed to strengthen the process. Under the current expenditure categories there were no programmes ended /discontinued within the year.

The capital checklists prepared for 2022 show, in general, a high level of compliance with the code. In the case of smaller scale schemes/projects there is the opportunity to introduce more structured procedures to strengthen documentation and management of such projects.

The QA process highlighted the need for training, to ensure that all staff involved in expenditure and budgetary management, are familiar with the code and its related obligations. Department Circulars containing updates to the Public Spending Code process are available to staff on the Council's intranet. Staff from the Council will avail of external training on the PSC when this occurs.

The authority has met the obligations in preparing and submitting to NOAC, the PSC report for the expenditure year ended 31st December 2022, which includes the completion of the required inventories and checklists and the in-depth review on the required sample of total inventory.

6. In-depth Checks (Step 4 of QA Process)

This section presents a summary of the findings of the In-Depth Check on the following areas of expenditure:

Current Project – Operation of the Arts Programme

Sligo Arts Service is a department of Sligo County Council, working in partnership with the Arts Council of Ireland and key stakeholders locally, regionally and nationally to deliver a high quality arts service for the people of County Sligo.

This review focused on:

Arts Programme	€192,834
Contribution to Other Bodies Arts Programmes	€300,992

The Arts Programme includes support for a number of programmes including Culture Night, Sligo International Chamber Music Festival, Bealtaine and Primary Colours.

Funding for Arts Venues and Organisations - The objective of this funding is to support the arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council

Funding for Arts Festivals and Events - The objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim. A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

The in-depth check has demonstrated adherence with the broad principles of the Public Spending Code, in relation to current expenditure programmes. Overall, the Operation of the Arts Programme which was reviewed is broadly in compliance with the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

Capital Project – Capital Acquisition Scheme – Tuath Housing provision of units at Adelaide Street, Sligo

In September 2021 the government published its *Housing for All* Strategy (HfA) setting out its plans to increase the supply of housing to an average of 33,000 per year over the next decade. The Government issued social housing targets for the term of the strategy to each Local Authority, a target of 517 dwellings in the case of Sligo County Council (SCC).

The Adelaide Street project is a development by Tuath Housing - Approved Housing Body - and the Housing Agency who are the owners of the site. The site, originally a brownfield site, is currently being leased by SCC who have developed the site as a public car park. The design provides 37 no. apartments and a communal amenity room for elderly & disabled residents. The lands are zoned C1 city centre uses which permits apartment development.

The development is designed around a courtyard accessed via an archway from Adelaide Street in three blocks, the taller addressing Joe Banks Road and the smaller two addressing the courtyard and Adelaide Street.

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) is a capital funding scheme used by approved housing bodies (AHBs) to provide accommodation to specific groups.

In July 2022 Stage 1 approval was received from DHLGH with an all-in budget of €10,633,338.

It is expected that the project will be completed by Q4 2025.

The in-depth check has demonstrated that controls are in place to provide adequate assurance that there is substantial compliance with the Public Spending Code.


7. Conclusion

The Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Report, inventories and checklists have been completed by the Authority for the year ended 31st December 2022. While there are no serious areas of non-compliance with the PSC noted in the report, the Authority has identified some areas where compliance with the PSC requirements could be strengthened and improved. The Authority will continue to review these areas and identify and implement improvements in its processes.

8. Certification

This Annual Quality Assurance Report reflects Sligo County Council's assessment of compliance with the Public Spending Code. It is based on the best financial, organisational and performance related information available across the various areas of responsibility.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lydon', is written over a horizontal line.

Martin Lydon,
Chief Executive

25th May, 2023

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 Project Inventory

Appendix 2 Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Current: Operation of the Arts Programme

Capital: Capital Acquisition Scheme – Tuath Housing provision
of units at Adelaide Street, Sligo

Appendix 1

Expenditure being Considered - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Program me Anticipated Timeline	Projected Lifetime Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Proposed Housing Construction Carney, Co. Sligo	Units: 25 Dwellings (TBC) Accelerated Delivery Site	€ -	€ -	€ -	HDAP Delivery Target 2025	€ 6,480,185	
Proposed Housing Construction Phase 2, Camross, Ballymote	Units: 30 - Provisional	€ -	€ -		HDAP Delivery Target 2026	€ 7,288,402	
Adelaide Street, Sligo	AHB - Tuath, 37 Units	€ -	€ -	€ -	HDAP Delivery Target 2025	€ 14,471,595	
Summerhill, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo	AHB - Sophia, 8 Units	€ -	€ -	€ -	HDAP Delivery Target 2024	€ 1,360,330	
Sligo East City Community & Recreation Centre	Multi-use community facility with office accommodation for the delivery of social programmes and community activities	€ -	€ -	€ -	2027	€ 10,616,950	
LEADER PROGRAMME 2023-2027	LEADER Programme	€ -	€ -	€ -	2023-2027	€ 6,136,500	
RRDF Enniscrone	Rural Re-generation of disused cliff baths and pavillion building	€ -	€ -	€ -	June 2025	€ 4,000,000	75% RRDF funding
RRDF Tubbercurry Regeneration Project	Public Realm Re-generation project	€ -	€ -	€ -	January 2024 to June 2025	€ 2,000,000	75% RRDF funding
Town and Village Renewal 2021(Standard projects and Project Development Measure)	Town and Village Renewal 2021 - Kilglass, Calry, Ballymote, Aclare, Ballygawley and Keash. PDM in enniscrone	€ -	€ -	€ -	Jan 2022 to Nov 2023	€ 1,499,997	max 90% Government funding

Expenditure being Considered - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Program me Anticipated Timeline	Projected Lifetime Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Town and Village Renewal 2022 (Standard projects and Project Development Measure)	Town and Village Renewal 2022 - Riverstown, Collooney and Templeboy. One marketing Development measure.	€ -	€ -	€ -	March 2023 - August 2024	€ 911,222	min. 60% to max. 90% Government funding
URDF - Sligo Public Realm Plan	Various projects to be delivered over next 6 years	€ -	€ -	€ -	2022-2028	€ 25,543,107	75% URDF funding
RRDF Strandhill Rosses Point Public Realm Enhancement	Public Realm Enhancement Schemes	€ -	€ -	€ -	2022 - 2025	€ 6,000,000	75% URDF funding
URDF - City Campus project	City Campus - development of brownfield town centre site plus new county library and museum	€ -	€ -	€ -	2022-2030	€ 38,244,897	75% URDF funding
B05 Public Lighting	Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project	€ -	€ -	€ -	2023	€ 636,718	
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	Economic Development and Promotion and Urban & Village Renewal	€ -	€ -	€ -	2023	€ 833,889	
Totals		€ -	€ -	€ -		€ 126,023,792	

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)								
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline	Cumulative Expenditure to-date	Projected Lifetime Expenditure (Capital Only)	Explanatory Notes
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 3,432,180	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 575,285	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A04 Housing Community Development Support	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 526,179	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,094,285	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 955,222	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A07 RAS Programme	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 3,580,787	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A08 Housing Loans	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,212,612	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
A09 Housing Grants	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,791,350	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
CAS 2015 St VdP at Cuan Iosa Ballymote	Construction of 8 no. units		€ 33,770	€ -	works completed	€ 1,627,548	€ 1,639,382	
Social Housing Development at Maugheraboy	Construction of 62 no. units		€ 82,194	€ -	HDAP delivery target 2024	€ 3,797,697	€ 20,607,421	
Proposed Social Housing at Collooney	Construction of 15 no. units		€ 69,052	€ -	works completed	€ 4,314,600	€ 4,320,000	
Housing Construction Connolly Park, Tubbercurry	Construction of 10 no. units		€ 143,429	€ -	works completed	€ 2,509,035	€ 2,520,097	
Proposed Construction Dromore West	Construction of 10 no. units		€ 109,505	€ -	works completed	€ 2,600,860	€ 2,616,710	
Proposed Construction Bunnanadden	Construction of 6 no. units		€ 998,499	€ -	works completed	€ 1,084,305	€ 1,350,405	
Proposed Construction Connolly Park Phase 2 and Green Road Coolaney	Construction of 19 no. units		€ 997,703	€ -	HDAP delivery target 2024	€ 1,053,434	€ 5,201,823	
Proposed Construction of 30 dwellings at Geldof Drive & Centre Block Cranmore	Department Stage 1 Approval for construction of 30 dwellings at Geldof Drive & Centre Block, Cranmore, Sligo		€ 32,683	€ -	HDAP delivery target 2023	€ 32,683	€ 6,377,490	

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)								
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Traveller Accommodation Programme	Refurbishment of 6 no. bay Glenview		€ 80,233	€ -	works completed	€ 1,071,136	€ 1,071,136	
2021 Proposed 4 no. extensions and treatment works	Ballyfree		€ 19,754	€ -	project delayed pending discussions with IW	€ 30,408	€ 800,000	
2021 Proposed 4 bay serviced site and treatment works	Cloonamahon		€ 4,152	€ -	project delayed pending discussions with IW	€ -	€ 950,000	
Traveller Accommodation Programme Group Housing	3 no. units Glenview		€ 2,205	€ -	Works ongoing. Stage 2 approval in 2023	€ 2,205	€ 836,509	
Housing Construction Knappagh Beg	Construction of 28 no. units		€ 158,363	€ -	works completed	€ 7,941,189	€ 8,210,418	
Proposed Social Housing at Rosses Point Road	Construction of 14 no. units		€ 30,137	€ -	works completed	€ 4,673,993	€ 4,730,090	
Turnkey Acquisition Finisklin	73 no. units		€ 2,138,790		HDAP delivery target 2023	€ 2,138,790	€ 21,640,386	
Proposed Housing Construction at Carrowbunnaun, Strandhill	Construction of 49 no. units		€ 4,750		HDAP delivery target 2024	€ 17,083	€ 11,191,164	
Cranmore Regeneration Project - Administration	Salaries and Administration Costs		€ 1,005,739	€ -	2027	€ 16,459,443	€ 18,000,000	
Refurbishment 96 units Cranmore (Phase 1)	Environmental and building improvement works to social and private dwellings		€ 178,168	€ -	Project complete	€ 4,726,991	€ 4,846,869	
Cranmore Regeneration Project 130no. Units (Phase 2)	Environmental and building improvement works to social and private dwellings		€ 4,870,682		Completion date April 2023	€ 5,282,679	€ 6,407,136	
Cranmore Regeneration Project 132no. Units (Phase 3)	Environmental and building improvement works to social and private dwellings		€ 105,250	€ -	Completion date June 2025 subject to Dept. approval	€ 107,750	€ 8,273,799	
Enterprise & Community Centre and Urban Park	Multi-use community facility with office accommodation for the delivery of social programmes and community activities		€ 72,060	€ -	Project cancelled June 2022, expenditure to be finalised in 2023	€ 296,275	€ 296,920	
Cranmore - new link via Joe McDonnell Drive	Demolition of 4 no. existing houses and construction of 4 no. new units to provide pedestrian access from Cranmore to Chapel Hill		€ 303,543	€ -	Completion date November 2023	€ 352,868	€ 1,493,264	

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CAS Newgrove Housing Association, 1st Sea Road	Construction of 4 no. units & 1 no. Care support unit		€ -	€ -	Works on-going	€ 345,000	€ 673,222	
CAS Project Oaklee Housing Trust, Johnstons Court	Acquisition of 6 no. units		€ -	€ -	works completed	€ 1,381,907	€ 1,428,944	
CAS Project Nazareth House, Church Hill	Construction of 48 no. units & 1 no. Care support unit		€ -	€ -	works completed	€ 6,566,003	€ 6,577,964	
CAS Project Newgrove Housing Association, Strandhill	Acquisition and works to 1 no. unit		€ -	€ -	works completed	€ 564,136	€ 655,285	
CAS Project St Vincent de Paul, 5A Charles Street	4 no. units		€ -	€ -	works completed	€ 675,864	€ 684,674	
CAS and CLSS Project Sophia Housing Association, Tubbercurry	CAS , CLSS and communal facilities		€ -	€ -	works completed	€ 9,267,409	€ 9,543,924	
Proposed Tuath Housing Association CAS Turnkey Acquisition Ballisodare	6 no. units		€ 746,599	€ -	Sale completed 2022	€ 746,599	€ 767,575	
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 906,059	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 4,548,339	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 12,947,496	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
B05 Public Lighting	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,125,168	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,931,301	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
B09 Car Parking	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 513,157	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 2,289,358	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
Active Travel - NTA funded	NTA Programme 2021 - 2026		€ 2,095,096	€ -	2021 - 2026	€ 3,327,936	€ 10,000,000	
AT - N4 Collooney - Castlebaldwin	Cycle/walkway following completion of N4		€ -	€ -	2027	€ 50,430	€ 8,000,000	
AT - Toberbride to Collooney	Cycle/walkway to connect Toberbride to Collooney		€ -	€ -	2026	€ 40,344	€ 2,000,000	
Sligo Greenway - Bellaghy/Charlestown/Collooney	Greenway along disused railway line		€ 78,737		2027	€ 159,644	€ 10,000,000	

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N4 Cloonamahon Castlebaldwin	15km upgrade of the N4 from Collooney to Castlebaldwin of which 3.0km is online and the remainder is off line upgrade.		€ 322,458	€ -	Phase 6 Construction Substantial Completion Q4 2021	€ 125,849,733	€ 149,400,000	
N16 Lugatobber	2.5km predominately offline upgrade.		€ 396,929	€ -	Commence Phase 6 in Q3 2022	€ 4,533,638	€ 28,182,000	
N59 Corhawnagh to Crockacullion (formerly N59 Corhawnagh to Lugnadeffa)	Upgrade of a 4.7km section of the existing N59		€ 14,114	€ -	Progressing to Phase 3 in 2022	€ 147,809	€ 29,000,000	
N4/N15 Sligo Urban Improvement	0.73km section upgrade of the existing Hughes Bridge linking the N4 with the N15 and the installation of an Urban Traffic Control System along the entire N4 Inner relief Road and associated side road junctions in Sligo Town.		€ 536,609	€ -	Phase 6 Construction Substantial Completion Q3 2021, overall scheme completion Q3 2023	€ 15,670,510	€ 15,950,000	
N17 Collooney to Knock	Route being examined is 55km in length (this is not necessarily the section to be improved)		€ 884,634	€ -	TII Phase 2 Options Selection to be determined in Q2-Q3 2022	€ 2,807,716	€ 550,000,000	
Western Distributor road Phase II	Strategic non-national road		€ 402,116	€ -	Road opened 2021, overall scheme completion Q4 2022	€ 20,321,243	€ 21,500,000	
Eastern Garavogue River Bridge & Approach Roads	Strategic non-national road		€ 70,570	€ -	Q4 2026	€ 1,772,096	€ 27,700,000	
Burton St Link Road	Strategic non-national road		€ 153,953	€ -	Q4 2023	€ 854,546	€ 1,100,000	
URDF O'Connell St enhancement	Street enhancement works		€ 925,506	€ -	Q2 2023	€ 4,059,671	€ 4,500,000	
National Surf Centre of Excellence Strandhill	New Centre of Excellence		€ 1,908,594	€ -	June 2021 - Aug 2023	€ 2,417,664	€ 2,730,884	Fáilte Ireland, RRDF and Council funding
D01 Forward Planning	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 814,102	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
D02 Development Management	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 870,260	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
D06 Community & Enterprise Function	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,167,408	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,783,476	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	

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SICAP 2018-2023	Social inclusion programme managed by Sligo LCDC and implemented by Sligo LEADER Partnership		€ 755,328	€ -	Jan 2018 - Dec 2023	€ 3,185,358	€ 3,976,679	
Rural Development Programme	LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020, extended to 31st March, 2021		€ 971,074	€ -	August 2016 - March 2021	€ 6,024,379	€ 7,880,187	
Transitional LEADER Programme	Transitional programme to bridge the gap between EU Programming periods		€ 877,513	€ -	April 2021 - Dec 2022	€ 1,231,180	€ 2,261,896	
ORIS Coolaney Mountain Bike Centre	A trail centre with almost 75kms of mountain bike trails beside Coolaney village in Co. Sligo on Coillte lands in the Ox mountains.		€ -	€ -	Feb 2019 - Dec 2023	€ 875,101	€ 1,050,356	max 75% Government funding
ORIS M2 2020	Outdoor Recreation Measure 2 2020		€ 329,806	€ -	April 2021 - Dec 2022	€ 443,355	€ 660,000	max 90% Government funding
ORIS 2021	ORIS 2021 Measures 1&2		€ 204,089	€ -	April 2022 - Dec 2023	€ 204,089	€ 640,109	max 90% Government funding
Town and Village Renewal 2018	Public space enhancement works in Aclare,Ballisadare, Ballymote, Cloonacool,Collooney,Enniscrone,Grange,Kilavil, Raghly, Riverstown and Rathcormac		€ -	€ -		€ 1,171,811	€ 1,179,413	max 80% Government funding
Town and Village Renewal 2020	Town and Village Renewal 2020 - Ballisodare, Ballymote, Carraroe, Drumcliffe, Enniscrone, Rosses Point and Tubbercurry		€ 475,895	€ -	April 2021 - Mar 2023	€ 650,157	€ 744,450	max 90% Government funding
Fáilte Ireland Destination Town - Enniscrone	Tourism Infrastructure in Enniscrone as a tourist desintation on the Wild Atlantic way		€ 49,121	€ -	June 2020 - Dec 2023	€ 63,036	€ 666,483	
RRDF Yeats Trail	Construct walkway and cycleway along edge of SAC woodland at Cleveragh Lough Gill SAC1 976		€ 160,725	€ -	Jan 2019 - end Mar 2023	€ 660,725	€ 687,215	75% RRDF funding

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Failte Ireland - Sligo Cultural Plaza - Fáilte Ireland and URDF	To design and build shared civil space in what is currently Stephen St car park to be re-named and branded as Queen Maeve Square		€ -	€ -	end Feb 2024	€ 367,102	€ 4,150,683	
URDF - SCPREP- Sligo City Public Realm Enhancement Project	Enhancement of Stephen Street, Holborn Street, Rockwood Parade, Water Lane, Tobergal Lane and other mini projects		€ 54,981	€ -	Tender Action - September 2022	€ 411,253	€ 6,515,865	75% URDF funding
RRDF Ballisodare Regeneration Project	Rural Re-generation of Main Street		€ 166,727	€ -	Jan 2022 to Dec 2023	€ 166,727	€ 725,000	80% RRDF funding
Fáilte Ireland Platforms for Growth - Rosses Point and Enniscrone	Outdoor water-based activities facility centres		€ 29,911	€ -	Nov 2022 to Nov 2025	€ 29,911	€ 1,830,000	
Peace Plus 2021 - 2027	Support for activities that promote peace and reconciliation and contribute to the cross border economic and territorial development of the Border Region.		€ 8,135	€ -	2022-2027	€ 8,135	€ 3,603,788	
E06 Street Cleaning	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 677,223	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
E11 Operation of Fire Service	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 4,061,104	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
Remedial Works on Structures in Graveyards	Remedial works		€ -	€ -	on-going	€ 649,510	€ 800,000	
Finisklin Landfill Proposal	Finisklin Landfill Remediation Works		€ 56,273	€ -	2024	€ 623,781	€ 1,600,000	
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 2,458,790	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 884,324	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,176,754	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	

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F05 Operation of Arts Programme	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 972,149	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 2,311,817	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
H03 Administration of Rates	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 3,495,466	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 1,479,611	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
H10 Motor Taxation	Annual Expenditure per Approved Revenue Budget	€ 600,223	€ -	€ -	on-going	n/a	n/a	
Totals		€ 60,181,485	€ 24,116,154	€ -		€ 278,446,480	€ 1,052,747,615	

Projects/Programmes Completed or discontinued in the reference year - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Completion Date	Final Outturn Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Housing Acquisitions Programme 2020	Department funded housing acquisition programme	€ -	€ 44,611	€ -	2022	€ 611,815	
Housing Acquisitions Programme 2022	Department funded housing acquisition programme	€ -	€ 1,087,616	€ -	2022	€ 1,087,616	
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme 2022	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme	€ -	€ 1,167,439	€ -	2022	€ 1,167,439	
Voids Programme 2022	Voids Programme returning vacant housing stock to productive use	€ -	€ 1,138,805	€ -	2022	€ 1,138,805	
Enterprise & Community Centre & Urban Park Cranmore - ERDF	Multi-use community facility with office accommodation for the delivery of social programmes and community activities	€ -	€ -	€ -	n/a	€ -	€750,000 ERDF funding not drawn down as project did not proceed
Cranmore Regeneration Project	Environmental and building improvement works to social and private dwellings - various projects	€ -	€ -	€ -	2022	€ 1,639,850	Projects completed
Town and Village Renewal 2019	Enhancement works in Ballinacfad, Bunninaden, Culfadda, Enniscrone, Mullaghamore and Riverstown	€ -	€ 61,321	€ -	2022	€ 639,348	max 80% Government funding
Totals		€ -	€ 3,499,793	€ -		€ 6,284,873	

Appendix 2

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Operation of Arts Programme
Detail	The creation and support of services which deliver upon targets identified in Sligo County Council's Arts Plan
Responsible Body	Sligo County Council
Current Status	Expenditure being incurred
Start Date	January 2022
End Date	December 2022
Overall Cost	€972,149 in 2022

Project Description

Sligo Arts Service is a department of Sligo County Council, working in partnership with the Arts Council of Ireland and key stakeholders locally, regionally and nationally to deliver a high quality arts service for the people of County Sligo.

Sligo County Council's Arts Plan 2020 – 2025 entitled *Sustain, Renew Collaborate* has at its core five strategic priorities under the following headings

1. Arts Office Re-structuring
2. Arts Practitioners
3. Public Participation
4. Arts Infrastructure, Ecosystem and Economy
5. Art in the public realm

Expenditure on the Operation of the Arts Programme is approved as part of the Annual Budget.

F05 Operation of the Arts Programme	Budget approved for 2022	Expenditure in 2022
F0501 Administration of the Arts Programme including the Arts Programme	€453,924	€345,134
F0502 Contribution to Other Bodies Arts Programmes	€309,000	€300,992
F0503 Museum Operations	€63,409	€60,468
F0505 Festivals & Concerts	€49,343	€49,343
F0599 Service Support Costs	€206,491	€216,212
Total	€1,082,167	€972,149

This review focused on:

Arts Programme	€192,834
Contribution to Other Bodies Arts Programmes	€300,992

Expenditure on the Arts Programme includes financial support of the following:

- Primary Colours – a visual arts programme for Primary schools
- Bealtaine Festival -a festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age
- Community Arts and Artists – continual professional development to artists to work in the communities

- Sligo International Chamber Music Festival (due to a review of its current Arts Plan the Sligo International Chamber Music Festival will not take place in 2023)
- Sligo Youth Theatre - aims to engage with young people as active participants, by using theatre approaches to develop their technical and artistic skills and to facilitate their social and personal development
- Music Generation Sligo - deliver an exciting range of long-term music performance programmes for children and young people throughout county Sligo
- SLR film - Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils have come together with filmmakers from the three counties with a view to enabling the film sector in the region to grow and develop
- Culture Night – an annual all-island public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts
- Sligo Artist Network – offers creatives the opportunity to avail of information sharing, training, supports, up-skilling and multiple ways of developing artists professional practice

Expenditure on Contribution to Other Bodies Arts Programmes includes the following:

- Contribution to the Arts Grants Schemes - 25 no. groups / events were awarded funding in 2022
- Western Region Audio-visual Producers Fund (WRAP Fund) -
Supporting Film | Television | Animation | Games in the Western Region

Contribution to the Arts Grants Schemes -

The scheme is divided into two categories:

1. Arts Venues and Organisations

2. Arts Festivals and Events

Funding for Arts Venues and Organisations

The objective of this funding is to support the arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council

Funding for Arts Festivals and Events

The objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim.

A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

The Arts Assessment Panel met in February 2022 to consider applications received under the Contributions to the Arts Scheme. At the March Council meeting the recommendation of the Arts Assessment Committee on the allocation of funds under the Contribution to the Arts Grants Schemes, 2022 was approved.

Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for Operation of Arts Programme has been completed. A PLM is a standard evaluation tool and further information on their nature is available in the [Public Spending Code](#).

Objectives	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
<p>To deliver the Arts Programme</p> <p>To administer the Contribution to the Arts Grant Schemes</p>	<p>Arts Council funding</p> <p>Sligo County Council's own financial resources</p> <p>Staff resources</p>	<p>Advertising and processing of Applications for Grants Schemes</p> <p>Approval of grants</p> <p>Processing claims and payments</p> <p>Recoupment from the Arts Council</p> <p>Tender for the delivery of elements of the Arts Programme where required</p>	<p>Number of grant applications approved</p> <p>Number of facilities supported</p> <p>Number of Arts Programmes delivered</p>	<p>Opportunities for people to engage in arts activities</p> <p>Employing and supporting career development of creatives</p>

Description of Programme Logic Model

Objectives:

To deliver the Arts Programme - The Arts Service delivered a number of actions under the Sligo Arts Plan 2020-2025 Strategic Priorities

To administer the Contribution to the Arts Grant Schemes – The Scheme is run on an annual basis to support both Venues / Organisations and Festivals / Events

Inputs: Financial Inputs: The primary input to the programme was funding by Arts Council. The Local Authority funds the remainder from the revenue budget.

Staff Resources: Arts Service staff deliver the scheme.

Activities:

1. Advertising and processing of applications for grants – The scheme is advertised on local print media and on Council websites. Applications are validated and further information requested where necessary
2. Approval of grants – Applications are assessed by the Arts Assessment Committee
3. Processing claims and payments - by Arts Service staff
4. Recoupment from the Arts Council – by Arts Service staff
5. Tender for the delivery of elements of the Arts Programme where required - programmes include Culture Night, Bealtaine, Primary Colours and Sligo International Chamber Music Festival

Outputs:

In 2022:

The Primary Colours visual arts programme for Primary schools delivered residencies, gallery tours and workshops to 171 children and employed eight artists.

A Children's Community Garden project was intergenerational and employed two artists.

9 no. Festival events were held under the Bealtaine programme, celebrating creativity as we age.

Three artists were employed by the Arts Service to deliver 2 no. outdoor projects for Culture Night.

Sligo County Council awarded 25 no. grants to arts venues, organisations, festivals and events.

Artists were supported through the provision of residencies, professional development (training, upskilling), mentoring, talks and information sharing sessions.

Outcomes:

Opportunities for people to engage in arts activities

Employing and supporting career development of creatives

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks the Operation of Arts Programme to the end of 2022 in terms of major project/programme milestones



Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis and evaluation for the Operation of Arts Programme.

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
SCC Arts Plan 2020-2025 – <i>Sustain Renew Collaborate</i>	Contains five strategic priorities for supporting and the delivery of arts services within County Sligo
A Framework for Collaboration	An agreement between the Arts Council and the County and City Management Association
Application forms	Applications for funding under the various schemes
Agresso FMS	Expenditure and income details for the relevant job codes

Key Document 1:

Sligo County Council's Arts Plan 2020 – 2025 (adopted by SCC in October 2020) entitled *Sustain, Renew Collaborate* has at its core five strategic priorities under the following headings:

1. Arts Office Re-structuring

The reinstatement of the post of Arts Officer in Sligo is essential to ensure that the arts are present and central to all aspects of policy formulation and decision making within the local authority and with external agencies.

2. Arts Practitioners

Provide for the wellbeing and sustainability of artists to develop their careers through supportive arts services with accompanying resources and funding.

3. Public Participation

Sustain, renew and initiate creative programmes at community level that are inclusive and accessible. Encourage people from all backgrounds to engage meaningfully with the arts on an ongoing basis.

4. Arts Infrastructure, Ecosystem and Economy

Sustain direct support to the established cultural venues and maximize opportunities for

collaboration to strengthen their cultural capacity.

Strengthen the arts economy through inter-agency collaboration to support creatives and their businesses.

Identify and develop new partnership opportunities for added value and integration of the arts across sectors such as Tourism, Creative Industries and Enterprise development.

5. Art in the public realm

Develop and enhance the cultural identity of Sligo regionally, nationally and internationally, through a new round of commissioning, funded by the Per Cent for Art scheme

Each of these priorities has related actions.

<http://www.sligoarts.ie/Publications/ArtsPlansandStrategies/>

Key Document 2: A Framework for Collaboration - An agreement between the Arts Council and the County and City Management Association. Its purpose is to highlight the value and clarify the current position of the strategic partnership between the Arts Council and Local Authorities nationwide, and to set out a vision and broad goals for what can be achieved together and to provide a framework within which agreements, understandings and working relationships between the Arts Council and individual Local Authorities can be realised to mutual benefit and to the public good.

Key Document 3: When the scheme is advertised, application forms and criteria are available to download from www.sligoarts.ie and www.sligococo.ie

Applications are invited under the following categories:

Arts Venues & Organisations - The objective of the Scheme is to support the arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council. An annual programme of events and activities should present new ideas and ways of working that can have far reaching effects for artists and audiences.

Arts Festivals & Events - The objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim. A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

Key Document 4: Financial records of payments to grant recipients and recoupments from the Arts Council are contained in the Agresso system.

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the Operation of Arts Programme. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project/programme.

Data Required	Use	Availability
Applications received	Evaluate demand for the schemes	Yes, Arts Service
Individual files	Audit trail	Yes, Arts Service
Minutes of Arts Assessment Committee	Audit trail	Yes, Arts Service
Minutes of SCC meeting	Approval of allocation of funds	Yes, Corporate Services
Financial records	Audit trail	Yes, Agresso FMS and Arts Service

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

The documentation outlined in the above table is available for inspection on request from the Arts Section of Sligo County Council. The necessary supporting documentation is retained for future audit.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for the Operation of Arts Programme based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

The in-depth check has demonstrated that controls are in place to provide adequate assurance that there is broadly in compliance with the Public Spending Code.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

The necessary data is available to enable the Scheme to be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

A review of a sample of expenditure for the year 2022 was undertaken. Following discussions with staff currently responsible for processing the scheme there are a number of minor changes to the processing system which should result in improved record keeping.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the Operation of Arts Programme.

Summary of In-Depth Check

Sligo Arts Service is a department of Sligo County Council, working in partnership with the Arts Council of Ireland and key stakeholders locally, regionally and nationally to deliver a high quality arts service for the people of County Sligo.

This review focused on:

Arts Programme	€192,834
Contribution to Other Bodies Arts Programmes	€300,992

The Arts Programme includes support for a number of programmes including Culture Night, Sligo International Chamber Music Festival, Bealtaine and Primary Colours.

Funding for Arts Venues and Organisations - The objective of this funding is to support the arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council

Funding for Arts Festivals and Events - The objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim. A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

The in-depth check has demonstrated adherence with the broad principles of the Public Spending Code, in relation to current expenditure programmes. Overall, the Operation of the Arts Programme which was reviewed is broadly in compliance with the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Capital Assistance Scheme - Tuath Housing Association
Detail	Proposed construction of 38 no. units at Adelaide St. Sligo
Responsible Body	Sligo County Council
Current Status	Expenditure under consideration
Start Date	June 2021
End Date	Estimated Q4 2025
Overall Cost	Est. €14,471,595 per Stage 2 Submission 24/03/2023

Project Description

In September 2021 the government published its *Housing for All* Strategy (HfA) setting out its plans to increase the supply of housing to an average of 33,000 per year over the next decade. The Government issued social housing targets for the term of the strategy to each Local Authority, a target of 517 dwellings in the case of Sligo County Council (SCC).

Following the launch of the *Housing for All* strategy, all local authorities were requested by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) to prepare and submit a **draft Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) 2022-2026** in December 2022 for their consideration. On the 30th June, 2022 the Department, following their consideration of the draft confirmed that the Sligo HDAP 2022-2026 was approved.

The Housing Delivery Action Plan for Sligo is informed by the areas of primary demand as set out in the Housing Need Assessment using a base line of October 2022. The plan addresses the needs of persons with a disability, special needs, older persons-age friendly housing and members of the traveller community. In accordance with the HfA objectives, SCC intends to work with the Housing Agency and Approved Housing Bodies to deliver approximately 40% of the 2022- 2026 targets.

The Adelaide Street project is a development by Tuath - Approved Housing Body - and the Housing Agency who are the owners of the site. The site, originally a brownfield site, is currently being leased by SCC who have developed the site as a public car park. SCC are aware of the proposed development and are renewing their lease on a short-term basis in line with progress by Tuath to develop the site for social housing.

The design provides 37 no. apartments and a communal amenity room for elderly & disabled residents. The lands are zoned C1 city centre uses which permits apartment development.

The development is designed around a courtyard accessed via an archway from Adelaide Street in three blocks, the taller addressing Joe Banks Road and the smaller two addressing the courtyard and Adelaide Street.

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) is a capital funding scheme used by approved housing bodies (AHBs) to provide accommodation to specific groups. From January 2022, AHBs wishing to apply for CAS funding must be registered with the AHB Regulatory Authority (AHBRA).

Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Sligo County Council has completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for the Capital Assistance Scheme – Tuath Housing proposed units at Adelaide Street. A PLM is a standard evaluation tool and further information on their nature is available in the [Public Spending Code](#).

Objectives	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Provide quality homes to those in need, and approved, for social housing support.	Government Funding – CAS funding	Identification of housing need	37 no. apartment dwellings 1 no. community room	Increase in the level of specifically designed housing for the elderly and disabled in a setting that is close to amenities and associated maintained care facilities
Deliver on social housing targets as set out by DHLGH	Sligo County Council staff - Housing Delivery Unit	Liaising with Tuath Housing		
Promote sustainable communities	Tuath Housing Association – design and delivery of units	Liaising with DHLGH		

Description of Programme Logic Model

Objectives:

Provide quality homes to those in need, and approved, for social housing support

Deliver on social housing targets as set out by DHLGH

Promote sustainable communities

Inputs: The primary input to the programme are –

Government funding – Capital Assistance Scheme loan

Sligo County Council Housing Design Team

Tuath Housing Association – design and delivery of units

Activities: The key activities carried out to the end of 2022 include:

Identification of housing need

Liaising with Tuath Housing re site investigation, topographical site survey, design reviews, pre-planning consultations with the Planning Authority, reviews with SCC Housing section

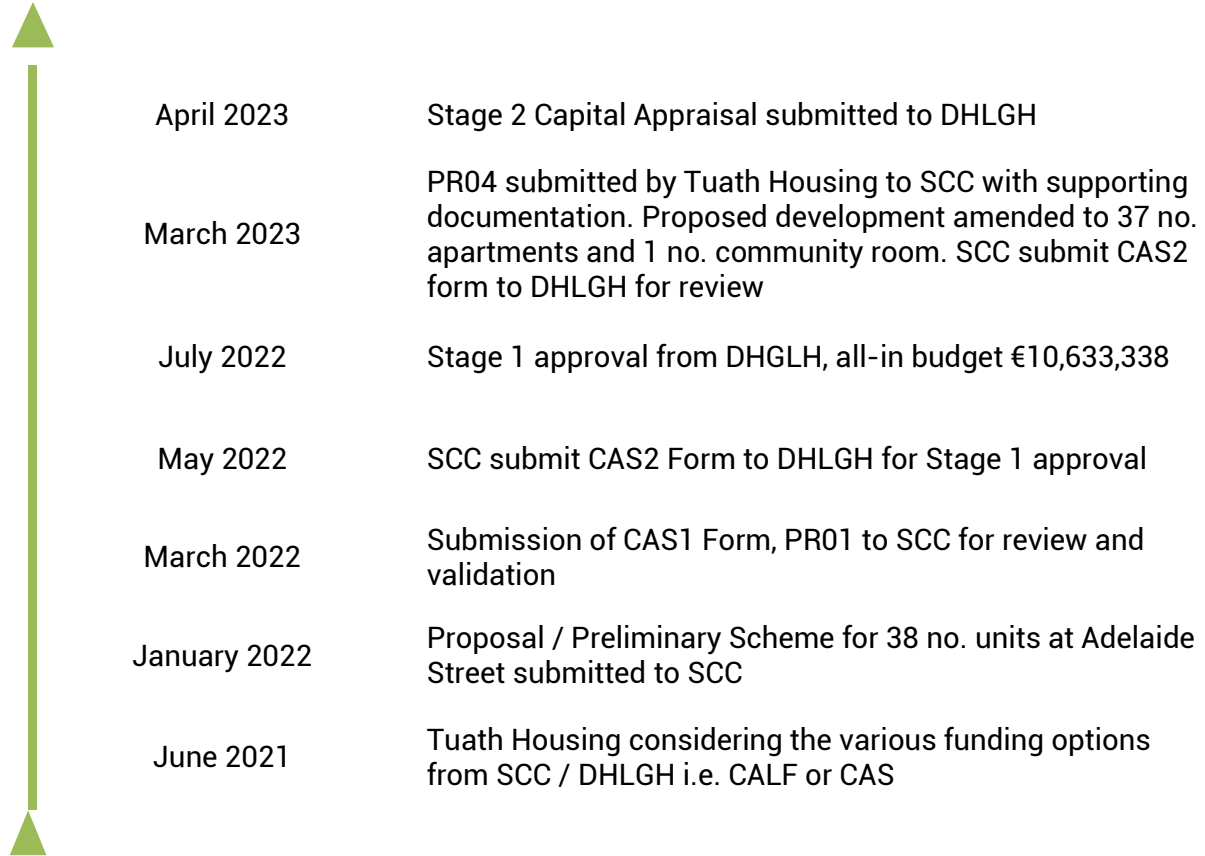
Submissions to DHLGH

Outputs: 37 no. apartment dwellings and 1 no. community room

Outcomes: Increase in the level of specifically designed housing for the elderly and disabled in a setting that is close to amenities and associated maintained care facilities

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks the Capital Assistance Scheme – Tuath Housing proposed units at Adelaide Street, Sligo from inception to conclusion in terms of major project/programme milestones



Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis and evaluation for the Capital Assistance Scheme – Tuath Housing proposed units at Adelaide Street, Sligo.

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
SCC Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026	The Plan sets out details of proposed social and affordable housing delivery for the period 2022-2026.
Capital Appraisal Stage 1	CAS 2 & PR01 Form for submission to DHLGH for approval
Form HCA6 CAS – Scheme budget cost approval notification	Letter from DHLGH 18/07/2022

Key Document 1:

Following the launch of the *Housing for All* strategy, the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) issued circular 32/2021 to all local authorities requesting that they prepare and submit a **draft Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026** by the 17/12/2021. On the 30th June, 2022 the Department confirmed that the Sligo HDAP 2022-2026 was approved. The plan is available on the Council's website <https://www.sligococo.ie/housing/PlansandStrategies/SligoCCHousingDeliveryActionPlan2022-2026/>

Key Document 2:

The Capital Appraisal Stage 1 approval submission to the DHLGH outlines the business case, basic project suitability and indicative costs; no design details are required at this stage.

The CAS2 form contains the following information: Local Authority details, Approved Housing Body details, project details, Summary of Costs, Category of housing need being addressed, Operational Supports and Certification.

Key Document 3:

Form HCA6 CAS – Scheme budget cost approval notification and cover letter issued on 18th July, 2022 by DHLGH. "The Department raises no objection to the project proceeding to Stage 2 – Design at an estimated construction cost of €9,150,000. An all-in budget of €10,633,338 has been approved for the purpose of assisting in the provision of 38 units of housing accommodation under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 by the Tuath Housing Association, at Adelaide Street, Sligo."

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the CAS Tuath Housing Association, proposed units at Adelaide Street, Sligo. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project/programme.

Data Required	Use	Availability
Correspondence between SCC and Tuath Housing	Outline of business case, basic project suitability and indicative costs	Information held on file
Correspondence between SCC and DHLGH	Confirmation of Department approval at various stages	Information held on file
Capital Appraisal, Technical report, project programme, cost plan from Tuath Housing	Evidence of need for the proposed units	Information held on file

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

Details of the project are available on a designated file and readily available for review. SCC will continue to progress through the Department's approval process to deliver the project.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for CAS Tuath Housing Association, proposed units at Adelaide Street based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

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The in-depth check has demonstrated that controls are in place to provide adequate assurance that there is substantial compliance with the Public Spending Code.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

The necessary data is available to enable the project to be subjected to a full evaluation, at a later date.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

This is an on-going project and it is recommended that the Housing Delivery Unit continue to monitor the project as it progresses.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the CAS Tuath Housing Association, proposed units at Adelaide Street

Summary of In-Depth Check

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In July 2022 Stage 1 approval was received from DHLGH with an all-in budget of €10,633,338.

It is expected that the project will be completed by Q4 2025.

The in-depth check has demonstrated that controls are in place to provide adequate assurance that there is substantial compliance with the Public Spending Code.