

Comhairle Chontae Mhuineachain

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Monaghan County Council

Budget 2012

Foreword by Acting County Manager

The draft budget for 2012 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001 in the format presented by statutory regulations. The draft budget was presented to the Members of the Corporate Policy Group at meetings held on 21st and 23rd November and 8th December. I am deeply indebted to the Mayor and the members of the Corporate Policy Group for their input and advice in the preparation of the draft budget.

2011 Financial Review

The 2011 Budget initially had an amount of expenditure over income of €727,741. In order to present a balanced Budget for the statutory Budget Meeting, as Acting County Manager, I presented a budget on the basis of a €727,741 reduction in the provision for Roads own resources. This was based on an expected 10% reduction in the Local Government Fund. The Local Government Fund allocation for 2011 was €13,648,138 and was €84,679 more than expected. This resulted in a reduction of €43,062 in the provision for Roads own resources rather than the initial €727,741.

The Non-National Road Grants were reduced again in 2011. Income from the landfill site amounting to €2.8 million was provided for in the 2011 Budget but is expected to fall far short of this figure. This is a worrying trend for the Council's income and is due to adverse affects of the recession and the opening of the Thermal Treatment Plant in the Region. The fall in income from rates and non-domestic water charges has also continued. These factors make it increasingly difficult to maintain expenditure for essential services.

The Executive continues to exercise vigilance in monitoring expenditure across the various programmes. Temporary contracts are not being renewed, overtime has been reduced and acting allowances have been curtailed or eliminated. Travel and subsistence rates remain at 2010 levels which represents 25% reductions.

The revenue account of the Council showed a debit balance of €72,400 at the beginning of 2011 an improvement of €91,863. Maintaining such an improvement will be a major challenge in 2012, despite the ongoing efforts to control expenditure.

The Council engaged in a market sounding exercise for the landfill site in the last year. Members will be aware that this exercise, whilst being informed by the market, was disappointing in that it could not point to any major source of income for the Council. Neither was the Council successful in securing any waste from the Dublin local authorities.

The prudence exercised in overseeing the Council's finances has ensured that the outturn for 2011 is manageable. Discretionary spending has been curtailed across the various programmes and greater efforts have been made to improve flexibility and efficiency.

The National Scene

The current economic downturn has brought about reductions in the Local Government Fund and the trend is pointing to further reductions for the foreseeable future. The Government has introduced a Household Charge of €100 and income from this charge will be allocated directly to the Local Government Fund and will replace the exchequer contribution to the Fund. The main source of income for the Local Government Fund is Motor Tax receipts.

The Public Service Agreement (Croke Park Agreement) continues to be implemented across the public service. In terms of numbers, local authorities, despite comprising approximately 10% of

the public service, have reduced numbers by 6,800 compared to approximately 17,000 across the entire public sector. Monaghan County Council has done more than its fair share in common with the rest of the local authority sector. The Efficiency Review Group is monitoring the performance of the public sector in relation to the Croke Park Agreement. There are also more stringent financial regulations in force with quarterly returns to the EU/IMF/ECB.

The increased standards in relation to Health & Safety and environment are very demanding in terms of staff and resources as these standards are required by law and are not discretionary, provision must be made in the annual budget.

2012 Budget

I referred to the negative impact on the income side in the 2011 Budget due to the recession. Drafting the 2012 Budget has proved to be an even greater challenge than the 2011 Budget. There is a high element of non-discretionary spending due to the need to meet legislative requirement and mandatory functions. Every effort is being made to reduce or defer discretionary spending or to remove such spending from the revenue side of the Budget. For example works of a capital nature necessitated by Health & Safety Regulations are being carried out on the capital side.

There are continuing reductions in expenditure which were initiated in 2009. It has again proved necessary to reduce expenditure under own resources. This is regrettable as it will mean less expenditure on road maintenance adding to the problems caused by successive years with severe flooding and severe frost.

The capital programmes in housing and roads are being severely curtailed. In the past more staff were charged to these projects but these staff are now being charged to the revenue budget to a greater extent. NRA Road Grants remained buoyant in 2011 and Road Design Staff were charged to these projects. It is unclear as to the extent of such funding for 2012.

Under the Croke Park Agreement the Government is allowing staff to retire in early 2012 with pension based on salaries which were in place at 31st December 2009. Staff were asked to submit for the Scheme giving three months notice to allow for better financial projections, but are allowed to withdraw that notice at a later date. The actual numbers have not been finalised and the impact on the budget is uncertain. There may be a substantial financial burden as the pension lump sums must be provided in 2012, the year of the retirements.

The Directors of Services present their respective reports for 2012 and the Head of Finance presents a financial overview for 2012. There are no proposals to increase the commercial rate which remains at the 2008 level. Neither are the water and waste water charges being increased. This is in recognition of the difficulties being experienced in the commercial sector.

Whilst the picture being painted is gloomy it has to be acknowledged that just as all booms end all recessions also end. It falls to this Council to maintain essential services at least cost for the benefit of all the citizens of County Monaghan for the foreseeable future until better times return. In conclusion I wish to thank the Mayor, the Members of the Corporate Policy Group, the Head of Finance and the Staff in the Finance Department, the Directors of Service and all the staff who contributed in the preparation of the draft budget.

David Fallon
Acting County Manager
December 2011

Finance Overview

The Draft Budget 2012 has been prepared following three meetings of the Corporate Policy Group. Detailed reports prepared by each Director of Service on the activities of the Council are attached. The other significant areas that require consideration are as follows

The Local Government Fund

Prior to 2009 the Budget had always been prepared on the basis of an increase in the Local Government Fund General Purposes Allocation. However since 2009 the Local Government Fund has been reduced and supplemented with the Pension Related Deduction with the final allocation being adjusted to take account of the actual receipts from the Pension Related Deduction. In 2012 the direct link between the Local Government Fund and the Pension Related Deduction has been removed and they are treated as separate items for Budget purposes. This removes the necessity to adjust the Local Government Fund Allocation to take account of the Pension Related Deduction.

The Draft Budget has been prepared based on a Local Government Fund Allocation of €1,902,168 and a Pension Related Deduction estimate of €1,071,282 resulting in a combined allocation of €2,973,450. When compared to the Local Government Fund Allocation of €6,818,422 received in 2008 this represents a reduction of €3,844,972 over the past 4 years.

Current Financial Position

The Council commenced 2011 with a deficit of €72,400 on the Revenue Account. The current financial climate has resulted in a lower level of income than that which was budgeted for in 2011. Landfill income is expected to be €500,000 lower than budgeted for. This coupled with the increasing difficulty in collecting income for other services especially Rates will have a detrimental impact on the Council's finances. Rates income is expected to be in excess of €1,000,000 lower than the Budget figure and this lower level of collection has been reflected in the 2012 Budget with a provision of €1,000,000 for uncollectible Rates. Planning income has continued to decline substantially from a high of €945,000 in 2008 to an estimated outturn of €165,000 in 2011. Expenditure continues to be closely monitored in order to minimise the impact on the Council's finances.

2012 Budget

The Acting County Manager, in his foreword, details the difficulties faced in preparing the 2011 Budget. The significant deterioration in the level of funding available to the Council both from Central Funds and the provision of goods and services along with the need to provide for staff previously charged to the Capital Account has resulted in expenditure reductions across the majority of Service Divisions in order to maintain the current charges for Rates and Water and Waste Water Charges.

The County Charge

A review of the method of apportioning the County Charge took place during 2009 and a revised method of calculating the charge for the 2010 Budget was introduced. This revised calculation resulted in an overall reduction of €185,000 on the amount demanded from the Town Councils. The County Charge for 2012 remains the same as provision in the previous two years.

Summary

The draft budget as circulated to members provides for gross expenditure, income and annual rate on valuation as follows for the local financial year 2012. The 2011 figures are shown alongside for comparison purposes: -

	2012	2011
	€	€
Gross Revenue Expenditure	57,063,003	60,428,831
<i>Income</i>		
Grants and Subsidies	20,908,890	26,288,516
Local Government Fund	11,902,168	12,654,930
Pension Related Deduction	1,071,282	993,208
County Charge	2,096,565	2,096,565
Goods and Services	14,563,324	12,110,878
Amount to be Levied	6,520,774	6,284,733
Net Effective Valuation	116,028	111,828
Annual Rate on Valuation	56.20	56.20

The increased income from Goods and Services and the Pension Related Deduction is attributable to the County Council taking over the payroll function of the Town Councils and invoicing the Town Councils for the payroll costs. This has resulted in efficiencies being achieved by only having one payroll process each week instead of five.

The reduced income from Grants and Subsidies is due mainly to the fact that Monaghan County Council no longer pays the pensions of retired VEC employees. This accounted for a reduction of €3.27m. The provision for Road Grants in 2012 is €1.71m lower than the 2011 provision. Income from Higher Education Grants is €800,000 lower than 2011 because this function is being transferred from Local Authorities and Monaghan County Council will only be responsible for the payment of grants to students currently in receipt of a grant from the Council.

John Murray
Head of Finance.

Housing and Building

The work of the Housing Department has changed from design and build to an emphasis on various leasing initiatives. In addition funding allocations towards up-grading of houses has and will continue to increase i.e. voids, BER's, compliance with rental standards (both private and council owned) together with housing adaptation programmes for the private sector.

In addition, the work load for the housing division will focus towards embracing new technology and software advances to improve the efficiency of our working methods by way of the I-House and other such programmes which we intend to introduce further in 2012. Preparation will also commence in 2012 for the imminent transfer of Rental Supplement from the Department of Social Welfare to the Housing Section.

Monaghan County Council currently provides accommodation for 762 households in social rented accommodation, 310 households under the Rental Accommodation Scheme and provides 24 residential caravan park units for travellers. In addition the Council administer a loan book of 340 housing loans and paid out €1.55million in grants under the Housing Adaptation Scheme to 207 households in 2011.

Housing Maintenance

In 2011 the Council carried out significant work under the new Energy Efficiency and Compliance with Rented Standards Schemes. A total of 82 houses were improved under the Energy Efficiency Scheme from Building Energy Ratings as low as F and G up to ratings as high as B and C. Over €430,000 was spent on the Energy Efficiency Scheme and between 50% to 90% of the funding is provided by Central Government depending on what improvement is made on the energy rating of each dwelling respectively.

Planned maintenance was carried out on houses and works included replacement of fascia and soffit, provision of central heating, replacement of kitchen units, electrical upgrade works and some decorative work. Planned Maintenance work is normally funded from internal capital receipts as permitted by the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government under the Housing Management Initiative.

Income from internal capital receipts has reduced as there have been low sales arising under the tenant purchase scheme and the DECLG has limited expenditure to income received in the relevant year. However with the discontinuation of the Tenant Purchase Scheme in 2012 it is expected that some tenants will purchase their houses.

Traveller Accommodation

The proposals outlined in the 2009-2013 programme are being pursued and delivered. Monaghan Local Authorities will endeavour to meet the existing and projected accommodation needs within the County as outlined in the programme. In addition, Travellers who seek accommodation on Caravan Parks will be considered subject to availability at Gortakeegan and Largy Caravan Parks. The implementation of the programme will require co-operation between the Traveller and settled communities; provision of adequate funding both at national and local level and participation by other relevant agencies. Three households were accommodated in a rural house/single instance house in 2011.

Green Spaces

Provision has been made for maintaining open spaces in Council housing developments. There will be no provision for improvements or other maintenance on housing estates in 2012.

Assessment and Allocation and Estate Management

Monaghan Local Authorities had a combined housing waiting list of 1,273 as at 5th December 2011. This includes 417 applications in the County Council area, 345 on the Carrickmacross Town list, 149 (approx) on the Castleblayney Town List, 105 on the Clones Town List and 257 on the Monaghan Town waiting list. The waiting list is currently being reviewed to enable information to be provided to applicants on all the housing options available including the rental accommodation scheme and the proposed incremental purchase scheme.

The Council owns 762 houses and collects €1.69million in rental income.

Anti Social Behaviour Policy

Monaghan Local Authorities continues to operate its Anti Social Behaviour strategy for the prevention and reduction of antisocial behaviour in its housing stock.

With the adoption of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy the Council has responsibility for all Local Authority housing whether privately owned or occupied by tenants.

Homelessness Strategy

In April 2011 Monaghan Local Authorities established the Homeless Action Team which has met twice this year and intends to meet four times per year going forward. This workings of this group feeds in to the North East Homeless Forum and management group which was set up with the primary responsibility for the preparation of the statutory North East Homeless Framework Plan and to make recommendations to relevant statutory bodies in relation to the services required to address homelessness in the region, on funding for such services and on the ongoing operation of this Homeless Framework Plan and subsequent blueprint for Homeless Services. The role of the North East Homeless Forum is to provide a consultative mechanism in relation to homelessness in the context of the preparation of this statutory North East Homeless Framework Plan 2010 - 2013.

Rental Accommodation Scheme Programme

The RAS programme was introduced in 2004, to transfer responsibility for those persons in receipt of Social Welfare Rent Supplement to the local authorities and provide for the short term housing needs of housing applicants, by providing them with greater security of tenure in good quality accommodation. The scheme has been expanded and supported by the DEHLG nationally. In Monaghan, 310 households have been transferred to the scheme to date. The implementation of the RAS has become a critical tool in securing good quality private rented accommodation. The scheme requires the Local Authority to take responsibility for households who are in receipt of rent supplement for over 18 months.

Housing Loans

Monaghan County Council provides loans for the purchase of and improvement to houses within the county. Loans are provided to those who cannot avail of the necessary funding through banks and/or building societies. The Council continues to accept applications for assessment by the Housing and Sustainable Communities Agency in conjunction with the Irish Credit Bureau. The assessments are undertaken within the strict criteria set out in the Credit Policy implemented since April 2009. Monaghan County Council presently has 340 loans on its books.

Housing Adaptation Grants

In 2011, Monaghan County Council has spent €1.55m in grant aid to 207 households, compared with €1.7m in grant aid to 213 households in 2010. 80% of the cost of the above schemes is recouped from the DEHLG. The council continues to operate the Scheme of Priorities which ensures that all applications are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner and ensures that the limited resources available are targeted to those in most need. The requirement that the council has to contribute its own resources to support these schemes limits the number of applications that can be assisted.

Voluntary Housing

The Council continues to support and assist Approved Housing Bodies in providing specific group housing schemes in the towns of Carrickmacross, Castleblayney and Monaghan.

Leasing Initiative

Council officials meet with Department officials twice per year to agree details and funding on the Housing Action Plan. There is a surplus of houses nationally and the approach to social housing is changing. The Department has indicated that the capital budget in 2012 will be further substantially reduced. It will be difficult to sustain the level of supply of social housing attained over the past number of years.

The leasing initiative introduced in 2009 by the Department brought in new arrangements for the delivery of social housing whereby housing authorities may enter into long-term leases of private dwellings as a means of meeting housing need.

The main features of the new arrangements are as follows;

- The housing authority will enter into a lease arrangement with a property owner for periods of between 10 – 20 years;
- The lease payment will be at a discount below Market Rent;
- The leases will be for unfurnished dwellings;
- The lease type will be full ‘repair and insure’ lease with the housing authority responsible for insurance, maintenance and upkeep;
- The accommodation leased will be used to house persons on the local authority’s waiting list and tenants will be local authority tenants [or in some cases tenants of voluntary bodies].

Monaghan County Council is working on a number of schemes with Approved Housing Bodies which will hopefully be delivered in 2012.

Capital Budget

The cutback in staff costs funding continues to place great pressure on the Housing Design and Construction team. The number of engineers employed to specifically deal with Housing Design and Construction declined from five in 2009 to one in 2010. Monaghan County Council is providing technical and administrative assistance to the four Town Councils. Nevertheless the Housing team has completed the housing construction programme in 2011. Ten houses were acquired by the Monaghan Local Authorities in 2011. 22 houses are under construction at Cloughvalley, Carrickmacross.

Upon receipt of a confirmed allocation the County Council will finalise its capital programme for 2012. The Department has indicated that in the short to medium term, funding will be directed towards the new leasing initiative and rental accommodation scheme. In addition, priority will be given by the government to accommodation for persons with disabilities.

The programme of works planned in 2012 under the Housing Action Plan, subject to funding from the Department, includes:

Monaghan County Council

Cloughvalley Complete construction of 22 social houses
Bree Demolish 4 existing flats and build 3 houses.
A number of house purchases subject to funding.
To look at potential for leasing units under the new leasing initiative

Monaghan Town Council

A number of house purchases subject to funding.
To look at potential for leasing units under the new leasing initiative

Clones Town Council

A number of house purchases subject to funding.
Mc Curtain Street - seek approval to develop 9 housing units.
To look at potential for leasing units under the new leasing initiative

Carrickmacross Town Council

A number of house purchases subject to funding.
To look at potential for leasing units under the new leasing initiative

Castleblayney Town Council

A number of house purchases subject to funding.
To look at potential for leasing units under the new leasing initiative

Monaghan County Council negotiates with developers in relation to their requirements under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Whilst acceptance of completed dwellings was the preferred option under this section, the Council has to consider whether funding will be available to acquire dwellings in the immediate future and other options to meet the Part V requirement are also being considered and discussed with developers.

Community & Enterprise Directorate

County Development Board

One of the core functions of the Community & Enterprise Directorate is to support the County Development Board (CDB) and its associated structures. Monaghan County Development Board was established in 2000 and was one of 34 CDB's set up in each City and County Councils across the Country. The Board comprises representation from all the key players in the county including elected representatives, state agencies, social partners and the Community & Voluntary sector

The CDB process has established a framework whereby all the relevant stakeholders have the opportunity to work in unison to tackle the challenges and opportunities facing the County.

The Board and its various Sub Committees provide the opportunity for key staff from the various organisations and agencies to meet and network, to understand each others roles, functions and plans and most importantly to work together where and when the opportunity would arise.

Over the past ten years, the role and remit of Monaghan CDB has been substantially developed and expanded. The role and impact has been well recognised in the developing of many initiatives from the Congolese Resettlement Project, and Peace III Programme to the development of various Business Leaders Forums to partake and lead Economic Development in the County.

These initiatives could not have been delivered without the active collective involvement of all the relevant agencies.

We continue to operate in a difficult environment and the resources available to all will continue to be reduced. In light of recent changes within the new programme for government and public sector reform the CDB and all its member agencies have placed even greater emphasis on working together to maximise resources at local level and to ensure the continued social and economic development in the county.

‘Ni Neart go Chuir le Cheile’ – ‘We can achieve a lot more by working together’

Roll-Out of National Programmes

Community and Enterprise has also been given responsibility for the delivery of a number of National Programmes. These include:

- the rolling out of the Disability Act 2005,
- implementing the Traveller Plan
- Refugee Resettlement Programme
- Develop an integration strategy for migrants
- Supporting the delivery of the Childcare Act through the work of Comhairle na nÓg.
- Monaghan Age Friendly Initiative
- Monaghan a County of Sanctuary

Funding to continue the good work achieved through Peace III funding with Comhairle na nÓg has been secured for the period to 2011.

Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund aims to promote, enhance and develop community development and social inclusion work throughout the county, through supporting the work of community and voluntary groups and organisations, and is open to any community and voluntary group in the county. The Community Development Fund is strategic in its focus to support local community development activity particularly since alternative sources for funding for communities are no longer available.

Social Inclusion Unit

The Social Inclusion Unit was established to assist the council to meet its obligations under the National Development Plan and the National Anti-Poverty Strategy. In 2011 funding support from central government for staffing the Social Inclusion Unit was withdrawn and staff contracts were not renewed. The remit of the social inclusion unit will be maintained through the core functions of the C& E directorate.

Work in 2012 will include:

- Continuing the Implementation of the Social Inclusion Strategy which aims to remove barriers to the services of the Council.
- Continued social inclusion awareness raising events and activities
- Linking with key social inclusion initiatives and agencies in the county

Community Forum

Central to the role of the Community & Enterprise Section has been the enabling and supporting the participation of the Community and Voluntary sector to be involved in the decision-making structures of the county. The work of building Community Capacity will continue through supporting the work of the Community Forum and its associated 10 networks. Every opportunity will be sought to involve and work with the Forum in the delivery of various programmes and initiatives.

Smarter Travel

During 2011, the Office of Community & Enterprise assisted the Roads Section to avail of the opportunity to secure funding from the Dept of Transport under their Jobs Initiative Smarter Travel scheme. Almost €250,000 was brought into the county for a variety of transport-related initiatives, including the provision of bike shelters and racks, the removal of roadside obstacles and the construction of a new bus stop and set down area in Carrickmacross. The budget was co-ordinated by the Office of Community & Enterprise, who also co-ordinated the draw-down of the funding.

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

The Office of Community & Enterprise also facilitated the delivery of the Dept of Environment, Community & Local Govt's annual Community Smoke Alarm Scheme. 420 alarms were received, and were distributed around the county via the Community Alert groups, the Community Gardai and the Community Forum. The alarms were targeted at 'vulnerable' households, which included older people, people living alone and people living in private rented accommodation

Library Services

Monaghan County Library Service will continue to strive to deliver the highest quality service to the people County Monaghan in 2012.

We as a service are acutely aware of the current national economic situation. We recognise the valuable contribution that each branch library can make in assisting the people of the county to inform themselves of their rights and entitlements, to access further education opportunities and to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain employment or to further their careers.

The staff costs and core running costs associated with the running of the 5 branch libraries represent the vast majority of the budget, allowing little scope to reduce discretionary spending without directly affecting the provision of services to the public.

In 2011 we again made very effective use of our book budget by obtaining discounts of up to 50% for book stock suppliers. Magazines were again sourced at a discount of 70% on the recommended retail cost.

Library staff will continue to operate a diverse programme of in-house events and activities for the coming year.

Our key objectives for the coming year will be;

- The opening of the new Carrickmacross Branch Library in March 2012. This will require the redeployment of a number of staff to the Carrickmacross Branch and the introduction of new library opening hours.
- The expansion of Monaghan Branch Library and its services. As the Fire Section offices have been vacated on the upper floor of the building it is proposed to incorporate them into the branch library, subject to planning permission and funding being made available. Due to the current economic circumstances this is the only opportunity to develop the service for the County Town in the short to medium term.
- The reviewing of opening hours in all service points and the redeployment of staff from within the service as necessary.
- The publishing of the Monaghan County Library Development Plan 2012-2016
- Working with the office of Community and Enterprise in identifying opportunities to target specific marginalised groups within the County.
- Continuing to review and develop the Rural Mobile and School Mobile Library Services.
- Continuing to support the promotion of the Irish Language through the development of our Irish language book stock collection and the organising of Irish language events in the branch libraries.

Museum

Monaghan County Museum staff will continue to provide a quality service to all of its users and will build on its commitment to making the museum and its collections accessible to all sectors of the community. Through its varied programme of outreach events, the museum staff has built up strong links with community groups around the county. Monaghan County Museum is also working closer with its partners in Northern Ireland to create new opportunities for cross border exhibitions and events. Key to all of the museum's activities is its goal of creating a service that all members of society can access; its objectives for 2012 reflect that.

- The main in-house exhibition in 2012 will focus on the musical traditions of County Monaghan, focussing on the decades of the 1960's and 1970's. The exhibition's theme will be how the music of the time reflected the culture of the County. This audiovisual display will be launched in September in conjunction with the Blues Festival.
- The museum website will continue to be developed with more accessible information on the history of the county through services such as recorded oral histories and live streaming of lectures held in the museum.
- The museum will hold talks in the offsite conservation lab on collections care and give tours of some of the objects that are in storage.
- The permanent displays will be updated to include larger text on the information panels.
- A cross border project with the Causeway Museum service will be carried out to research the banner collection held in each museum as well as the cultures connected to them with the view of hosting an exhibition in early 2013.
- There will be a lecture series held in the autumn period on local history that will be open to all. In addition an event/talk will be held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic and the signing of the Ulster Covenant
- The museum's annual series of exhibitions, events, talks and workshops based on local history will also run throughout the year.
- The museum staff will continue with their plan to digitise the museum's collection. This will include photographing the estate maps which are held in the museum as well as scanning the large collection of slides, prints and negatives.
- In collaboration with the Library service a joint application will be made under Peace III Phase II to run new project focussed on researching the heritage of the county.

Arts Activities

For the following year we have 4 key projects as detailed below.

- 1. Stone sculptures symposium in Clones, May/June** Marc Kelly an Artist from Emyvale will curate this unique event which will involve 5 artists working in town using key landmark and heritage sites as the creative hubs of their work. The Market House will be the host building for the event. Some of the Percent for Art budget allocated for capital project in clones , like the new fire station will be harnessed to assist in this very exciting project
- 2. A major retrospective on the work of Patrick Pye:** One of Ireland's foremost painters/stained glass Artists and Religious iconic work. This show will be commissioned for September and last until end of November. In conjunction with the exhibition a major Book on his work and life by Brian mc Avera will be launched during the exhibition, this will be held at the Market House.
- 3. A new Arts Plan 2013-2017.** This will be done we hope in conjunction with funding from the Arts Council and is a key priority to which a consultant will be engaged and pending extra funding will be published by end of January 2013
- 4. "Hive Of Knowledge"** the unique piece of sculpture that was created by the international team of Artist Blacksmiths last summer will be completed and set in it's new home

The Arts Office 2012

- We will continue to promote Arts events either on its own or in partnership with other arts organisation.
- We are planning to revamp our grants process, by reviewing our application forms and the process involved in the decision making and committing to a set budget.
- Existing Festivals will continue to be funded on 2011 levels, the reason for this is that at the Global Irish forum held at Dublin castle last September announced and initiative called "2013 year of the gathering". There will be an expectation on local authorities through out Ireland to set out year long calendar of events in support of this initiative.

Heritage

The activities of the Councils Heritage Office for 2012 are greatly dependant on the funding available from the Heritage Council and the Local Authority. The Heritage Council offers funding to the Local Authority to facilitate the implementation of the County Heritage Plan on a 'match funding basis'. Monaghan County Council has submitted 4 projects to the Heritage Council costing over €70,000 in its 2012 funding application. In order to be awarded the €35,000 applied for, Monaghan County Council must also put €35,000 toward heritage plan activities. These are a Conservation Management Plan and condition survey and costed specifications for the Market House, Clones; a programme of wetland surveys; heritage awareness activities including seminars, print and design of the 2012-2017 Monaghan Heritage

Plan and a follow on project from the Forge In last year. An addition €5,000 - €10,000 is required for miscellaneous issues that will arise such as the completion of the archaeological programme of works required at Tydavnet Old graveyard following the collapse of the wall and the archaeological conditions required by the National Monuments Service.

In addition to the projects proposed the Heritage Office will roll out a further series of workshops relating to various aspects of Heritage in the County. It is anticipated that on the basis of availability of funding the council will again in 2012 be in a position to deliver the Annual Conservation Grant Scheme, if it is reinstated. This is 100% funded. The Cross Border Interreg IVa Project Action for Biodiversity will continue in 2012. . Monaghan County Council is a lead partner and employs one Project Biodiversity Officer. This project is 100% funded

Sports Partnership

The emphasis in 2012 for the Local Sports Partnership will be on continuing to roll out the actions contained within its five year strategy for the development of sport and physical activity initiatives in County Monaghan. This will entail the creation of new initiatives to target specific population groups while overseeing the continuation of existing ones. The Partnership will also seek to target as many people as it can during 2012, in line with its Sport for All Ethos. Projects which will be delivered during 2012 include:

- Girls in Action (teenage girls)
- Go for Life (older people)
- Active women (women in the Community)
- Sports Inclusion programme (people with disabilities) – this programme has opened numerous opportunities for people with a disability to participate in sport and physical activity.
- Annual Sports Club Grant Scheme
- Coach Education programme – training for sports clubs volunteers in child protection, first aid, active leadership

Following an external audit conducted on behalf of the Irish Sports Council, the following areas will be addressed in line with initial recommendations;

- Governance - review of all policies and procedures relevant specifically to the work of the Sports Partnership
- Financial review of reporting mechanisms to external funders
- Undertake board review regarding effectiveness of operations

The Sports Partnership will develop its 2012 programme of activities in line with current trends - addressing key social issues such as rural isolation, underage obesity, community development through sport etc. Also in the current climate it will be concentrating on affordable activity programmes that encourage increased participation in recreational sports eg. walking, jogging, cycling.

The available budget will have a profound influence on the extent to which the Partnership can roll out its proposed programmes, and may also impact on areas such as the Partnership's Small Grants programme and its ability to promote its activities.

EU Funding

PEACE III PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME – Monaghan CDB PEACE III Partnership has been successful in securing €3.6m of funding under Priority 1 Theme 1 ‘Building Positive Relations at a Local Level’ under the PEACE III Programme. It is intended that all funding under Phase II will be allocated in 2012 with projects being delivered over a 2 year period up to 31st December 2013. Funding will be rolled out in 3 categories as follows:

- Partner Organisations – including the VEC, Monaghan Integrated Development Monaghan Community Forum, Monaghan Community Network, Border Minority Group and Monaghan County Council which are all members of the PEACE III Partnership Board.
- Small Grants – Funding available from €15,000 - €137,500 maximum. Calls for applications for this category will be announced in December 2011.
- Resource Model Allocation - €2,000 to €15, 000 maximum. It is anticipated that this programme of supports will be delivered in partnership with Monaghan Community Network.

Phase 1 of the programme was successfully completed on the 31 July 2011 with an overall spend of 94% of the Phase One allocation (€3.6m). In total 30 projects were supported in Phase 1 of the programme.

CLONES ERNE EAST SPORTS PARTNERSHIP PROJECT – Monaghan County Council is the lead partner for this €7.8m PEACE III funded Sport and Recreational facility in Clones. Despite a number of delays it is now expected that the contract for the construction work will be signed in March 2012 with the work to commence immediately following this date. The Construction phase is anticipated to take approximately 18 months with the facility expected to be available for use in early 2014.

INTERREG IVA - Monaghan County Council will have an active role in drawing down funding from the INTERREG IVA programme through its involvement in various council lead cross border bodies i.e. ICBAN, East Border Region and Blackwater Regional Partnership. It is anticipated funding to support Tourism, Economic Development, Environment and Social projects will be available.

Tourism

The tourism infrastructure in Co Monaghan still requires a good deal of capital support to build up both the quality and the quantity of product/amenities available to visitors. In the current economic environment this will certainly be a challenge, but the Council’s success in securing INTERREG IVA cross-border funding for a number of key projects which will run from 2011 to 2014 will greatly assist in achieving the aim of improving the tourism product offering in the county.

These projects include the following:

CASA Rural Regeneration Initiative	€ 519,519
(CEEB) Rural Regeneration	€1,289,400
EBRTourism	€ 222,648
Sharing our Space (SOS)	€ 189,000

The implementation of the above projects will be a key focus for the Tourism Officer in 2012.

Another priority of the Tourism Officer will be the promotion of existing attractions, activities and accommodations to niche markets and the utilisation of social media and new technologies to raise the profile of the county as a tourism destination. By working in conjunction with Fáilte

Ireland, the tourism industry in Monaghan will be able to participate in key national and international promotions.

The Tourism Officer will continue to work in conjunction with the Tourism & Amenities BLF which was set up in 2010 to implement the Tourism actions outlined in the Economic Strategy. The group has identified key priorities for tourism in Monaghan and the focus for 2012 will be on the following;

- Increased networking between industry providers
- New festival development
- Community tourism facilities development

Economic Development

In the present Economic Environment there is a greater onus to the council to further extend its involvement and commitment to Economic Development in the County. The challenge for the Local Authority is to identify where it can best position itself in terms of the existing role of other state agencies and organisations in Economic Development and what human and financial resources it can allocate to this area.

The recent establishment of the 6 Business Leaders Forum covering thematic areas ranging from industry and food development to training and education has provided a core basis for active intervention by the Local Authority. In this regard the range of opportunities includes:

- Develop linkages between business sector and the relevant agencies/organisations that can support them
- Ensuring that all opportunities emanating from the 'New Programme for Enterprise Development in the Irish Economy' are optimised within County Monaghan
- Build strong linkages between the LA and the Business Sector
- Act as the key focal point for assembling the response at county level to any inward investment opportunities
- Provide business Networking opportunities
- Take the lead in driving the development of the county's Telecommunications Network
- Increase Employment Awareness Opportunities.

Adge King
Director of Services
Housing and Community & Enterprise

Road Transport & Safety

Monaghan County Council is responsible for 2500 kilometres of road network in the county. This is classified as National Primary, National Secondary, Regional and Local as follows:

Classification	Kms
National Primary Roads	72
National Secondary Roads	35
Regional Roads	308
Local Primary	528
Local Secondary	574
Local Tertiary	983

Non-National Roads.

Non national roads account for 95% of the network and are funded from grants from the Department of Transport and the Council's own resources. In compiling the budget for 2012, 100% of the 2011 grant allocations are used as the basis for the 2012 roads programme as the Department of Transport grant allocations is not available until next year. However, the actual funding for the roads programme will depend on the final Department of Transport allocation usually advised to the Council in February.

The multi annual roads works programme sets out the order of priority of improvement works, agreed at local area, to be completed by the Council. Overall funding for 2012 in County Monaghan from Non-National Road Grants is estimated at €0.5m and the contribution from Council own resources estimated at €2.26m.

Restoration Improvement Grant

In 2011 grant aid in the sum of €7.01m was received for the multi-annual programme for the restoration and improvement of local and regional roads. Monaghan County Council submitted a three year programme to the Department of Transport in November 2010 for the 2011 to 2013 period. Depending on the actual funding allocated to Monaghan County Council in 2012 and considering the damage caused by recent flooding the multi annual programme may have to be reviewed in February or March 2012.

Specific Improvement Grants

Specific Improvement grant funding in 2011 for regional road improvements was €0.84m and later increased to €1.4m by the Department of Transport. The projected expenditure in 2012 is estimated at €1.05m.

Restoration Maintenance Grant

A grant of €1.6m for regional and local road surface dressing was received in 2011 and a similar level of grant aided income has been included for 2012.

Bridge Maintenance

Emergency bridge repairs have now become common throughout our regional and local road network. No specific provision has been made for these repairs. Such repairs are funded from

discretionary maintenance grants or form the Council's Local Road Ordinary Maintenance (own resources).

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes

The 2011 grant allocations provided €0.155m for low cost safety improvement schemes. It is expected that this grant will be €0.155m in 2012.

Regional Transport Corridor

Cavan County Council received an allocation in 2011 to progress the design of the Cavan Dundalk Route. Preliminary design is progressing on the Cavan Dundalk route and it is expected that Cavan County Council will receive funding to progress this further next year.

Health & Safety

In 2011 the Regional and Local Road Grants included €44,699 for non-national road training. A figure of 44,324 is included as the estimated grant funding for 2011.

In addition a sum of €40,000 has been allocated to carry out improvements to the Council's health and safety system.

National Roads

N2 Clontibret to Castleblayney Road Realignment.

This scheme was opened to traffic in November 2007 and is now complete. The final account has been agreed. A small allocation is expected from the National Roads Authority for 2012 to complete registration of the land.

N2 Proposed Clontibret to the Northern Ireland Border Road Scheme.

This scheme is to advance the development of the N2 route from north of Clontibret village to the border with Northern Ireland a distance of approximately 28 kms. The N2 between Clontibret and the Northern Ireland border is part of a strategic link servicing Derry and the Northwest and the need to improve the N2 is outlined in Transport 21 and the National Development Plan 2007-2013. An allocation of €900,000 was received from the NRA for this scheme in 2011 and the scheme is now at Route Selection Stage. It is intended that a Preferred Route Corridor will be selected early in 2012. An application for €1.5m in funding for 2012 has been made to the NRA to enable the Project Consultants to proceed with the design of the road.

N2 Existing Road between Monaghan and Emyvale

An allocation of €2.25m was received from the NRA in 2011 to undertake route improvements, such as easing of bends and widening the carriageway on the existing road. There are four phases for the scheme between Monaghan & Emyvale. The first phase from Dernagrew to Kilnadreen is now substantially complete and opened to traffic in November 2011. Phase two and Phase four have Part VIII planning approval and detailed design and discussions to purchase the land are progressing. Phase three is at preliminary design stage.

National Primary and National Secondary Minor Improvements

A total of €6.65m was received for this work in 2011.

An application has been made for €7.57m in 2012 for NP & NS improvement works as follows:

Route	Scheme Name	Works Type	Amount (€)
N2	N2 Monaghan to Corracrin	Road Improvements	4,500,000
N54	N54 Clones Road, Monaghan Town	Overlay	896,650
N54	N54 Dawson Street & North Road, Monaghan	Overlay	505,075
N54	N54 Teehill to Crossmoyle	Overlay	181,600
N2	N2 Drumganus Lower to Tullyvaragh Lower	Overlay	1,491,390

National Primary and National Secondary Maintenance

A total €603,083 was received in 2011. It is hoped that a similar allocation will be received in 2012.

Road Safety Remedial Measures

The 2011 allocation from the NRA was €210,000 for 8 schemes. A similar allocation is expected in 2012.

Environmental Services

The Council has a key role to play in protecting and enhancing the natural environment and in providing quality environmental services in the county. The Council is committed to meeting its obligations under National and EU legislation on the environment and to quality customer service. The following is a summary of our activities in this area:

Landfill

The cost of operating the Scotch Corner Landfill in accordance with the conditions of our EPA Waste licence continues to present a serious challenge to the organisation. The main cost elements of operation include the following:

	2012
• Existing Loans	€45,979
• Leachate Transport and Treatment	€35,000
• Plant Hire	€207,000
• Salaries and site maintenance	€12,000

Increasingly onerous and stringent licence requirements, increasing recycling levels, and increasingly stiff market competition from other public and private waste facility operators, are creating huge uncertainty of the 'intake volume' of waste to the Landfill thereby exposing us to a potential loss of projected revenue.

The projected income from the landfill at Scotch Corner for 2012 is €1 million. While acknowledging that there is a high degree of uncertainty within the waste market sector Monaghan County Council may be required to make a decision during 2012 as to whether or not to continue operating the landfill at the Scotch Corner Site.

Historic Landfills

In addition to the current landfill facility at Scotch Corner, Monaghan County Council like all other local authorities is coming under increasing pressure to deal with the old historic landfill sites that the council previously operated. Ultimately, risk assessments and remediation works will eventually have to be carried on such sites and these sites will in turn be subjected to permitting by the Environmental Protection Agency. Of particular concern are those sites which were operated by Local Authorities without any waste authorisation during the period 1977-1997. Costs associated with assessing, remediation, and ultimately permitting such sites have the potential to “very significant”.

The legacy sites that Monaghan County that Monaghan County Council will ultimately have to address include the old council operated dumps at:

- Tiragarvan, Carrickmacross.
- Killycard, Castleblayney.
- Killycronaghan, Smithboro.
- Corkeeran, Ballybay.
- Historic Scotch Corner landfill. (opposite current landfill facility)

Regarding the historic landfill at Scotch Corner initial site remediation works have been proposed. This includes the potential development of an Integrated Constructed Wetland (similar to the Glaslough ICW) to treat leachate arising on both the historic site and the current facility. An Bord Pleanála has recently determined that Monaghan County Council are required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the development. The cost of preparing an EIS and subsequent licence review to facilitate such works have been estimated at €200,000

Control on Unauthorised Waste Activities

The Council is again extremely concerned at the level of illegal dumping particularly in relation to diesel wash waste. During 2011 there was a marked increase in the number of incidents of diesel wash dumping in the county. During 2011 proceedings were initiated against a number of operators allegedly involved in such activities.

A proactive programme in dealing with the litter problem is ongoing. The Environmental Awareness Officer and Environmental Patrol Warden are adopting a high profile approach to their activities and enlist community support. A new three year Litter Management Plan 2010 – 2012 has been adopted. This plan includes the Town Councils together with Monaghan County Council. The plan sets out the objectives to prevent and control litter as well as measures to raise public awareness. In late 2011 a new mobile CCTV system was secured to help combat littering and fly tipping particularly at the council’s bring site network.

Operation of Recycling Facilities

The Council is committed to retaining the existing services and additional services at its recycling facilities in a value for money approach. Monaghan County Council is well on the way

to meeting its targets of one bring bank per 500 households. The number of bring sites in the county currently standing at 31 (28 public sites and 3 private sites) or a ratio of one per 620 households. It is intended to develop a number of additional bring centres in 2012 subject to the availability of suitable sites.

The Materials Recovery Facility/Recycling Centre at Scotch Corner and the Recycling Centre in Carrickmacross are being operated under contract by a private contractor. Recycling rates are improving annually, however it is important to note recycling is entirely market driven and at present there is still quite a lot of uncertainty within the markets. If this uncertainty continues internal financial adjustments relating to the operation of the MRF and Civic Amenity Centres may be necessary to continue promoting national policy and achievement of targets.

Water Quality Management

The Council has a range of statutory functions under environmental legislation to monitor water quality (rivers and lakes), to monitor and inspect premises licensed under the Water Pollution Acts, to carry out farm inspections and to investigate water pollution incidents and complaints. Under the terms of the Water Framework Directive, the Council adopted a River Basin Management Plan in 2010. This Plan brought together requirements of various Environment Directives and the local authority must now develop an implementation plan to prevent any further deterioration in water quality, aim to improve water bodies currently of less than good status and achieve protected area objectives. Only 14% of the 90 water bodies in or bordering in county are classified as at “good status” while the remaining 86% are classified of less than good status. The Environment, Water Services and Planning Sections need to work together to ensure our surface and groundwater supply sources are protected and that any new or expanding developments are sustainable. To this end the Environment section reports on planning files, contributes to the Development Plan and liaises with Water Services on source protection issues. However there is significant work outstanding in this area. Activities of the Environment Section are reported to the EPA through the annual RMCEI plan and to the River Basin District Office. The level of activity is demonstrated by RMCEI returns for 2010 – a total of 928 inspections/monitoring events were carried out, 120 water pollution complaints were investigated in 2010, 25 legal notices and over 200 advisory letters were issued.

The Environment Section continues to raise awareness on the need to protect water quality through meetings, events, leaflet distribution, letters and the development of its website. This local authority will need to develop further links with the Northern Ireland Authorities and other public bodies in the ROI in order to successfully implement the River Basin Management Plans.

Fire Service

The budget of €1.18m for the operation of the fire service in 2012 has been estimated. Monaghan Fire Authority has two main objectives, namely the Operational Response and Prevention aspects to fire safety.

Fire Operation: There are fifty one retained firemen employed in the service, with a fleet of 16 fire vehicles. The purpose of the fire operations of Monaghan Fire Authority is to respond quickly and efficiently to fires and other emergencies throughout the county. This response consists of a pre-determined turnout of appliances and equipment based on the nature, magnitude and severity of the incident. Turnout involves the mobilisation of the fire-fighting crews and the appropriate fire appliances.

Fire Prevention: The objective of fire prevention is to promote public fire safety and to support orderly development of good building practice as regards fire safety in all new and existing buildings used by the public.

The following are some of the activities of the fire prevention officers:

- Fire officers carry out inspections of places of public assembly and other high-risk premises in the county
- Fire prevention officers process fire safety certificate applications in accordance with the provisions laid down in the [Building Regulations 1997 - 2008](#)
- The council's fire prevention staff advise on current fire safety standards required for proposed and existing developments
- The fire service carry out 'During Performance Inspections' of places of public assembly, in co-operation with An Garda Siochana, to ensure compliance with fire safety requirements and preventing overcrowding
- Community fire safety

The [Fire Services Act 1981](#) and the [Licensing of Indoor Event Act 2003](#) are the primary pieces of legislation relating to fire safety in buildings in Ireland.

Capital Programme:

Construction has commenced on the new fire station for Monaghan Town and is intended to be operational for January 2012. Monaghan Fire Station is part of the Monaghan County Council programme for replacing the existing fire stations, which also includes Castleblayney and Ballybay. All projects are 100% funded from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Damien Treanor
Acting Director of Services
Transportation and Environment

Water Services

Water Services

Monaghan County Council is the Water Services Authority for all of County Monaghan including the Town Councils. As Water Services Authority, Monaghan County Council is supervised by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its management of public water supplies and waste water schemes. Under the Water Services Act 2007, Group Water Schemes operate under licence from the County Council. The EPA's publication *'The Provision and Quality of Drinking Water in Ireland – A Report for the Year 2010'* indicated that both public and group schemes had a generally very high level of compliance with standards. As well as meeting the specific parameters, the County Council must also ensure that supplies are safe and secure and be of the highest quality. The high level of compliance with standards has been achieved in an era of rising energy, material and staff costs despite financial constraints. These standards must be met in the face of an economic downturn. There will be an increased emphasis on delivery in an economic, efficient and effective manner in 2012.

The 2011 Water Services Budget showed an expenditure reduction of just over €0.9million compared to 2010. Whilst expenditure was closely monitored it proved very difficult to deliver the service with such a cut-back. The out-turn is expected to be within budget however.

The operation and maintenance of water supply schemes is estimated at €2.730 million and waste water schemes at €2.765 million, and €2.303 million for Group Schemes and private installations. It is not proposed to increase the charges for non-domestic customers in 2012.

The Water Services Investment Programme is funded mainly by the DECLG based on the priorities identified under River Basin Districts. The Government intends to introduce a Water Utilities company replacing some of the local authority and Department functions. It has yet to be announced how extensive a remit this utility company will have or when the change will take place. In the meantime, it has been assumed that the County Council's remit will continue for 2012. Allowance has been made in the Budget for compliance with EPA licensing conditions for waste water treatment plants.

It is proposed to carry out the next stage of the water conservation programme which has proved very successful as the reduced water loss enabled the Council to maintain supplies in the recent severe winters.

The Council's overall performance in terms of chemical and microbiological standards in recent years has been very high. The Group Water Scheme Sector has also achieved similar high standards.

Capital Programme 2012

The capital programme, whilst not part of the annual budget, is included for information purposes. Every effort will be made to advance the programme subject to the Council's financial constraints.

Capital Programme

The Water Services Investment Programme 2010 – 2012 is a three-year rolling funding plan for the provision of major water supply and wastewater infrastructure.

Strategic environmental and economic objectives have provided the rationale for investment in water services infrastructure since 2000. With the changed economic climate and the emergence of the first cycle of River Basin Management Plans by local authorities there is a greater need than ever to focus on key environmental and economic priorities.

The Programme for 2010-2012 prioritises projects that target public health and environmental compliance issues, rehabilitation of existing water supply networks and projects which support economic and employment growth' (WSIP 2010).

Major Water and Wastewater Projects identified under the Water Services Investment Programme will be advanced in 2012 as follows:

Carrickmacross Wastewater Collection Network

P & S Civil Works Ltd. completing the collection network construction contract.

Carrickmacross Wastewater Treatment Plant – Advanced Works Contract

Proposed to advance Construction contract to tender stage in 2012.

Carrickmacross Water Supply Scheme

Tender Stage advanced in 2011.

Construction will commence in 2012.

Monaghan Town Wastewater Collection Network - Advanced Works - Old Cross Square

Construction proposed to commence in 2012.

Castleblayney, Ballybay and Clones Sewerage Schemes

Preliminary Report complete.

Preliminary Report submission to DECLG in Quarter 1 2012.

Water Conservation

Stage 2 (Active Leakage Control) complete.

Procurement of Stage 3 (Mains Rehabilitation) to commence in 2012 Priority Areas includes Monaghan Public Water Supply and Newbliss Public Water Supply.

David Fallon

A/County Manager

Corporate Affairs, Human Resource Management and Information Technology

Human Resource Management and IT Services

Monaghan County Council has 408 whole time equivalent staff, as at 30 September 2010, compared with 460 staff in June 2008. A further nine staff are employed on an agency basis. A significant number of staff (estimated at 15) is expected to retire before 28 February 2012, following changes to the pension scheme.

In June 2011, under the Public Service Agreement, all staff employed by the Town Councils were redeployed to Monaghan County Council. The outdoor staff are now organised into five areas – North Monaghan, Monaghan Town, Clones, Castleblayney and Carrickmacross areas. The machinery yard is due to relocate to the Monaghan Town depot in 2012.

An ongoing review of operations in each directorate to achieve cash savings and efficiencies will result in further changes and sharing of services. The new Civic Offices in Carrickmacross provide a shared service for the South Monaghan area. The Local Action Plan published in 2010 provides for the joint delivery of Town and County Council services through single offices and depots based in Clones and Castleblayney.

The Public Service Agreement and the Local Government Efficiency Report envisages further changes in the manner in which we deliver services in the county and provides for greater use of contractors and shared services with adjoining local authorities and other public bodies.

The H.R. department provides the recruitment, training and staff management functions for all local authorities in the county. The Council's training budget is focussed solely on meeting the Council's statutory functions and duties as an employer under health and safety legislation. Five internships were provided in 2011 under the Jobbridge programme, with six more planned for 2012.

The I.T. Department upgraded and developed a new Council website www.monaghan.ie and Corporate Browser in 2011, in addition to supporting all functions and services of the County And Town Councils.

The Corporate Services department services the buildings, staff and elected members of the Council. It is proposed to provide upgrade the Council Chamber located in M-Tek in early 2012.

Planning & Development

Forward Planning

In 2011, Monaghan County Council completed the preparation of the draft County and Town Development Plans for 2013 – 2019. A draft County Retail Strategy and draft Housing Strategy were also prepared in 2011 for publication in early 2012. Significant staffing resources were engaged in the completion of these plans and strategies. 2012 will see the completion of the strategies and commencement of the public consultation element on the five development plans.

Development Control

2010 saw a reduction in applications from 642 in 2009 to 582, a reduction of 10%. 366 applications were received in 2011 and 378 decisions were issued in 2011 (up to 30 November).

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Applications Received	1,225	1,536	1,439	2,247	2,812	1,328	642	582

With the significant drop in planning applications and planning fees, staffing levels have been significantly reduced, with planners redeployed to other areas and other bodies. The Council will continue to update its online facilities on its website www.monaghan.ie and is scanning all planning applications to provide 'live' and online access in 2011.

Planning Enforcement

The Planning and Development Act 2000 requires the Council to investigate all alleged unauthorised developments or breaches of Planning Law which come to its attention. The Council must take enforcement action or notify the complainant of its reasons for not doing so where it considers the action is not warranted.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*
No.of complaints	122	106	110	155	154	95
Warning Letters issued	105	79	100	73	123	65
Enforcement Notices issued	36	39	25	36	24	36

*at 30 Nov 2011

Unfinished Housing Developments

Whilst the Council has invited all developers to work with it, enforcement proceedings have been initiated in a number of unfinished housing developments. Works were completed to ensure public safety in three developments that were approved and funded by the DoECLG in 2011. However insurance companies and banks are challenging the attempts by the Council to cash in bonds and carry out remedial works on unfinished developments. The resolution of outstanding matters in this area requires resources and will continue throughout 2012.

Paul Clifford
Director of Services
Planning and Corporate Services

TABLE A - CALCULATION OF ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION						
Summary by Service Division	Summary per Table A 2012				Estimated Net Expenditure Outturn 2011 (as restated)	
	Expenditure	Income	Budget Net Expenditure 2012			
	€	€	€	%		
Gross Revenue Expenditure & Income						
Housing and Building	6,154,170	5,386,540	767,630	4%	808,376	4%
Road Transport & Safety	14,939,986	10,798,166	4,141,820	19%	3,966,056	19%
Water Services	10,133,724	7,023,937	3,109,787	14%	2,748,328	13%
Development Management	6,034,410	2,740,040	3,294,370	15%	3,316,875	16%
Environmental Services	7,108,441	2,941,795	4,166,646	19%	3,909,556	19%
Recreation and Amenity	3,154,555	204,751	2,949,804	14%	2,977,731	14%
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,623,809	2,257,163	366,646	2%	314,849	2%
Miscellaneous Services	6,913,908	4,119,822	2,794,086	13%	2,837,366	14%
	57,063,003	35,472,214	21,590,789	100%	20,879,137	100%
+ County Charge	0					
- County Charge		2,096,565	2,096,565			
Provision for Debit Balance	0		0			
Adjusted Gross Expenditure & Income (A)	57,063,003	37,568,779	19,494,224		20,879,137	
Financed by Other Income/Credit Balances						
Provision for Credit Balance		0	0			
Local Government Fund /General Purpose Grant		11,902,168	11,902,168			
Pension Related Deduction		1,071,282	1,071,282			
Sub - Total (B)			12,973,450		20,879,137	
Amount of Rates to be Levied C=(A-B)			6,520,774			
Net Effective Valuation D			116,028			
General Annual Rate on Valuation C/D			56.20			

Table B Expenditure & Income for 2012 and Estimated Outturn for 2011									
Division & Services		2012				2011			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Code		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
	Housing and Building								
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	995,349	995,349	128,966	128,966	1,031,831	986,480	137,572	120,895
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	244,471	244,471	58,847	58,847	276,070	189,944	52,216	48,496
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	295,326	295,326	1,706,855	1,706,855	301,230	302,423	1,718,084	1,703,459
A04	Housing Community Development Support	36,462	36,462	887	887	53,743	32,817	2,774	887
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	30,548	30,548	18,568	18,568	32,236	32,079	18,815	18,568
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	319,034	319,034	44,951	44,951	337,578	327,752	42,383	43,171
A07	RAS Programme	1,427,904	1,427,904	1,339,317	1,339,317	1,388,086	1,394,760	1,274,433	1,329,874
A08	Housing Loans	1,052,496	1,052,496	884,632	884,632	934,540	1,021,136	746,738	864,007
A09	Housing Grants	1,666,524	1,666,524	1,203,516	1,203,516	1,669,841	2,107,599	1,205,714	1,551,987
A11	Agency & Recoupable Services	86,055	86,055	0	0	98,428	94,729	0	0
	Service Division Total	6,154,169	6,154,169	5,386,539	5,386,539	6,123,583	6,489,720	5,198,729	5,681,344
	Road Transport & Safety								
B01	NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	448,560	448,560	373,541	373,541	547,402	536,787	487,080	485,541
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	204,183	204,183	164,360	164,360	234,548	230,559	196,804	196,171
B03	Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	4,817,237	4,817,237	3,748,385	3,748,385	4,734,017	6,395,036	3,515,862	5,221,408
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	7,767,974	7,767,974	6,113,069	6,113,069	9,506,870	8,970,455	7,903,589	7,401,840
B05	Public Lighting	506,576	506,576	116,184	116,184	444,743	443,034	52,406	76,184
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	30,000	30,000	0	0	30,000	15,784	0	0
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	240,519	240,519	157,399	157,399	258,138	231,750	181,838	157,399
B08	Road Safety Promotion/Education	36,816	36,816	219	219	22,038	25,574	259	219
B10	Support to Roads Capital Prog.	38,326	38,326	759	759	36,323	37,150	678	759
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	849,795	849,795	124,251	124,251	953,976	748,667	94,848	129,221
	Service Division Total	14,939,986	14,939,986	10,798,167	10,798,167	16,768,055	17,634,798	12,433,364	13,668,741

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		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Water Services								
C01	Water Supply	3,618,323	3,618,323	2,682,413	2,682,413	3,254,118	3,469,904	2,640,651	2,684,340
C02	Waste Water Treatment	3,583,573	3,583,573	1,728,200	1,728,200	3,641,854	3,275,010	1,653,872	1,728,200
C03	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	236,662	236,662	8,907	8,907	206,823	195,561	7,005	8,907
C04	Public Conveniences	6,800	6,800	0	0	7,000	7,055	0	
C05	Admin of Group and Private Installations	2,581,844	2,581,844	2,380,847	2,380,847	2,502,014	2,663,865	2,332,516	2,375,254
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	58,630	58,630	7,571	7,571	120,910	121,131	6,494	7,571
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	47,892	47,892	216,000	216,000	51,865	48,073	0	228,000
	Service Division Total	10,133,724	10,133,724	7,023,938	7,023,938	9,784,584	9,780,599	6,640,538	7,032,271
Code	Development Management								
D01	Forward Planning	345,506	345,506	11,394	11,394	265,775	285,580	4,575	11,760
D02	Development Management	1,168,101	1,168,101	218,270	218,270	1,396,554	1,343,558	372,245	218,451
D03	Enforcement	155,672	155,672	8,099	8,099	123,726	113,807	15,473	8,099
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	125,137	125,137	3,326	3,326	117,076	118,791	2,878	8,626
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	2,914,706	2,914,706	1,890,051	1,890,051	3,259,658	3,245,882	2,110,645	2,208,520
D07	Unfinished Housing Estates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D08	Building Control	193,242	193,242	33,381	33,381	181,900	170,038	22,293	33,702
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	378,122	378,122	101,083	101,083	292,875	335,958	2,686	65,435
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	222,979	222,979	84,473	84,473	282,149	189,705	140,414	56,543
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	530,944	530,944	389,963	389,963	530,680	504,427	389,109	379,735
	Service Division Total	6,034,409	6,034,409	2,740,040	2,740,040	6,450,393	6,307,747	3,060,318	2,990,872

		Table B Expenditure & Income for 2012 and Estimated Outturn for 2011							
		2012				2011			
		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
Division & Services		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Environmental Services								
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	2,692,155	2,692,155	2,010,335	2,010,335	2,974,646	2,689,410	2,835,540	2,307,235
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	231,314	231,314	343,489	343,489	350,309	311,562	338,602	343,338
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	1,000	0	0
E05	Litter Management	269,548	269,548	118,436	118,436	289,661	273,271	46,199	161,230
E06	Street Cleaning	200,000	200,000	0	0	264,092	263,816	0	0
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	260,669	260,669	29,729	29,729	272,264	251,856	29,964	34,345
E08	Waste Management Planning	79,026	79,026	2,632	2,632	100,072	89,272	4,276	2,632
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	21,603	21,603	1,128	1,128	19,550	19,244	361	1,128
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	197,465	197,465	85,947	85,947	198,353	194,248	86,040	87,149
E11	Operation of Fire Service	2,452,831	2,452,831	89,555	89,555	2,382,128	2,377,564	52,396	89,555
E12	Fire Prevention	1,000	1,000	76,000	76,000	4,000	0	100,000	76,080
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	681,353	681,353	184,544	184,544	783,703	651,531	182,404	130,092
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	11,478	11,478	0	0	20,980	19,567	0	0
	Service Division Total	7,108,442	7,108,442	2,941,795	2,941,795	7,669,758	7,142,340	3,675,782	3,232,784
Code	Recreation & Amenity								
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	152,832	152,832	24,120	24,120	153,583	147,745	37,742	22,652
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	2,054,881	2,054,881	81,666	81,666	2,119,939	2,086,548	75,724	77,916
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	11,304	0	0
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	919,330	919,330	98,965	98,965	920,338	1,007,338	97,028	198,695
F06	Agency & Recoupable Services	17,512	17,512	0	0	25,797	24,059	0	0
	Service Division Total	3,154,555	3,154,555	204,751	204,751	3,229,657	3,276,994	210,494	299,263

		Table B Expenditure & Income for 2012 and Estimated Outturn for 2011							
		2012				2011			
Division & Services		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure		Income	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Code	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare								
G04	Veterinary Service	437,933	437,933	262,717	262,717	425,229	388,776	236,314	245,829
G05	Educational Support Services	2,183,582	2,183,582	1,994,445	1,994,445	6,240,495	4,692,105	6,064,581	4,523,110
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,294	2,294	0	0	3,117	2,907	0	0
	Service Division Total	2,623,809	2,623,809	2,257,162	2,257,162	6,668,841	5,083,788	6,300,895	4,768,940
Code	Miscellaneous Services								
H03	Adminstration of Rates	1,317,260	1,317,260	13,014	13,014	1,328,342	1,362,863	8,958	13,014
H04	Franchise Costs	124,714	124,714	2,726	2,726	146,739	146,281	2,969	3,240
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	112,068	112,068	1,792	1,792	96,280	84,284	1,512	1,792
H09	Local Representation/Civic Leadership	738,353	738,353	1,995	1,995	757,751	736,766	1,781	1,995
H10	Motor Taxation	873,435	873,435	53,132	53,132	892,431	861,788	58,685	53,132
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,748,078	3,748,078	4,047,163	4,047,163	512,416	2,274,894	805,369	2,556,337
	Service Division Total	6,913,908	6,913,908	4,119,822	4,119,822	3,733,959	5,466,876	879,274	2,629,510
	OVERALL TOTAL	57,063,002	57,063,002	35,472,214	35,472,214	60,428,830	61,182,862	38,399,394	40,303,725

Table C CALCULATION OF THE ANNUAL RATE ON VALUATION

Monaghan County Council

Name of Town	Money Demanded		Irrecoverable rates and cost of collection		Total Sum to be raised (Sum of Col 3 & Col 5)	Annual Rate on Valuation to meet sum required in Col 6
	Estimated Col 2 €	Adopted Col 3 €	Estimated Col 4 €	Adopted Col 5 €	Col 6 €	€
Ballybay	33,924		2,544		36,468	9.50
TOTAL	33,924	0	2,544	0	36,468	9.50

Table D	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET 2012 INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES	
Source of Income	2012 €
Rents from Houses	2,018,914
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	625,230
Commercial Water	1,567,500
Planning Fees	212,100
Landfill Charges	2,000,000
Fire Charges	104,000
Library Fees/Fines	22,200
Local Authority Contributions	5,576,916
Superannuation	781,541
NPPR	280,000
Miscellaneous	1,414,923
TOTAL	14,603,324

Table E	
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCOME 2012 FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES	
Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government	€
Housing and Building	2,642,668
Road Transport & Safety	200,000
Water Services	2,555,291
Development Management	25,000
Environmental Services	526,500
	5,949,459
Other Departments and Bodies	
NRA/DoT	10,236,437
Defence	82,000
Education and Science	1,991,271
Arts Council	68,000
Other	2,541,723
	14,919,431
Total Grants & Subsidies	20,868,890

**Table F Comprises Expenditure and Income by
Division to Sub-Service Level**

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0101	Maintenance of LA Housing Units	429,041	429,041	436,017	436,362
A0102	Maintenance of Traveller Accommodation Units	79,035	79,035	96,348	70,523
A0103	Traveller Accommodation Management	65,397	65,397	65,785	60,666
A0104	Estate Maintenance	41,600	41,600	41,600	51,269
A0199	Service Support Costs	380,276	380,276	392,081	367,661
	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	995,349	995,349	1,031,831	986,480
A0201	Assessment of Housing Needs, Allocs. & Trans.	80,829	80,829	167,481	69,926
A0299	Service Support Costs	163,642	163,642	108,589	120,019
	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	244,471	244,471	276,070	189,944
A0301	Debt Management & Rent Assessment	144,868	144,868	133,542	142,970
A0399	Service Support Costs	150,458	150,458	167,688	159,453
	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	295,326	295,326	301,230	302,423
A0401	Housing Estate Management	30,000	30,000	40,000	20,000
A0499	Service Support Costs	6,462	6,462	13,743	12,817
	Housing Community Development Support	36,462	36,462	53,743	32,817
A0501	Homeless Grants Other Bodies	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
A0502	Homeless Service	0	0	0	0
A0599	Service Support Costs	10,548	10,548	12,236	12,079
	Administration of Homeless Service	30,548	30,548	32,236	32,079
A0601	Technical and Administrative Support	35,000	35,000	33,136	33,220
A0699	Service Support Costs	284,034	284,034	304,442	294,532
	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	319,034	319,034	337,578	327,752

HOUSING AND BUILDING					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
A0701	RAS Operations	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,227,299
A0799	RAS Service Support Costs	227,904	227,904	188,086	167,461
	RAS Programme	1,427,904	1,427,904	1,388,086	1,394,760
A0801	Loan Interest and Other Charges	826,001	826,001	726,204	816,900
A0802	Debt Management Housing Loans	52,750	52,750	58,290	58,211
A0899	Service Support Costs	173,745	173,745	150,046	146,026
	Housing Loans	1,052,496	1,052,496	934,540	1,021,136
A0901	Disabled Persons Grants	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,430,835
A0903	Essential Repair Grants	0	0	0	0
A0904	Other Housing Grant Payments	0	0	0	515,253
A0999	Service Support Costs	166,524	166,524	169,841	161,511
	Housing Grants	1,666,524	1,666,524	1,669,841	2,107,599
A1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	63,645	63,645	63,645	62,289
A1199	Service Support Costs	22,410	22,410	34,783	32,440
	Agency & Recoupable Services	86,055	86,055	98,428	94,729
	Service Division Total	6,154,169	6,154,169	6,123,583	6,489,720

HOUSING AND BUILDING				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants & Subsidies				
Environment, Community and Local Government	2,642,668	2,642,668	2,430,050	2,967,703
Other	0	0	0	
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	2,642,668	2,642,668	2,430,050	2,967,703
Goods and Services				
Rents from houses	2,018,914	2,018,914	2,077,196	2,002,895
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	625,230	625,230	602,600	622,480
Superannuation	72,728	72,728	63,883	72,728
Other income	27,000	27,000	25,000	15,539
Total Goods and Services (b)	2,743,872	2,743,872	2,768,679	2,713,642
Total Income c=(a+b)	5,386,540	5,386,540	5,198,729	5,681,345

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0101	NP - Surface Dressing	0	0	0	0
B0103	NP – Winter Maintenance	105,000	105,000	180,000	220,000
B0104	NP – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	3,000	3,000	2,700	0
B0105	NP - General Maintenance	256,163	256,163	299,700	256,163
B0106	NP – General Improvements Works	0	0	0	0
B0199	Service Support Costs	84,397	84,397	65,002	60,624
National Primary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		448,560	448,560	547,402	536,787
B0201	NS - Surface Dressing	72,870	72,870	94,410	72,870
B0204	NS - Winter Maintenance	25,000	25,000	40,500	57,811
B0205	NS – Bridge Maintenance (Eirspan)	1,000	1,000	900	0
B0206	NS - General Maintenance	64,113	64,113	60,390	64,113
B0299	Service Support Costs	41,200	41,200	38,348	35,765
National Secondary Road – Maintenance and Improvement		204,183	204,183	234,548	230,559
B0301	Regional Roads Surface Dressing	400,000	400,000	360,000	402,537
B0302	Reg Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	0	0	810,000	520,000
B0303	Regional Road Winter Maintenance	265,320	265,320	0	298,485
B0305	Regional Road General Maintenance Works	1,471,710	1,471,710	1,224,000	1,471,710
B0306	Regional Road General Improvement Works	1,550,000	1,550,000	1,046,200	2,467,321
B0399	Service Support Costs	1,130,207	1,130,207	1,293,817	1,234,983
Regional Road – Improvement and Maintenance		4,817,237	4,817,237	4,734,017	6,395,036
B0401	Local Road Surface Dressing	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,080,000	1,200,000
B0402	Local Rd Surface Rest/Road Reconstruction/Overlay	4,250,000	4,250,000	5,907,506	5,425,952
B0404	Local Roads Bridge Maintenance	0	0	500,000	70,000
B0405	Local Roads General Maintenance Works	1,058,262	1,058,262	1,054,167	1,058,262
B0406	Local Roads General Improvement Works	522,000	522,000	267,300	538,500
B0499	Service Support Costs	737,712	737,712	697,897	677,741
Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		7,767,974	7,767,974	9,506,870	8,970,455

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
B0501	Public Lighting Operating Costs	440,937	440,937	417,000	417,160
B0502	Public Lighting Improvement	40,000	40,000	0	0
B0599	Service Support Costs	25,639	25,639	27,743	25,874
	Public Lighting	506,576	506,576	444,743	443,034
B0601	Traffic Management	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,784
	Traffic Management Improvement	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,784
B0701	Low Cost Remedial Measures	155,000	155,000	180,900	155,000
B0702	Other Engineering Improvements	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
B0799	Service Support Costs	15,519	15,519	7,238	6,750
	Road Safety Engineering Improvements	240,519	240,519	258,138	231,750
B0801	School Wardens	5,000	5,000	1,000	1,000
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	30,000	30,000	15,000	18,943
B0899	Service Support Costs	1,816	1,816	6,038	5,631
	Road Safety Promotion/Education	36,816	36,816	22,038	25,574
B1099	Service Support Costs	38,326	38,326	36,323	37,150
	Support to Roads Capital Programme	38,326	38,326	36,323	37,150
B1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	16,000	16,000	16,000	26,485
B1199	Service Support Costs	833,795	833,795	937,976	722,182
	Agency & Recoupable Services	849,795	849,795	953,976	748,667
	Service Division Total	14,939,986	14,939,986	16,768,055	17,634,798

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Environment, Community and Local Government NRA/DoT	200,000 10,236,437	200,000 10,236,437	0 12,146,735	13,100,723
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	10,436,437	10,436,437	12,146,735	13,100,723
Goods and Services				
Superannuation Other income	196,729 165,000	196,729 165,000	188,429 98,200	196,729 371,289
Total Goods and Services (b)	361,729	361,729	286,629	568,018
Total Income c=(a+b)	10,798,166	10,798,166	12,433,364	13,668,741

WATER SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
C0101	Water Plants & Networks	2,730,081	2,730,081	2,572,498	2,814,723
C0199	Service Support Costs	888,242	888,242	681,620	655,181
	Water Supply	3,618,323	3,618,323	3,254,118	3,469,904
C0201	Waste Plants and Networks	2,765,969	2,765,969	3,036,607	2,699,874
C0299	Service Support Costs	817,604	817,604	605,247	575,136
	Waste Water Treatment	3,583,573	3,583,573	3,641,854	3,275,010
C0301	Debt Management Water and Waste Water	2,000	2,000	38,920	32,975
C0399	Service Support Costs	234,662	234,662	167,903	162,586
	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	236,662	236,662	206,823	195,561
C0401	Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	6,800	6,800	7,000	7,055
	Public Conveniences	6,800	6,800	7,000	7,055
C0504	Group Water Scheme Subsidies	2,327,739	2,327,739	2,172,570	2,331,001
C0599	Service Support Costs	254,105	254,105	329,444	332,864
	Admin of Group and Private Installations	2,581,844	2,581,844	2,502,014	2,663,865
C0699	Service Support Costs	58,630	58,630	120,910	121,131
	Support to Water Capital Programme	58,630	58,630	120,910	121,131
C0701	Agency & Recoupable Service	18,163	18,163	18,163	16,641
C0799	Service Support Costs	29,729	29,729	33,702	31,432
	Agency & Recoupable Services	47,892	47,892	51,865	48,073
	Service Division Total	10,133,724	10,133,724	9,784,584	9,780,599

WATER SERVICES				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Environment, Community and Local Government	2,555,291	2,555,291	2,289,122	2,567,291
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	2,555,291	2,555,291	2,289,122	2,567,291
Goods and Services				
Commercial Water	1,567,500	1,567,500	1,593,660	1,566,100
Superannuation	120,628	120,628	108,138	120,628
Local Authority Contributions	2,215,518	2,215,518	2,215,518	2,215,518
Other income	565,000	565,000	434,100	562,734
Total Goods and Services (b)	4,468,646	4,468,646	4,351,416	4,464,980
Total Income c=(a+b)	7,023,937	7,023,937	6,640,538	7,032,271

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0101	Statutory Plans and Policy	265,314	265,314	200,586	224,782
D0199	Service Support Costs	80,192	80,192	65,189	60,798
	Forward Planning	345,506	345,506	265,775	285,580
D0201	Planning Control	757,202	757,202	906,803	886,797
D0299	Service Support Costs	410,899	410,899	489,751	456,762
	Development Management	1,168,101	1,168,101	1,396,554	1,343,558
D0301	Enforcement Costs	105,439	105,439	86,152	78,764
D0399	Service Support Costs	50,233	50,233	37,574	35,043
	Enforcement	155,672	155,672	123,726	113,807
D0501	Tourism Promotion	95,680	95,680	86,680	90,442
D0599	Service Support Costs	29,457	29,457	30,396	28,349
	Tourism Development and Promotion	125,137	125,137	117,076	118,791
D0601	General Community & Enterprise Expenses	461,507	461,507	568,899	455,822
D0603	Social Inclusion	2,023,348	2,023,348	2,270,896	2,398,479
D0699	Service Support Costs	429,851	429,851	419,863	391,581
	Community and Enterprise Function	2,914,706	2,914,706	3,259,658	3,245,882

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
D0801	Building Control Inspection Costs	136,243	136,243	118,684	111,080
D0899	Service Support Costs	56,999	56,999	63,216	58,958
	Building Control	193,242	193,242	181,900	170,038
D0901	Urban and Village Renewal	161,886	161,886	137,489	131,701
D0902	EU Projects	176,528	176,528	90,880	147,559
D0903	Town Twinning	5,000	5,000	5,000	1,200
D0999	Service Support Costs	34,708	34,708	59,506	55,498
	Economic Development and Promotion	378,122	378,122	292,875	335,958
D1101	Heritage Services	156,402	156,402	161,665	149,679
D1102	Conservation Services	10,000	10,000	20,000	6,000
D1103	Conservation Grants	25,000	25,000	64,000	0
D1199	Service Support Costs	31,577	31,577	36,484	34,026
	Heritage and Conservation Services	222,979	222,979	282,149	189,705
D1201	Agency & Recoupable Service	363,397	363,397	368,497	353,169
D1299	Service Support Costs	167,547	167,547	162,183	151,258
	Agency & Recoupable Services	530,944	530,944	530,680	504,427
	Service Division Total	6,034,409	6,034,409	6,450,393	6,307,747

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Environment, Community and Local Government	25,000	25,000	76,000	
Other	2,285,066	2,285,066	2,428,669	2,560,030
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	2,310,066	2,310,066	2,504,669	2,560,030
Goods and Services				
Planning Fees	201,100	201,100	342,800	201,968
Superannuation	156,675	156,675	140,651	156,675
Local Authority Contributions	72,199	72,199	72,199	72,199
Total Goods and Services (b)	429,974	429,974	555,650	430,842
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,740,040	2,740,040	3,060,319	2,990,872

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0101	Landfill Operations	2,524,199	2,524,199	2,828,233	2,518,438
E0199	Service Support Costs	167,956	167,956	146,413	170,972
	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	2,692,155	2,692,155	2,974,646	2,689,410
E0201	Recycling Facilities Operations	205,811	205,811	300,000	274,717
E0202	Bring Centres Operations	7,600	7,600	32,135	3,672
E0204	Other Recycling Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,787
E0299	Service Support Costs	16,903	16,903	17,174	27,386
	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	231,314	231,314	350,309	311,562
E0407	Other Costs Waste Collection	10,000	10,000	10,000	1,000
	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	10,000	10,000	10,000	1,000
E0501	Litter Warden Service	50,000	50,000	35,256	56,156
E0502	Litter Control Initiatives	40,000	40,000	50,000	26,242
E0503	Environmental Awareness Services	65,000	65,000	54,500	56,928
E0599	Service Support Costs	114,548	114,548	149,905	133,944
	Litter Management	269,548	269,548	289,661	273,270
E0601	Operation of Street Cleaning Service	200,000	200,000	260,000	260,000
E0699	Service Support Costs	0	0	4,092	3,816
	Street Cleaning	200,000	200,000	264,092	263,816
E0701	Monitoring of Waste Regs (incl Private Landfills)	116,611	116,611	97,241	108,647
E0702	Enforcement of Waste Regulations	19,880	19,880	36,894	20,923
E0799	Service Support Costs	124,178	124,178	138,129	122,285
	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	260,669	260,669	272,264	251,855
E0801	Waste Management Plan	54,171	54,171	59,988	51,888
E0899	Service Support Costs	24,855	24,855	40,084	37,384
	Waste Management Planning	79,026	79,026	100,072	89,272

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
E0901	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
E0999	Service Support Costs	6,603	6,603	4,550	4,244
	Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	21,603	21,603	19,550	19,244
E1001	Operation Costs Civil Defence	135,500	135,500	133,197	133,765
E1002	Dangerous Buildings	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,840
E1003	Emergency Planning	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,060
E1004	Derelict Sites	5,000	5,000	1,000	0
E1005	Water Safety Operation	6,820	6,820	6,820	5,637
E1099	Service Support Costs	43,145	43,145	50,336	46,945
	Safety of Structures and Places	197,465	197,465	198,353	194,247
E1101	Operation of Fire Brigade Service	2,180,000	2,180,000	2,099,691	2,113,034
E1199	Service Support Costs	272,831	272,831	282,437	264,531
	Operation of Fire Service	2,452,831	2,452,831	2,382,128	2,377,565
E1201	Fire Safety Control Cert Costs	1,000	1,000	4,000	0
	Fire Prevention	1,000	1,000	4,000	0
E1301	Water Quality Management	500,000	500,000	594,613	471,903
E1399	Service Support Costs	181,353	181,353	189,090	179,627
	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	681,353	681,353	783,703	651,530
E1499	Service Support Costs	11,478	11,478	20,980	19,567
	Agency & Recoupable Services	11,478	11,478	20,980	19,567
	Service Division Total	7,108,442	7,108,442	7,669,758	7,142,338

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Environment, Community and Local Government	526,500	526,500	471,000	476,704
Defence	82,000	82,000	82,000	83,202
Other	26,000	26,000	0	63,439
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	634,500	634,500	553,000	623,345
Goods and Services				
Landfill Charges	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,825,000	2,296,900
Fire Charges	104,000	104,000	128,000	104,080
Superannuation	81,295	81,295	77,581	81,295
Local Authority Contributions	32,000	32,000	0	
Other income	90,000	90,000	92,200	127,164
Total Goods and Services (b)	2,307,295	2,307,295	3,122,781	2,609,439
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,941,795	2,941,795	3,675,781	3,232,784

RECREATION & AMENITY					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
F0101	Leisure Facilities Operations	152,832	152,832	153,583	147,745
	Leisure Facilities Operations	152,832	152,832	153,583	147,745
F0201	Library Service Operations	1,374,011	1,374,011	1,388,999	1,398,586
F0204	Purchase of Books, CD's etc.	67,500	67,500	75,000	75,000
F0205	Contributions to Library Organisations	10,000	10,000	14,000	14,263
F0299	Service Support Costs	603,370	603,370	641,940	598,699
	Operation of Library and Archival Service	2,054,881	2,054,881	2,119,939	2,086,548
F0302	Playgrounds	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,304
	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	10,000	10,000	10,000	11,304
F0501	Administration of the Arts Programme	294,317	294,317	301,372	311,092
F0502	Contributions to other Bodies Arts Programme	12,000	12,000	0	108,045
F0503	Museums Operations	386,270	386,270	384,369	369,406
F0599	Service Support Costs	226,743	226,743	234,597	218,795
	Operation of Arts Programme	919,330	919,330	920,338	1,007,338
F0699	Service Support Costs	17,512	17,512	25,797	24,059
	Agency & Recoupable Services	17,512	17,512	25,797	24,059
	Service Division Total	3,154,555	3,154,555	3,229,657	3,276,994

RECREATION & AMENITY				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Arts Council	68,000	68,000	68,000	65,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	68,000	68,000	68,000	65,000
Goods and Services				
Library Fees/Fines	22,200	22,200	18,600	18,450
Superannuation	82,431	82,431	78,152	82,431
Local Authority Contributions	24,120	24,120	37,742	22,652
Other income	8,000	8,000	8,000	110,730
Total Goods and Services (b)	136,751	136,751	142,494	234,263
Total Income c=(a+b)	204,751	204,751	210,494	299,263

AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
G0401	Provision of Veterinary Service	190,904	190,904	190,904	188,248
G0404	Operation of Dog Warden Service	134,230	134,230	143,122	115,468
G0499	Service Support Costs	112,799	112,799	91,203	85,060
	Veterinary Service	437,933	437,933	425,229	388,776
G0501	Payment of Higher Education Grants	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,800,000	2,380,386
G0502	Administration Higher Education Grants	53,673	53,673	51,459	53,328
G0503	Payment of VEC Pensions	0	0	3,270,572	2,148,279
G0505	Contribution to VEC	11,500	11,500	10,390	11,183
G0506	Other Educational Services	0	0	2,000	0
G0599	Service Support Costs	118,409	118,409	106,074	98,929
	Educational Support Services	2,183,582	2,183,582	6,240,495	4,692,105
G0699	Service Support Costs	2,294	2,294	3,117	2,907
	Agency & Recoupable Services	2,294	2,294	3,117	2,907
	Service Division Total	2,623,809	2,623,809	6,668,841	5,083,788

AGRICULTURE , EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Education and Science	1,991,271	1,991,271	6,061,843	4,519,936
Other	175,000	175,000	160,000	160,000
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	2,166,271	2,166,271	6,221,843	4,679,936
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	16,792	16,792	15,452	16,792
Other income	74,100	74,100	63,600	72,212
Total Goods and Services (b)	90,892	90,892	79,052	89,004
Total Income c=(a+b)	2,257,163	2,257,163	6,300,895	4,768,940

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES					
Code	Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2012		2011	
		Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
		€	€	€	€
H0301	Administration of Rates Office	39,462	39,462	51,405	47,751
H0302	Debt Management Service Rates	157,984	157,984	158,301	182,263
H0303	Refunds and Irrecoverable Rates	1,022,000	1,022,000	1,022,000	1,042,722
H0399	Service Support Costs	97,814	97,814	96,636	90,127
Administration of Rates		1,317,260	1,317,260	1,328,342	1,362,863
H0401	Register of Elector Costs	72,040	72,040	71,487	73,238
H0402	Local Election Costs	30,000	30,000	42,464	42,464
H0499	Service Support Costs	22,674	22,674	32,788	30,579
Franchise Costs		124,714	124,714	146,739	146,281
H0501	Coroner Fees and Expenses	87,791	87,791	87,791	76,368
H0599	Service Support Costs	24,277	24,277	8,489	7,916
Operation and Morgue and Coroner Expenses		112,068	112,068	96,280	84,284
H0901	Representational Payments	334,560	334,560	334,560	334,560
H0902	Chair/Vice Chair Allowances	37,250	37,250	37,250	37,250
H0903	Annual Allowances LA Members	97,800	97,800	100,000	97,800
H0904	Expenses LA Members	94,000	94,000	94,000	94,000
H0905	Other Expenses	61,000	61,000	71,000	55,400
H0907	Retirement Gratuities	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
H0908	Contribution to Members Associations	16,640	16,640	16,865	16,865
H0999	Service Support Costs	67,103	67,103	74,076	70,891
Local Representation/Civic Leadership		738,353	738,353	757,751	736,766
H1001	Motor Taxation Operation	616,000	616,000	616,000	603,977
H1099	Service Support Costs	257,435	257,435	276,431	257,811
Motor Taxation		873,435	873,435	892,431	861,788
H1101	Agency & Recoupable Service	3,397,975	3,397,975	411,233	2,177,627
H1102	NPPR	39,213	39,213	0	2,900
H1199	Service Support Costs	310,890	310,890	101,183	94,367
Agency & Recoupable Services		3,748,078	3,748,078	512,416	2,274,894
Service Division Total		6,913,908	6,913,908	3,733,959	5,466,876

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
	2012		2011	
Income by Source	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated Outturn
	€	€	€	€
Government Grants				
Environment, Community and Local Government	0	0	10,727	0
Other	55,657	55,657	64,370	55,123
Total Grants & Subsidies (a)	55,657	55,657	75,097	55,123
Goods and Services				
Superannuation	54,263	54,263	48,778	54,263
Local Authority Contributions	3,233,079	3,233,079	235,000	1,994,788
NPPR	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Other income	496,823	496,823	240,400	245,335
Total Goods and Services (b)	4,064,165	4,064,165	804,178	2,574,386
Total Income c=(a+b)	4,119,822	4,119,822	879,275	2,629,509

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that at the budget meeting of Monaghan County Council held this 19th day of December, 2011 the Council by Resolution adopted for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 2012 the budget set out in Tables A to F and by Resolution determined in accordance with the said budget the Rates set out in Tables A and C to be the annual rate on valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in those Tables.

Signed _____ Seamus Coyle Mayor

Countersigned _____ John Murray Head of Finance

Dated this 19th day of December, 2011

APPENDIX 1	
Summary of Central Management Charge	
	2012 €
Area Office Overhead	328,000
Corporate Affairs Overhead	1,159,865
Corporate Buildings Overhead	580,201
Finance Function Overhead	512,499
Human Resource Function	899,016
IT Services	1,150,786
Print/Post Room Service Overhead Allocation	0
Pension & Lump Sum Overhead	3,044,355
Total Expenditure Allocated to Services	7,674,722