



Sligo County Council Annual Report 2011

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Introduction by Cathaoirleach Councillor Michael Fleming

2011 was a busy and challenging year for Sligo County Council. Together with Local Authorities all over the country, we endeavoured to provide our services to the highest possible standard in a very difficult economic climate.

Over the coming year we will continue to identify efficiencies and savings, but the combination of our very low rate base, and our significant investment in our water and waste water infrastructure, has serious implications for this Council.

In this context one of the most important resources we have is our relationship with the various local communities. The people of County Sligo appreciate that diminishing resources mean we have to continually re-appraise and prioritise our services, but this is an exercise that will be done fairly and equitably.

The outstanding contribution of our community volunteers has been the undoubted highlight of my term as Cathaoirleach. I had the privilege of meeting many dedicated volunteers who gave selflessly of their energy and expertise for the common good, and the results of their efforts can be seen in towns and villages all over the county. While the national outlook is bleak in the short-term, the goodwill and commitment of our volunteers inspires, energises and motivates the wider public. Sligo County Council works best when it works in partnership with the local communities, and this can provide a firm foundation for addressing the many challenges that lie ahead.

This Community spirit and endeavour was much in evidence in the launch of the 'Friendly Call Service', and I believe this can be an excellent facility for maintaining social contact with elderly people living in isolated areas. The Council's Joint Policing Committee played a pivotal role in delivering this initiative, together with Sligo Leader Partnership and Belt Torc Co Ltd Moylough, and I know it is greatly welcomed by our rural communities. The need for this level of contact is particularly acute during severe weather, at these times a phone call or a visit can be a huge source of relief and comfort.

The 'Call Service' is just one example of County Sligo's vibrant community and voluntary sector, and this foundation provides encouragement and hope for the future.

Councillor Michael Fleming
Cathaoirleach

Foreword by County Manager Hubert Kearns

While the difficult economic climate was the challenging backdrop to our activities in 2011, the Council worked hard to deliver our broad range of services to the people of Sligo.

Throughout 2011 we continued to reduce costs and achieve efficiencies throughout the organisation. In September 2008 we initiated a strict programme of cost reduction in payroll, and to the end of 2011 this has seen a reduction of almost 18% in staff numbers with a corresponding reduction in payroll costs from €26.1m in 2008 to €21.2m in 2011 (-18.8%).

While these savings are significant, the process of cost - reductions which will continue for some time and will require the concerted efforts of elected members and staff.

The process of identifying and delivering further savings is guided by the Government Public Service Reform programme. At national level the Local Government efficiency Review Group has instigated a number of initiatives, and Sligo County Council's work in the area of shared services and shared procurement will be extended to other areas where savings can be achieved.

While the economic landscape remains bleak, we will endeavour to maintain to our services to the optimum level within available resources.

Two major projects came to fruition in 2011 with the opening of the new Fire Station and Community Library in Ballymote. The standard of these facilities reflect great credit on the respective project teams. The new library is already established as a popular and welcoming focal point for the local community. In addition to providing traditional library services, the new facility hosts exhibitions, seminars and school visits. The provision of a dedicated music room reflects the rich musical tradition for which Sligo is renowned.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff for their energy and commitment in an increasingly challenging work environment, and I believe their contribution is appreciated by the public we serve.

Hubert Kearns
County Manager

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4. Councillor Deirdre Healy McGowan
5. Councillor Matt Lyons
6. Councillor Rosaleen O’Grady
7. Councillor Sean MacManus
8. Mr Gerard Queenan – Farming Pillar
9. Mr Tom Currid – Business Pillar
10. Ms Tracy Godfrey – Environmental Pillar
11. Mr Francis Flanagan – Community Representative
12. Ms Maura McCormack – Community Representative

SPC 2 – Environmental Policy

1. Councillor Pat McGrath - Chair
2. Councillor Mary Barrett
3. Councillor Hubert Keaney
4. Councillor David Cawley
5. Councillor Aoiffe McLoughlin
6. Councillor Dara Mulvey
7. Councillor Marcella McGarry
8. Mr Gerard Queenan – Farming Pillar
9. Mr John Cawley – Trade Union Pillar
10. Mr Guy Marsden – Environmental Pillar
11. Mr Brendan Queenan – Community Representative
12. Ms Kathleen McGuinness – Community Representative

SPC 3 – Transportation and Infrastructural Policy

1. Councillor Patsy Barry - Chair
2. Councillor Michael Clarke
3. Councillor Jude Devins
4. Councillor Margaret Gormley
5. Councillor Gerry Lundy
6. Councillor Gerry Murray
7. Mr Tom Ford - Business Pillar
8. Mr Chris Davis – Community Representative
9. Mr Michael Rochford – Community Representative

SPC 4 – Housing Policy, Social and Cultural Development

1. Councillor Gerard Mullaney - Chair
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3. Councillor Declan Bree
4. Councillor Michael Fleming
5. Councillor Imelda Henry
6. Councillor Joe Leonard
7. Councillor Joe Queenan
8. Mr Trevor McDaid – Business Pillar
9. Mr Joe McDonagh – Trade Union Pillar
10. Ms Sharon Boles – Community Representative
11. Ms Helen Rochford Brennan

*Housing,
Social & Corporate Affairs,
Emergency Services,
Community & Enterprise
& Arts*

HOUSING & BUILDING

The Housing Section of Sligo County Council provides a number of very important services, covering every aspect of social housing:

- Assisting people who are in need of housing and who cannot afford it from their own resources.
- Provision and management of traveller accommodation.
- Liaison with approved Voluntary Housing Organisations and other agencies in the provision of accommodation.
- Encouragement of home ownership through the Tenant Purchase Scheme, and various Loan options.
- Provision of alternatives to Social Housing such as Rental Accommodation Scheme

Outlined below are some of the specific Housing Services that Sligo County Council provides.

- Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme,
- Provision of social housing under traditional design and build and open market acquisitions.
- Loans for house purchase,
- Mortgage allowance scheme for tenants surrendering local authority or rental subsidy accommodation and purchasing or building a house for their own occupation,
- Maintenance, and management of local authority housing and traveller accommodation,
- Rental accommodation scheme,
- “Tenant Purchase” sale of local authority houses to tenants
- Support for the provision of social housing projects by voluntary housing bodies under the Capital Assistance and Rental Subsidy schemes,
- Delivery of accommodation services for homeless people,
- Inspection and enforcement of private rented accommodation

2011 proved to be a very challenging year for the Housing Section, Sligo County Council. This was due to the current economic climate, which affected the housing market, and the financial allocation received from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and an increase in the number of applications for social housing.

Housing Construction

As a result of the reduced financial allocation from the Department, the Housing Section has made every effort to complete existing schemes and to provide opportunities for those who are most in need on the housing list.

2011 Capital Allocations

The Housing Capital Allocation for 2011 was €9,143,140.00 which was made up as follows:

• Local Authority Housing Programme	€ 900,000.00 (Final Accounts/Rurals)
• Capital Assistance Scheme	€1,800,000.00 (Voluntary Housing)
• Capital Loans and Subsidy Scheme	€5,490,140.00 (Voluntary Housing)
• Traveller Accommodation	€ 500,000.00 (Borough & County)
Total	€8,690,140.00
• Remedial Works Schemes	€225,000.00
• Improving Social Housing Stock	€288,986.00
• IWILS/Extensions/DPG Extensions	€228,000.00(Borough & County)
Total	€741,986.00

The following schemes were completed in 2011:

Works Completed in 2011	
Rurals at Various Locations	5
TOTAL	5

The Council has always had a policy of purchasing houses on the open market where the houses represent value for money and where a demand exists. Thirteen houses were purchased on the open market in 2011.

Housing Maintenance and Estate Improvements

Since the beginning of the Planned Maintenance Programme in 2002, much progress has been made in the general upkeep of Council housing stock. Works typically include replacement of worn out doors, windows, fascias and soffits. The emergency repair funds are used to carry out repairs to housing stock other than those repairs listed in planned maintenance and deemed eligible in accordance with the Tenant Hand Book.

The budget allocations for Maintenance Issues are as follows:

Demountable Dwelling Maintenance	€ 70,000.00
Planned Maintenance	€ 240,000.00
Emergency Maintenance	€ 150,000.00

The Council allocated a sum of €30,000 in 2011 towards Environmental Improvements works. An additional €10,000 was allocations to Local Authority Residence Associations for estate upkeep.

Rents

Rents are assessed and reviewed on an Annual basis. Rents, including arrears are collected by a number of different methods - Household budget deductions through the Post Office, or direct payments can be made to Sligo County Council or Sligo Borough Council. Rent payments can also be paid by Standing Order through the bank or with the local revenue collector. Rents payable on Local Authority dwellings are assessed under a Differential Rents Scheme. A Differential Rents Scheme means that the rent is based on the income of the household with deductions allowed in respect of any dependent children in the house. During the year, rents were reviewed to bring them into line with trends in the economic climate.

Housing Loans

Sligo County Council process a number of housing loans each year. From April 2010 all housing loans are now assessed and recommendations issued by the Affordable Homes Partnership which is based in Dublin. All applications are now subject to strict credit checks which are carried out by the Irish Credit Bureau

Tenant Purchase

1995 Tenant Purchase Scheme

The 1995 scheme applies to tenants who hold a continuous tenancy of at least 1 year standing and wish to purchase their tenancy dwelling.

This scheme provides for a maximum discount of 30% on market price, based on 3% discount for each year of tenancy up to 10 years and a further discount of €3,810.

The purchase price of the property may be financed as follows:

1. From the applicant's own resources.
2. By way of a mortgage loan from a financial institution or County
3. By lump sum deposit and the balance by way of mortgage loan.

2011 Tenant Purchase Scheme

This 2011 scheme applies only to tenants of 10 years standing or longer who wish to purchase their tenancy dwelling and will be open for application only until 31st December 2011.

The 2011 scheme provides for a maximum discount of 45% on market price, based on 3% discount for each year of tenancy up to 15 years. Purchasers are liable for a Stamp Duty charge which is fixed at €100. Sales will have to be finalised by 31st December 2012 as the scheme will expire on that date.

The purchase price of the property may be financed as follows:

1. From the applicant's own resources
2. By way of a mortgage loan from a financial institution or County Council.
3. By lump sum deposit and the balance by way of mortgage loan

Before an application for a loan can be considered by the Council, the tenant will have to produce documentary evidence that a loan has been refused by two financial institutions. The amount of the loan refused must be clearly stated.

The 2011 scheme does not replace the existing 1995 Scheme which remains in place for tenants with up to 10 years tenancy until June 2012.

Grants Schemes

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability

The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability is available to assist in the carrying out of works which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who has an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment. The type of works allowable under the scheme include the provision of

- Access ramps
- Downstairs toilet facilities
- Stair lifts
- Accessible showers
- Adaptations to facilitate wheelchair access
- Extensions
- Any other works which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability

The level of grant aid available is determined on the basis of gross household income and can be between 30% - 95% of the approved cost of the works.

Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme

The Mobility Aids Housing Grant is available to cover a basic suite of works to address mobility problems, primarily, but not exclusively, associated with ageing. The works aided under the scheme include:

- Grab Rails
- Access Ramps
- Level Access Showers
- Stairs-lifts
- Other minor works deemed necessary to facilitate the mobility needs of a member of a household

The effective maximum grant is €6,000 or 100% of the cost of the works, whichever is the lesser. The grant is available to households whose gross annual household income does not exceed €30,000.

Scheme of Housing Aid for Older People

The Scheme of Housing Aid for Older People is available to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary structural repairs or improvements. The type of works grant aided under the scheme includes:

- Structural repairs or improvements
- Re-wiring
- Repairs to/replacement of windows and doors
- Provision of heating, water and sanitary services
- Dry lining

The level of grant aid available is determined on the basis of gross household income and can be between 30% - 100% of the approved cost of the works.

Housing Grants paid in 2011

Grant Name	No. of Grants Paid	Total Amount Paid
Housing Aid for Older People	48	€248,813.50
Housing Adaptation - Disability	49	€505,173.58
Mobility Aid Grants	23	€75,338.85
Total paid in 2011	120	€829,325.93

Voluntary Housing

Voluntary Housing is provided by non-profit independent organisations that provide rented houses for people who cannot afford to buy their own houses or specific groups such as the elderly, homeless, people with special needs or disabilities. A recipient of a Voluntary house must be registered on Sligo County Council's housing list, however, while the tenant enjoys all the rights of a County Council tenant they are unable to avail of a tenant purchase on this house. Currently Sligo County Council in conjunction with Sofia Housing Association propose to deliver 57 units in Tubbercurry.

Traveller Accommodation

Sligo County Council has adopted a Traveller Accommodation Programme 2011 – 2013 which lays out the target for Traveller accommodation for that period. Sligo County Council will continue to consult with individual traveller families and traveller support groups with a view to identifying the most appropriate accommodation for individual families.

Travellers seeking standard housing from both Housing Authorities will be accommodated, where possible, in existing or new local authority estates and applications for such housing will be processed in accordance with the Local Authority's Scheme of Letting Priorities and having regard to estate management issues, an appropriate social mix within areas, compatibility of families, anti-social behaviour, social and previous accommodation history, and house size requirement.

Improving Social Housing Stock 2011

The contract commenced to upgrade 16 number older dwelling houses in the county. The primary objective of this exercise was to enhance the Energy performance of each of the respective dwellings to achieve a minimum rating of C1.

Works to be carried out to each of the individual units is as follows:-

- General Upgrade of Accommodation.
- Upgrade in insulation levels.
- Installation of oil heating in lieu of solid fuel.
- Upgrade of plumbing/heating controls.
- Installation of High specification Doors and Windows.
- Installation of solar panel heating.

The overall cost of Contract was - €288,986.00

Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government Energy efficiency

Recoupment - €255,720.00

Internal Capital Receipts Contribution - € 33,266.00

The contract was completed in December 2011.

Radon Testing

A budget of €10,000 has been made available to carry out Radon detection and remedial works were necessary to 100 dwelling the local authority stock. In 2011 6 houses had high reading i.e. above 200 bgm and remedial works were carried out on these units

The Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 Inspections

Minimum standards for rental accommodation are prescribed by means of regulations made under section 18 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. These regulations specify requirements in relation to a range of matters such as structural repair, absence of damp and rot, sanitary facilities, heating, ventilation, light and safety of gas and electrical supply. All landlords have a legal obligation to ensure that their rented properties comply with these regulations and responsibility for the enforcement of the regulations rests with the relevant local authority supported by a dedicated stream of funding provided from part of the proceeds of tenancy registration fees collected by the Private Residential Tenancies Board. These standards are currently set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 1993 (S.I. 147/1993). From the 1st of February 2011 new updated regulations will govern standards for rental accommodation. These regulations are called the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 534/2008).

It is up to each Local Authority to carry out these inspections on private rented property. 560 inspections were carried by Sligo County Council Housing Technical staff throughout County Sligo in 2011.

Long Term Leasing

Background

In 2009, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) launched the Social Housing Leasing Initiative. The introduction of leasing as a form of social housing provision represents a widening of the options for increasing the supply of social housing. Leasing introduces greater flexibility in the composition of the housing stock and provides the opportunity for housing authorities to benefit from market conditions to increase output and meet housing need in a cost effective manner.

The statutory basis for the provision of social housing through leasing is provided in the Housing Act 1966 and updated in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

The leasing option must comply fully with sustainable communities' objectives as outlined in 'Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities'. Leasing proposals must ensure that accommodation is in a location and of a type that can appropriately meet the needs of people on local authority housing lists. In addition, housing authorities will need to demonstrate that the leasing proposal does not conflict with the mixed income, mixed tenure dimension to the overall sustainable community's objective.

Funding

The leases are funded as part of the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) and will be a 'first call' on such funding in future years.

Social Housing Leasing Options

Access to housing stock will be achieved through:

- Local authorities leasing properties from private property owners for periods of 10-20 years.
- Approved Housing Bodies leasing from property owners, purchasing on the market or constructing properties and making them available for social housing provision through direct agreements with the DoEHLG.
- Local authorities temporarily utilising unsold affordable housing stock.

Leasing Overview



1. Long Term Standard Leasing

Local authorities may enter into long term leasing arrangements with private owners to lease properties for the purposes of providing accommodation to people on their social housing list. The term of these agreements may be from 10-20 years. The local authority will take over responsibilities for the internal maintenance of the properties and will be the landlord to its social housing tenants.

The owner will be paid 80% of the market rent on the basis of guaranteed payments for the term of the agreement, regardless of void periods. The owner will retain responsibility for the management company fee and structural repairs.

At the end of the term, properties will be returned to the landlord in the same general condition having regard to fair wear and tear.

2. Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs)

Approved Housing Bodies can also lease properties from the market and manage and maintain these for periods of 10-20 years. They can also purchase or construct properties. The Approved Housing Body will enter into a Payment and Availability Agreement with the local authority to make these properties available for social housing purposes. This agreement will set out the terms of the arrangement and the responsibilities of both parties and the Approved Housing Body will be paid a fee related to market rent.

Corporate Services

Register of Elections

A high quality Register of Electors is essential for the successful operation of the electoral system and of the democratic process itself. Sligo County Council prepares the Register of Electors annually and, as always, a major effort was made to achieve the highest possible degree of accuracy and comprehensiveness in compiling the Register. The Draft Register of Electors was printed on the 1st November 2011. There were 52,580 electors registered on the 2012/2013 Draft Register.

Number of Electors by Area

Ballymote	8,729
Dromore	9,045
Sligo/Drumcliffe	13,109
Sligo/Strandhill	13,439
Tubbercurry	8,258

TOTAL **52,580**

Higher Education Grants

Sligo County Council assisted 564 students under the Student Grant Scheme 2011. There were 228 new applicants and 336 continuing students. The scheme is administered by the Council on behalf of the Department of Education and Science.

In the academic year 2011/2012 Sligo County Council assisted 109 students with the special rate of maintenance grant. In excess of €3 million was allocated by Sligo County Council to students in maintenance and fees.

The student grant application process for the 2012/13 academic year is being centralised and all new applications will be made through the online student grant application facility. Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) will be accepting all new student grant applications including applications from existing students changing their courses or progressing to new courses (be they add-on courses or otherwise) in the 2012/13 academic year.

The existing grant awarding authorities continue to process renewal applications for students to whom they are already paying grants until those students have completed their current courses.

Communications Office

The Communications Office provides information services to the general public, Elected Members, staff and media, as well as providing administrative support to the Cathaoirleach. The office also administers Freedom of Information requests and Access to Information on the Environment requests on behalf of the Sligo Local Authorities.

Information Services

Information is compiled and relayed to the general public through a variety of means:

- e-newsletter
- Weekly roads report
- Media releases
- Advertisements
- Websites
- Text alert facility
- Social media

e-Newsletter

e-Contact is Sligo Local Authorities' two-monthly e-newsletter and features news and information from the various service areas. This publication allows us to keep the public informed on recent developments, planned initiatives, contact details, diary of events etc.

Weekly Roads Report

Every week details of road works throughout county Sligo are prepared and circulated to local media and posted on the Council's websites. The information is also transmitted to locals groups and individuals who have registered their contact details. Details of major works in the county are also broadcast by AA Roadwatch.

Website - www.sligococo.ie

Many of the main service areas provide facilities enable customers to transact their business online, e.g. Finance Section and Motor Tax. The Communications Office works with the Information Technology Section to monitor, review and update the Sligo Local Authority websites on a regular basis. On-line customers can subscribe to a menu of information services, and can register for our e-magazine, monthly diary of events or weekly roads report. During 2011 the home page of the website was re-developed to give greater prominence to current news and information.

The sligo.ie website was launched in 2010 aimed at providing targeted on-line information on services and events in Sligo. The new site serves as a 'one-stop-shop' for enquiries in the areas of:

- Business & Enterprise
- Tourism & Lifestyle
- Education & Training
- Public Services & Community

The site is also used to promote major local events and festivals.

Text Alert System

Sligo Local Authorities have introduced 'Text Alert' facility to enable people to report traffic management problems around the streets of Sligo. The text messages are relayed via the Communications Office to the Authorities' Traffic Wardens who respond immediately to the scene of the alert.

Following a successful 'piloting' of the initiative in conjunction with the Sligo Branch of the People with Disabilities Ireland (PWDI), the system was extended to the wider community, and any member of the public is now be able to report traffic management problems for immediate attention. This facility is a 'First' for Local Authorities in Ireland in terms of traffic management and enables our Traffic Wardens to respond instantly to the public's concerns on traffic issues.

It is intended to further broaden the system to advise people of water outages and road disruptions in their area.

Events at County Hall

Cathaoirleach Councillor Fleming hosted a number of receptions at County Hall to pay tribute to the individuals and groups who make a special contribution in our community. Among those honoured were Special Olympians Joseph Cullen and Adrian Cornwall, County Sligo Macra na Feirme, the Sligo winners at the National Fleadh Ceoil na hEireann.

Freedom of Information

The Communications Office administers the issue of enquiries made under the Freedom of Information Act and Access to Information on the Environment Regulations. People have a legal right to access information held by public bodies, and they also have a right to have information relating to themselves amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading. If a requester is dissatisfied with the response to their request, they have a right to an internal review of the decision and a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner. The number of requests received by sligo County Council in 2011 was 23. *(For full report see Appendix 1)*

Open Local Government

Local Authorities are encouraged to devise programmes to inform the general public of their functions, aims and objectives. The Communications Office hosts a number of visits from local schools under our 'Open Local Government Programme, which has been extended to include visits from Schools and local Disability Groups

Contact us

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Human Resource Development

Staff Mobility

Staff mobility is a feature of Sligo Local Authorities. The policy has many benefits which include staff having an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of different areas. Staff can benefit from being re-assigned to other operational areas in terms of personnel development and growth. The introduction of new personnel into an area can help to bring a new perspective and a fresh look with the potential benefits for service delivery.

It is the policy of the Sligo Local Authorities that the practice of staff mobility be continued. In implementing this policy the following safeguards will be applied:

- The avoidance of an unacceptable level of turnover among staff to ensure that sufficient continuity will apply
- Ensure that a high level of skills and knowledge are retained in an area

Recruitment and Selection

All positions within Sligo Local Authorities are publicly advertised and filled following competition. Responsibility for the filling of a number of senior positions however rests with the Public Appointments Service. It is the policy of Sligo Local Authorities to give careful consideration to the filling of vacancies by determining the purpose and deliverables of each position.

Training & Development

The Council is dedicated to providing relevant Health & Safety Training to all staff.

Performance Management

A performance management and development system (PMDS) was rolled out nationally in 2005. The development of this system facilitated line managers and staff to work together to identify employees duties, work objectives and any areas for development.

Industrial Relations

Regular meetings take place between HR staff and Union representatives/officials where IR issues arise. The Council is committed to resolving IR issues as soon as possible once an issue arises and thus avoid escalation of the issue.

Superannuation

Pension and lump sum calculations are carried out on a regular basis by the HR department. Once an employee is nearing retirement age or indicates their intention to retire from the Council, their lump sum and pension entitlement is calculated and arrangements are made for the payment of the relevant sum. Superannuation statements are now readily available to all employees.

HR, Payroll & Superannuation System

The Council is committed to the continued roll out and maintenance of the new integrated HR, Payroll & Superannuation system. The following modules have been implemented:

- Organisational Structure
- Time & Attendance Payroll
- Recruitment
- Central Statistics Office Returns
- Superannuation
- Training

Human Resources Policies & Procedures

Sligo Local Authorities have the following Human Resources policies and procedures in place:

- Annual Leave
- Flexi Leave
- Parental Leave
- Study Leave
- Force-Majeure Leave
- Adoptive leave
- Paternity leave
- Carers Leave
- Sick-Pay scheme
- Shorter Working Year
- Work-sharing
- Policy on Attending Courses/Conferences/Seminars
- Staff Education Scheme
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Dignity at Work Policy
- Non Smoking Policy
- Grievance & Disciplinary Procedures

Sligo Library Service & Museum

The Library and Museum services continued to expand the service provision throughout the County in 2011 with the opening of the new Ballymote Community Library and the continuous extension of the Mobile Library pilot service throughout the County.

Ballymote Community Library was officially opened in May 2011 by Minister Phil Hogan to a fanfare of celebration. The new library has been very well received and supported by the local community and has fulfilled one of its principal goals of instilling a sense of ownership in the mindset of the local community. The vision of Sligo County Council has been upheld by the response from the local community who have flocked to use the new library.

The new library provides a modern day library service with increased opening hours, a wider range of book stock, a childrens' activities area, meeting room facilities, exhibition space, a music practice room and full suite of ICT based services.

The library opening was facilitated in no small way by the voluntary redeployment of staff from County Hall which allowed for the staffing of the library, despite earlier reductions in staff numbers.

Calendar of events which were held in Sligo Libraries & Museum in 2011

Sligo Central Library

- **January to December.** Grow It Yourself G.I.Ys monthly forum for organic farmers and vegetable enthusiasts took place in Sligo Central Library.
- **January to December.** Central Library Bookclub monthly meeting took place in Sligo Central Library.
- **March.** World Book Day March 2011. Lunchtime Readings - Poets Vincent Woods and Mary O'Malley recited various works.
- **March.** National Tree Week March 2011. For National Tree Week, Sligo County Libraries distributed approx 100 sapling trees of Irish stock (Inc Ash, Sycamore and Oak) to our customers over the period of National Tree Week on a first come-first served basis.
- **April.** Cathach Volume two launched (Saturday 9th April) following up on the success of volume one.
- **May onwards.** FAS and Sligo Libraries relaunched the popular computer classes and workshops and scheduled them for selected Sligo Library branches
- **June.** "Summer Scope": Saturday 11th June 2011. As part of the Sligo Library Service Scope programme of events, Sligo Central Library hosted the Sligo Culture Open Platform with live performance, music and magic for all ages. The venue was Central Library, Stephen Street, entry was free of charge.

- *July*. CD launch – Meadh: the crimson path by Ann Joyce.
- *July onwards*. Self check systems rolled out in Central Library and Tubbercurry Libraries following on from initial roll out in Ballymote Community Library in 2010.
- *October*. Thursday 13th October Children's Book Festival 2011, Barcelo and Carbonell give a storytelling session for local schools.
- *October*. All Ireland Poetry Day October 2011. Lunchtime readings by Paul Meehan and Tony Curtis
- *December*. Friday 9th December 2011. Book Launch - Adventures of a book collector publication by Dr Philip Murray.

Ballymote Community Library:

- *May*. Opening of the new Ballymote community Library by Minister Phil Hogan.
- *July*. Ballymote Book Club launched.
- *September*. Programme of weekly schools visits commenced.
- *October*. Robert Burns workshop by Dr. Fred Freedman.
- *October*. Felip Carbonell, childrens' workshops.
- *October*. Chris Thompson childrens' workshops.
- *November*. Rape Crisis Centre Exhibition.

Sligo Library Schools Section:

- *February*. Launch of the Peace 111 Project – “The Peace Script” in partnership with Libraries NI, Mercy College, Sligo and Erne Integrated College, Enniskillen.
- *February*. Second Level Schools Writing Competition Prize - Giving.
- *September*. Sligo Dyslexia Association facilitated within Sligo Central Library resources to hold weekly classes promoting literacy.

Tubbercurry Community Library:

- *April*. School Visit by Transition year students from St. Attracta's Community school, introductory talk and tour of the library facilities.
- *April*. Museum of Country life exhibition and display entitled “Decorating Ceramics with Tom Doyle”.
- *May*. “Installation of Travelling Library in Tubbercurry”.
- *June to August* Summertime in the Library.
- *September*. The Architectural Association of Ireland exhibition.
- *October*. “The Celtic Rathskallions” Music/Drama/Storytelling/ show for schools.
- *November*. “Recycled Materials : An Exhibition” in conjunction with National Recreation Week. Work displayed with material from students of St. Attracta's Community school.

- *November.* Author visit by Annie West.
- *December.* Exhibition as part of the national Violence Against Women Campaign, 2011.

Sligo County Museum:

- *February.* Conservation Projects.
- *May.* Exhibition in Ballymote Library entitled “Ballymote’s Past”.
- *July.* Garland Sunday exhibition Keash.
- *July.* Yeats Exhibition entitled “Yeats and the Landscape of Sligo”.
- *November.* “Letters from the Front”: A World War One exhibition.

Statistics 2011

Visitors

Sligo Central Library:	112,143 (64%)
Tubbercurry:	25,960 (15%)
Enniscrone:	7,835 (5%)
Ballymote:	26,142 (16%)
Museum:	6,379

Issues

Juvenile issues:	106,363 (44%)
Adult issues:	131,936 (54.5%)
Local Studies:	3,803 (1.5%)

Total Issues: 242,102

Civil Defence

Civil Defence volunteers attended 97 events equaling 580 volunteers and 556 hours of volunteering time in 2011. Each year sees an increase in the demand for Civil Defence services with limited financial support.

Without this service and commitment a number of community events may not have been able to proceed because in order to comply with insurance cover, first aid must be on site in case of an incident.

At our recent presentation ceremony Director of Services Dorothy Clarke and Technical Officer Kevin Houston from the Civil Defence Board thanked the volunteers for their commitment in volunteering and attending training especially when there are so many demands on people's free time.

5 volunteers received their 10 year medals, 47 volunteers completed CFR/OFA levels of First Aid over the winter training period, 31 completed Radio Communication Levels 1 & 2. 15 are presently completing specialised driving course for 4x4 vehicles and off the road training.

Sligo Civil Defence increased its number of volunteers at the beginning of its training year in October 2011 by 41 which is great to see but in turn this places huge pressure on volunteer instructors to bring these volunteers up to a standard of training for them to be able to assist with duties etc. effectively and safely. Great credit is due to the volunteer instructors.

Over the winter period the roof on the Civil Defence garage was replaced due to leaking and has made such a difference to the storage of Civil Defence vehicles and volunteers accessing and maintaining them ready for use.

Community & Enterprise

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1. Sligo County Development Board

The Department of Community and Enterprise facilitates the County Development Board. Sligo County Development Board (SCDB) brings together representatives from Local Government and Local Development sectors, State Agencies operating at local level, and Social Partners, including the Community and Voluntary Sector. The purpose of the Board is to improve co-ordination amongst local service providers and to promote economic social and cultural development in County Sligo.

The Board is currently working on its Action Plan for Social, Economic and Cultural development for the period mid 2009-2012 details of which are available on www.sligocdb.ie

Other Priorities include:

1. Social inclusion and equality.
2. Economic Development.
3. Cultural Development.
4. Sligo Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Committee - PEACE III Action Plan 2011-2013.

2(a) Social Inclusion Measure Group

The Social Inclusion Measures Group is a statutory sub-committee of the County Development Board, facilitated by the Department of Community and Enterprise. It provides a forum for coordinating the delivery of social inclusion activities in County Sligo and to identify and address any gaps and overlaps between agencies in the delivery of social inclusion work within the county.

i. Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg Shligigh is a Sligo County Development Board Project set up as part of the National Children's Strategy (2000). Comhairle na nÓg provides a forum for young people to discuss local and national issues of relevance to them. In 2011, the County Development Board received funding from the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs for the development of the initiative. Comhairle na nÓg involves a working partnership between Sligo County Council's Department of Community and Enterprise, Sligo County VEC and Foroige. Along with a programme of activities the grant has enabled Foroige to employ a dedicated Youth Worker to work on the ground with young people to increase participation in the Comhairle na nÓg. Aims of the initiative include, creating a model of best practice, with emphasis placed on increasing the participation of young people through its AGM and in particular the participation of harder to reach young people. The initiative also aims to link

Comhairle na nÓg into the policy making role of local agencies and in particular Local Government through structures such as Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's) and Joint Policing Committees (JPC's).

The 9th Sligo Comhairle na nÓg AGM hosted by the Sligo County Development Board took place in October, 2011. 120 enthusiastic young people from schools and youth clubs/organisations from all over the county were present making it the highest attendance to date. Topics discussed in facilitated workshops included Alcohol & Drug Use along with an open debate on general youth issues which included Mental Health, Bullying, Road Safety & Youth Facilities. The topics raised will form part of the Comhairle na nÓg's work plan for the coming year.

The information generated at the workshops will be compiled and reported to Sligo County Council along with other relevant agencies. On a national level, feedback from the Sligo AGM will be given to the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) and to Dáil na nÓg with the hope of effecting positive change for young people in County Sligo.

The AGM also featured democratic elections to elect 25 young members to form Sligo Comhairle na nÓg for a period of 2 years. During this term they act as the collective voice of young people in County Sligo by lobbying on a range of issues affecting young people today. The elected membership mirrors that of Sligo County Council including the number of Councillors and its electoral areas. Five members of the Comhairle na nÓg were also elected to represent Sligo at the Annual Dáil na nÓg Event in Dublin. Elected members of Sligo County Council have been very supportive of the initiative.

ii. Sligo Education Working Group

The County Development Board's Sligo Education Working Group, chaired by Sligo Education Centre continued to meet throughout 2011. The Group is a sub-committee of the SIM Group. Its focus is to:

- Identify gaps in education service provision,
- Promote collaboration among agencies dealing with early school leavers
- Identify areas of concern outside the influence of the relevant agencies where the CDB might be able to lend its support.
- Develop community education and support
- Target support locally within schools
- Promote broader policy level responses to educational disadvantage.

iii. Interagency Traveller Strategy Group

The Interagency Traveller Strategy Group is responsible for monitoring progress on the implementation of the County Development Board's Interagency Traveller Strategy for Co Sligo 2007-2012. The purpose of this Strategic Plan is to enhance interagency co-operation in the delivery of services and supports to the Traveller Community. The Strategy focuses on a series of integrated actions under the following thematic areas: Accommodation, Health, Education Training & Employment, Childcare and Youth.

The Actions outlined in the Strategy are funded mainly through the resources of the participating Agencies and some actions involve the pooling together of resources from a number of agencies. The Group is convened by the Office of Community & Enterprise.

In 2011 the Inter-Agency Traveller Strategy Group undertook training in "Good Practice for Equality & Traveller Inclusion - Policy to Practice" delivered by Pavee Point Travellers Centre. Held over 5 days the training was done on a thematic basis in line with the thematic areas in the Traveller Strategy. The main aim of the training was to:

1. Embed inclusive practice in the working of the IATSG & its working groups.
2. Highlight areas of discriminatory practice that affects Traveller/settled people in their everyday lives & develop appropriate responses.
3. Deepen the groups understanding & commitment to equality of outcome for Traveller families.

iv. RAPID Programme

Sligo RAPID Area Implementation Team (AIT) continued to progress action plans for community safety, physical environment, combating illegal money-lending, artistic and creative projects and community development projects in 2011. The following are the main achievements of 2011 by the RAPID AIT and sub-groups:

- **RAPID Urban Peace Collective** – this grouping facilitated and supported by RAPID, carried out work on three projects funded by the Peace III Partnership which happened during January-May 2011. The three projects were the Forum Theatre production for adults involving RehabCare, the Model and Globe House; the inter-cultural storytelling project for children Stories and Crowns which culminated in a float in the St Patrick's Parade and a team-building residential for community group leaders.

- **Catering Course** – the partnership of Sligo VEC, Ballinode College, Department of Social Protection and RAPID enabled the development of a Fetac 5 course in Catering skills for those on the live register or other social welfare payments. Nine participants completed the course and received certification in Catering Skills.
- **Summer Programme subsidy** – the RAPID Community Reps Team approved the allocation of a Community Support fund to help support some of the existing summer programmes in RAPID areas. Most community projects have been adversely affected by the recession and cut-backs and so RAPID was able to ensure that these services for young people in RAPID areas were supported during summer 2011.
- **An Artist in the Community Scheme grant to RAPID** ensured the progression of a film project called “Encounters” in which issues affecting asylum seekers and other non-Irish nationals in Sligo are raised through the medium of film and drama. The participants involved in this project came together to learn both the technical and performance skills that are needed to produce a script and shoot the film from film-maker Sinead Dolan of Loch Bo Films. The end product is due to be completed in mid 2012 and the participants have formed a group called Sabona.
- **Community Safety Taskforce** – this inter-agency group met regularly in 2011 to progress issues affecting the community safety of RAPID residents. For example, issues such as anti-social behaviour, policing, community responses to problems and improvements in physical environment were developed such as the Junior Community Warden Scheme in Cranmore.
- **Illegal Money-lending** – the CAILM group carried out work to combat the effects of illegal money-lending activity through the Cranmore Community Bank, Lennies leaflet, press releases to local newspapers and giving presentation at the RAPID National conference. The group continues in its support of Garda enforcement strategies to tackle this crime which particularly affects disadvantaged communities.
- **Community participation on RAPID** – local representatives based in RAPID areas met regularly to bring issues to the inter-agency board so that there is a direct connection with the RAPID communities. In this way, problems are raised and brought to the relevant agency immediately.

2(b) Economic Development Sub-Committee of Sligo County Development Board (CDB)

Role of the CDB and Local Authority in Economic Development

The role of the County Development Board in Economic Development Working group is to co-ordinate the work of member organisations' economic development activities and work on agreed 'added value' economic initiatives for the county, to promote innovation and entrepreneurship and to increase job opportunities.

Economic Development Sub-Committee of the (CDB)

Quarterly meetings are held of the Sub-Committee while various Sub-Groups on Education, Training & Up-skilling, Enterprise Promotion, Precision Engineering, Food, eCars and Renewable Energy meet frequently to progress initiatives.

Key Activities of the Economic Development Sub-Committee in 2011

Four specific economic sectors were identified for particular attention and action in 2011:

- Precision Engineering/Tool making
- Renewable Energy
- Food
- eCars

Precision Engineering/ Tool making

Research has been undertaken to define how to take advantage of the Sligo tradition and expertise (in IT Sligo & elsewhere) while also recognising the opportunity that presents nationally. An action plan was developed to promote the development of the industry in Sligo and for the industry nationally. Work is ongoing to deliver on this action plan.

Renewable Energy

Sligo County Council were central to the setting up of Renew Sligo which aims to create employment and generate enterprise and awareness in the region in three energy fields, namely bioenergy, offshore and energy efficiency of buildings. The utilisation and optimising of regional assets, including our forestry, port, Institute of Technology, regional industry and expertise, through the Renew Sligo Network, is key to the success of this project. Potential benefits are wide-ranging, including job creation, improvements in infrastructure, and an enhancement of quality of life for our residents.

The RENEW SLIGO Project is lead by IT Sligo. It is in the process of establishing three working groups for the different areas: bioenergy, offshore and building energy efficiency; each group will be made up of interested people from the

bodies concerned – Sligo County Council, Western Development Commission, Institute of Technology Sligo, along with interested industry representatives.

Food

St. Angela's College is taking the lead in relation to the Food Sector through the development of a collaborative strategy for Sligo, the North West Region and hinterland. The strategy is being progressed by the establishment of a working group with key stakeholders to work in conjunction with Board Bia and with agencies on the County Development Board. Work has commenced with a mapping exercise of what is already in place.

eCars

Work was ongoing in 2011 to find suitable locations for charging points for eCars in Sligo town and County. This is ongoing.

Creative Sligo County Council

Sligo County Council was successful in 2011 in obtaining EU funding to deliver an initiative entitled Creative Challenge Celtic Crescent North West or 4 CNW as it is also known. The project was developed as an initiative of Sligo County Development Board and it involved collaboration between Sligo County Council, Western Development Commission and local authority partners in Donegal, Leitrim, Mayo and Roscommon. The project recognises the potential of the creative sector to the economy and what they can bring to other sectors more specifically the agri-food, tourism, technology and life sciences sectors.

- The Goal of the project to develop the Creative industries and wider innovation ability in the North West Region of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland.
- A successful bid was made to the EU for €243,000
- There are national and trans-national elements to project
- Elements of Project:
 - Distribution of Talent Vouchers - €100,000
 - Participation in EU policy initiative entitled European Creative Industries alliance – providing an opportunity to influence policies at an EU level.
 - Development of a strong regional coalition of key stakeholders in government, regional development, education, business and enterprise (Creative State North West)
 - Development of a Creative Directory mobile app. This recognises that many creative businesses operate on a small scale and this will help creatives find each other and be found by the broader business environment.
 - Case studies – to share the learning

The project has been funded till December 2013 and it is hoped that there will be opportunities under future structural funding programmes.

2(b) PEACE III Programme

Peace III Programme

The vision of the Sligo Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Committee is: “Sligo is a community where ethnic and religious diversity is welcomed and where positive relationships exist within and between communities and across the border.”

The Committee has delivered on actions under the Sligo Peace Action Plan which aim to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation.

Activities during 2011 include:

Public Events

Blood & Thunder provided a unique insight into the tradition of Ulster’s Blood and Thunder Marching Bands from the perspective of an Irish Catholic and an Ulster Protestant. Guest Speakers were Darach MacDonald, author and journalist and Quincey Dougan, Chairperson of the Ulster Bands Forum. The event ended with a Special Guest Performance by the Castlederg Young Loyalists Flute Band from Co Tyrone.

Lunchtime Lectures

Launched as part of social inclusion week and based around the theme ‘The Challenge of Inclusion’ the programme of lunchtime lectures offered a unique opportunity for people to hear from a range of personal perspectives and to discuss the questions and issues emerging. The first speaker, Ethne McCord explored the idea of “invisible minorities” and the impact that being part of an indigenous minority can have on identity. The second speaker Claire Dineen, Joint Chair of the NW Regional Forum for Family Resource Centers explored the challenge of inclusion from a broad perspective giving a practical example of working in an inclusive manner and asking the hard questions around genuinely inclusive policies and practices and what it is about inclusive ways of living and working that threatens us. Kelly McGinley and Rosie Maughan from Sligo Traveller Support Group who shared their experience of working with Traveller families to help them connect with statutory and community services available in the local community and the challenges that posed for both the Traveller community and the wider community spoke at the third lecture.

The final speaker was Tim Brannigan who's autobiography 'Where are you really from?' charts the story of a black boy growing up in a white family, in the Falls Road area of Belfast during the turbulent 1970's and 1980's.

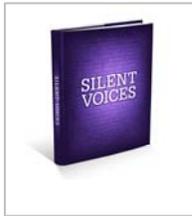
Connecting the Peace

A celebratory event was held in June 2011 to mark the end of Phase I of the Sligo Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan (2008 - 2010). The event was aimed at highlighting the key learning and experiences from Phase I. It also provided a platform for the project promoters and participants to showcase their work share their successes and acknowledge their hard work and dedication. All project promoters were invited and encouraged to bring along participants.

The event was also about looking forward to and preparing for Phase II of the Sligo Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan (2011-2013). The key note speaker was Dr Duncan Morrow, Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council.

Publications

Silent Voices



Silent Voices launched by RTE's Eileen Magnier in the Sligo County Library in June, 2011 is a publication which contains 28 personal stories recounting the impact of the Troubles, Partition and conflict on the lives of people from or connected to Sligo. It also contains some stories from people who have fled from conflict in other parts of the world and come to Sligo to seek refuge or asylum. This unique and authentic publication gives voice to the experiences of real people, experiences that have, for the most part, remained hidden, until now.

The publication has received wide acclaim from journalists, authors and prominent peace activists. Some of the accolades included:-

"I am struck by the often underestimated range and dept of personal experience from this county - from those directly involoed and/or affected by the troubles, to moving glimpses of how ripples of loss and disruption has spread within families and across generations..", Wilhelm Verwoerd, Irish Peace Centres.

"Powerful, original and deeply moving", Patsy McGarry, Irish Times

The publication is available to download at www.sligocdb.ie

Towards Integration in Sligo

Ipsos Mori and Deloitte were commissioned by the Sligo County Community Forum (SCCF) and the Sligo Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Committee to carry out research to explore the nature and extent of sectarianism and racism in County Sligo.

It is anticipated this research will be a resource for all relevant stakeholders in County Sligo, and for regional and national stakeholders working with minority communities and seeking to support integration. The publication is available to download at www.sligocdb.ie

2(d) Sligo County Council Joint Policing Committee (JPC)

Background

Joint Policing Committees were established under Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. They offer local authority elected members, An Garda Síochána, members of the Public & members of the Oireachtas, the opportunity to make a significant impact on the quality of life within communities, by working together as a collective body. A Joint Policing Committee was established in the Sligo County Council Administrative area in December 2008.

Membership of the Sligo County Council Joint Policing Committees

- **13** Local Authority elected members with at least 2 from each local electoral area. Each political grouping on the County Council must be represented on the JPC. The Cathaoirleach is an ex-officio member.
- **5** members of the Oireachtas. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members should have representation among the five.
- **The County Manager** who is an ex-officio member and a person nominated by him.
- **2** Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner and accompanied by other Garda Officers as need arises.
- **3** persons representing the Community and Voluntary sector in the county.

Functions of the JPC - To serve as a forum for consultation, discussion and recommendation on matters affecting the policing of the Sligo County Council administrative area by:

- **Keeping under review** levels & patterns of crime, disorder & anti-social behaviour in that area and factors underlying & contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- **Advising** the Local Authority and the Gardaí on how best they might perform their functions.

- **Arranging & hosting public meetings** concerning matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area.

In accordance with the JPC guidelines an annual work plan must be developed and agreed by the members. Priority actions of the 2011 Work Programme included the following:

1. **Road Safety** - On 16th November 2011, the Road Safety Sub Committee held a Road Safety Road Show in the Regional Sports Centre, Sligo, aimed at 4th year and transition year students. All post primary schools in Sligo were notified and a total of 300 students attended the show.
2. **Rural Isolation / Older People** - The Sligo Friendly Call Service was launched in November 2011 in the Moylough Arts & Heritage Centre, Moylough, Tubbercurry by the Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Cllr. Michael Fleming. This service is a joint initiative between the Rural Isolation / Older Peoples sub committee of Sligo County Council Joint Policing Committee and Sligo LEADER Partnership Co., and is being hosted by Belt Torc Ltd., Moylough.

The Joint Policing Committee engages with local communities to the greatest degree possible as they are important resources in tackling many of the issues currently being addressed by the Sligo County Council Joint Policing Committee.

3 **Play & Recreation**

Sligo Play Day 2011

A variety of activities organized by Sligo County Council, Sligo Borough Council, Sligo County Childcare Committee and Sligo Sport & Recreation Partnership were available for children up to 12 years as part of the National Play Day initiative in July 2011.

New activities this year included gardening, tag Gaelic and golf and proved popular with everyone. Many took part in the other sports activities of tag rugby, soccer and basketball. Coaches were also on hand to guide adults in the use of the Outdoor Gym equipment.

For the little ones activities such as arts and crafts and messy play were provided. The final event of the day saw children of all ages participating in the many races from egg & spoon races to sack races.

Recreation Week 2011

Community & Enterprise in partnership with Sligo Library Service, Sligo Sport & Recreation Partnership and Foróige organised events for 12-18 year olds as part of National Week in October, 2011.

- Sligo Library Service ran a promotion entitled 'Discover the Magic of Books at your Local Library'. Leaflets were widely distributed in

libraries, schools and youth clubs which promoted 42 authors who write for the young adult/teenage market. Books by all authors were available throughout the library branch network in County Sligo and a number of displays and promotions of these titles were run in all branches.

- The Sligo branch of Irish Wheelchair Association showcased a display of items produced by them and held workshops on Recycling; a successful project undertaken by them which was funded by the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2011 which is administered by Sligo County Council.
- Outdoor Adventure Escape which focused on the outdoor sport of Mountain Biking as well as incorporating some co-operative and team-building games in an outdoor setting.
- Bounce mania - Activities included exercising to music on mini trampettes, team building and parachute games.
- Games For All - an inclusive programme aimed at people with a disability. It focuses on development of the fundamental motors skills important for the development of physical literacy.
- Music Night was organised by the Youth Committee of the CRIB Youth Project & Health Café. They also organised promotion of the event, secured bands to perform, set up the p.a. system and hosted the night.
- Recycle workshops - Communities were delighted with the vibrant array of recycled items displayed in both libraries thereby giving people ideas of how to reuse and recycle.

4 Tidy Towns 2011

The local Tidy Towns competition organised by Community & Enterprise attracted in excess of 100 entries in 2011 with categories for Best Kept Town / Village, Best Kept School, Best Kept Shop Front and Best Kept Housing Estates. Sligo County Council continues to work in partnership with Tidy Towns Groups throughout the county providing advice and financial support.

Tidy Towns Committees who entered the National Tidy Towns Competition were also eligible for the Tidy Towns Grants Scheme to assist their on-going activities.

Best Kept Housing Estate

Category 1	Winner	Runner Up
1 - 30 Houses in Estate	Hill Crest Park, Strandhill	Culfadda Housing Association
31 - 60 Houses in Estate	Gort na Sí, Coolaney	Kiernan Avenue, Collooney
61 + Houses in Estate	Ard Aisling, Tubbercurry	Woodbrook Heights, Ballisodare

Best Kept National School

Category 2	School
Overall Winner	Holy Family NS, Tubbercurry
Joint Runner Up	Mary Immaculate Girls NS, Collooney
Joint Runner Up	Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Ballymote

Best Kept Shop Front/Business

Category 3	Shop Front/Business
Overall Winner	Kennedy's Picture Framing, Tubbercurry
Runner Up	Gormley's Corner House, Ballymote

Best Kept Village/Town

Category 4	Village/Town
Overall Winner	Holy Family NS, Tubbercurry
Overall Winner	Mary Immaculate Girls NS, Collooney
Joint Runner Up	Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Ballymote

Special Merit Awards

- Hillview Drive, Ballymote
- St. Patrick's N.S., Calry
- Enniscrone Tidy Towns Committee
- Balinafad Tidy Towns Committee

5 Sligo Pride of Place Competition 2011

Pride of Place 2011

The Pride of Place competition which is organised by Co-operation Ireland recognises and celebrates the vital contributions that community partnerships make to society. Entrants who are nominated by Sligo County Council are given the opportunity to showcase the tremendous work and community driven activities in their areas.

The judges from Co-operation Ireland visited Sligo in August and were impressed by the enthusiasm, community spirit and achievements of all groups.

In 2011 Sligo was represented by the following:

Group	Category
Banada Development Agency	Community Health Initiative
Enniscrone Leisure Ltd. t/a Waterpoint	Community Tourism Initiative
Ballymote Business Association	Population Category

Banada Development Agency was awarded a runner-up prize in the Community Health Initiative category at the All Island Awards Ceremony. Representatives from the group received their prize from the Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council Cllr. Tom Oliver, Christopher Moran, Chairman of Co-operation Ireland and Tom Dowling, Chairman of Pride of Place Committee.

Sligo County Council has been involved in the competition since 2004 and 27 community groups have represented County Sligo in this prestigious competition.

6 Community & Voluntary Grants Scheme 2011

The Community & Voluntary Sector Grant Scheme 2011 covered a varied selection of community and voluntary organisations working in County Sligo –

- Community & Voluntary Grants
- Burial Ground Grants
- LA21 Environmental Partnership Fund Scheme
- Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme

Administered by Community & Enterprise many community groups throughout the county benefited from financial support through these grant schemes.

Projects supported included:

- Environmental workshops
- Anti-Litter Awareness schemes
- Anti-Graffiti projects
- Agricultural shows
- Summer camps / Family Fun Days
- Estate / village enhancement
- Local litter clean-ups
- General maintenance in Burial Grounds

7 Sligo Volunteer Centre 2011

Sligo Volunteer Centre is an information & referral service for voluntary activity in County Sligo. Sligo Volunteer Centre offers support to Community & Voluntary Groups who currently involve or wish to involve volunteers in their service. The Centre supports these groups to develop volunteer roles, to implement a volunteer policy in their organisation and to effectively support their volunteers.

We are members of Volunteer Ireland and along with our colleagues in other Volunteer Centres, work under 4 Core Activities:

1. Providing a Volunteer Centred Placement & Support Service
2. Providing Support to Not For Profit Organisations
3. Marketing and Promoting Volunteering
4. Ensuring Good Practice within Volunteer Centres

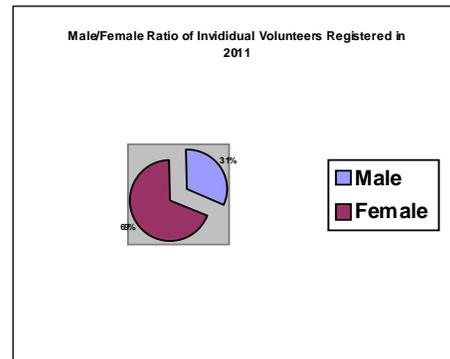
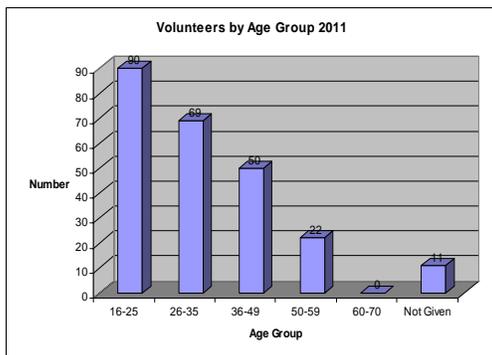
1. Volunteer Placement

The Placement Service involves the maintenance of volunteer opportunities and provision of support to volunteers with the ultimate aim of placing volunteers in a suitable opportunity for them. 2011 was a busy year with many changes and impacts happening for the sector and the centre, both nationally and locally.

So *Who* is registering to volunteer?

- **Age Profile & Gender of Individual Volunteers 2011**

Sligo Volunteer Centre's experience to date has been that a large proportion of our registered volunteers are under 35 years of age, with the largest number of registrations amongst the 16-25 Age group. This has broadly been the experience of the centre since its inception. Also females have also always outnumbered males in terms of registering to volunteer.



2. Supporting Community Organisations in Sligo:

A lot of work goes into supporting organisations to prepare for volunteers. During 2011, 25 new Community & Voluntary Organisations registered with our service. Between these and previously registered organisations, 159 new volunteer vacancies were registered with our Centre in 2011.

Contrary to the belief that volunteers are a 'free' source for organisations much must be invested to ensure the success of a Volunteer Programme. This investment involves planning at the early stages as well as ongoing monitoring and support.

Volunteer Management Training

Sligo Volunteer Centre run a national programme of Volunteer Management Training (VMT) developed and approved by Volunteer Centres Ireland (now Volunteer Ireland). In May 2011 Sligo Volunteer Centre ran a VMT session with 9 organisations successfully completing the training. They were Ballymote Arts

and Cultural Community Development Committee; HSE Carers Development Officer; Bothar; Focus Ireland; County Roscommon Disability Support Group; Sligo Sports Partnership; COMBER; North West Simon Community and Domestic Violence & Advocacy Service.

3. Volunteer Information Sessions

In February 2011, we piloted a Volunteer Information Session for newly registering volunteers. At this small group session we explain how our service works, what to expect from organisations, recruitment and screening procedures etc. There is an opportunity at the end of the session to explore the current opportunities available and for people to self select their skills to the opportunities. Each attendee then meets one on one with a staff member who refers them on to the opportunities that they are interested in. On average there are 5 attendees per session. We ran 17 sessions from February - December 2011 with great success.

Pilot of Organisation Information Sessions

In 2011 we developed and piloted an Organisation Information Session. The session is aimed at those organisations who are not yet ready to benefit from the full for Volunteer Management Training program.

The session is interactive and covers:

4. Community Involvement

Sligo Lend a Hand Launch

Sligo Volunteer Centre, along with some other local agencies are part of a Steering Group for the Lend a Hand Project. The project involves teams of volunteers responding to calls from older people who need minor repairs completed in their home. Sligo Volunteer Centre was heavily involved in the recruitment of volunteers for this programme. The programme launched in April 2011 and is continuing and growing.

European Year of Volunteering 2011 in Sligo

2011 was designated the European Year of Volunteering. Sligo Volunteer Centre took the opportunity to organise a week long series of events to coincide with National Day of Volunteering which fell on September 30th 2011. We launched our week long series of events in early September 2011.

Events organised by Sligo Volunteer Centre:

- Presentations to Secondary school students on volunteering
- 3 County Wide Roadshows (Ballymote, Grange & Sligo town)
- VolunTOURS of Voluntary Groups in Sligo Town
- 1 Volunteer Recognition Event

- Secondary School students to pair up with Sligo Tidy Towns
Sligo Volunteer Centre also supported
 - Sligo General Hospital Volunteer Recognition Event marking 1 year of their Meet & Greet Programme
 - Ballymote Tidy Towns clean up & kids colouring competition
 - Charity Shop Friday

8 Sligo County Community & Voluntary Forum

The Sligo County Community Forum was established in 2000 as a voice for the community and voluntary sector in County Sligo. The Forum acts as a network in County Sligo to enable the Community & Voluntary sector to meet and address common issues and concerns, and put forward those views at a county level.

The Sligo County Community Forum is managed by an Executive board of 25 members. Four members are nominated from each of the five local electoral areas in County Sligo. A further five members are held for 'sectoral' representatives on the Executive.

2011 was a very challenging year for Sligo County Community Forum – having had its funding reduced by half by the Department. Despite this, Sligo Forum has worked hard to continue its work. Sligo Forum has taken opportunities to work collaboratively with a number of other organisations to effect change and support communities in County Sligo:

Some of the key achievements for 2011 are listed below

- Delivery of social media training and 'Conflicts of Interest' training to community members and groups – delivered in association with Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. and the Rural Enabler Programme respectively.
- Growing our membership base and circulating a monthly E Bulletin with information on training, funding and community events in Sligo.
- Completion of the research report 'Towards Integration in Sligo' in partnership with the Sligo Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Committee.
- Research and Action Plan in relation to precision engineering in County Sligo – funded by Sligo LEADER Partnership Co.
- The completion of a work plan for 'Creative Sligo' – funded by Sligo LEADER Partnership Co.

- Policy submissions on behalf of the community and voluntary sector in the county.

Representation of the sector on various boards and committees including the County Development Board, Sligo County Council Strategic Partnership Committees and the NW Regional Drugs Task Force by the volunteer members of the Sligo County Community Forum.

Sligo Arts Service

Sligo County Council provides for the investment and development of the cultural and artistic life of the city and county through implementation of its strategy *Space for Art Sligo Arts Plan 2007-2012*. In 2011 Sligo County Council Arts Service continued to work in partnership with the Arts Council of Ireland and key stakeholders locally, regionally and nationally to deliver a high quality arts service enabling the local authority to;

- Support artists of all disciplines to make work of excellence.
- Promote public access, participation and engagement in the arts.
- Demonstrate and facilitate the important contribution the arts make to the social and economic well-being of the region.

Sligo Music

Music Generation Sligo (MGS) received significant funding from **U2** and the **Ireland Funds** to run a specially designed three-year programme of music education for the County up to 2014. It aims to open the door to performance music education for every one of Sligo's 16500 children and young adults under the age of 18. MGS is being developed as a partnership with Sligo VEC who is lead partner, Sligo County Council Arts Service and Sligo Education Centre as key public service partners, public and private music and education providers in the county and regionally, the youth/education sectors, local communities and, crucially, a vibrant music sector and a wealth of musicians. MGS has already created seven new jobs in Sligo with more good news to follow next year.

National funding has been matched to local funding from the steering committee groups, Sligo VEC, Sligo County Council, Sligo Education Centre, Sligo County Childcare, Cranmore Regeneration, the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, the Coleman Centre, Sligo Music Academy, Sligo School of Rock, Comhaltas and the private music education community.

Sligo is one of only three counties in Ireland to successfully bid for the first round of Music Generation funding and the first county in Ireland to start the roll-out of the programme.

Sligo Arts Service's music programme continued to support three local and voluntary run music promotion organisations which present professional events: **Con Brio** to run the high calibre Sligo Music Series; **Sligo Jazz Project** to run the annual Jazz summer school and festival; and **Sligo Festival of Baroque Music**.

Music in Drumcliffe The 12th annual May Bank Holiday weekend chamber music festival took place with an impressive line-up of international musicians and the addition of free open rehearsals and a free coffee concert.

Public Art

The Commission Plan for 2010-12 was implemented with the delivery of the children's project, *Games without Frontiers* by a team of six artists to over fifty children. Children aged 8-12 participated in a series of art workshops where they creatively explored their use of outdoor public spaces. The project aimed to raise awareness of the benefits of using public space for imaginative play and to develop the children's civic awareness by valuing their public amenities.

Composer Commission

The Public Art Steering Group approved the proposal to partner with Music Generation Sligo to commission a composer to create a new choral/orchestral work to be performed by children participating in the MGS programme. The commission also provides for the mentoring of 'young composers'.

Cultural Mapping and Digital Storytelling Commission

Studio North West (film and digital media collective) and Bandit Films were commissioned to make a film celebrating the unique natural and cultural energy of Sligo today.

The film was intended to be the centrepiece for the launch of the County Development Board's 'Creative Sligo Initiative'. The film, entitled, *Astray* borrows from the Sweeney myth as translated by Séamus Heaney in *Sweeney Astray*. Sweeney takes flight through the stunning Sligo landscape. Characters from the story drive the contemporary narrative with Sligo's distinctive cultural locations as a backdrop.

Sculpture Commission for the Model

The Public Art Officer assisted the Model in the commissioning process for a permanent sculpture for the Mall entrance to the Model. The sculpture, by Isobel Nolan was unveiled in December.

A publication documenting the ten commissions in the *Unravelling Developments* series 2004-2010 was published. **500 copies** were printed and distributed to the arts and education sectors locally and nationally. An on-line copy is available on www.sligoarts.ie

Under **Arts Grants & Bursaries**, Sligo County Council provided significant support to Sligo's important network of arts organisations who have national and international reach, namely The Model, Blue Raincoat Theatre Company, The Hawk's Well Theatre and Sligo Live. These organisations act as core infrastructural pillars that support artists and arts projects. Furthermore, they provide employment and do important outreach and education work with communities across the city and county. Maintaining support to these organisations is crucial to sustaining Sligo's reputation as a 'cultural county'. The Council also provided essential financial support to a broad range of voluntary and community based festivals and events and to individual artists through contributions and advertised grant/bursary schemes.

*Infrastructural Services &
Environment*

Road Transportation & Safety

Major National Road Schemes

A total of €1,240,375 was allocated in 2011 to the planning & design of major national road schemes as follows:

N17 Tobercurry Bypass. (Allocation €125,034)

This scheme is approximately 11 km in length and extends from the townland of Rathscanlon, south of Tobercurry and ties back with the existing N17 in the townland of Carrowreilly. Work commenced on the route selection process over ten years ago with the preferred route adopted in May 2001. This project is currently being progressed through Phase 4 of the Project Management Guidelines 2010. The Preliminary Design Report (PDR), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) drawings were revised and sent to the NRA in June 2011 for approval to publish and progress through the planning process.

The NRA stated that due to funding constraints they are not in a position to give approval to publish and progress this Project. No further work will be carried out on this project until approval and funding is received from the NRA.

N17 Tobercurry Bypass - Collooney. (Allocation €243,500)

This is the northern part of the N17 scheme and the Preferred Route was adopted in 2001.

Design work has been ongoing on this scheme on an intermittent basis since 2006. The N17 Collooney - Tobercurry Road scheme is currently progressing through Phase 4 of the Project Management Guidelines 2010. Sligo County Council received funding from the NRA to continue this work in-house in 2011. Design work includes the preparation of the Preliminary Design Report (PDR), the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Drawings. Publication of CPO and EIS will be subject to approval and funding from the NRA.

N4 Realignment Collooney - Castlebaldwin. (Allocation €424,923)

The N4 is currently progressing through Phase 4 of the Project Management Guidelines 2010. This includes work on the preparation of the Preliminary Design Report (PDR), the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Drawings. Sligo County Council received funding from the NRA to continue this work in-house in 2011. Originally it was proposed to upgrade this section of road from Collooney to Castlebaldwin to a Type 2 Dual Carriageway. In August 2011 the NRA requested that this scheme be revised and redesigned to take account of the current economic climate.

The scheme is currently being designed as a single carriageway with the option to upgrade the road in the future to a dual carriageway. Land and structures are included in this scheme to ensure this is possible. Documentation is currently being revised and it is anticipated that these will be submitted to the NRA for approval to publish in third quarter 2012.

N4/N15 - “Sligo to County boundary” (Allocation €138,598) and the N4/N15 - Sligo Urban Road Improvement Project (Allocation €308,320)

In 2006 a preferred route was selected and approved by Sligo County Council for the N4/N15 “Sligo to County Boundary” Road Realignment scheme. Preparation of the Preliminary Design Report (PDR), the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) commenced soon after. Approval to publish these documents was requested from the NRA in July 2010. Due to the economic climate, approval was not granted and the NRA stated that funding for the whole of this Scheme would not be forthcoming.

After discussions with the NRA it was decided to progress a smaller scheme from Hughes Bridge to the Borough Boundary and in 2011 funding and approval to design the scheme was received from the NRA. This scheme was renamed the “N4/N15 Sligo Urban Road Improvement Scheme” and includes the following widening of Hughes Bridge in order to provide two extra lanes of Traffic and the 1.6km of on-line road realignment from Hughes Bridge to just past the Borough Boundary. This will consist mainly of an on-line dual carriageway road.

The Preliminary Design Report, the EIS the CPO and other Project deliverables were finalised by the end of November 2011 and were sent to the NRA for approval to publish. In December 2011 the NRA stated that they would not be in a position to grant funding for the whole of this scheme. However, they would be in a position to fund the planning and detailed design of Hughes Bridge.

Design work is continuing on this part of the project.

Water Services

Operation and Maintenance of Public Water Supplies

Following a prolonged period of severe weather the final days of 2010 and the early part of 2011 provided many challenges to Sligo County Council in maintaining water supplies as a result of widespread frozen service connections and subsequent high leakage following the rapid thaw. Demands on water supplies increased by about 50% in the county overall during this period and all available resources were mobilised to manage and restore supplies to normal levels. It is noteworthy that during this period no restrictions on water supplies were required on the Sligo and environs scheme as there is sufficient reserve production capacity to meet the elevated demands. Over 300 leaks were repaired on the network including the raw water trunk main supplying the Lough Easkey water treatment plant which stopped water production entirely on this scheme for a short period and had a significant impact on supplies in this region.

Improvements

Numerous improvement works have also been ongoing during 2011 on the seven water treatment plants, 37 storage reservoirs and 1,600 kilometres of water main distribution networks. By-pass arrangements have been put in place on many reservoirs which will facilitate a quicker restoration of public water supplies to some areas. Upgrading of telemetry systems is ongoing which will enable faster incident response and also more efficient management of water storage reserves. Pump upgrades and secondary chlorination installed on parts of the supply network will also improve water quality and supply in these areas. We are also carrying out replacement of some high burst rate distribution mains will serve to enhance the reliability of supply.

Improving Efficiency

Substantial efforts have been made during 2011 to improve the efficiency of water supply operations including the installation of energy efficient motors and pumps at some plants. The outcome of these measures is such that the direct cost of operation and maintenance of our drinking water supplies for 2012 represents a decrease of 3% on the 2011 Budget figure. This reduction has been achieved within a background of ongoing loan charges, additional operational costs for the new Kilsellagh water treatment plant (recoupment from Borough), costs associated with the operation of upgraded treatment facilities, ongoing water conservation funding, lead pipework replacement and capital replacement funding for our existing plants. Ongoing costs are also being incurred in relation to upgrading our existing facilities to meet current Health & Safety requirements as well as compliance with audit recommendations from the Environmental

Protection Agency. Some provision has also been made in the Budget for emergency response to water supply incidents given our experience of weather events in recent years.

Staffing

It should be noted that staff resources have been reduced in the water services department during 2011 which is having a negative impact on service delivery and while every effort will be made to ensure services are delivered to the highest standard it will be necessary to deliver same on a prioritised basis.

Capital Programme

- Phase 1 of the Water Conservation Mains Rehabilitation Works on the Sligo & Environs Water Supply scheme has been progressed during 2011 and construction work is anticipated to commence early in 2012.
- Work has also progressed on a Water Abstraction Order and an Environmental Impact Statement on Lough Talt which is required for the provision of a new water treatment plant. Statutory procedures will continue to be progressed during 2012 subject to the necessary funding approvals.
- Water Conservation Mains Rehabilitation Works are ongoing on the South Sligo Water Supply Scheme and will be completed early in 2012.
- Upgrade works on the sludge system for the North Sligo Water Treatment plant were completed in 2011 and works in relation to the provision of a back-up ground water source will be completed during 2012.
- An upgrade of the telemetry monitoring system on the Lough Easkey Water Supply scheme has been completed during 2011 and an upgrade of the telemetry monitoring system on the Lough Talt Water Supply scheme is ongoing and will be completed during 2012.
- Pump upgrade works on Castleoye, Rathnakillea, and Riverstown pumping stations were also completed during 2011.

Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Infrastructure

The current regulatory framework for wastewater treatment and discharge licensing, in particular the Wastewater Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, has greatly increased the resource requirements and costs associated with wastewater services. Significant changes to monitoring, reporting and sampling requirements on all of our thirty two wastewater treatment plants will continue to impact on budgetary provisions for this service area.

New Standards

Installation of composite sampling equipment, flow measurement and electronic monitoring for various parameters will be required as standard on all licensed plants and this work has commenced during 2011. Annual environmental reports, environmental liability risk assessments, capital improvement programmes as well as analysis of a broad suite of effluent parameters are also now required. Reporting of all non-compliance incidents and follow-up investigations and reports to the EPA will all demand additional resource inputs and will have consequential impacts on wastewater costs. The EPA has audited all licensed plants this year to ensure that licence requirements have been fulfilled. Costs are also being incurred in relation to upgrading our existing wastewater facilities to meet current Health & Safety standards and associated training for relevant staff.

A significant element of expenditure continues to be the operational costs for DBO contracts at Sligo Main Drainage and the Enniscrone Bundle. A portion of the costs will however be recouped from Sligo Borough Council in respect of the domestic element of the Sligo Main Drainage facility.

Ongoing loan charges and capital replacement funding for our existing plants are also a feature of the proposed budget.

Capital Programme

- Tubbercurry Grange and Strandhill DBO scheme has now been included as a major scheme in the Water Services Investment Programme 2010 - 2012 and Department approval to proceed with this scheme is awaited.
- Sligo & Environs Sewerage Scheme - a new stormwater sewer will be constructed along Pearse road as part of the Water Conservation Project during 2012 and clarification is awaited from the Department in relation to the Ballincar/Cregg/Rosses Point scheme.
- Ballymote and Collooney sewerage schemes have also been scheduled to advance through the planning stages of the investment programme.
- A contract for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Bunannaddan was signed in October 2011 and it will be completed during 2012.
- Part 8 planning for a new Wastewater treatment in Ballintogher is anticipated to be completed during 2011 and will be further progressed in 2012.
- Upgrade works on Drumcliff wastewater treatment plant are ongoing and will be completed in early 2012.

Administration of Group and Private Installation

Small Water and Sewerage Schemes

Lough Easkey plant process improvement works were completed during 2011. The installation of new instrumentation and signalling will link the plant back to the existing water Services SCADA system for remote monitoring. This system will increase the controlling capabilities in order to achieve a higher level of process control. Works also completed on the Lough Easkey Water Supply Scheme included the installation of remote monitoring at all the reservoirs.

Upgrade works on the sludge system for the North Sligo Water Treatment plant were completed in 2011. This involved the installation and commissioning of a Picket Fence thickener, centrifuge, and polyelectrolyte dosing units and associated civil works.

Part 8 planning was acquired for upgrade of the wastewater treatment plants in Cliffoney and Drumcliff. €113,000 was allocated for improvements works at Drumcliff wastewater treatment plant which was outlined as an action item in the shellfish pollution reduction plans for Drumcliff Bay. This upgrade has commenced and will be completed in early 2012.

The replacement of approximately 3km of high burst rate watermain and associated works in the Aughamore area of the Sligo & Environs Supply scheme was completed in 2011. There were no new group water schemes constructed during 2011.

Takeover and Upgrading of Group Schemes

The takeover works for Cooga group water scheme was completed in 2011. The Council has been working closely with the Ballygawley Group Scheme Committee in an effort to resolve the numerous outstanding issues which have to be completed in order to facilitate the takeover of this scheme and it is anticipated that takeover can be completed in 2012.

The takeover works on the Lissaneena Group Water Scheme was completed in 2011 and it consisted of the replacement mains and installing new meters and new valves throughout the scheme.

The Council has commenced takeovers works on the Castleconner Group Water Supply Scheme involving the installation of bulk meters, valves and replacement of deficient pipework.

The takeover works on the Drumfad Group Water Scheme was completed in 2011. Other group water schemes which have applied for takeover in 2011 include Emlaghfad, Cannaghanally, Loginima, Gleann Kinnagrelly, Carrowreagh Copper & Lugawarry and the Sligo County Council will continue our policy of takeover and upgrading of group schemes subject to availability of funding from the Department.

Environmental Services

The Environmental Services Section is responsible for a wide range of services spanning three programme groups. The objectives outlined in the councils Corporate Plan (2010-2014) are to;

- Provide a clean living environment for the citizens of Sligo
- Promote the conservation of areas of natural environmental value
- Protect and improve water and air quality in Sligo
- Reduce the amount of waste going to landfill

During 2011, the focus was to continue to introduce and implement measures to achieve these corporate objectives.

Programme Group 5 - Environmental Protection

- Waste Management
- Water Quality Management
- Pollution Control
- Beaches
- Water Safety
- Casual Trading
- Environmental Awareness
- Environmental Enforcement
- Litter Management
- Noise Pollution
- Air Pollution
- Climate Change

Programme Group 7 - Agriculture & Education

- Food Safety

Programme Group 8 - Miscellaneous

- Control of Dogs
- Control of Horses

Waste Management

The level of interest in waste minimization and effective waste management has dramatically increased in recent years and diverting waste from landfill is one of the greatest waste management challenges facing our country. The Connaught Waste Management Plan (2006-2011) re-emphasises the waste management

targets to be achieved in order to comply with national and EU targets, namely: Recycle 48%, Thermally Treat 33% and Landfill 19% of our waste. However, in order to reach the ambitious target of 48% recycling of household waste, the 'third bin' for organic kitchen waste needs to be utilised more.

The brown bin was introduced on a limited basis at the end of 2009 to the commercial sector to increase the percentage of organic waste that is diverted from landfill. This continued throughout 2011. This is required under the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009. All commercial and business premises are required to segregate their organic waste and present it for collection separately. This will see the Waste Enforcement Officers carry out inspections of premises to ensure that they are compliant with the regulations, as well as further consultation and co-operation with the private waste collectors operating in the county.

Infrastructure

Recycling Centres

Dry recyclable wastes are catered for the general public at Greenstar Civic Amenity Site, Deepwater Quay, Sligo and Tubbercurry Recycling Centre, Connolly Park, Tubbercurry. The use of these facilities continues to grow and complement the separate kerbside collection of dry recyclable materials, which is available throughout Sligo. A permanent facility for the disposal of Household Hazardous waste is available at the Tubbercurry Civic Amenity site.

Glass is diverted from landfill via a network of 40 bottle banks located throughout Sligo town and county.

Ballisodare Composting Facility

This Composting Facility at Union Road, Ballisodare, Co. Sligo opened in June 2008. This facility accepts green waste and sells peat free compost generated at the site. The site continues to be a great success. Home composters can also be purchased at this site which also helps to divert organic waste from landfill.

Landfill

Landfill is the least preferred option in dealing with waste. However, landfill is required to deal with waste that cannot be recycled, composted or thermally treated. Therefore, the development of a North Connaught Landfill to deal with this interim waste, and to ultimately deal with the 19% of residual waste in 2013, is still a target of the Connaught Waste Management Plan.

Waste Enforcement

Funding of Enforcement Office

Proceeds from a number of initiatives at national level including the Plastic Bag Levy and the Landfill Levy are providing 100% funding for waste enforcement teams in Local Authorities across the country.

Role of Enforcement Office

The main role of the enforcement section is in to ensure that waste is properly managed in a way that avoids environmental pollution, increases diversion from landfill rates and does not allow for non compliant operators to have a competitive advantage over compliant operators. The areas that the office worked on in 2011 included:

- Waste facility and waste collection permits
- Waste Presentation (including WM (Food Waste) Regs 2009)
- WEEE recycling
- Waste movements (including exports)
- General complaints
- General advice
- Illegal dumping
- Burning complaints
- Ban on Smokey Fuels
- Farm plastics
- End-of-Life vehicles
- Historic landfill issues and
- General compliance with all waste regulations that are currently in force.

Statistics

Waste Management related complaints/queries	383
Waste Management Inspections	264

End-of-Life Vehicles

One of Sligo County Council's waste management priorities in 2011 was the Waste Management (End-Of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2006. Enforcement of these Regulations were carried out via inspections, road checkpoints and follow up inspections to the aerial surveys which were carried out in 2009, which identified sites where scrap vehicles were being stored in a manner that could

result in environmental pollution. Subsequently, enforcement measures were carried out at these sites. In 2011 there were three registered Authorised Treatment Facility in Sligo where members of the public could deposit their old cars free of charge.

Waste Presentation

The work carried out with Waste Presentation has resulted in an improved waste collection service for the county, and a greater volume of waste being collected and disposed of in an appropriate manner. This area will continue to require a significant investment of effort to ensure that services continue to improve and expand.

The rollout of a third bin for organic waste started in 2010, with it becoming an obligation for all commercial and business premises to segregate their organic waste and to present it separately for collection. Most premises are compliant with the new Food Waste Regulations and the roll out of the third bin will continue in 2012, with domestic customers in Sligo now being offered the option of using a brown bin. This area has been identified as a priority by the DoEHLG.

Multi Agency Approach

As well as carrying out inspections at various sites, a number of co-ordinated multi agency approaches to waste enforcement were employed. This included the carrying out, in conjunction with the Gardai and other local authorities, regular road check points relating to waste movements. This exercise also helped to increase public awareness of the waste enforcement section.

Historic Landfill Issues

These are landfills which operated without a licence (no national legislation in place at time of operation) but are now required to be regularised via legislation and the Code of Practice titled "Environmental Risk Assessment for Unregulated Waste Disposal Sites". Work continued in 2011 in breaking the links between the source of pollution, pathway of pollution and the receptor.

Environmental Awareness

The role of the Council's Environmental Awareness Office is to promote positive environmental action throughout County Sligo. The Environmental Awareness Office works in tandem with schools, community groups and members of the public to encourage them to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. However, due to the absence of our Environmental Awareness Officer, work in this office for 2011 was kept to a minimum.

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean ran in April and May 2011. 87 community and voluntary groups registered with An Taisce and clean-ups were carried out with the help of the Environmental Services Section.

Local Agenda 21 & Anti-Litter/Anti Graffiti Awareness Schemes

The Anti-Litter Grant and Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Fund offers financial support to groups that wish to organize environmental projects or raise awareness of environmental issues. The Local Agenda 21 - Environment Partnership Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level. In 2011, 10 groups received funding under this grant scheme. €6,248.50 was granted from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, which must be matched by the local authority, bringing a total of funding to €12,497.

Funding of €22,000 was awarded to 16 groups for public education and awareness initiatives on litter and graffiti under the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Awareness Scheme 2011.

Green Schools

Environmental awareness and action are actively promoted through An Taisce's Green-Schools Campaign. Participation is high, with 96% of all Sligo schools registered. During 2011, the Green Flag was awarded to 12 Sligo schools, 9 of which were renewing their Flag.

Sligo County Council works with An Taisce's Green-Schools Development Officer and Travel Education Officer to support the Green-Schools Programme. Through collaborative effort, information seminars are held annually and prove very beneficial to teachers, principals and others involved in the Programme. In 2011, seminars were hosted in Sligo County Council premises in Sligo and Tobercurry, with 42 schools sending representatives.

During the year, many of Sligo's Green-Schools benefited directly or indirectly from national grant-schemes administered by Sligo County Council, including the *Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme* and the *Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund*. Workshops and puppet-shows funded through these schemes directly supported the theme work that forms the backbone of the Green-Schools Programme.

In September 2011, Sligo Green-Schools Travel Schools supported European Mobility Week for the first time and will continue to do so in the future.

Litter

In 2011, Sligo County Council continued its vigorous campaign in its effort to combat illegal dumping activity under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997.

The following is a breakdown of enforcement measures carried out during 2011 by our Litter Warden and Bottle Bank General Operative.

No. of Complaints/Investigations/Queries/Inspections 4260

No. of On-the-spot fines issued 124

Operation Clean Sweep inspections continued in 2011 and continues to be enforced in 7 towns and villages in the county. Under Section 6 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, occupiers of premises fronting onto the footway within the town limits are obliged to keep the area in front of their premises free of litter.

Litter Monitoring surveys were again carried out by Sligo County Council from March to December by the Litter Warden in towns and villages in the county. This survey is an environmental management tool that enables local authorities to tackle litter more effectively, by providing a framework for consistent and accurate self-assessment by local authorities - "if you can measure the litter issue, you can manage it".

Bring Banks

In County Sligo, 40 sets of bring bank sites are provided for free recycling. These are for the collection of glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and clothes at a number of our sites. To view locations and details, please log on to <http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Environment/Recycling/BringBanks/>

A number of these sites have CCTV systems installed to combat the effects of illegal dumping. Enforcement of such illegal dumping continued to be a priority in 2011. Through this enforcement action and the employment of a dedicated Bring Bank maintenance person, the Bring Banks in Sligo are now in excellent condition, so much so that other councils are looking at the techniques employed by Sligo County Council, which have achieved substantial savings.

Casual Trading

In 2011, the Council had Designated Trading Areas at 7 locations in the County -

- Rosses Point
- Enniscrone
- Coolaney
- Tubbercurry
- Ballymote
- Riverstown
- Dromore West

There were 16 No. traders licenced in the county. Regular inspections were carried out by the Casual Trading Officer to ensure that the trading areas were being operated in accordance with the Casual Trading Bye Laws.

Water Quality Management

Pollution Control

The introduction of the EU Water Framework Directive has placed a major focus on the protection and improvement in surface waters, groundwater and transitional and coastal waters. River Basin Management Plans were published for all River Basin Catchments in 2010, which determine policies for land-use in each catchment area. Sligo is part of three River Basin Districts, the Western, the North Western International and the Shannon International, with the majority of County Sligo in the Western River Basin District. Sligo County Council is committed to the monitoring of rivers and lakes listed in the National Monitoring Programme. A Groundwater Protection Plan completed by the GSI on our behalf in 2009, is an important tool in implementing our obligations under the River Basin Management Plans.

The River Basin District Management Plans published in 2010, established the baseline from which assessments of the improvements or deterioration in water quality can be assessed into the future. The plans detail which specific water bodies need to be protected, maintained and improved and set out the timeframes within which improvements in water quality shall be achieved. There are a number of priority catchments where improvements in water quality must be achieved by the end of 2015. Extended timeframes are included in the plans for certain specific water bodies.

Bathing Water

The legislation governing the quality of bathing water for the 2011 season is set out in the new Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 79 of 2008). These regulations are slowly being transposed into Irish law, with transitional measures in place until they are fully implemented in 2015. 2011 saw the introduction of these regulations, with many new requirements imposed on local authorities in terms of water quality management at beaches, the primary aim of which is to protect public health. These new requirements include:

Annual Identification of Bathing Waters

During 2011, five bathing waters were *identified* in Co. Sligo under the new regulations; these were Enniscrone, Rosses Point, Mullaghmore, Dunmorán and Streedagh. This is a new requirement, whereby bathing waters are required to be identified annually to the EPA following a period of public consultation.

Preparation of Bathing Water Profiles

Bathing Water Profiles were prepared for each of these beaches; each profile sets out a plan for management of catchments impacting on bathing water quality.

Preparation of a Monitoring Calendar / Monitoring of Bathing Water Quality

Revised testing arrangements were put in place under the new regulations. These include adherence to a strict predefined monitoring calendar, and new test parameters. Bathing water quality at each of the five identified bathing waters was monitored during the 2011 bathing season (mid May – End August). Results of this monitoring were displayed locally on beach notice boards and on Sligo County Council's website throughout the bathing season. Results showed full compliance with the mandatory bathing water standards and stricter guide standards for all beaches, except Mullaghmore, where two samples were marginally above the guide value but well below the mandatory standard.

Blue Flag / Green Coast Awards

During 2011, Clean Coast Awards were awarded to Streedagh, Dunmoran, Rosses Point, Enniscrone and Mullaghmore. This award acknowledges the work of local communities and Council's in protecting our coastline. Blue flags were awarded to Enniscrone and Rosses Point Beach. From 2011 onwards An Taisce (the body responsible for awarding the Clean Coast and Blue Flag Awards) will be basing their awards on a four year assessment of water quality. This will make it harder for some beaches to retain their awards. This four year assessment is a requirement of the new bathing water regulations.

Lifeguard cover was provided at Rosses Point, Enniscrone, Streedagh and Dunmoran for the 2011 bathing season, along with Beach Warden cover for Strandhill. Due to the ongoing Health and Safety issues, Mullaghmore beach was not covered by a Lifeguard service.

Drinking Water

During 2011, all regulated public and private water supplies in Co. Sligo were monitored in accordance with the EC (Drinking Water) (No.2) Regulations, 2007. In general, Sligo continues to enjoy a high standard of drinking water quality throughout the county. During 2011, 11,719 tests were carried out on regulated drinking water supplies alone, as part of our compliance monitoring programme. This is monitoring carried out at the consumers tap. Additional monitoring is carried out at water treatment plants and drinking water abstraction points. All compliance monitoring results are returned annually to the Environmental Protection Agency, who use this information to publish their Annual Drinking Water report. Compliance levels on our public water supplies in 2011 were high at 99.3%. Where non-complaint results were detected, they were referred to the

Health Services Executive for advice in relation to protection of public health, and consumers were advised if required. Results of compliance monitoring are posted on Sligo County Council's website and are made available to the public on request. Sligo County Council works closely with group water schemes to ensure quality of these supplies.

Licensed Discharges under the Water Pollution Acts

Sligo County Council licences both effluent discharges to waters and sewers in accordance with the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 & Local Government (Water Pollution)(Amendment) Act 1990 and associated regulations. The licencing of trade effluent discharges to sewers and the enforcement of existing licenses continued in 2011.

A number of reviews of existing discharge to waters licences were initiated in 2011, to take account of requirements detailed in the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 9 of 2010) and the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No 272 of 2009).

The licencing of trade effluents to waters, the review of existing licences and enforcement of the provisions of existing licences, will on an ongoing basis, continue to be a priority in work programmes devised by the Environment Section.

Catchment Management

Water quality monitoring and management is governed by the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD). Under the provisions of the Directive, River Basin District Management Plans were adopted in 2010. The plans detail specific measures that must be implemented to maintain existing "good status" and "high status" waters and improve water bodies currently not meeting the requirements of the Directive. There are a significant number of water bodies that require improvement. Specific measures include enforcement of existing national legislation and other measures detailed in the River Basin Management Plans. Inspections will be targeted in areas throughout the county to address points and diffuse pollution relating to domestic wastewater, agricultural and commercial activities and forestry.

Designated Shellfish Waters

Work was undertaken in accordance with the Shellfish Pollution Reduction Programmes for our two designated shellfish waters (Sligo Bay and Drumcliff Bay). In 2009, Sligo Bay and Drumcliff Bay were designated as shellfish waters in accordance with the Shellfish Waters Directive and the Quality of Shellfish Waters Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 268 of 2006). These Regulations require the preparation of Pollution Reduction Programmes for each designated shellfish area with the objective of protecting or improving water quality in the

designated shellfish areas. The DOEHLG has prepared Pollution Reduction Programmes for Sligo Bay and Drumcliff Bay which must be implemented by Sligo County Council. Reports on the implementation of the Pollution Reduction Programmes must be submitted to the DOEHLG on an annual basis. The Pollution Reduction Programmes aim to achieve protection and improvement in water quality through the use of the following actions or measures;

- Improvements in local authority wastewater treatment infrastructure
- Licensing of local authority wastewater treatment infrastructure
- Agricultural wastewater surveys
- Domestic wastewater surveys
- Licensing of commercial premises under Section 4 and 16 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 as amended.

Implementation plans for the year 2010 were prepared and submitted to the DOEHLG. Implementation plans for 2011 will be submitted to the Department in 2012. Increased catchment management surveys will be required in these particular catchment areas into the future in order to bring about improvements in water quality as required by the Pollution Reduction Programmes. As set out in national policy, the Pollution Reduction Programmes for both designated shellfish areas may be reviewed at intervals to determine if additional actions or measures are required.

Water Pollution Complaints

Enforcement of water pollution legislation is an important element in ensuring good water quality. In 2011, the Environment Section investigated water pollution complaints on a priority basis and took enforcement action where necessary under relevant water pollution legislation. Advice and guidance letters are also issued as appropriate.

Planning Applications

The Environmental Protection Agency published a new code of practice in 2009. This Code of Practice; Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e.≤10) (EPA 2009), is used by the Environment Section in the assessment of planning applications involving the provision of onsite wastewater treatment systems. During 2011, the Environmental Section continued to assess and make recommendations on all commercial, agricultural, and domestic planning applications located in sensitive areas, in addition to forestry applications.

Work was carried out in 2011 to improve the quality of design information being submitted in planning applications involving proposals for on site wastewater treatment systems (OSWWTS). During 2011, considerable work was undertaken in relation to carrying out a review of the existing site assessor's panel.

Interviews for the site assessor’s panel were held in 2011, to enable additional applicants to gain approval to be placed on the panel.

Noise Control

The Environment Section provided advice and information on residential and commercial noise under the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992.

Air Pollution

The Environment Section continued to enforce the two Air Pollution Licenses and provided advice and information on odours and air pollution complaints. The Enforcement section continued to enforce the ban on the marketing, sale and distribution of bituminous fuels within the restricted area of Sligo and actively pursued anyone found to be in breach of the Regulations.

Water Safety

In 2011, Sligo County Council employed the following staff on our beaches for the Bathing Season.

Rosses Point	2 Part-time Life Guards for weekends in June 2 full-time Life Guards for July & August
Streedagh	2 Part-time Life Guards for weekends in June 2 full-time Life Guards for July & August
Enniscrone	2 Part-time Life Guards for weekends in June 2 full-time & 2 Part-time Life Guards for July & August
Dunmorán	2 Part-time Life Guards for weekends in July & August
Strandhill	2 Part-time Beach Wardens for weekends in June 2 full-time Beach Wardens for July & August

Sligo County Council Beach Bye-Laws govern the beaches at Enniscrone, Mullaghmore, Streedagh, Rosses Point, Dunmorán, Aughris and Strandhill, Co. Sligo. Enforcement of the Bye-laws by Life Guards, Beach Wardens and Authorised Staff was a priority for 2011.

Food Safety

In 2011, Sligo County Council continued to implement all relevant food safety legislation. This included the supervision of two abattoirs slaughtering cattle, sheep, pigs and deer. Two meat plants were also under supervision. In March 2011 the Service Contract between Sligo County Council and the Food Safety Authority was renewed for a further five years following negotiations at a Central level between the City and County Managers Association and the FSAI. The Food Safety Authority allocates funding to all Local Authorities to cover the costs of the implementation of the Service Contract.

Control of Dogs and Horses

The Control of Dogs Act and The Control of Horses Act are the main pieces of welfare legislation for which the Veterinary Office has responsibility.

The economic downturn has resulted in a significant increase in the number of complaints about horse welfare. 2011 saw significant numbers of abandoned horses across the county. Under the Control of Horses Act, Sligo County Council is responsible for dealing with these animals. Difficulties were also encountered with animals being illegally grazed on lands without permission of the relevant owners. Some seizures took place in conjunction with the Gardai. Funding for implementing the Control of Horses Act currently comes from the Department of Agriculture. The problems seen in Sligo have been mirrored nationally and there was ongoing discussion between local authorities and the department on the difficulties being encountered on the ground.

The promised increase in the dog licence fee from €12.70 to €20.00 was included in the Dog Breeding Establishments Act passed in 2010. However it is not due to come into force until January 1st 2012 along with the other provisions of the Act. Sheep kills continued to be a problem in 2011 particularly in the Spring.

The Dog Shelter continues to re-home the bulk of dogs which are surrendered/collected from the General Public. In 2011 considerable work has also been done in re-homing dogs where possible. However the economic difficulties are also impacting on this and it is becoming more difficult to re-home dogs. The "Adopt a dog" section on the web-site continues to be very successful in re-homing dogs. Pictures and a brief description are put on the web and the contact details for the shelter are also given. Work continued in 2011 in developing an online system for purchasing dog licences and this will go live in early 2012.

Climate Change

As from 1st Jan 2011, under S.I. 542 of 2009, every public sector organizations must report annually on:

- Its energy usage in MWh (megawatt hours)
- Actions taken that year to reduce energy consumption and the associated annual energy savings in MWh
- Actions planned for the next year to reduce energy consumption and the estimated annual energy savings in MWh

Energy Usage & Actions

Overview of energy usage in 2011

Electricity comprised 75% of the Council's total energy usage in 2011 and fossil fuels most of the balance. With the installation of a wood pellet boiler in

Ballymote’s new Fire Station, renewable fuels accounted for a small, but noteworthy proportion of total consumption.

Table 1: Total Energy Consumption in 2011

Type of energy	Consumption (MWh)
Electricity	9,224
Fossil Fuels	3,090
Renewable Fuels	40
Total	12,354

Of all the electricity consumed, 49% was used by Water Services for water and wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations. Public Lighting accounted for a further 29% and the balance was attributable to Buildings.

Table 2: Breakdown of Electricity Consumption in 2011

Electricity Consumer	Consumption (MWh)
Water Services	4,541
Public Lighting	2,713
Buildings	1,970
Total	9,224

Energy Efficiency Actions Undertaken in 2011

In 2011, Sligo County Council was very successful in its funding applications for energy-efficient works in Water Services, office buildings and public swimming pools. Substantial grant-aid was awarded, which leveraged funds for a wide range of improvements. As these installations were completed at the end of the year, their energy-saving benefits cannot be accurately quantified until the end of 2012.

Alongside this technical input to the foregoing, the Energy Officer pursued his drive to reduce energy consumption and costs by improving system maintenance/control and progressing energy checks, metering, data-capture and account management.

The cross-departmental Climate Change (Energy Efficiency) Working Group continued to meet regularly throughout the year, with individual members leading out on specific actions, including those summarised below.

Water Services

Several energy-efficient installations were carried out with the help of funding from the Rural Water Programme and SEAI. These included high-efficiency pumps and variable speed drives at:

- Castleoye pumphouse, Lough Talt Regional Water Supply, with estimated minimal annual savings of 58.6MWh
- Rathnakelliga pumphouse, Lough Talt Regional Water Supply, with estimated minimal annual savings 77.6MWh
- Riverstown Regional Water Supply Intake Pump Station, with estimated minimal annual savings of 3.3MWh

Buildings

County Hall, Riverside, Sligo

During 2011, improvements were made to the heating system & controls and with the help of SEAI funding, there was an investment in further low-energy office lighting, cavity wall insulation and a Building Energy Management System & oil meter. These measures resulted in an annual saving of 9.7MWh.

City Hall, Sligo

As City Hall is a 19th century building and a Protected Structure, reducing its energy consumption presents particular challenges. In 2011, operational actions included overhaul of the heating system, re-commissioning of under-floor heating and metering of all electrical circuits to identify avoidable usage. SEAI grant-aid made it possible to install secondary glazing, low-energy lighting, lighting controls and a Building Energy Management System & oil meter. These actions resulted in a 9% reduction in energy consumption compared to 2010, or an annual saving of 40.7MWh.

Environmental Services Office, Cleveragh

Careful monitoring and control, combined with staff awareness and vigilance resulted in an annual saving of 4.6MWh compared to 2010.

Sligo Fire Station

Staff awareness, vigilance and low-cost actions such as energy-efficient bulbs and lighting sensors have resulted in notable energy savings in recent years and an annual saving of 11.7MWh was achieved since 2010 on electricity alone.

Information Technology

Automatic PC shutdown outside of office hours has yielded an estimated annual saving of 33.6MWh across the organisation.

The commencement of a virtualisation programme has reduced server numbers by 10%, with an estimated annual saving of 8.5MWh.

Swimming Pools

Funding from the Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Sport facilitated a major energy upgrade of the two public swimming pools in the County.

Sligo Regional Sports Centre, Sligo

The main installations consisted of a new air handling unit, energy efficient lighting, insulation and a Building Energy Management System & oil meter. These works, together with system monitoring and adjustments throughout 2011 will give estimated annual energy savings of 100 MWh.

Waterpoint, Enniscrone

Improvements included a biomass boiler, variable speed pumps/drives, insulation, new windows/doors and a Building Energy Management System & oil meter. These works will yield estimated annual energy savings of 451MWh, most of which is attributable to the new wood pellet boiler.

Other Actions

A range of other actions were taken in 2011 that resulted in direct and indirect energy-savings. These included:

- *Energy Awareness* - Monthly emails were issued to all staff to promote energy and resource efficiencies.
- *Paper Consumption* - The amount of office paper consumed between 2010 and 2011 was approximately halved.
- *Waste Management* - Much-improved waste management regimes were implemented in various Council offices, including City Hall, Sligo Fire Station and Environmental Services. This diverted most waste for recycling and significantly reduced the amount going to landfill.
- *Staff travel* - The Cycle to Work Scheme was again promoted and 29 staff members were facilitated.

Energy Efficiency Actions Planned for 2012

In 2012, the organisation aims to build on its achievements and capitalise on its investment by improving its energy management practices and reporting procedures and increasing staff awareness. Closer engagement with SEAI's Public Sector Team is envisaged to harness specialist advice and support, and avail of training. Water Services and Public Lighting, the high-consumption service areas, will be prioritised for attention. Due to budgetary and resource constraints, investment in retrofit works and technology is likely to be minimal and the main focus will be on no/low cost actions to achieve energy and cost savings.

Specific actions planned for 2012 are summarised below.

Water Services

It is proposed to install high-efficiency pumps and variable speed drives at the following locations:

- Rathnakelliga reservoir (Kesh supply pumps), Lough Talt Regional Water Supply, giving estimated annual savings of 18 MWh
- Cloonloo, South Sligo Water Supply, giving estimated annual savings of 2.4 MWh
- Calry, Kilsellagh Water Supply, giving estimated annual savings of 0.16 MWh
- Kinnagrelly, Lough Talt Water Supply, giving estimated annual savings of 0.33 MWhrs
- Cloonacool, Lough Talt Water Supply, giving estimated annual savings of 0.53 MWhrs

Public Lighting

To reduce the hours of illumination, it is planned to install time clocks on the public lights on Doorly Park Walkway, Sligo. This is expected to achieve annual energy savings of 9.4 MWh.

Energy Awareness

Arrangements are in train to recruit an Energy Awareness Officer in 2012 under the *JobBridge National Internship Scheme*. The following annual energy-savings are estimated as a result of this proposed appointment:

- 70 MWh by rolling out an overall staff campaign to improve energy awareness and efficiency
- 190 MWh by providing key staff in high consumption areas with initial support and advice

Planning

Development Management

The Development Management team are responsible for ensuring that all planning applications are processed in accordance with current legislation and that all decisions are made in accordance with local, regional and national policies. A summary of the actions undertaken in carrying out these development management responsibilities include:

- Providing a high standard of customer service to all the various stakeholders in the planning process.
- Facilitate the pre-application consultation in a timely and informative manner.
- Validation of all new planning applications.
- Processing and management of planning files in an efficient manner.
- Referral of planning applications to internal departments and external agencies bodies.
- Undertaking site inspections in respect of all planning applications.
- Preparation of planning reports outlining a proposed development's consistency with current planning policy and the proper planning and sustainable development of an area.
- Provision of up-to-date information to the public on the planning process.

During 2011, a total of 425 planning applications were received by Sligo County Council which is a reduction on the 2010 equivalent but is reflective of the current economic climate nationally. This trend in the reduction in the number of planning applications since 2007 has meant that significant reductions in staff numbers and redeployment has taken place. However, the Development Management Team remains committed to continuously improving the standards of customer service it provides to all the various stakeholders in the planning process.

Development Planning Unit (DPU)

The Development Planning Unit is responsible for drafting planning and development policy for Sligo County and City, in consultation with the public, Council members, officials, prescribed bodies and other stakeholders. The Development Planning team also carries out research, advises on development proposals, facilitates plan implementation and participates in a range of initiatives, at both local and regional level.

During 2011, the Development Planning Unit:

- Completed the review of the County Development Plan and RPS 2011-2017.
- Prepared Variation No. 1 (Core Strategy) of the Sligo and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016.
- Commenced the review of Ballymote Local Area Plan 2005-2011.

Enforcement/Building Control

The principal Activities of the Enforcement Section include:

- Enforcement of planning control.
- Collection of development contributions and securing bonds.
- Monitoring/liaising with developers to ensure housing estates are completed to a satisfactory standard for taking in charge.
- Building Control.
- Dangerous Structures.
- Derelict Sites.

Enforcement of Planning Control

The sections role in this area involves investigating complaints from the public with regard to unauthorised development, random inspections of developments in progress, and dealing with prior to commencement conditions or conditions which have not been complied with. Unauthorised development include developments works, (which are not exempted) which are carried out on a site without the benefit of planning permission, and development which is not in compliance with the terms (drawing, site layout, etc) or the conditions of the grant of planning permission. The Enforcement Section investigates all cases of unauthorised development, which comes to its attention. It will conduct a site visit and examine the planning history of the site and may issue a warning letter to and/or serve an Enforcement notice on the Developer, as specified under the Planning and Development Act 2000. There is strong legal powers available to enable the Council deal with offenders, and legal action is taken where necessary. There are heavy penalties where a person is convicted in the Courts for carrying out unauthorised development.

Service Indicators

A total of **194** complaints in relation to unauthorised development were lodged with the Council during 2011. The Council carried out **525** inspections, investigated **208** new complaints, issued **147** Warning Letters served **66** Enforcement Notices, and initiated **28** prosecutions. During the same period **235** complaints were resolved or dismissed.

Complaints Regarding Unauthorised Developments

Complaints to the Council can be made in writing, by e-mail or by telephone. A complaints form is also available online to facilitate the making of a complaint. Full details should be included over to the nature and extent of the development, the person (if known) who is carrying out the development and accurate location details (preferably indicated on a site location map) to facilitate inspection by the Council. All complaints are treated confidentially. It is the policy of the Council

that the name of the person who provides information to it on enforcement issues is not released to a third party.

Collection of Development Contributions & Security Bonds

A revised Development Contribution Scheme was adopted by the Council under Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 in 2011. This scheme sets out the level of contribution required for each type of development as well as the basis for levying the contribution. Contributions from the scheme will help to fund the provision of infrastructure throughout the County. In addition, special contributions have been levied in respect of waste – water schemes in Coolaney, Dromore West, Bunninadden, Carney, Gurteen, Castlebaldwin, Ballintogher and Rockfield. Procedures are in place to ensure that development contributions are paid to the Council. Where the contributions are not paid, appropriate action is taken, up to and including legal action.

Bond

The Council imposes a condition on all housing schemes requiring that development works shall not commence until adequate security for the satisfactory completion of the development has been submitted to and accepted by the Planning Authority. Particular attention is given by this section to ensuring that adequate security is in place in respect of all housing developments. The security is only released when the development has been completed to the satisfaction of the Council and/ or has been taken in charge. The phasing of the security is permitted in certain circumstances.

Taking Estates in Charge

A Legal obligation has been placed on Local Authorities, under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, to take in charge housing estates where certain conditions have been met. Many new housing estates have been built in the County over the last number of years. The activities of the Enforcement Section are geared towards ensuring that these estates are completed to a high standard and to allow the Council (where the developer or residents desire) to take them in charge. **11** estates were taken in charge during the year, with a further **31** applications on hand at the end of 2011. **164** inspections were carried out.

Taking in Charge Process

Any request to have a housing estate taken in charge by the Council must be accompanied by a completed application form, fee, appropriate certification and written confirmation in relation to the maintenance of open spaces. It is the policy of the Council, as part of the Taking in Charge process, to have carried out

by an agent on its behalf a Closed Circuit TV survey on all main runs of foul and storm sewers, to ensure satisfactory standards of construction.

Building Control

The Council is the building control authority for both Sligo County Council and Sligo Borough Council. The objective of the Building Control Section is to encourage good building practice and to ensure that buildings are constructed correctly and that access for the disabled and elderly is provided for in building plans. The Council is required, under inspection targets set nationally, to inspect between 12% and 15% of new works which were notified by way of the submission of a Commencement notice. In 2011 **218** new buildings were notified to the Council of which **27** (12%) were inspected. The Council continues to pay particular attention to compliance with Part M of the Building Regulations (which deals with access for people with disabilities).

Commencement Notice

This is a notice submitted by a developer to inform the Council of intent to carry out building works. It must be submitted to the Building Control Section of the Council at least 14 days and not more than 28 days before the commencement of any works which require compliance with The Building Regulations.

A commencement Notice is required for:

- The erection of a Building
- The Material Alteration or Extension of a Building
- A Material Change of use of a Building
- Works in connection with the material alteration of a shop, office or industrial building.
- A commencement Notice Form is available online or it can be obtained directly from the Building Control Section of Sligo County Council.

Disability Access Certificates (D.A.C.)

A D.A.C. is required for all new non-domestic buildings (including apartments and flats), material alterations and extensions to buildings and certain changes of uses. This requirement was introduced with effect from the 1st of January 2010. A fee of €800 per certificate is payable, with certain exemptions for small schools. **60** no. applications have been submitted to the Council during 2011.

Building Energy Rating (B.E.R.)

Under new Building Control Regulations any building offered for sale or rent requires a B.E.R. certificate. The Council is responsible for securing compliance although no income accrues to it in respect of same. In 2011, 157 certificates were sought by the Council.

Part L Compliance

In order to achieve compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations, the Council seek calculations at planning stage of the Energy Performance of buildings with a significant energy consumption or with significant carbon dioxide emissions. Similar calculations are requested for the completed development.

Dangerous Structures or Places

This department deals with structures or places which are a danger or likely to be a danger to the public. A notice may be served on the owner requiring works to be carried out to prevent the structure or place from being dangerous. The Council may also carry out such works itself and recover the costs from the owner.

Derelict Sites

The Council is required by law to establish and maintain a Register of Derelict Sites. All reports of dereliction are investigated and Notices of Intention to enter the site on the register are served on the owner/occupier of the site in question (where appropriate). Any written representations are considered before deciding whether to enter the site on the Register. The Council can also serve notices on an owner or occupier of a derelict site specifying the measures to be taken to prevent land from becoming or continuing to be a derelict site. During the year, **54** inspections were carried out throughout the County. In addition, the Council served Notice of its intention to enter **0** sites on the Derelict Sites Register. **3** sites were registered during the year, and in addition notices requiring certain measures to be taken to prevent dereliction were served on **2** owners.

Finance

Motor Taxation

The Motor Taxation Offices at Cleveragh Retail Park Sligo and Teach Laighne Tubbercurry issue vehicle and driver licences.

The offices are linked to the national network in the Department of Transport Shannon County Clare, who co-ordinate licensing, vehicle ownership and 'on-line' services.

Key Statistics for 2011

Postal Applications	6,955 (11.9%)
Postal Vehicle Licences issued on same day	99%
Total Vehicle Licences issued in 2010	58,459
Total Driving Licences issued in 2010	9,464
Vehicle Discs issued 'on line' in 2010	30.94%
Cumulative Total of business transacted in Sligo Motor Taxation Offices in 2010	€9,955,405

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011**

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Expenditure by Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2011 €	Income 2011 €	Net Expenditure 2011 €	Net Expenditure 2010 €
Housing and building		6,089,587	6,217,783	(128,196)	305,474
Road transport & safety		23,785,931	19,935,269	3,850,661	3,438,322
Water services		12,178,013	4,063,962	8,114,052	7,598,108
Development management		4,485,494	1,241,351	3,244,143	3,558,644
Environmental services		6,090,153	1,092,526	4,997,627	5,146,639
Recreation and amenity		3,297,077	332,575	2,964,501	2,751,191
Agriculture, education, health & welfare		6,494,722	6,039,163	455,559	648,495
Miscellaneous services		5,763,931	3,609,379	2,154,552	2,355,374
Central management charges		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	<u>68,184,907</u>	<u>42,532,008</u>		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Government Fund				25,652,899	25,802,248
Rates				5,026,820	4,876,672
Pension related deduction				1,397,333	993,463
Local government fund / general purpose grant				13,916,896	15,022,724
County charge				4,361,495	4,361,495
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers				<u>(950,355)</u>	<u>(547,895)</u>
Transfers from/(to) Reserves		15		(2,022,098)	(1,915,611)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				<u>(2,972,453)</u>	<u>(2,463,505)</u>
General Reserve at 1st January				(9,981,617)	(7,518,112)
General Reserve at 31st December				<u>(12,954,070)</u>	<u>(9,981,617)</u>

Sligo County Council
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2011

	Notes	2011 €	2010 €
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		249,406,287	229,098,495
Infrastructural		1,427,513,450	1,426,021,733
Community		8,900,308	8,900,308
Non-Operational		-	-
		1,685,820,045	1,664,020,536
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	56,932,140	102,902,389
Long Term Debtors	3	21,302,184	17,671,093
Current Assets			
Stock	4	194,640	216,539
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	8,906,759	9,465,092
Bank Investments		3,169,279	3,019,631
Cash in Transit		1,649	1,498
Urban Account	7	793,545	859,674
		13,065,872	13,562,434
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		5,868,304	929,736
Creditors & Accruals	6	15,376,228	17,412,420
Finance Leases		73,528	136,570
		21,318,060	18,478,726
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		(8,252,188)	(4,916,292)
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	69,756,187	73,744,717
Finance Leases		52,195	62,680
Refundable Deposits	9	1,657,371	1,654,074
Other		803,737	331,335
		72,269,490	75,792,806
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		1,683,532,691	1,703,884,920
Represented By			
Capitalisation Account	10	1,685,820,040	1,664,020,531
Income WIP	2	57,312,447	104,164,449
Specific Revenue Reserve		1,103,774	1,103,774
General Revenue Reserve		(12,954,071)	(9,981,617)
Other Balances	11	(47,741,158)	(55,422,220)
Total Reserves		1,683,541,032	1,703,884,917

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F1: Fire Service Mobilisation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	Sligo County Council		
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	Sligo County Council	4.49	4.45
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	Sligo County Council		
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	Sligo County Council	4.5	4.11
F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	46.69	41.70
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	37.35	38.21
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	15.96	20.09
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	45.69	51.69
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	37.93	37.29
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	16.38	11.02
F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of incidents in respect of fire	Sligo County Council	664	458
	Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	310	191
	Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	248	175
	Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	106	92
	Total number of incidents in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire)	Sligo County Council	116	118
	Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	53	61
	Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	44	44
	Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	19	13
F.3 Fire Prevention The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	Sligo County Council	55	73
	B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	Sligo County Council	55	69
	C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	Sligo County Council	0	4

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CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	Sligo County Council	40.62	65.52
CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of local schools and youth groups	Sligo County Council	32	29
	Number of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	Sligo County Council	13	19
CP.2 Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	Sligo County Council	702	706
C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	Sligo County Council	5.67	4.85
	B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	Sligo County Council	0.77	0.64
C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	Sligo County Council	6569.5	5385
	Number of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	Sligo County Council	886.5	712
	Total number of staff (Whole Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2011 (as per DEHLG staffing return for the end of 2011)	Sligo County Council	510.45	488.74
C.2 Staff Training and Development The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs:	Sligo County Council	2.93	2.34
E.1 Unaccounted For Water The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	Sligo County Council	45.00	41.11
E.1 Unaccounted For Water In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total volume of water supplied (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	Sligo County Council	35874	31822
	Volume of unaccounted for water (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	Sligo County Council	16143	13082
E.2 Drinking Water Analysis The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes	Sligo County Council	98.45	99.40
	B. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to private schemes (where appropriate)	Sligo County Council	98.37	95.70
E.3 Waste Segregation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	Sligo County Council	100	100
	B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	Sligo County Council	4.22	5.60
E.3 Waste Segregation In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of households provided with a waste collection service	Sligo County Council	13979	14114
	Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for recyclables	Sligo County Council	13979	14114
	Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics	Sligo County Council	590	791
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	Sligo County Council	23.45	26.80

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E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	Sligo County Council	3617.88	4220.05
	C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	Sligo County Council	2345.08	8849.97
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside	Sligo County Council	15429.27	15747.68
	Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	Sligo County Council	3617.88	4220.05
	Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is landfilled	Sligo County Council	11811.4	11527.63
	Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	Sligo County Council	2345.08	8849.97
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	Sligo County Council	76.55	73.20
	B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	Sligo County Council	11811.4	11527.63
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total tonnage of household waste collected	Sligo County Council	15429.27	15747.68
	Tonnage of household waste which is sent to landfill	Sligo County Council	11811.4	11527.63
In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	Sligo County Council	40	40
	The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	Sligo County Council	3	2
Glass The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	C. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	42	42
	D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	3.45	3.22
Glass In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
Cans The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	G. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	42	42
	H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	3.45	3.22
Cans In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2

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Textiles The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	18	18
	J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	K. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	20	20
	L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	1.64	1.53
Textiles In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	18	18
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
Batteries The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	O. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	0.16	0.15
Batteries In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
Oils The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	1	1
	S. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	1	1
	T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	0.08	0.08
Oils In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	1	1
Other materials The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	3	3
	W. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	3	3
	X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	0.25	0.23
Other materials In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	3	3
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of full-time litter wardens	Sligo County Council	2	2

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E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	B. Number of part-time litter wardens	Sligo County Council	4	6
	C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	Sligo County Council	0.49	0.61
	D. Number of on-the-spot fines issued	Sligo County Council	66	159
	E. Number of on-the-spot fines paid	Sligo County Council	20	64
	F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	Sligo County Council	1	18
	G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	Sligo County Council	0	1
	H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	Sligo County Council	4	2
	I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	Sligo County Council	0	1
	J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	Sligo County Council	0	1
	K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	Sligo County Council	3	6
	L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	80	79
	M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	16	13
	N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	0	1
	O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	0	0
	E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of full-time litter wardens	Sligo County Council	2
Number of part-time litter wardens		Sligo County Council	4	6
Number of on-the-spot fines issued		Sligo County Council	66	159
Number of on-the-spot fines paid		Sligo County Council	20	64
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines		Sligo County Council	1	18
Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines		Sligo County Council	0	1
Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)		Sligo County Council	4	2
Number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)		Sligo County Council	0	1
Number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)		Sligo County Council	0	1

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E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	Sligo County Council	3521	4145
	B. Number of complaints investigated	Sligo County Council	3792	5043
	C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	Sligo County Council	3379	3832
	D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	Sligo County Council	334	680
E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	94.20	94.03
	B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	100	100
E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of primary schools	Sligo County Council	69	67
	Number of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	65	63
	Total number of secondary schools	Sligo County Council	15	14
	Number of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	15	14
H1: Housing Vacancies The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	Sligo County Council	2040	2038
	B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	Sligo County Council	2021	2030
	C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	Sligo County Council	5.03	6.90
	D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	Sligo County Council	92.14	93.93
	E- The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	Sligo County Council	7.86	6.07
H1: Housing Vacancies In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The average number of dwellings in local authority stock	Sligo County Council	2040	2038
	The average number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	Sligo County Council	2021	2030
	The average number of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	Sligo County Council	101.75	140
	The average number of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	Sligo County Council	93.75	131.50
	The average number of empty dwellings available for letting	Sligo County Council	8	8.50
H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	Sligo County Council	20	65.1
	The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	Sligo County Council	4	7.68
H3: Housing Repairs The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	Sligo County Council	76.84	87.84

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H3: Housing Repairs In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of repairs completed	Sligo County Council	1997	1957
	The number of valid repair requests received	Sligo County Council	2599	2228
H4: Traveller Accommodation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	Sligo County Council	16.67	11.76
H4: Traveller Accommodation In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of Traveller families accommodated	Sligo County Council	1	2
	Target number of Traveller families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the local Traveller accommodation programme	Sligo County Council	6	17
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Total number of registered tenancies	Sligo County Council	4510	5071
	B. Number of dwelling units inspected	Sligo County Council	1036	979
	C. Number of inspections carried out	Sligo County Council	1036	1219
	D. Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	Sligo County Council	22.97	19.31
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of registered tenancies	Sligo County Council	4510	5071
	Number of dwelling units inspected	Sligo County Council	1036	979
	Number of inspections carried out	Sligo County Council	1036	1219
H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	Sligo County Council	6	20.88
	B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	Sligo County Council	21	32.83
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Total number of new local authority tenants	Sligo County Council	99	60
	B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	Sligo County Council	100	100
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of new local authority tenants	Sligo County Council	99	60
	Number of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	Sligo County Council	99	60
L.1 Library Public Opening Hours The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	Sligo County Council	35.46	35.75
	B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	Sligo County Council	19.46	18.50
	C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	Sligo County Council	66.6	91.65
	D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	Sligo County Council	66.6	91.65
	E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	Sligo County Council	66.6	91.65

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L.1 Library Public Opening Hours In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	Sligo County Council	35.458	35.750
	Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	Sligo County Council	19.455	18.50
	Number of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	Sligo County Council	2	3
	Number of full time libraries that have evening openings	Sligo County Council	2	3
	Number of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	Sligo County Council	2	3
L.2 Library Visits The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	Sligo County Council	2388.03	2531.35
L.2 Library Visits In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of visits to full-time libraries	Sligo County Council	145417	165221
L.3 Library Stock The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	Sligo County Council	4.08	1.39
	B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	Sligo County Council	3.51	3.65
	C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	Sligo County Council	0.32	0.06
L.3 Library Stock In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Annual expenditure on stock	Sligo County Council	248530	90920
	Total number of books issued	Sligo County Council	213589	238299
	Total number of other items issued	Sligo County Council	19313	3803
L.4 Internet Access through Libraries The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	Sligo County Council	353.98	237.84
L.4 Internet Access through Libraries In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of Internet sessions provided	Sligo County Council	21555.5	15524.0
M.1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	Sligo County Council	52161	51504
	B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	Sligo County Council	7895	6955
	C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	Sligo County Council	19635	21850
	D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	Sligo County Council	65.45	64.13
	E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	Sligo County Council	9.91	8.66
	F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	Sligo County Council	24.64	27.21
M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	7789	6897
	B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	93	54
	C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	0	0

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M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	13	4
	E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	98.66	99.16
	F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	1.18	0.78
	G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	0.00	0.00
M.3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	0.16	0.06
	A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	4125	4192
	B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	3285	3576
	C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the Fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	888	671
	D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	1134	1025
	E. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	43.73	44.29
	F. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	34.83	37.79
	G. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	9.41	7.09
M.4 Public opening hours The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	H. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	12.02	10.83
	Average number of opening hours per week	Sligo County Council	32.5	32.5
	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	247	157
	B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	194	119
	C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	48	37
	D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	4	1
	E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	73.11	69.82
	F. Percentage of applications granted	Sligo County Council	92.71	92.99
	G. Percentage of applications refused	Sligo County Council	7.29	7.01
	H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	50.0	83.33
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	50.0	16.67	

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Individual Houses In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	247	157
	Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	194	119
	Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	48	37
	Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	4	1
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	73.11	69.82
	Number of applications granted	Sligo County Council	229	146
	Number of applications refused	Sligo County Council	18	11
	Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Peanala	Sligo County Council	5	5
	Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	5	1
	New Housing Development The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	9
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks		Sligo County Council	4	5
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information		Sligo County Council	5	3
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000		Sligo County Council	0	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought		Sligo County Council	77.38	53.50
F. Percentage of applications granted		Sligo County Council	77.78	75.00
G. Percentage of applications refused		Sligo County Council	22.22	25.00
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	100	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	0	0
New Housing Development In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	9	8
	Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	4	5
	Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	5	3
	Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	0	0
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	77.38	53.50

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New Housing Development In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications granted	Sligo County Council	7	6
	Number of applications refused	Sligo County Council	2	2
	Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	2	1
	Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	0	0
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	218	227
	B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	182	179
	C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	35	43
	D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	1	5
	E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	72.2	73.45
	F. Percentage of applications granted	Sligo County Council	92.66	95.59
	G. Percentage of applications refused	Sligo County Council	9.63	4.41
	H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	55.56	100
	I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	44.44	0
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	218	227
	Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	182	179
	Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	35	43
	Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	1	5
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	72.2	73.45
	Number of applications granted	Sligo County Council	202	217
	Number of applications refused	Sligo County Council	21	10
Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	10	9
	Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	8	0
	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	3	0

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Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	2	0
	C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	1	0
	D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	0	0
	E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	19.5	0
	F. Percentage of applications granted	Sligo County Council	100	
	G. Percentage of applications refused	Sligo County Council	0	
	H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council		
	I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council		
	Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	3
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks		Sligo County Council	2	0
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information		Sligo County Council	1	0
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000		Sligo County Council	0	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought		Sligo County Council	19.5	0
Number of applications granted		Sligo County Council	3	0
Number of applications refused		Sligo County Council	0	0
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Peanala		Sligo County Council	0	0
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	0	0
P.2 Planning Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	Sligo County Council	167	260
	B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	Sligo County Council	74	50
	C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	Sligo County Council	136	121
	D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	Sligo County Council	131	193
	E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	Sligo County Council	100	93
	F. Number of prosecutions	Sligo County Council	40	28

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P.3 Planning Public opening hours The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Average number of opening hours per week	Sligo County Council	35	35
P.4 Pre-Planning Consultation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	Sligo County Council	781	676
	B. Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	Sligo County Council	8.1	5.08
P.5 New Buildings inspected The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	Sligo County Council	17.65	12.39
P.5 New Buildings inspected In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	Sligo County Council	221	218
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected	Sligo County Council	39	27
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A- The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	Sligo County Council	27	27
	B- Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	Sligo County Council	7	11
	C- Number of dwellings in respect of column B	Sligo County Council	173	282
	D- Percentage of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	Sligo County Council	48.15	44.44
	E- Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	Sligo County Council	5	5
	F- Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	Sligo County Council	5	2
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	Sligo County Council	27	27
	Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	Sligo County Council	7	11
	Total number of dwellings in these estates	Sligo County Council	173	282
	Number of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	Sligo County Council	13	12
	Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	Sligo County Council	5	5
	Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	Sligo County Council	5	2
Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	Sligo County Council	0.10	0.09
	B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	Sligo County Council	0.13	0.12
Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Number of children's playgrounds directly provided by the local authority	Sligo County Council	6	6

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Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	B. Number of children's playgrounds facilitated by the local authority	Sligo County Council	8	8
Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	Sligo County Council	3165.94	3575.50
Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities	Sligo County Council	192787	233373
Rev.1 House Rent The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	Sligo County Council	86.10	85.43
Rev.1 House Rent In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	B. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	Sligo County Council	5	5
	C. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	Sligo County Council	6	5
	D. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	9	7
	E. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	80	83
	Amount due at year end from House Rent	Sligo County Council	5220804	5341935
	Amount collected at year end from House Rent	Sligo County Council	4494949	4563410
	Amount of arrears at year end from House Rent	Sligo County Council	725855	778525
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	Sligo County Council	37744	37740.24
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	Sligo County Council	40230	36928
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	64762	52226.61
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	583119	651629
Rev.2 Housing Loans The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	65.37	57.25
Rev.2 Housing Loans In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	Sligo County Council	1	1
	C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	Sligo County Council	1	1
	D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	Sligo County Council	2	2
	E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	Sligo County Council	96	96
	Amount due at year end from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	1682672	1796934
	Amount collected at year end from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	1099908	1028693
	Amount of arrears at year end from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	582764	768241
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	Sligo County Council	4060	5151.42

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Rev.2 Housing Loans In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 month old	Sligo County Council	7999	10167.79
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	Sligo County Council	13224	12019.94
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	Sligo County Council	557481	740901.90
Rev.3 Commercial Rates The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	Sligo County Council	72	65
	Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end	Sligo County Council		0
Rev.4 Refuse Charges The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	Sligo County Council	49	47
Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	Sligo County Council	79.14	149.55
	Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	Sligo County Council	1.5	0.97

Conferences & Seminars Attended by Councillors - 2011

Conference/Seminar Name	Venue	Date
Professional Development for Councillors - "Time Management success"	Cork	21 st – 23 rd January
European Legislation on Human Rights, Irish Legislation and Irish Case Law The Effects on Local Authority Housing Insurance Issues	Galway	14 th – 16 th January
Volcanic Ash, Major Flooding; Freezing Spell - Crisis Impacts on Ireland	Donegal	21 st – 23 rd January
Compliance with Planning Permission Enforcement of Conditions of Planning Professional Indemnity Insurance and Bonds	Galway	21 st – 23 rd January
Economic Conference for Councillors - "Role of State Institutions & Law Reform in Promoting Ireland's Economic Future"	Limerick	28 th – 29 th January
Local Authority Water Supply	Maynooth	28 th – 30 th January
Renewable Heat Incentive	Maynooth	4 th – 6 th February
AMAI Spring Seminar - The Case for Municipal Government	Cork	11 -12 th February
Charities Act 2009-Implications for the Voluntary Sector	Kerry	18 th – 20 th February
Local Government Planning Service	Letterkenny	25 th – 27 th February
Colmcille Heritage Trust Winter School - The Future of the Irish Educational System	Letterkenny	25 th – 27 th February
Carlow 9th National Tourism Conference - A River Runs Through it	Carlow	3 rd – 5 th March
Employment Law & Insurance Issues	Galway	4 th – 6 th March
Ireland's Energy Opportunity	Cork	4 th March
Facilities Management Ireland - Discover, Assess, Solve	Dublin	9 – 10 th March
Local Government Planning Service	Letterkenny	11 th – 13 th March
Equal Status Legislation & its effect on service provision in LA's	Westport	18 th – 20 th March
Effective Time & Priority Management	Dundalk	18 th – 20 th March
ACCC Annual Conference	Tullamore	24 th – 25 th March
Mental Health & Cross Border Social Exclusion	Sligo	25 th March
Changing Trends in Drug and Alcohol	Letterkenny	25 th – 27 th March
The 1916 Rebellion Conference	Enniscorthy	26 th March
Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010	Cork	29 th March
Annual Kerry Environmental Conference	Tralee	7 th – 10 th April
A Guide to Effective Public Relations	Ennistymon	11 th – 13 th March

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Developing the Social Economy to Stimulate Economic Growth	Listowel	24 th – 25 th March
How to be an Effective Chairperson	Cork	1 st – 3 rd April
Memorandum of Understanding between Newry and Mourne District Council and the Louth Local Authorities	Dundalk	7 th April
Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010 Seminars	Sligo	8 th April
A Guide to Managing Mental Health issues in the Workplace	Dublin	12 th April
Developing Europe's Ocean Energy Hub	Limerick	12 th April
Lessons from the 7 habits of highly effective people	Dublin	13 th April
How to Master Your Time	Sligo	15 th – 17 th April
The Good Friday Agreement, Local Govt North & South	Galway	15 th – 17 th April
Programme for Govt & Local Govt	Meath	29 th – 30 th April
LAMA-Economic Revival: A Role for Local Govt	Dundalk	29 th – 30 th April
Roscrea Spring Conf	Rosreea	29 th April – 1 st May
ICBAN - Equality Training Seminar	Armagh	14 th April
The Future of Local Politics	Cork	15 th – 17 th April
IPI National Planning Conference	Galway	5 th – 6 th May
Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly - Innovation & Competitiveness - Restoring the Regional Economy	Athlone	6 th May
Mayday Conference	Drogheda	6 th – 7 th May
Programme for Government & Local Government	Meath	6 th – 7 th May
Lessons from the Crisis: Money, Taxes & Saving in a Changing World	Dublin	9 th May
Innovation in Delivering Public Services	Dublin	10 th May
Brehon Law Society: Doing Business in the US, Ireland & Europe	Westport	11 th – 13 th May
Clann Credo: Common Cents 2011 - Social Enterprise from Policy to Practice	Athlone	12 th May
European Influences on Local Government in Ireland	Galway	13 th – 15 th May

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Public Speaking and Promotional Literature Design	Cork	13 th – 15 th May
WINSENT: Wales Ireland Network for Social Entrepreneurship	Dublin	17 th May
Professional Development for Councillors: A Guide to Getting the Right Work Done	Limerick	20 th – 22 nd May
National Public Policy-Making & the Councillor	Wexford	20 th – 21 st May
Current Challenges Facing Irish Local Authorities in Delivering Effective Customer Service	Waterford	26 th – 27 th May
Exploring Local Government Reform - Lessons to be learned from the Private Sector	Galway	27 th – 29 th May
Procurement Expenditure and Revenues in Local Government	Letterkenny	27 th – 29 th May
Irish Rural Link - Keeping Jobs in Rural Communities	Westmeath	12 th – 13 th May
North South Institutions & Cross Border Relations Commemorating Opportunities & Achievements	Dublin	26 th May
Elected Members Responsibility - Indemnity from Liability of Decisions of the Body Corporate	Galway	10 th – 12 th June
Renewing Local Democracy through Civic Engagement	Limerick	13 th – 17 th June
Reviewing Rural Rail	Tipperary	17 th – 19 th June
Sean Mac Diarmada Summer School, 2011 - Emigration, Migration & the Irish Diaspora	Leitrim	17 th – 19 th June
The Challenges of Opportunities facing Local Government, Irish Businesses and the Irish People	Tralee	17 th – 19 th June
John Boyle O'Reilly Society of Ireland Summer School	Drogheda	18 th June
Byrne Perry Summer School - Sport in Irish History & Society	Wexford	24 th – 26 th June
Performance Management for Councillors	Westport	24 th – 26 th June
Suicide - A Crisis in need of support	Meath	24 th – 25 th June
Synge Summer School	Wicklow	30 th June - 3 July
A Community Development Approach to Long Term Care	Sligo	17 th June
European Union Funding and Functions	Cork	17 th – 19 th June

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Sports Turf Seminar	Kilkenny	7 th July
Effective Representations through Radio, TV, Press, Facebook & Twitter	Letterkenny	8 th - 10 th July
Professional Development for Councillors-Leadership Skills Development	Clare	15 th - 17 th July
Gaeilge for Councillors	Gweedore	15 th - 17 th July
The Councillor & Local Government Environment Services	Clare	22 nd - 23 rd July
31st Annual McGill Summer School	Donegal	24 th - 29 th July
A Briefing for Local Authority Members Current Issues in Education	Galway	25 th - 27 th July
The John Hewitt International Summer School	Armagh	25 th - 29 th July
Local Government Health & Safety Risk Assessment & Insurance	Galway	29 th - 31 st July
Mitchelstown Summer School	Mitchelstown	15 th - 17 th July
The Effect on Local Government of Employment Equality Legislation	Galway	18 th - 19 th July
20th William Carleton Summer School	Clogher N.I.	1 st - 4 th August
The Local Government Planning Service	Cork	12 th - 13 th August
Legislation for the Reform of Local Government	Westport	12 th - 14 th August
2011 Parnell Summer School: Equality Then and Now	Wicklow	14 th - 19 th August
Merriman Summer School	Clare	17 th - 21 st August
The Local Government Arts Service	Cavan	19 th - 20 th August
Local Government Promoting Renewable Energy	Tralee	19 th - 21 st August
Personal Development Skills	Letterkenny	2 nd - 4 th September
AMAI Annual Conference	Meath	8 th - 10 th September
Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend	Tyrone	8 th - 11 th September
Domestic Water Meters for Ireland	Dundalk	9 th - 11 th September
ICBAN Conference "What is Spatial Planning"	Enniskillen	15 th September
Environment Ireland Conference	Dublin	15 th September

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LAMA Autumn Seminar, The Role of Tourism in Economic Recovery	Waterford	23 rd – 24 th September
Effective Representation for you Constituents	Kerry	23 rd – 25 th September
The National Enterprise Conference	Clonmel	29 – 30 th September
European Waste Water Laws Irish Governments Decision to Licence Septic Tanks	Donegal	30 th September – 2 nd October
2011 La Touche Legacy Seminar "Local Democracy - A vision for the Future	Wicklow	30 th September – 2 nd October
Sharing Experience Across Borders, Planning & Local Government on the Island of Ireland	Dundalk	30 th September
Wind Energy 2011 Conference – Planning and the Environment	Dublin	22 nd September
Sharing Experiences Across Borders	Dundalk	30 th September
Suicide Prevention – Supporting Families in Crisis	Cavan	5 th – 6 th October
Getting a Grip. Substance Misuse – A Healthier Criminal Justice Issue	Killarney	6 th – 7 th October
Local Government and Planning Seminar	Limerick	7 th – 9 th October
New government Regulations and how they affect the domestic home	Galway	7 th – 9 th October
Local Govt Training – Impactful Dialogues with your constituents	Killarney	7 th – 9 th October
Social Housing Assessment	Westport	14 th – 16 th October
Developing Leadership – 21 Ways to Win People	Westport	14 th – 16 th October
Victims of Crime – The Cost to the Community	Tralee	14 th – 15 th October
Traveller Conversations on Alcohol and Drugs	Donegal	17 th October
The Role of the Regional Authority in the Operation of and Policy Making in Local Government	Galway	21 st – 23 rd October
Social Media Seminar	Dublin	26 th October
“The Role of the Councillor in Education and the Community	Meath	28 th – 29 th October
Sustainable Energy Authority: "See the Light"	Dublin	13 th October
The Irish Planning Institute Autumn Conference	Dublin	21 st Oct

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Regional Innovation: A Catalyst for Sustainable Economic Growth in the BMW Region	Galway	4 th November
The Economy vs. the People: Ireland's Divided Mind	Roscommon	4 th November
Roscrea Autumn Conference	Roscrea	4 th – 6 th November
Changes in the Law in Respect of Rights of Way under the Land & Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009	Galway	4 th – 6 th November
Conference on the Great War 1914 - 1918	Drogheda	5 th – 6 th November
Leading Beyond Authority	Dungannon	8 th November
Professional Development for Councillors	Laois	11 th – 13 th November
Local Authority Budgets 2012	Letterkenny	18 th – 20 th November
Local Authorities Role in Preventing Water Pollution	Donegal	18 th – 20 th November
The Local Government Budget 2012	Wexford	18 th – 20 th November
Spatial Planning - Political & Civic Collaboration Programme Building Network	Bundoran	22 nd November
Tourism - The Potential for Economic Growth	Clare	24 th – 26 th November
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland Information & Education Day	Dublin	17 th November
National Radon Forum	Dublin	24 th November
Review of the Common Agricultural Policy	Cavan	25 th November
ICBAN: Data Capture: Information Rich, Insight Poor	Cavan	1 st December
Greening the CAP - Cross Border Perspectives	Armagh	2 nd December
Changing patterns in Cocaine & Crack Cocaine use	Dublin	7 th December
Being Positive in a Negative Climate	Clare	9 th - 11 th December
Water Services Amendment Bill 2011	Wexford	9 th - 11 th December
"Health & Safety" and the Councillor. The Insurance & Liability Issues	Clonmel	9 th - 10 th December

Appendix 1 - 2011 Freedom of Information Statistical Return

Department / Body	*Cases B/F from 2010	**TOTAL Recd. from 1st January 2011	A	B	C	Reqsts Granted	Reqsts Part-granted	Reqsts Refusd	Reqsts Transfrd	Withdrawn & handled outside FOI	*Live Cases	Internal Reviews rec'd	Appeals to Info. Comm.	Fees			
			Personal	Non-Personal	Mixed									Up Front	Srch & Rtrvl & copying	Internal Review	Refunds
														A	B	C	D
Sligo Co. Co.																	
2011																	
January	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
February	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
March	0	5	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
April	0	9	3	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May	0	11	3	8	0	4	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
June	0	12	3	9	0	4	1	3	0	0	4	1	0	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	0	14	4	10	0	6	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	0	14	4	10	0	8	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
September	0	14	4	10	0	8	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0	15	4	11	0	8	2	4	0	0	1	1	1	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0	17	4	13	0	8	2	5	0	0	2	1	0	190.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	0	23	5	18	0	11	3	5	0	0	4	1	0	265.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department	Journalists	Business / Interest Groups	Oireachtas / Public Representatives	Staff	Clients	Others	*Total			Up Front Fees			Internal Review Fees				
Sligo Co. Co.										No of reduced Fees			1	No of reduced Fees		n/a	
2011										Reason for reduced Fees			Medical Card Holder	Reason for reduced Fees		n/a	
January	0	0	0	0	0	2	2										
February	0	0	0	0	0	3	3										
March	0	0	0	0	0	5	5										
April	0	1	0	0	0	8	9										
May	0	1	0	0	0	10	11										
June	1	1	0	0	0	10	12										
July	1	1	0	0	0	12	14										
August	1	1	0	0	0	12	14										
September	1	1	0	0	0	12	14						5				
October	1	2	0	0	0	12	15										
November	1	2	0	0	0	14	17										
December	2	2	0	0	0	19	23										

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011**

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Expenditure by Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2011 €	Income 2011 €	Net Expenditure 2011 €	Net Expenditure 2010 €
Housing and building		6,089,587	6,217,783	(128,196)	305,474
Road transport & safety		23,785,931	19,935,269	3,850,661	3,438,322
Water services		12,178,013	4,063,962	8,114,052	7,598,108
Development management		4,485,494	1,241,351	3,244,143	3,558,644
Environmental services		6,090,153	1,092,526	4,997,627	5,146,639
Recreation and amenity		3,297,077	332,575	2,964,501	2,751,191
Agriculture, education, health & welfare		6,494,722	6,039,163	455,559	648,495
Miscellaneous services		5,763,931	3,609,379	2,154,552	2,355,374
Central management charges		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure/Income	16-17	<u><u>68,184,907</u></u>	<u><u>42,532,008</u></u>		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Government Fund				25,652,899	25,802,248
Rates				5,026,820	4,876,672
Pension related deduction				1,397,333	993,463
Local government fund / general purpose grant				13,916,896	15,022,724
County charge				4,361,495	4,361,495
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers				<u>(950,355)</u>	<u>(547,895)</u>
Transfers from/(to) Reserves		15		(2,022,098)	(1,915,611)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year				<u>(2,972,453)</u>	<u>(2,463,505)</u>
General Reserve at 1st January				(9,981,617)	(7,518,112)
General Reserve at 31st December				<u><u>(12,954,070)</u></u>	<u><u>(9,981,617)</u></u>

Sligo County Council
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2011

	Notes	2011 €	2010 €
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		249,406,287	229,098,495
Infrastructural		1,427,513,450	1,426,021,733
Community		8,900,308	8,900,308
Non-Operational		-	-
		1,685,820,045	1,664,020,536
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	56,932,140	102,902,389
Long Term Debtors	3	21,302,184	17,671,093
Current Assets			
Stock	4	194,640	216,539
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	5	8,906,759	9,465,092
Bank Investments		3,169,279	3,019,631
Cash in Transit		1,649	1,498
Urban Account	7	793,545	859,674
		13,065,872	13,562,434
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		5,868,304	929,736
Creditors & Accruals	6	15,376,228	17,412,420
Finance Leases		73,528	136,570
		21,318,060	18,478,726
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		(8,252,188)	(4,916,292)
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	8	69,756,187	73,744,717
Finance Leases		52,195	62,680
Refundable Deposits	9	1,657,371	1,654,074
Other		803,737	331,335
		72,269,490	75,792,806
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		1,683,532,691	1,703,884,920
Represented By			
Capitalisation Account	10	1,685,820,040	1,664,020,531
Income WIP	2	57,312,447	104,164,449
Specific Revenue Reserve		1,103,774	1,103,774
General Revenue Reserve		(12,954,071)	(9,981,617)
Other Balances	11	(47,741,158)	(55,422,220)
Total Reserves		1,683,541,032	1,703,884,917

County Publication Comparison Report

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
F1: Fire Service Mobilisation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	Sligo County Council		
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	Sligo County Council	4.49	4.45
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	Sligo County Council		
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	Sligo County Council	4.5	4.11
F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	46.69	41.70
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	37.35	38.21
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	15.96	20.09
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	45.69	51.69
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	37.93	37.29
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	16.38	11.02
F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of incidents in respect of fire	Sligo County Council	664	458
	Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	310	191
	Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	248	175
	Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	106	92
	Total number of incidents in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire)	Sligo County Council	116	118
	Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	Sligo County Council	53	61
	Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	44	44
	Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	Sligo County Council	19	13
F.3 Fire Prevention The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	Sligo County Council	55	73
	B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	Sligo County Council	55	69
	C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	Sligo County Council	0	4

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	Sligo County Council	40.62	65.52
CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of local schools and youth groups	Sligo County Council	32	29
	Number of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	Sligo County Council	13	19
CP.2 Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	Sligo County Council	702	706
C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	Sligo County Council	5.67	4.85
	B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	Sligo County Council	0.77	0.64
C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	Sligo County Council	6569.5	5385
	Number of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	Sligo County Council	886.5	712
	Total number of staff (Whole Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2011 (as per DEHLG staffing return for the end of 2011)	Sligo County Council	510.45	488.74
C.2 Staff Training and Development The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs:	Sligo County Council	2.93	2.34
E.1 Unaccounted For Water The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	Sligo County Council	45.00	41.11
E.1 Unaccounted For Water In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total volume of water supplied (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	Sligo County Council	35874	31822
	Volume of unaccounted for water (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	Sligo County Council	16143	13082
E.2 Drinking Water Analysis The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes	Sligo County Council	98.45	99.40
	B. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to private schemes (where appropriate)	Sligo County Council	98.37	95.70
E.3 Waste Segregation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	Sligo County Council	100	100
	B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	Sligo County Council	4.22	5.60
E.3 Waste Segregation In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of households provided with a waste collection service	Sligo County Council	13979	14114
	Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for recyclables	Sligo County Council	13979	14114
	Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics	Sligo County Council	590	791
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	Sligo County Council	23.45	26.80

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	Sligo County Council	3617.88	4220.05
	C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	Sligo County Council	2345.08	8849.97
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside	Sligo County Council	15429.27	15747.68
	Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	Sligo County Council	3617.88	4220.05
	Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is landfilled	Sligo County Council	11811.4	11527.63
	Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	Sligo County Council	2345.08	8849.97
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	Sligo County Council	76.55	73.20
	B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	Sligo County Council	11811.4	11527.63
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total tonnage of household waste collected	Sligo County Council	15429.27	15747.68
	Tonnage of household waste which is sent to landfill	Sligo County Council	11811.4	11527.63
In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	Sligo County Council	40	40
	The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	Sligo County Council	3	2
Glass The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	C. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	42	42
	D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	3.45	3.22
Glass In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
Cans The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	G. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	42	42
	H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	3.45	3.22
Cans In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	40	40
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
Textiles The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	18	18
	J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	K. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	20	20
	L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	1.64	1.53
Textiles In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	18	18
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
Batteries The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	O. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
	P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	0.16	0.15
Batteries In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	2	2
Oils The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	1	1
	S. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	1	1
	T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	0.08	0.08
Oils In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	1	1
Other materials The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	3	3
	W. The total number of facilities for recycling	Sligo County Council	3	3
	X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	Sligo County Council	0.25	0.23
Other materials In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of Bring Sites for recycling	Sligo County Council	0	0
	The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	Sligo County Council	3	3
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of full-time litter wardens	Sligo County Council	2	2

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	B. Number of part-time litter wardens	Sligo County Council	4	6
	C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	Sligo County Council	0.49	0.61
	D. Number of on-the-spot fines issued	Sligo County Council	66	159
	E. Number of on-the-spot fines paid	Sligo County Council	20	64
	F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	Sligo County Council	1	18
	G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	Sligo County Council	0	1
	H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	Sligo County Council	4	2
	I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	Sligo County Council	0	1
	J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	Sligo County Council	0	1
	K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	Sligo County Council	3	6
	L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	80	79
	M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	16	13
	N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	0	1
	O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	Sligo County Council	0	0
	E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of full-time litter wardens	Sligo County Council	2
Number of part-time litter wardens		Sligo County Council	4	6
Number of on-the-spot fines issued		Sligo County Council	66	159
Number of on-the-spot fines paid		Sligo County Council	20	64
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines		Sligo County Council	1	18
Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines		Sligo County Council	0	1
Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)		Sligo County Council	4	2
Number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)		Sligo County Council	0	1
Number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)		Sligo County Council	0	1

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	Sligo County Council	3521	4145
	B. Number of complaints investigated	Sligo County Council	3792	5043
	C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	Sligo County Council	3379	3832
	D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	Sligo County Council	334	680
E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	94.20	94.03
	B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	100	100
E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of primary schools	Sligo County Council	69	67
	Number of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	65	63
	Total number of secondary schools	Sligo County Council	15	14
	Number of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	Sligo County Council	15	14
H1: Housing Vacancies The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	Sligo County Council	2040	2038
	B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	Sligo County Council	2021	2030
	C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	Sligo County Council	5.03	6.90
	D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	Sligo County Council	92.14	93.93
	E- The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	Sligo County Council	7.86	6.07
H1: Housing Vacancies In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The average number of dwellings in local authority stock	Sligo County Council	2040	2038
	The average number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	Sligo County Council	2021	2030
	The average number of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	Sligo County Council	101.75	140
	The average number of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	Sligo County Council	93.75	131.50
	The average number of empty dwellings available for letting	Sligo County Council	8	8.50
H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	Sligo County Council	20	65.1
	The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	Sligo County Council	4	7.68
H3: Housing Repairs The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	Sligo County Council	76.84	87.84

			01/01/10 - 31/12/10 (Annual)	01/01/11 - 31/12/11 (Annual)
H3: Housing Repairs In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	The number of repairs completed	Sligo County Council	1997	1957
	The number of valid repair requests received	Sligo County Council	2599	2228
H4: Traveller Accommodation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	Sligo County Council	16.67	11.76
H4: Traveller Accommodation In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of Traveller families accommodated	Sligo County Council	1	2
	Target number of Traveller families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the local Traveller accommodation programme	Sligo County Council	6	17
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Total number of registered tenancies	Sligo County Council	4510	5071
	B. Number of dwelling units inspected	Sligo County Council	1036	979
	C. Number of inspections carried out	Sligo County Council	1036	1219
	D. Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	Sligo County Council	22.97	19.31
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of registered tenancies	Sligo County Council	4510	5071
	Number of dwelling units inspected	Sligo County Council	1036	979
	Number of inspections carried out	Sligo County Council	1036	1219
H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	Sligo County Council	6	20.88
	B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	Sligo County Council	21	32.83
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Total number of new local authority tenants	Sligo County Council	99	60
	B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	Sligo County Council	100	100
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of new local authority tenants	Sligo County Council	99	60
	Number of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	Sligo County Council	99	60
L.1 Library Public Opening Hours The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	Sligo County Council	35.46	35.75
	B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	Sligo County Council	19.46	18.50
	C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	Sligo County Council	66.6	91.65
	D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	Sligo County Council	66.6	91.65
	E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	Sligo County Council	66.6	91.65

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L.1 Library Public Opening Hours In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	Sligo County Council	35.458	35.750
	Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	Sligo County Council	19.455	18.50
	Number of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	Sligo County Council	2	3
	Number of full time libraries that have evening openings	Sligo County Council	2	3
	Number of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	Sligo County Council	2	3
L.2 Library Visits The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	Sligo County Council	2388.03	2531.35
L.2 Library Visits In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of visits to full-time libraries	Sligo County Council	145417	165221
L.3 Library Stock The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	Sligo County Council	4.08	1.39
	B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	Sligo County Council	3.51	3.65
	C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	Sligo County Council	0.32	0.06
L.3 Library Stock In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Annual expenditure on stock	Sligo County Council	248530	90920
	Total number of books issued	Sligo County Council	213589	238299
	Total number of other items issued	Sligo County Council	19313	3803
L.4 Internet Access through Libraries The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	Sligo County Council	353.98	237.84
L.4 Internet Access through Libraries In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of Internet sessions provided	Sligo County Council	21555.5	15524.0
M.1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	Sligo County Council	52161	51504
	B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	Sligo County Council	7895	6955
	C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	Sligo County Council	19635	21850
	D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	Sligo County Council	65.45	64.13
	E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	Sligo County Council	9.91	8.66
	F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	Sligo County Council	24.64	27.21
M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	7789	6897
	B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	93	54
	C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	0	0

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M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	13	4
	E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	98.66	99.16
	F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	1.18	0.78
	G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	0.00	0.00
M.3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	0.16	0.06
	A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	4125	4192
	B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	3285	3576
	C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the Fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	888	671
	D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	1134	1025
	E. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	43.73	44.29
	F. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	34.83	37.79
	G. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	9.41	7.09
M.4 Public opening hours The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	H. Percentage of overall driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	Sligo County Council	12.02	10.83
	Average number of opening hours per week	Sligo County Council	32.5	32.5
	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	247	157
	B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	194	119
	C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	48	37
	D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	4	1
	E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	73.11	69.82
	F. Percentage of applications granted	Sligo County Council	92.71	92.99
	G. Percentage of applications refused	Sligo County Council	7.29	7.01
	H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	50.0	83.33
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	50.0	16.67	

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Individual Houses In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	247	157
	Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	194	119
	Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	48	37
	Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	4	1
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	73.11	69.82
	Number of applications granted	Sligo County Council	229	146
	Number of applications refused	Sligo County Council	18	11
	Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Peanala	Sligo County Council	5	5
	Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	5	1
	New Housing Development The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	9
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks		Sligo County Council	4	5
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information		Sligo County Council	5	3
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000		Sligo County Council	0	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought		Sligo County Council	77.38	53.50
F. Percentage of applications granted		Sligo County Council	77.78	75.00
G. Percentage of applications refused		Sligo County Council	22.22	25.00
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	100	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	0	0
New Housing Development In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:		Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	9
	Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	4	5
	Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	5	3
	Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	0	0
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	77.38	53.50

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New Housing Development In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications granted	Sligo County Council	7	6
	Number of applications refused	Sligo County Council	2	2
	Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	2	1
	Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	0	0
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	218	227
	B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	182	179
	C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	35	43
	D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	1	5
	E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	72.2	73.45
	F. Percentage of applications granted	Sligo County Council	92.66	95.59
	G. Percentage of applications refused	Sligo County Council	9.63	4.41
	H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	55.56	100
	I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	44.44	0
Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	218	227
	Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	182	179
	Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	35	43
	Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	1	5
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	72.2	73.45
	Number of applications granted	Sligo County Council	202	217
	Number of applications refused	Sligo County Council	21	10
Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	10	9
	Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council	8	0
	A. Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	3	0

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Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	Sligo County Council	2	0
	C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	Sligo County Council	1	0
	D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	Sligo County Council	0	0
	E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	Sligo County Council	19.5	0
	F. Percentage of applications granted	Sligo County Council	100	
	G. Percentage of applications refused	Sligo County Council	0	
	H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council		
	I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	Sligo County Council		
	Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of applications decided	Sligo County Council	3
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks		Sligo County Council	2	0
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information		Sligo County Council	1	0
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000		Sligo County Council	0	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought		Sligo County Council	19.5	0
Number of applications granted		Sligo County Council	3	0
Number of applications refused		Sligo County Council	0	0
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	0	0
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala		Sligo County Council	0	0
P.2 Planning Enforcement The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	Sligo County Council	167	260
	B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	Sligo County Council	74	50
	C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	Sligo County Council	136	121
	D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	Sligo County Council	131	193
	E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	Sligo County Council	100	93
	F. Number of prosecutions	Sligo County Council	40	28

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P.3 Planning Public opening hours The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Average number of opening hours per week	Sligo County Council	35	35
P.4 Pre-Planning Consultation The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	Sligo County Council	781	676
	B. Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	Sligo County Council	8.1	5.08
P.5 New Buildings inspected The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	Sligo County Council	17.65	12.39
P.5 New Buildings inspected In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	Sligo County Council	221	218
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected	Sligo County Council	39	27
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A- The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	Sligo County Council	27	27
	B- Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	Sligo County Council	7	11
	C- Number of dwellings in respect of column B	Sligo County Council	173	282
	D- Percentage of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	Sligo County Council	48.15	44.44
	E- Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	Sligo County Council	5	5
	F- Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	Sligo County Council	5	2
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	Sligo County Council	27	27
	Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	Sligo County Council	7	11
	Total number of dwellings in these estates	Sligo County Council	173	282
	Number of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	Sligo County Council	13	12
	Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	Sligo County Council	5	5
	Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	Sligo County Council	5	2
Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	Sligo County Council	0.10	0.09
	B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	Sligo County Council	0.13	0.12
Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	A. Number of children's playgrounds directly provided by the local authority	Sligo County Council	6	6

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Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	B. Number of children's playgrounds facilitated by the local authority	Sligo County Council	8	8
Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	Sligo County Council	3165.94	3575.50
Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities	Sligo County Council	192787	233373
Rev.1 House Rent The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	Sligo County Council	86.10	85.43
Rev.1 House Rent In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	B. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	Sligo County Council	5	5
	C. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	Sligo County Council	6	5
	D. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	9	7
	E. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	80	83
	Amount due at year end from House Rent	Sligo County Council	5220804	5341935
	Amount collected at year end from House Rent	Sligo County Council	4494949	4563410
	Amount of arrears at year end from House Rent	Sligo County Council	725855	778525
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	Sligo County Council	37744	37740.24
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	Sligo County Council	40230	36928
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	64762	52226.61
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	Sligo County Council	583119	651629
Rev.2 Housing Loans The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report:	A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	65.37	57.25
Rev.2 Housing Loans In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	Sligo County Council	1	1
	C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	Sligo County Council	1	1
	D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	Sligo County Council	2	2
	E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	Sligo County Council	96	96
	Amount due at year end from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	1682672	1796934
	Amount collected at year end from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	1099908	1028693
	Amount of arrears at year end from Housing Loans	Sligo County Council	582764	768241
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	Sligo County Council	4060	5151.42

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Rev.2 Housing Loans In order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 month old	Sligo County Council	7999	10167.79
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	Sligo County Council	13224	12019.94
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	Sligo County Council	557481	740901.90
Rev.3 Commercial Rates The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	Sligo County Council	72	65
	Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end	Sligo County Council		0
Rev.4 Refuse Charges The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:				
Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	Sligo County Council	49	47
R1: Road Restoration Programme The following indicator is presented in the service indicators report and in order to compile this information, local authorities should submit the following data:	Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	Sligo County Council	79.14	149.55
	Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	Sligo County Council	1.5	0.97

Conferences & Seminars Attended by Councillors - 2011

Conference/Seminar Name	Venue	Date
Professional Development for Councillors - "Time Management success"	Cork	21 st - 23 rd January
European Legislation on Human Rights, Irish Legislation and Irish Case Law The Effects on Local Authority Housing Insurance Issues	Galway	14 th - 16 th January
Volcanic Ash, Major Flooding; Freezing Spell - Crisis Impacts on Ireland	Donegal	21 st - 23 rd January
Compliance with Planning Permission Enforcement of Conditions of Planning Professional Indemnity Insurance and Bonds	Galway	21 st - 23 rd January
Economic Conference for Councillors - "Role of State Institutions & Law Reform in Promoting Ireland's Economic Future"	Limerick	28 th - 29 th January
Local Authority Water Supply	Maynooth	28 th - 30 th January
Renewable Heat Incentive	Maynooth	4 th - 6 th February
AMAI Spring Seminar - The Case for Municipal Government	Cork	11 -12 th February
Charities Act 2009-Implications for the Voluntary Sector	Kerry	18 th - 20 th February
Local Government Planning Service	Letterkenny	25 th - 27 th February
Colmcille Heritage Trust Winter School - The Future of the Irish Educational System	Letterkenny	25 th - 27 th February
Carlow 9th National Tourism Conference - A River Runs Through it	Carlow	3 rd - 5 th March
Employment Law & Insurance Issues	Galway	4 th - 6 th March
Ireland's Energy Opportunity	Cork	4 th March
Facilities Management Ireland - Discover, Assess, Solve	Dublin	9 - 10 th March
Local Government Planning Service	Letterkenny	11 th - 13 th March
Equal Status Legislation & its effect on service provision in LA's	Westport	18 th - 20 th March
Effective Time & Priority Management	Dundalk	18 th - 20 th March
ACCC Annual Conference	Tullamore	24 th - 25 th March
Mental Health & Cross Border Social Exclusion	Sligo	25 th March
Changing Trends in Drug and Alcohol	Letterkenny	25 th - 27 th March
The 1916 Rebellion Conference	Enniscorthy	26 th March
Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010	Cork	29 th March
Annual Kerry Environmental Conference	Tralee	7 th - 10 th April
A Guide to Effective Public Relations	Ennistymon	11 th - 13 th March

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Developing the Social Economy to Stimulate Economic Growth	Listowel	24 th – 25 th March
How to be an Effective Chairperson	Cork	1 st – 3 rd April
Memorandum of Understanding between Newry and Mourne District Council and the Louth Local Authorities	Dundalk	7 th April
Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010 Seminars	Sligo	8 th April
A Guide to Managing Mental Health issues in the Workplace	Dublin	12 th April
Developing Europe's Ocean Energy Hub	Limerick	12 th April
Lessons from the 7 habits of highly effective people	Dublin	13 th April
How to Master Your Time	Sligo	15 th – 17 th April
The Good Friday Agreement, Local Govt North & South	Galway	15 th – 17 th April
Programme for Govt & Local Govt	Meath	29 th – 30 th April
LAMA-Economic Revival: A Role for Local Govt	Dundalk	29 th – 30 th April
Roscrea Spring Conf	Rosreea	29 th April – 1 st May
ICBAN - Equality Training Seminar	Armagh	14 th April
The Future of Local Politics	Cork	15 th – 17 th April
IPI National Planning Conference	Galway	5 th – 6 th May
Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly - Innovation & Competitiveness - Restoring the Regional Economy	Athlone	6 th May
Mayday Conference	Drogheda	6 th – 7 th May
Programme for Government & Local Government	Meath	6 th – 7 th May
Lessons from the Crisis: Money, Taxes & Saving in a Changing World	Dublin	9 th May
Innovation in Delivering Public Services	Dublin	10 th May
Brehon Law Society: Doing Business in the US, Ireland & Europe	Westport	11 th – 13 th May
Clann Credo: Common Cents 2011 - Social Enterprise from Policy to Practice	Athlone	12 th May
European Influences on Local Government in Ireland	Galway	13 th – 15 th May

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Public Speaking and Promotional Literature Design	Cork	13 th – 15 th May
WINSENT: Wales Ireland Network for Social Entrepreneurship	Dublin	17 th May
Professional Development for Councillors: A Guide to Getting the Right Work Done	Limerick	20 th – 22 nd May
National Public Policy-Making & the Councillor	Wexford	20 th – 21 st May
Current Challenges Facing Irish Local Authorities in Delivering Effective Customer Service	Waterford	26 th – 27 th May
Exploring Local Government Reform - Lessons to be learned from the Private Sector	Galway	27 th – 29 th May
Procurement Expenditure and Revenues in Local Government	Letterkenny	27 th – 29 th May
Irish Rural Link - Keeping Jobs in Rural Communities	Westmeath	12 th – 13 th May
North South Institutions & Cross Border Relations Commemorating Opportunities & Achievements	Dublin	26 th May
Elected Members Responsibility - Indemnity from Liability of Decisions of the Body Corporate	Galway	10 th – 12 th June
Renewing Local Democracy through Civic Engagement	Limerick	13 th – 17 th June
Reviewing Rural Rail	Tipperary	17 th – 19 th June
Sean Mac Diarmada Summer School, 2011 - Emigration, Migration & the Irish Diaspora	Leitrim	17 th – 19 th June
The Challenges of Opportunities facing Local Government, Irish Businesses and the Irish People	Tralee	17 th – 19 th June
John Boyle O'Reilly Society of Ireland Summer School	Drogheda	18 th June
Byrne Perry Summer School - Sport in Irish History & Society	Wexford	24 th – 26 th June
Performance Management for Councillors	Westport	24 th – 26 th June
Suicide - A Crisis in need of support	Meath	24 th – 25 th June
Synge Summer School	Wicklow	30 th June - 3 July
A Community Development Approach to Long Term Care	Sligo	17 th June
European Union Funding and Functions	Cork	17 th – 19 th June

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Sports Turf Seminar	Kilkenny	7 th July
Effective Representations through Radio, TV, Press, Facebook & Twitter	Letterkenny	8 th - 10 th July
Professional Development for Councillors-Leadership Skills Development	Clare	15 th - 17 th July
Gaeilge for Councillors	Gweedore	15 th - 17 th July
The Councillor & Local Government Environment Services	Clare	22 nd - 23 rd July
31st Annual McGill Summer School	Donegal	24 th - 29 th July
A Briefing for Local Authority Members Current Issues in Education	Galway	25 th - 27 th July
The John Hewitt International Summer School	Armagh	25 th - 29 th July
Local Government Health & Safety Risk Assessment & Insurance	Galway	29 th - 31 st July
Mitchelstown Summer School	Mitchelstown	15 th - 17 th July
The Effect on Local Government of Employment Equality Legislation	Galway	18 th - 19 th July
20th William Carleton Summer School	Clogher N.I.	1 st - 4 th August
The Local Government Planning Service	Cork	12 th - 13 th August
Legislation for the Reform of Local Government	Westport	12 th - 14 th August
2011 Parnell Summer School: Equality Then and Now	Wicklow	14 th - 19 th August
Merriman Summer School	Clare	17 th - 21 st August
The Local Government Arts Service	Cavan	19 th - 20 th August
Local Government Promoting Renewable Energy	Tralee	19 th - 21 st August
Personal Development Skills	Letterkenny	2 nd - 4 th September
AMAI Annual Conference	Meath	8 th - 10 th September
Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend	Tyrone	8 th - 11 th September
Domestic Water Meters for Ireland	Dundalk	9 th - 11 th September
ICBAN Conference "What is Spatial Planning"	Enniskillen	15 th September
Environment Ireland Conference	Dublin	15 th September

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LAMA Autumn Seminar, The Role of Tourism in Economic Recovery	Waterford	23 rd – 24 th September
Effective Representation for you Constituents	Kerry	23 rd – 25 th September
The National Enterprise Conference	Clonmel	29 – 30 th September
European Waste Water Laws Irish Governments Decision to Licence Septic Tanks	Donegal	30 th September – 2 nd October
2011 La Touche Legacy Seminar "Local Democracy - A vision for the Future	Wicklow	30 th September – 2 nd October
Sharing Experience Across Borders, Planning & Local Government on the Island of Ireland	Dundalk	30 th September
Wind Energy 2011 Conference – Planning and the Environment	Dublin	22 nd September
Sharing Experiences Across Borders	Dundalk	30 th September
Suicide Prevention – Supporting Families in Crisis	Cavan	5 th – 6 th October
Getting a Grip. Substance Misuse – A Healthier Criminal Justice Issue	Killarney	6 th – 7 th October
Local Government and Planning Seminar	Limerick	7 th – 9 th October
New government Regulations and how they affect the domestic home	Galway	7 th – 9 th October
Local Govt Training – Impactful Dialogues with your constituents	Killarney	7 th – 9 th October
Social Housing Assessment	Westport	14 th – 16 th October
Developing Leadership – 21 Ways to Win People	Westport	14 th – 16 th October
Victims of Crime – The Cost to the Community	Tralee	14 th – 15 th October
Traveller Conversations on Alcohol and Drugs	Donegal	17 th October
The Role of the Regional Authority in the Operation of and Policy Making in Local Government	Galway	21 st – 23 rd October
Social Media Seminar	Dublin	26 th October
“The Role of the Councillor in Education and the Community	Meath	28 th – 29 th October
Sustainable Energy Authority: "See the Light"	Dublin	13 th October
The Irish Planning Institute Autumn Conference	Dublin	21 st Oct

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Regional Innovation: A Catalyst for Sustainable Economic Growth in the BMW Region	Galway	4 th November
The Economy vs. the People: Ireland's Divided Mind	Roscommon	4 th November
Roscrea Autumn Conference	Roscrea	4 th – 6 th November
Changes in the Law in Respect of Rights of Way under the Land & Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009	Galway	4 th – 6 th November
Conference on the Great War 1914 - 1918	Drogheda	5 th – 6 th November
Leading Beyond Authority	Dungannon	8 th November
Professional Development for Councillors	Laois	11 th – 13 th November
Local Authority Budgets 2012	Letterkenny	18 th – 20 th November
Local Authorities Role in Preventing Water Pollution	Donegal	18 th – 20 th November
The Local Government Budget 2012	Wexford	18 th – 20 th November
Spatial Planning - Political & Civic Collaboration Programme Building Network	Bundoran	22 nd November
Tourism - The Potential for Economic Growth	Clare	24 th – 26 th November
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland Information & Education Day	Dublin	17 th November
National Radon Forum	Dublin	24 th November
Review of the Common Agricultural Policy	Cavan	25 th November
ICBAN: Data Capture: Information Rich, Insight Poor	Cavan	1 st December
Greening the CAP - Cross Border Perspectives	Armagh	2 nd December
Changing patterns in Cocaine & Crack Cocaine use	Dublin	7 th December
Being Positive in a Negative Climate	Clare	9 th - 11 th December
Water Services Amendment Bill 2011	Wexford	9 th - 11 th December
"Health & Safety" and the Councillor. The Insurance & Liability Issues	Clonmel	9 th - 10 th December

Appendix 1 - 2011 Freedom of Information Statistical Return

		**TOTAL	A	B	C	Reqsts Granted	Reqsts Part- granted	Reqsts Refusd	Reqsts Transfrd	Withdrawn & handled outside FOI	*Live Cases	Internal Reviews rec'd	Appeals to Info. Comm.	Fees			
Department / Body	*Cases B/F from 2010	Recd. from 1st January 2011	Personal	Non- Per- sonal	Mixed									Up Front	Srch & Rtrvl & copying	Internal Review	Refunds
														A	B	C	D
Sligo Co. Co.																	
2011																	
January	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
February	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
March	0	5	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
April	0	9	3	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May	0	11	3	8	0	4	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
June	0	12	3	9	0	4	1	3	0	0	4	1	0	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	0	14	4	10	0	6	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	0	14	4	10	0	8	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
September	0	14	4	10	0	8	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0	15	4	11	0	8	2	4	0	0	1	1	1	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0	17	4	13	0	8	2	5	0	0	2	1	0	190.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	0	23	5	18	0	11	3	5	0	0	4	1	0	265.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department	Journal- ists	Business / Interest Groups	Oireachtas / Public Representatives	Staff	Cli- ents	Others	*Total			Up Front Fees			Internal Review Fees				
Sligo Co. Co.										No of reduced Fees			1	No of reduced Fees		n/a	
2011										Reason for reduced Fees			Medical Card Holder	Reason for re- duced Fees		n/a	
January	0	0	0	0	0	2	2										
February	0	0	0	0	0	3	3										
March	0	0	0	0	0	5	5										
April	0	1	0	0	0	8	9										
May	0	1	0	0	0	10	11									1	
June	1	1	0	0	0	10	12										
July	1	1	0	0	0	12	14										
August	1	1	0	0	0	12	14										
September	1	1	0	0	0	12	14			No of cases refused which were 'deemed refused'			5				
October	1	2	0	0	0	12	15										
November	1	2	0	0	0	14	17										
December	2	2	0	0	0	19	23										