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ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL







Introduction

Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 requires the local authority to prepare an Annual Service Delivery Plan. The Annual Service Delivery Plan translates the objectives of the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 into detailed supporting strategies for service delivery. It takes account of, and is consistent with, Budget 2022, which was adopted by the members on 15 November 2021.

The Annual Service Delivery Plan 2022 identifies the services to be provided and the standards to be delivered, monitored and evaluated to ensure that optimum delivery of services is achieved.

The plan provides a clear focus to enable the elected members, staff of Monaghan County Council together with key stakeholders to work together to develop and improve the services that are delivered to our citizens.

In preparing this document, the Council takes account of all plans and strategies that set out policies and objectives for all of its functional programmes, in particular, the following:

- Monaghan County Council Corporate Plan 2020-2024
- Service Level Agreement with Irish Water
- Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2024
- LECP 2016 2021
- In addition, a wide range of other local, regional and national plans, statements and strategies inform and guide the Council's work, and the provisions of these plans have been taken into account in preparing the 2022 Service Delivery Plan.

Principal Services

The allocations to the different Service Divisions of Monaghan County Council in Budget 2022 are as follows:

Service Division	Funding Approved €
Housing and Building	€9,251,545
Road Transport and Safety	€25,081,234
Water Services	€8,185,733
Development Management	€11,261,234
Environmental Services	€6,888,957
Recreation & Amenity	€5,260,914
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	€505,082
Miscellaneous Services	€7,415,099
Total Budget	€73,849,798

The following pages set out

- the objectives and priorities for the delivery of each of the above services
- the strategies for achieving those objectives and priorities
- the performance standards intended to be met in the delivery of services

Municipal Districts

Municipal Districts have responsibility for the delivery of a range of services in their local area with a focus on making towns and districts attractive places to live, work and invest.

Each Municipal District is required to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District Works for adoption in the first quarter of each year. The schedule sets out priorities for works, infrastructure provision or activities to local facilities and amenities within their functional division having regard to centrally allocated budgets. Funding is allocated through the General Municipal Allocation and opportunities to develop new projects are available from national government schemes/programmes, EU/Peace/Interreg or initiatives from other bodies.

Municipal Districts provide many supports to initiatives aimed at local community and economic development. These range from local festivals and events; design of streetscapes and village renewal schemes; support for micro-enterprises and business parks; involvement in energy efficiency projects; promotion of rural broadband; planning for major investments.

Services carried out by each Municipal District include the maintenance, improvement and restoration of regional and local roads and footpaths, low cost safety improvement schemes, sweeping and scavenging, public lighting, public conveniences, school warden services, open spaces, parks and play parks. Municipal Districts are also responsible for the making of Traffic and Parking by-laws and the operation of casual traders.

Municipal District meetings are held monthly. Members and officials also meet regularly with community and business groups.

Support Services

All service departments across the Council are supported internally to deliver on work programmes. The relevant support services are provided by Corporate Affairs & Governance, Finance, Human Resources, Information Systems and Health & Safety Unit. A summary of the objectives and priorities, strategies and performance standards for the support services is also included in this plan.

Some key principles underpin the delivery of quality services to the public. These include customer care, good organisational communications, accessibility, performance management, financial control and data management. Initiatives in these areas are led by the support sections and implemented organisation-wide with the support and cooperation of all sections.

Performance Assessment

In assessing performance in the delivery of services, Monaghan County Council operates a performance management system across all aspects of its work. Under this system, the leadership teams in all sections hold regular meetings, during which recent performance is analysed using relevant data, previous decisions and commitments. Target performance objectives and standards are set, and the effectiveness of overall performance is assessed. MonaghanStat ensures that the organisation implements strong leadership and

assigns responsibility at all grades. Individual development plans are prepared and managed through the PMDS process.

In addition, the audit committee and internal audit process provides independent oversight and monitoring of the council's governance and control systems.

NOAC

The establishment of the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) set up under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides further scrutiny of the performance of local government bodies against a range of indicators that the Commission has considered appropriate.

Every year, the sector publishes Performance Indicators to show the level of service provided by each City and County Council. The Local Authority Performance Indicators report provides an overview of the main indicators annually.

The 2020 NOAC Local Authority Performance Indicator report was published in November 2021. In 2020, there were 42 local authority performance indicators. Full details on the Service Indicators are included in Appendix 1.

Management Structure

Chief Executive DOS - Economic A/DOS – Corporate DOS - Finance. DOS - Transportation, A/DOS - Climate Services & Capital Development & **Housing & Culture Community & Rural** Action. **Project Management Enterprise** Development **Environmental &** Delivery **Water Services** Economic Finance Transportation **Corporate Services** Development Housing Community Climate Action **Human Resources** Enterprise Motor Tax Development Capital Project Planning Environmental **Cultural Team** Management Delivery **Tourism** Peace Plus Programme Services Innovation/ICT Fire and Civil Rural Development **Water Services** Rural Broadband Protection (Leader) Consumer Health and Safety **Building Control** L.C.D.C. & Sports Protection Cross Border **Data Protection** Partnership **Animal Welfare** Internal Audit Collaboration **Rural Development** /Control of Horses Corporate Procurement Agriculture, Municipal District of Municipal District of Education, Carrickmacross Monaghan Health & - Castleblayney Municipal District of Welfare **Ballybay-Clones**

CORPORATE PLAN HIGH LEVEL GOALS

The Corporate Plan - underpinned by our Core Values - proposes twelve High Level Goals which will deliver our Mission and ensure the improvement of Council services and infrastructure over the period of the Plan 2020 - 2024. For each High-Level Goal, we have identified a number of supporting strategic objectives for which actions and activities are identified by relevant Departments in their Annual Service Delivery Plans

1	TO ENSURE A CLEAN, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	Support biodiversity and ensure the sustainable management of water, waste, and all other environmental resources.
2	TO SUPPORT LOCAL DEMOCRACY	Support the Elected Members, Corporate Policy Group, Strategic Policy Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Public Participation Network and all other committees in their leadership and representative role in response to the needs of the Community.
3	TO DELIVER QUALITY & INCLUSIVE CUSTOMER SERVICES	Improve Accessible Services, improve communications and engagement with the public to drive efficiency and effectiveness for our customers.
4	TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ECONOMY	Support the Business Community to stimulate growth, encourage start-ups and maximise job creation. Improve prosperity through cross border partnerships i.e. ICBAN and EBR. Deliver on the economic objectives in the Local Economic and Community Plan.
5	TO ENHANCE CULTURE AND CREATIVITY	Strengthen the capacity of the culture and creative sectors within County Monaghan.
6	TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES	Develop, Support and Enhance the quality of life of sustainable, inclusive communities in County Monaghan as envisaged in the Local Economic and Community Plan.
7	TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES	Progress key infrastructure projects.
8	TO DELIVER HOUSING AND HOUSING SUPPORTS	Increase the supply of social housing, improve existing housing stock and develop quality amenities to enhance Monaghan as a place to live.
9	TO IMPLEMENT ROBUST BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	Develop and implement sound financial, management and governance systems to enable organisational and operational efficiency.
10	TO DEVELOP OUR PEOPLE AND ORGANISATION	Ensure Monaghan County Council is an employer of choice, builds our workforce for the future, supports and values managers as people developers.
11	TO ENSURE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGH ADVANCING INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY.	Accelerate the digital delivery of improved and accessible services by promoting a culture of innovation.
12	TO TRANSITION TO A LOW CARBON & CLIMATE RESILIENT SOCIETY	Working in partnership with other key stakeholders to deliver on the adaptation and mitigation actions identified in the Climate Action Plan, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Climate Action Charter.

Housing

In the Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council is committed to seeking to ensure that every household will have access to secure, good quality housing suited to their needs at an affordable price in a sustainable community. The Council's priorities and objectives in this area are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To identify the categories of Social Housing need of all communities in County Monaghan and prioritise their needs in capital expenditure programmes	3, 6, 7, 8	Implement the provisions of the Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022 to address the housing needs of all sections of the community	Completion of the Housing Needs Demand Assessment 2022
		Ensure that social housing applications are dealt with within a 12-week period	Completion of the Social Housing Assessment 2022
To deliver good quality accessible social housing through planned programmes for construction, acquisition, leasing, maintenance and refurbishment.	3, 7, 8	Continue ongoing construction, acquisition, leasing (if suitable and necessary), maintenance and refurbishment programmes and further develop programmes for subsequent years.	Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 targets NOAC Housing Stock Statistics
		Prepare, submit and support funding applications for additional social housing to be provided by Monaghan County Council and Approved Housing Bodies.	
To optimise the use of housing land banks and increase land bank reserves.	7, 8	Examine potential feasibility having regard to sustainability for the development of land in ownership of Monaghan County Council	Advertise for the purchase of land for future housing development

		Re-examine the acquisition of additional land for future housing development.	
To ensure casual vacancies are re let in a timely fashion.	7, 8	Review pre tenancy process including online video presentations/tests	NOAC Housing Vacancies/Average reletting times and cost/Housing Maintenance costs
To optimise the use of housing stock while at the same time achieving value for money.	3, 8	Use of revised contractor framework, incorporate energy efficiency targets to reflect Climate Change Strategy	
To provide for the housing needs of Vulnerable Groups	6, 8	Undertake exercise in identifying vulnerable persons on the waiting list and make allocations having regard to that Plan	Assessment having regard to targets contained in the Housing and Disability Strategy
To meet the needs as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Plan.	6, 8	Monitor and review the presentations of new and existing traveller households.	Report prepared to assess progress of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024
To meet the needs of Homeless in County Monaghan.	6, 8		Report prepared to assess progress of the North East Homeless Action Plan 2021 -2024
To promote home ownership by increasing the range of housing accessible procurement alternatives.	8	Sale of properties will continue under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.	Report prepared and presented outlining tenant purchase sales for 2022
To co-ordinate a programme of work to bring derelict / vacant properties back into use.	1, 6, 8	Continue inspections of properties and follow up to determine whether vacant or occupied. Liaise with property owners to encourage reoccupation of properties	Assessment against the provisions of the Vacant Homes Strategy
To ensure Private House grants for people with a disability and older people in our communities to meet the priority needs in County Monaghan.	8	Continued implementation of the private housing grant scheme to assist the households in most need	No. of Housing Grants issued per annum versus No. of Priority 1/Priority 2 applications recouped

To promote	a high standard of private	Ś	Continue the private rented inspe	ections	Departmental target of	25% o	f pr	ivate
rented dwe	llings.	O	programme. Review the percentag	age of	rented stock to be inspecte	d per a	nnun	n
			inspections compared to the overall nu	number				
			of Private Rented Dwellings.		NOAC performance indicate	ors rela	ting t	to
					private rented inspections			

Transportation

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council is committed to developing and managing County Monaghan's built and natural assets in partnership with other agencies to best utilise and promote economic, social and cultural benefits of our citizens. The Roads Service is key to delivering these benefits. The specific priorities and objectives for the Roads Service are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To plan, develop and progress strategic	7	Implement Road Improvement Schemes	
infrastructural routes.	-	identified in Project Ireland 2040 and	
		County Development Plans.	
		Ardee to Castleblayney.	Ardee to Castleblayney -
			Phase 3 progressed in line with project
			programme. Initial design undertaken. Engagement with directly affected
			landowners and feedback considered.
			Alignment finalised by end of year. Draft
			EIAR and CPO submitted for comment.
			LIAN and CFO submitted for comment.
		Clontibret to the Border.	Clontibret to the Border-
			Orderly conclusion of outstanding items
			from 2021 on foot of withdrawal of funding
			from the project.
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		N2-N12 Monaghan Business Park Link Road.	Strategic Assessment Report completed & approved by DoT. Funding secured for next phase of project delivery.
		N54 to the N12 Northern Route.	Strategic Assessment Report completed; scheme progressed subject to funding.
		N53 Dundalk Road to Tullyvin Roundabout.	Strategic Assessment Report completed.
		Advance other strategic routes identified in the County Development Plan.	Project priority list created.
To maintain & improve the structural quality of the road network.	7	Progress N54 Tullybryan as Minor Improvement Scheme.	Phase 4 completed, detailed design and tender process underway.
		N2 Phase 3	Final account and project close out report completed.
		N53 Ballynacarry Bridge	Preliminary design completed. Planning approved.
		N12 Silverstream to Co. Armagh border realignment scheme.	SAR completed and submitted to TII for Phase One (Willow bridge to Silverstream).
		Deliver National Road Maintenance Programmes. • N2 Castleblayney Bypass South • N54 Monaghan Town Phase 2 • N2 Tullyvaragh Junction	5.8kms of resurfacing completed. 0.6km of resurfacing completed. Part 8 completed, land acquired, tender
			process completed.

National Road Maintenance Schemes	Defect survey completed; defects identified. Roads repairs prioritised and completed on a risk basis.
	Gateway Signage installed at identified locations subject to TII funding.
 Non-National Improvement schemes 	Structural improvement on 45Km of Non – National Network completed.
 Non-National Maintenance schemes. 	Restorative Maintenance completed on 90Km of Non-National roads
	NOAC KPI R2: Road Works (A-D) A-Regional Roads Strengthened B-Regional roads surface dressed C- Local Roads strengthened D- Local Roads surface dressed
Bridge Rehabilitation Works	17 bridge rehabilitation schemes completed.
Deliver discretionary maintenance programme.	Discretionary Maintenance works programme identified, prioritised and implemented in conjunction with the Municipal Districts.
Deliver Winter Service Plan	Winter Maintenance programme implemented. Severe weather operations reviewed at the end of the season. Plant maintained and updated as required.

		Implement PSCI Road Survey and monitoring programme in line with national targets.	NOAC KPI R1: 100% PSCI Survey of Regional Network completed.
		Implement LIS & CIS Schemes	Schemes delivered according to budgetary allocation.
		Implement Specific Improvement Grant projects on Regional roads. • Brackley Bridge	Completed.
		R181- Crossduff to Drumillard.	Part 8 Land acquisition completed.
		Develop a list of specific and strategic improvement grant schemes.	Prioritised list of specific and strategic improvement grant schemes prepared.
Ensure effective administration & governance of Roads Programmes.	2, 7, 9	Administer road opening licensing, permits, road closures.	All online applications processed.
		Administer signage and customer service requests efficiently.	Customer Service requests recorded and monitored with the Municipal Districts.
		Enforcement of the 1993 Roads Act offences.	Roads Act Offences enforced.
		Facilitate the administration of projects and budgetary spend.	Timely drawdown and recoupment of funding stream and full audit compliance. Provision of financial reports.
		Deliver fast and efficient on-line Roads Administrative services.	Automation of Abnormal Loads forms, Roads & Services in Charge applications.

Climate Action & Sustainable Travel Measures	1	Plan, design & provide infrastructure to assist with modal shifts to walking and cycling routes.	Development of Cycle Paths on the N2: three cycle paths to be designed and constructed. Design for Ballyalbany to Tydavnet Junction section to be developed.
		Implement Active Travel Plan 2022.	Active Travel Plan implemented.
		Continue to monitor and test the use of recycled asphalt in road construction projects with our industry partners.	Pilot study and testing completed in order to contribute to the development of design standards for the re-use of reclaimed asphalt products.
		Development of Ulster Canal Greenway progressed. Monaghan To Middletown	Monaghan to Middletown CPO completed. Site Investigations & detailed design completed. Tender issued and contract awarded.
		Smithborough to Monaghan	Part 8 approved.
		Clones to Smithborough	Part 8 approved.
		Park & Share Facility at N2 Carrickmacross	Scoping/Feasibility report commenced subject to funding.
		Update Severe Weather Action Plan.	Plan finalised.

Maintain & Implement a Severe Weather and flood management Strategy.	1	Severe Weather Action Team to meet quarterly or as required.	Meetings held on a quarterly basis. Plan implemented during periods of severe weather.
Enhance the safety of the road network.	1, 3	Prepare new five-year Road Safety Plan	Five-year Road Safety plan completed, year 1 actions implemented.
		Deliver Safety Improvement Schemes on National road network.	HD 15, HD17 & HD28 safety improvement schemes on national routes agreed with TII and implemented.
		Implement Safety Improvement scheme works on Regional & local roads.	Low cost safety schemes completed as identified and prioritised by the Municipal Districts in line with available budget.
		Implement the VRS safety barriers repair/ replacement programmes on the applicable National routes.	VRS inspected, replaced and repaired as needed.
		Implement actions in the Noise Action Plan.	Year 4 Noise action measures delivered subject to funding.
		Implement Fencing Retrofit programme.	Fencing installed in accordance with the approved schedule of works (1.5km estimated length).

Water Services

Monaghan County Council is committed to the development and management of County Monaghan's built and natural assets in partnership with other agencies to best utilise and promote the economic, social and cultural benefit of our citizens. A key element in the delivery of the strategic objective is fulfilling our obligations under the Irish Water / Monaghan County Council Service Level Agreement and managing the implementation of the Rural Water Programme in County Monaghan. These priorities and objectives are summarised below. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To fulfil obligations under the Service Level Agreement and Annual Service Plan with Irish Water.	1, 3, 7	Deliver on agreed Irish Water / Monaghan County Council Annual Service Plan 2022	Irish Water (IW) and Monaghan County Council agree to work under the terms of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to provide efficient and quality water services to satisfy the needs of customers, in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and in a cost-effective manner. Performance measured against each KPI and Operational Measure.
		Water Services with the assistance of Corporate Services to transfer all fixed water and wastewater assets to Irish Water. Decommission and monitor redundant water services infrastructure and non-Irish water assets.	Number of assets transferred to IW.
		To provide support and assistance to planning section for Taking in Charge requests in relation to water service infrastructure and carry out any necessary works as required for transfer to Irish Water	Schedule II TIC Reports completed and returned to Planning Section. Site resolution plans prepared for estates where no bond exists, tender and execute works. Where necessary procure and execute works to

		 as per memorandum of understanding between Local Authorities and Irish water. 	required standard using available bond funding.
		Process all relevant planning applications, provide support and assistance to future development and planning applications	All planning reports returned within required timeframe.
Execute duties as the Water Authority for the implementation of the County Monaghan Rural Water Programme.	1, 3, 7	Administer subsidy applications.	Annual Subsidy Payments Processed and Recouped (€'s)
Administration and oversight of Group Water Schemes and small private water supplies as per the Drinking Water Regulations 2014.		Administer and manage rural water capital investment programme.	Administer and Supervise the Rural Water Programme 2022. Number of Well and Domestic Waste-Water Treatment System grants issued.
		Implement and manage drinking water sampling plan.	NOAC W1: Percentage of Private Drinking Water Supplies in Compliance with the Drinking Water Regulations.
		Carry out audits of GWS and SPS to ensure operation to current standards and regulations.	Number of audits carried out per year.
		Implementation of transformation initiatives to create shared national service.	Work to any future Service Level Agreement
To build climate resilience in all new capital projects and incorporate biodiversity measures on existing operational sites where possible.	12	Support Climate Change Steering Committee and Climate Action Team. Deliver actions in County Adaption Strategy, National Climate Action Plan and Charter.	Continue to support National Federation of Group Water Schemes in promotion of their pollinator plan and biodiversity measures among private group water schemes.

	Working with Irish Water to implement
	biodiversity plans for a number of
	operational sites.

Planning

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council is committed to promoting and protecting a clean safe environment which is viable and sustainable. A further corporate objective is to develop and manage County Monaghan's built and natural assets in partnership with other agencies to best utilise and promote economic, social and cultural benefit of our citizens. The Council's priorities and objectives for the Planning Service in these areas, together with the performance standards to be met, for 2022 are outlined below. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To provide an effective, equitable and consistent planning service.	1, 3, 4, 6	Provide an effective, equitable and consistent planning service	Ensure that all actions are carried out in a transparent and fair way and are processed in a timely manner in accordance with legislative and policy requirements.
		Complete review of delivery of Planning Service to prepare for Office of Planning Regulator Review	
Operate a Development Management System in compliance with legislative and policy requirements.		Operate public consultation & information service	Operate online planning application information system – update within 24 hours of decision
		Process all planning applications, material contraventions, appeals, declarations,	Public counter facility operated daily

		extensions of duration applications, Part 8s, compliance with conditions, etc	Pre-planning clinics operated weekly, and public telephone morning twice-weekly
			One Agents Workshop conducted per year NOAC P2: Applications processed in compliance with legislative and policy framework.
Operate an enforcement system in line with legislative and policy requirements.		Monitor, investigate and take appropriate enforcement action in respect of unauthorised development.	NOAC P3: Enforcement action taken in compliance with legislative requirements and deadlines.
Operate development contribution scheme within legislative and policy requirements.		Manage, collect and monitor payment of development contributions and bonds/securities	Collection system management complies with audit requirement and adopted scheme
To ensure a planning policy framework for balanced and sustainable development in the urban and rural areas.	1, 4, 6	Organise Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee Meetings	Organise a minimum of four meetings annually and provide information to members
		Process variations of the Monaghan County Development Plan as required	Variations of Development Plan adopted by Members, within legislative provisions
Develop a planning policy framework within legislative and policy requirements.		Complete Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage Housing Needs Demand Assessment (HNDA)	HNDA completed by 31 March 2022

		Commission a report on Delivery of Housing in County Monaghan	Report Produced by 30 May 2022
		Produce Draft Maps for Residential Zoned Land Tax for consultation	Residential Zoned Land Tax Draft Maps Produced by 30 Sep 2022
		Manage Vacant Sites Levy Register	Register maintained with Annual Review
		Complete Local Area Action Plans (LAAP) in the town of Carrickmacross	Plans prepared and adopted by elected members by 30 Mar 2022
		Assist in implementing Dublin Street South Regeneration Plan and Master Plan for the development of lands to North of Dublin Street	Variation adopted by 30 June 2022
Manage and protect the built heritage within the County.	3, 5, 6	Maintain Record of Protected Structures (RPS)	Amendments incorporated into RPS as required as a variation to the MCDP
		Manage applications for Built Heritage Investment Scheme	Applications processed, recommendations referred to Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for funding, and funds distributed
		Manage applications for Historic Structures Fund	Applications processed, recommendations referred to Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for funding, and funds distributed

		Processing of Section 57 Declarations	Processing Declarations within legislative requirements
		Complete annual Part IV statistical return	Return completed and submitted to DHPLG
Resolve remaining unfinished housing developments in the county and take in charge developments as required.	1, 6	Resolve remaining unfinished housing developments (UHDs) within the County	Agree priority list and work with MDs and service providers
		Process Taking in Charge of housing developments within legislative requirements as requested	All applications for Taking in Charge processed within legislative requirements
		Review and revise Taking in Charge Procedures	Revised Taking in Charge Procedures produced by 31 Dec 2022
Reduce the level of dereliction.	1, 6	Manage derelict/vacant sites register for the towns of Monaghan, Carrickmacross, Castleblayney, Clones and Ballybay and all Tier 4 and Tier 5 villages	Register updated
			Complete Draft Town Centre Masterplan for Carrickmacross

Economic Development & Tourism

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council is committed to providing support to the business community to stimulate growth, encourage start-ups, maximise job creation and improve competitiveness. The Council's priorities and objectives in this area are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Monaghan County Council committed to delivering on its tourism strategy in partnership with stakeholders. The Council also has a leading role in supporting the local community sector in developing local initiatives. The following priorities/objectives and performance standards are relevant to these commitments. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

governance processes & procedures.			
Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Develop a strategy to promote	4	Update the economic data for Co.	Informed dataset to assist in
entrepreneurship, foster business start-	₹	Monaghan	policy formulation
ups, and develop existing businesses,			
including those sectors with significant		Develop economic actions in Local	Complete LECP Economic Actions
export potential.		Economic & Community Plan 2022 -	under Strategic Objectives
		2027	
Promote economic sustainability and			Promote the County as a place to invest
development in County Monaghan by		Development of a strategy to attract	
progressing the County as a location for		public and private investment	Work with the ETB to develop
investment and employment creation.		Devise a strategy to improve the quality and	appropriate training for individuals in the
		diversity of employment in the County	county
Promote the Local Enterprise Office as a			
'One Stop Shop' to meet the needs of			No. of businesses assisted 1000
small businesses in the county		Provide a range of information, supports	No. of referrals 30
		and referrals to support business	No. of events 50
		expansion and development	No. of Trading Online Vouchers
			25
			No. of mentoring assignments
			100
			No of court Burnish 140
		Provide access to a range of appropriate	No. of grants Provided 18
		funding mechanisms including LEO	No. of businesses assisted with
		grants, LEADER funding and Micro	grant applications 25
		Finance Ireland	Alexandra Decition of Co.
			No. of SME's on Brexit specific

	Manage and develop appropriate capacity building management development programmes aiding competitiveness and resilience within SME's	Management programmes 90 No. of SME's at Brexit specific ancillary events 50 No of SME's on Leadership & Management programmes 12
	Collaborate with our regional LEOs to deliver programmes in the region	Participation in Focused Engineering, & Digital Innovation Hub No. of businesses supported 50
	Collaborate with protocol partners to develop and enhance appropriate and specific enterprise support at local level	Deliver agreed programmes with regional partners.
Lead and Manage Entrepreneurship Support Services	Participate in Cross-Border initiatives	Participation in PEACE PLUS programme. No. of projects supported 15
Local Economic Development Services	Support the implementation of ICBAN's Framework of Regional Priorities	Cooperate with ICBAN in developing projects of regional scale No of projects supported 2
	Explore with partners the establishment of business clusters as per the Action Plan for Jobs.	Implement agreed programmes as identified in the action plan for jobs
	Review the Monaghan Women in Business Network	No. of female entrepreneurs supported 50

		Deliver the Student Enterprise Programme	No of Schools supported 10
		Liaise with Monaghan County Council in the provision of industrial land for new and expanding businesses	Identify potential sites for development
To develop a sustainable tourism industry in the county which will lead to an increase in visitor numbers and visitor	1, 4, 5, 7	Complete delivery of Family Cycle Trail in Rossmore Forest Park	2.5km Cycle Trail delivered
Implementation of the Tourism Statement of Strategy & Work Programme 2017 - 2022		Promote Kavanagh Centre and develop Arts Programme and key festivals/events in conjunction with local development group	Increased profile and visitor numbers Min 4 events delivered Participation in min 2 tour operator workshops New website and booking system delivered Official Launch of Centre
		Promote new CMX Workhouse exhibition in conjunction with Farney Development Group	15% Increase in visitor numbers (dependent on Covid restrictions) Participation in itineraries developed as part of South Monaghan Cluster Promoted via Monaghan Tourism initiatives and Summer Campaign
		Progress Fáilte Ireland funded Destinations Town project for Monaghan Town	Project progressed through Planning and Tender Process

Develop Sliabh Beagh as a Tourism Destination	Work in conjunction with the newly established Sliabh Beagh Partnership Committee and also with Knockatallon Development Group to deliver min 2 actions from the Sliabh Beagh Tourism Action Plan
Develop potential of the Ulster Canal	Continue working with Waterways Ireland and other key stakeholders such as Clones Development Society, to complete plans and secure funding for the restoration of the Ulster Canal and other and the development of a canal-side amenity in Clones. Support the development of the Ulster Canal Greenway project and the link to the Clones amenity
Project manage the LEADER Heritage Project which is being delivered in conjunction with Cavan and Louth County Councils	Complete delivery of Rossmore Signage Project Deliver a Conservation Management plan for Rossmore Forest Park and for the Black Pig's Dyke at Scotshouse.
Work in conjunction with Carrickmacross- Castleblayney MD and Monaghan LEO office to secure tenants for the new craft studio in the Market House, Carrickmacross	New craft studio occupied

Continue work with Failte Ireland in the ongoing development of the North Monaghan Tourism Cluster and the promotion of the existing South Monaghan Cluster	New Ireland's Ancient East Visitor cluster destination developed Tourism Experiences Training delivered by Failte Ireland with the support of MCC to min 8-10 businesses in the North Monaghan Cluster
Develop Potential of Lough Muckno	Promotional Material produced for South Monaghan area as a destination Tender for and support the work of consultants during feasibility study process for Lough Muckno Development Vision Communicate plans and progress with
Progress upgrade of Monaghan Way Route from Castleblayney to Inniskeen	Procure Design Team for upgrade works specifications and 3 new loops along this route. Progress these designs to Construction Tender stage by Q 4
Commence development of new County Tourism Strategy for 2022-2027	New Tourism Strategy developed
Progress upgrade and enhancement works project at Dartrey Forest	Final Design for upgrades agreed and brought to tender stage

Work in conjunction with East Border Region to access tourism funding under the PEACE Plus programme	Funding application submitted in conjunction with EBR and other partner councils
Operate Tourist Office	Tourist Office operated on a Seasonal basis from June to September (dependent on Covid restrictions)
Manage Social Media accounts to reflect and promote events and good news stories	Min 2 posts weekly across all Monaghan Tourism accounts
Ensure promotional materials and website are updated	Content reviewed on a weekly basis and updated as necessary
Deliver 4 new family-oriented educational trails for children in 4 towns	4 new trails developed which can be marketed to families
Maintain profile through effective PR and advertising	Delivery of annual My Monaghan campaign comprising of Special Offer promotions, new video content, press articles and social media activity.
Advice and support meetings provided for new operators and trade workshops organised	Individual advice and support meetings provided for tourism operators (individuals and community groups) on request, particularly those interested in applying for funding.

	Collaboration with Failte Ireland on min 2
	workshops as part of the tourism clusters
	development

Community Development

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council is committed to ensuring that everyone in our community has an opportunity to become actively engaged in shaping the future development of the County. The Council's priorities and objectives in the area of Community Development are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Monaghan County Council is committed to leading, promoting and supporting social inclusion through the development, implementation and review of strategies, policies and practices that promote, equality, protect human rights and eliminate discrimination for all services users and staff of the organisation in line with National Government Policy. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Support and facilitate the work of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in partnership with Statutory and Non-Statutory Agencies	3, 6,12	Manage and administer the LCDC and substructures including:	LCDC process operated in line with guidelines as revised and issued by DRCD. At least 8 LCDC meetings in 2022.
, ,		SICAP Sub-Group	SICAP – a minimum of 5 meetings per year
and Economic Development through the Local Economic and Community		Drugs & Alcohol Forum: Facilitate & co-ordinate the meetings of	Meetings (4) of Monaghan DAF held
Planning Process (LECP), Social Inclusion and Community Activation		Monaghan Drug & Alcohol Forum (DAF)	Prepare and implement new Strategic Plan 2021-26
Programme (SICAP) and the Rural Development Programme (LEADER).		Progress actions from the forum's strategic plan	Actions from Strategic Plan progressed.

		Facilitate meetings of the cross-county Cavan/Monaghan DAF communications subgroup	Communications Subcommittee meetings held.
		Deliver and monitor community actions of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)	Actions delivered and monitored
		Conduct a final review of the 2016-21 LECP	Final review of 2016-21 LECP completed
		Prepare 2022-27 LECP, subject to DRCD requirements and guidance.	LECP for 2022-27 completed.
		Manage and administer the SICAP Programme	SICAP – managed, administered and funding drawn down and transferred to Programme Implementer.
		Manage and administer the LEADER Programme	LEADER – managed, administered and funding drawn down and paid to project promoters. Article 48 Checks conducted as required. Admin costs monitored and managed.
		Continue interagency work through representing MCC on external committees/boards.	Continued representative presence on Board of Cavan Monaghan Local Link (CMTCU), County Childcare Committee.
			Continued presence on Children & Young Persons Services Committee (CYPSC)
Participate in community-focused cross-border and EU programmes with	4, 5, 6, 7	Hold a closing event for Peace IV programme	Closing event held.

a view to enhancing community infrastructure, capacity and activity.		Develop action plan for Peace Plus programme.	Peace Programme Manager in place and Local Action Plan produced.
		Prepare Peace Activity Programme for delivery at Peace campus.	Peace Development Manager in Peace Campus appointed. Peace Activity Programme in Peace Campus prepared.
To promote equality and inclusion for all service users by developing cross departmental actions and policies.	3, 6	Support Social Inclusion and Positive Mental Health Promotion.	Social Inclusion Week 2022 delivered. Positive Mental Health Week 2022 supported.
		Support delivery of Connecting for Life (C4L) Suicide Prevention Strategy	Participate on C4L inter county committee and working groups.
		Support Equality Sub-Committee of LCDC.	Four meetings of Equality Sub-Committee held.
			Prepare and deliver work programme for 2022.
		Implement the Disability Participation Project	Staff and Elected representatives trained in Disability Awareness. Small grants programme rolled out in the County.
		Public Sector Duty	2022 actions implemented
		Manage and Administer Monaghan Women's Assembly (MWA)	Terms of Reference Adopted Executive Committee Established- 6no. meetings held.

			Programme of Work 2022 developed and implemented. Profile of MWA raised across County Monaghan
Support the Public Participation Network (PPN) in realising its role and function.	3, 6, 12	Provide continued development support to all PPN member groups.	NOAC Y2 % of organisations registered with Social Inclusion Pillar
Tunction.			PPN, Secretariat, Reps Network and Plenary Meetings held.
		Ensure ongoing mentoring is provided to all PPN representatives.	Training sessions delivered
		Develop a tailored training programme to build skill set and capacity of member	Training sessions delivered
		groups	All PPN Representative positions filled on Monaghan County Council decision making committees
		Collaborate with local authority and other organisations on consultations i.e. review of LECP	Submissions made to local, regional and national consultations.
		Launch Community Wellbeing Statement and carry out promotional campaign on same.	Community Wellbeing statement launched and PPN representatives trained on how to use the statement while representing the PPN.
		PPN to act as an information hub distributing information on funding opportunities, training, consultations and other community initiatives.	Social media platforms maintained and updated.

		Launch PPN Strategic Plan 2022-2025 & implement actions from Plan	Year one actions implemented
Work to strengthen local community groups by supporting the Local Community Sector in developing local initiatives.	3, 6, 12	Manage and implement range of DRCD & other community-focused funding programmes	Local and Community Funding programmes delivered & funding drawn down: Community Enhancement Programme (Community Activities Fund) CLÁR Town & Village Renewal Scheme Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Social Enterprise Grant Scheme
		Support Communities to develop their plans, projects, Networks and localities. - Newbliss/ Killeevan Community Plan - Ballinode Community Plan - Smithboro Community Plan - Latton Community Plan	Strong projects coming forward & securing funding from these areas & areas previously engaged with Strong partnerships developed between Council and Communities
		Continue delivery of Property Marking Scheme	Continue delivery of Property Marking Scheme.
		Review Monaghan Community Alerts initiative & if indicated, manage new tendering process to continue the service for the further 3 years	A continued drop in theft stats in the county A continued fall in rural crime rate in the county
		Develop partnerships between Council and Communities	Continued participation in projects, programmes and schemes with ongoing improvement in same. (e.g. Project

Promote community development to the public & encourage them to get involved in their communities. Participate in Pride of Place competition Support the work of Tidy Towns groups through the organisation of a Network Support the work of Community Safety groups through the organisation of a Network - Add more equipment to the CPR library started with CLAR funding in 2019 - Map all defibrillators around the county and register with the National Ambulance Service Bring the community development workers together into a Network to facilitate them to discuss how best to support the community sector going forward	development, Tidy Towns, Pride of Place, etc). Project Development Clinics rolled out An increase in volunteers on local committees Competition utilised to build the capacity of at least three communities each year Training, advice, mentoring and information rolled out through Network activities. County-wide projects submitted for funding jointly via the Network Training, advice, mentoring and information rolled out through Network activities County-wide projects submitted for funding jointly via the Network Networking events held. Community workers to feed into the LECP in an organised way
discuss how best to support the community	

Provide quality play and recreation amenities and opportunities	4,6,8	Develop a Play & Recreation Strategy for the county	Clear direction on why, what, where and how to develop future parks, playgrounds and other recreational amenities in the county
		Support the MD's to avail of the DCYA's playgrounds grant	Funding into the county maximised
		Review the playground condition reports for Council-controlled playgrounds and identify those in need of upgrades	Future projects identified & proposals prepared in anticipation of funding becoming available
		Organise activities to mark National Play Day & National Recreation Week & draw down funding from DCYA	Activities run, happy children. Collaborations built with organisations such as childcare committee, SYPC
		Complete project for installation of communication boards for non-verbal children in every playground	Children at risk of exclusion now at a reduced risk.
Implement Monaghan Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2019-2023	5, 6	Support organisations that promote and / or deliver Sport & physical Activity in the Community	Participation programmes for: - Early Years & Pre-School age Children - Primary Schools - Post Primary Schools
			at 20 x services / Schools and 200 participants
		Develop the resources, programmes, activities and places which increase participation in Sport and Physical Activity.	Education & Training timetable developed and minimum 10 training course opportunities provided for sports club volunteers (including Safeguarding) for sports club volunteers

	Sports Club Grant Scheme delivered
	Specific projects delivered under Dormant Accounts funding: 1. Community Sports Hub (Ballybay/ Kilmore and Drumsnatt) - engagement of 400 people in 20 activities 2. Outdoor Adventure Initiative (Castleblayney) -engagement of 200 people in 10 activities 3. Sports Inclusion Disability Capital supports programme (Purchase of disability sports equipment)
Support National physical activity events with priority given to Sport Ireland supported events (e.g. Operation Transformation Active Schools Week, Women in Sport Week, HER Outdoors Week	Engagement of over 2,000 people in the County participating across all participatory activities including online activity exercise programme.
Support delivery of targeted programmes of activity for: - Older adults, - Adults and Children with a disability, - Females - Migrants	Programmes of activity delivered to target specific population groups as listed Community-led physical activity for older adults supported At least 10 x programmes of activity

		Increase Awareness of the Sports Partnerships role and the opportunities to participate in Sport and Physical Activity	Improved Communications and information systems in place to increase publicity to general public via updated website, weekly news items, quarterly activity reports, newsletter, e-zine, annual activity report, annual report.
		Manage our structures and processes to be effective and efficient	Strategic Plan Reviewed Meetings of Sport Partnership Committee
			held (min 4 meetings held) Compliance standards within the
			Governance Code reviewed and updated (a requirement of Sport Ireland)
Implement Healthy Monaghan Action Plan 2019 – 2022 and 2022 – 2024	6	Deliver 2022 HI Strategic Actions. Review 2019-2021 Actions	Actions Delivered End of programme returns completed and submitted to Pobal for all HI Funds received
		Deliver and administer Community Mental Health Fund	Publicity campaign across all social media on successes of programme
			Final balances paid to successful grantees
Development of Round 4 Programme		Facilitate Healthy Monaghan committee meetings	Meetings of Healthy Monaghan Steering Committee held.
of Work 2022 - 2024		Implement national campaigns such as #Keep Well	

		Consultation with key agencies/ community organisations to develop new Action Plan 2022 - 2024	Actions 2019-2021 delivered. Review Steering Committee membership New action plan approved 2022 actions delivered and monitored
Implement Migrant Integration Strategy 2020-23	3, 5, 6	Implement 2022 actions of Migrant Integration Strategy for county. Implement 2022 AMIF actions	2022 MCC actions delivered Delivery of actions by other agencies/bodies supported Periodic reports delivered to LCDC on
		miplement 2022 / iiiiii dollons	implementation.
Implement Monaghan Age Friendly Strategy 2020 - 2024	3, 6	Implement Age Friendly Actions for 2022.	2022 actions delivered.
Implement Comhairle na nÓg programme	2, 6	Oversee the election of the Youth Council	Annual AGM held
		Support the facilitation of meetings of the youth council	Youth Council meetings held.
		Implement the Comhairle na nÓg 2022 action plan.	Action plan delivered
			NOAC Y1: Participation in Comhairle na nÓg programme.

Environment

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council committed to promoting and protecting a clean, safe environment in a manner which is viable and sustainable. In this regard, the Council's priorities and objectives for the Environment division are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

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Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To implement legislation and policy with regard to water quality for both surface and groundwaters in Co. Monaghan.	1, 12	Support on the implementation of the objectives of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.	Monaghan County Council 2022 RMCEI plan preproduced and delivered as per the national water quality priorities.
Working toward achieving an improvement in water quality status in all water bodies in the County.		Continue to support the development of the new 3 rd cycle National River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 which is due to be published in Q2 2022.	2022 WFD sampling program delivered as per sampling program agreed with the EPA.
		Develop a water enforcement and water inspection programme for inclusion in the 2022 RMCEI work plan in line with 2022 national water priorities.	NOAC E2: Environmental Pollution Cases
To implement legislation and policy with regards to waste management.	1, 12	Develop a waste enforcement and waste inspection programme for inclusion in the 2022 RMCEI work Plan based on National	E1 No/% Households availing of a 3-bin service
		Waste Enforcement Priorities as outlined in Circular WP06/2021	E2: Environmental Pollution Cases
		,	EU and National Recycling Targets
			EPA Performance Framework Assessment
			Monaghan County Council 2022 RMCEI plan preproduced and delivered as per the national Waste priorities.
		Work with Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority and Regional Waste	Completion of all monitoring and reporting as required by our EPA licence and progress

		Management Planning Office to implement Connaught Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan and Waste Action Plan for Circular Economy. Ensure the Scotch Corner waste facility continues to operate in a compliant and sustainable manner. Continue to investigate of the potential alternative income generating / environmentally friendly /climate action projects on the Scotch Corner	any additional environmental improvement works as required by the Agency to ensure continued compliance. Progress Technical amendment of the existing waste license to amend northern site boundary to remove from the waste licence part of the facility which may be appropriate for alternative development.
		Progress rebuilding of a new modular landfill site office building at Scotch Corner	Office rebuild substantially complete by Q3 2022
To provide and maintain recycling infrastructure in towns and villages in the County.	1, 7, 12	Ensure that the network of bring centres in our villages and towns and the recycling facilities at Scotch Corner and in Carrickmacross are maintained and operated in line with contractual obligations and continue to comply with Waste Management legislation.	All recycling facilities comply with their permitting and/or licensing requirements and within the terms of any contract.
To seek EPA authorisation for historic landfills previously operated by Monaghan County Council.		Continue to progress site authorisations on the network of historical landfill in the County that were previously operated by Monaghan County Council during the period from 1977 to 1996	Funding application submitted to DCCAE to progress Planning regularisation for 2 historic sites at Killycard and Killycronaghan Secure Certificate of Authorisation for Scotch Corner facility.

			Complete Site investigation works at Corkeeran Historical landfill.
To develop innovative environmental awareness projects for targeted audiences.	1, 3, 11, 12	Develop awareness campaign by drawing down funding from the following schemes - Local Authority Prevention Network Funding - Anti-Dumping Initiative - Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund - Community Environment Action Fund	E4: % of schools that have been awarded green flag status
To implement the objectives of County Monaghan Litter Management Plan.	1	Implementation of objectives of Litter Management Plan 2021-2023 for County Monaghan	E3: % LA area within the 5 levels of litter pollution E2: Environmental Pollution Cases
To improve air quality through the implementation of air quality legislation. Work with EPA in roll out of the national Ambient Air Monitoring	1, 12	Develop an Air enforcement and Air inspection program for inclusion in the 2022 RMCEI work plan in line with 2022 National Air priorities.	Monaghan County Council 2022 RMCEI plan preproduced and delivered as per the national air priorities.
Program.		Continue to support the Environmental Protection Agency in the roll-out of the National Ambient Air Monitoring Program	Continue to maintain any local air monitoring stations in cooperation with the EPA to ensure the provision of local air quality data.
To protect public health by ensuring food safety compliance in food businesses under Monaghan County Council supervision.	1, 3	Ensure all animals slaughtered undergo required inspections. Carry out inspections and audits of food businesses (FB's), sampling of food and environment, and report results to relevant stakeholders	No of inspections and audits completed % of scheduled sampling completed Food Safety Authority returns and claims made
		Educate and assist FB operators to comply with food safety legislation. Issue corrective actions to FB operators based on results of inspections, audits and sampling. Monitor response to recommended corrective	No. of corrective action reports No. of prosecutions/ enforcement orders/ fixed penalty notices issued.

actions. Implement enforcement where applicable	
Ensure the welfare of animals admitted to supervised slaughterhouses	No. of welfare inspections carried out at slaughterhouses
Provide a dedicated dog warden service	No. of stray dog complaints investigated No. of stray or unwanted dogs seized/collected No of dog licences issued
Provide access to a dog and horse pound of a suitable standard	Dog pound and Horse pound in operation, in compliance with legislative requirements.
Inspect and register dog breeding establishments (DBE's) and ensure they comply with legislative requirements; investigate suspected DBE's	% of establishments inspected annually Register of establishments in place No. of complaints investigated
Investigate complaints of stray horses and enforce horse control legislation	No. of stray horses seized

Climate Change

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council aims to progress the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society. Whilst the Environmental Services section has developed the Monaghan County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024 it will be the responsibility of all the units within Monaghan County Council to ensure progression of the strategy and to progress the measures and action as outlined in the Climate Action Charter and in the National Climate Action Plan – To Tackle Climate Breakdown. In this regard, the Council's priorities and objectives in the area of Climate Action are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To build resilience to the impacts of climate change across all council functions and services through the implementation of the Monaghan County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024. To progress Climate Change Mitigation	1, 12	Progress the delivery of prioritised actions in the Monaghan County Council Climate Action Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024	Number of actions in the strategy substantially advanced in 2022 Ensure climate action is embedded in ASDP, team operational plans, and individual personal development plans.
though further reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Deliver on the actions and		Continue to reduce Monaghan County Council's energy consumption in 2022	% reduction in energy usage in 2022
commitments in the "Local Authority Climate Action Charter" and in the National Climate Action Plan.		Deliver on the mitigation actions as set out in the Local Authority Climate Action Charter and the National Climate Action Plan.	Complete and submit CARO reporting template in Q3 2022
		In conjunction with CARO progress the new Monaghan County Council Climate Action Plan which will consider both climate adaptation and climate mitigation (subject to ministerial approval in 2022)	Work has commenced on the development of a new Monaghan County Council Climate Action Plan.

Build appropriate staff confidences and capacities to lead and drive the Climate Change agenda.	Staff from across all levels and from across all sections to attend climate action training programs developed by CARO.	No of staff who have attended CARO training in 2022
Lead and support local communities, businesses and industry in delivering	Ensure appropriate staffing complement to deliver climate action is identified and put in place during 2022.	
initiatives to tackle Climate Change.	Climate Action Team in place including representatives from all relevant sections.	

Fire & Emergency Services

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council committed to promote and protect a clean environment which is viable and sustainable. The Council's priorities and objectives for the Fire Service, Civil Defence & Building Control under this remit are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.			
Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Provide and develop an inclusive, effective & efficient prevention, protection and response fire & rescue service, locally identified risks, responsive to the needs of our community and in a manner that reflects the diversity of our communities.	3, 6	 Review and Implementation of Fire & Emergency Operations Plan 2018-2022 Implementation of recommendations outlined Fire Service Capacity Review (2020). Progress development of new fire station in Ballybay. 	 Emergency Operational Plan reviewed and adopted in 2022, and key objectives implemented to include: NOAC F2: Service Mobilisation NOAC F3: Percentage of time in attendances at scenes. Review & implementation of CTri (Command & Control) mobilisation and communication systems. Implement recruitment & retention programme as per NDFEM guidance. Completion of 2022 training & fleet maintenance plan

To provide a healthy and safe working environment.	1, 3, 6	 Procure new Class B Fire Appliance and funding application for new Fire Appliance. Review station, equipment and training facilities. Maintain IOS 450001 accreditation and develop fire-fighters awareness 	 Maintain MoU with NIFRS for Road Traffic Accidents Implementation of new PPE Policy. Develop and implementation of a 'Risk Based' approach to ensuring the nearest available response to all incidents. Implementation of applicable recommendations outlined in Guidance Document Towards Fire Risk Management Strategies in Sliabh Beagh. Development and implement Wildland Fire Response plan for Sliabh Beagh and for all wildland fire incidents. Secured NDFEM funding approval and proceed to Part 8 planning permission, preparation of tender documents and tender for construction for new Fire Station in Ballybay. Fleet: Commence build of New Fire Appliance and obtain funding approval for new Fire Appliance. Delivery of 2 No. 4x4 (people carriers) Preventative Maintenance Programme adopted and implemented for vehicles, equipment and communication system maintenance (asset management) Retain IOS 450001 accreditation and implementation of fire-fighter Health &
Provide accessible community support.		programme on Health & Wellness.	Wellness programme and develop and adopt and implement a new Facilities Management System.

Develop response to Major Emergencies.	2	 Delivery of Building Control Regulations and operate public consultation and information service. Provide timely support, assistance and processes applications within statutory time frames. Implement Building Control Inspection Plan Construction Products Regulations Policy implementation 	 2. Building Control: Consultation and Inspection rate to include: NOAC P4: No. of inspections as per BC Inspection plan) NOAC P5: Applications for Fire Safety Certificates Processing of BCAR applications received via BCMS No. of warning and enforcement interventions Implementation of mobile inspection app to Fire & BC officers. No. of pre-consultation meetings, and Workshop/Webinar conducted. 3 No. of Construction Products Regulations inspections
	3	 Fire Safety: Implement recommendations of Task Force on Fire Safety in Ireland Prepare, adopt & implement Community Fire Safety Policy Implement Fire Safety Inspection Policy Process Dangerous Substance Licences & Vapour Recovery requirements Initiate process of obtaining IOS 9001 Quality accreditation. 	 Fire Safety: Implementation of Fire Safety Inspection Plan and No. of inspections completed No. of fire safety enforcement interventions Community Fire Safety Policy adopted and implemented, % Primary Schools visits. % No. Fire Safety talks, No. media messages, and No. of safety management events.

	 % Implementation of recommendations as per Task force report on Fire Safety in Ireland. 10 No. inspections of filling stations in-line with RMCEI and processing of Dangerous Substance Licence and Vapour Recovery applications.
4. Civil Defence: • Implementation of Civil Defence 2030 Strategy and MCC development plan.	 4. Civil Defence: No. of transportation interventions to assist primary response agencies. Development of CD HQ as county and regional support training centre. Review recruitment & retention of CD volunteers No. of national (6No.), regional (12No.) & Local (50 No.) training and exercises completed. Number of community events and duties completed (60-80 No.)
5. Implement Road Safety Action plan	5. Support Road Safety Working Group and implementation of actions plan (EDU 26 & 27)
6. Prepare for Major Emergency Management inter-agency operations through participation in appropriate training and exercises	 6. Major Emergency Management: Review maintain and update MCC MEM plan. Completion of MEM regional work plan Prepare and deliver MEM training & exercises.

	Completion of Pre-Fire Planning
	2022 programme.

Library Services

The Library, Museum, Heritage and Arts services of Monaghan County Council play a key role in the Council's commitment to promote economic, social and cultural benefit of our citizens. The main priorities and objectives for these services are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	naghan County Council's adopted governance po Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	ACTIONS FOR 2022	Performance Standards
Implement Monaghan County Library Development Plan 2019 – 2022.		 Begin work on new County Library Development Plan 2023 – 2027 Peace Campus – Monaghan Library Peace Campus Community Outreach Programme Castleblayney Library capital project Library HQ/Clones, ongoing remedial works My Open Library Launch in Clones Library Annual Science Festival 	NOAC L1A: Number of library visits per head of population NOAC L1B: Number of items issued to customers NOAC L1C: Library active members per head of population. NOAC L1D: Number of registered members of the library in the year NOAC L2A: Cost of operating the Library
		 Dormant Account Fund Programme 2022. New services targeting marginalised communities Manage & overview Decade of Centenaries programme for county Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme Work Matters, Revised Programme Implement Sensory Services Programme 	Service NOAC L2B: Cost of expenditure on new stock acquired by the library service Library Statistics issued to LG Returns (LGMA), to be completed in first half of 2022 for 2020 and 2021 Right to Read 2022 Action Plan

		 Coordinate and implement Culture Night programme for the county Manage and implement the Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) in Clones Library Continue to develop programme to care homes and older people's groups Procurement of Replacement Mobile Library Van Review outreach services to isolated rural customers and communities Develop a comprehensive programme of local studies support to schools, in line with the primary and secondary school history curriculum — one pack to be developed in 2022. Contribute to new National Strategy for Public Libraries, to be completed in 2022 	Work Matters 2022 Action Plan EDIC centre annual returns to EU Commission: No of visitors No of queries Types of queries received No of events held Participation in events Social media posts Media reports
Implement annual Right to Read Action Plan.	3, 5, 6	 Little Library Programme Book Resources provided to every ELC (Early learning Centre) in the county Bag of books to every 4 to 5-year-old starting school this year Right to Read Event Programme, including Ireland Reads, Spring into 	NOAC L1A: Number of library visits per head of population NOAC L1B: Number of items issued to customers NOAC L1C: Library active members per head of population.

		Storytime, Summer Stars Reading Adventure, Children's Book Festival, Family Time at Your Library Review of preschools and school's library service Literacy support for low income and marginalised communities Establish additional book clubs across the county	NOAC L1D: Number of registered members of the library in the year Library Statistics issued to LG Returns (LGMA), to be completed in first half of 2022 for 2020 and 2021
Implement Monaghan Culture & Creativity Strategy Monaghan 2018-2022.	3, 4, 5, 6	Manage and overview the programme for the county on behalf of MCC. To support and roll out the following projects: • Wetlands Film Project – produce 5 short films • The Nature Project • Patrick Kavanagh Legacy Programme • War of Independence Digital Media Project • Writer in Residence • Tradoodle Festival • Elsewhere – The Opera • Monaghan Murals • Inscribed histories at the Rossmore Mausoleum • Cruinniu na nÓg • Local Arts in Education Partnership – Support for key projects • Bordering Realities project • Ways of Disappearing Project	 Number of Creative Practitioners engaged in initiatives Audience Figure Virtual Audience figure

		Lullaby Leaf Project for Children with Down Syndrome	
		To work with Creative Ireland office to roll out other initiatives such as Positive Ageing and Creative Wellbeing Challenge Fund and any other additional funded projects	
		Develop a new 5 year Cultural and Creative strategy 2023-27	
		To work in partnership with Local arts in Education Partnership, Music Generation and other agencies to roll out collaborative projects as funding is announced for same.	
		Showcase Creative Ireland Programme to date with one day conference/seminar	
Appoint a County Archivist.	3	Submit a Business Case, for consideration by the Senior Management Team, for the appointment of a County Archivist. Investigate option to share the post with Cavan County Council, who also are without an Archivist at this time.	

Arts Office

Monaghan County Council through their Arts Section aims to champion, develop and invest in artistic expression to enrich peoples' lives. The Council works to nurture and create the conditions in which great art can happen, while at the same time ensuring that as many people as possible can engage with the arts and discover what art can do for them. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Supporting Strategy	Thigh Level Godi	Actions for 2022	Terrormance standards
	5	Expressions of interest sought & Artist selected in Clones Artists Studios	
		Value Added Scheme Operational in support of Artists successful in achieving Bursaries	1. Supporting Artists Value and support the work of artists, and extend the range of opportunities for artists to develop their practice
		Delivering Artist support scheme	
Implementation of the joint 8-year framework agreement between Monaghan County Council & The Arts Council		Amalgamating and devising a pro YP in the delivery of our Arts programming with our Arts Partners,	
		Continuation of our Music generation investment	2. Young people and the Arts Increase opportunities for children and young people to create, access and
		Maintain our Local Arts in Education (LAEP) investment with our Partners in Cavan CC & CMETB	participate in great art
		Supporting the Creative Monaghan programme	
		Deliver our Arts Partners Scheme	3. Creating Capacity Investing in the professional development of venues, festivals and organisations providing high-quality arts experiences

Use the LLPPS scheme in creating capacity for our venues and festivals.	
Liaise and support our festivals & venues	
post Covid restrictions	

Heritage

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council committed to promoting and protecting a clean, safe environment in a manner which is viable and sustainable. The Council's Heritage Office plays a key role in this area and in the local implementation of the National Heritage Plan and National Biodiversity Plan. The Heritage section's priorities and objectives are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Implement Monaghan Heritage and Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2020-2025	1,3,5,6,12	Create awareness about Biodiversity and Heritage plan objectives and themes. Make applications for new resources for heritage and biodiversity activities. Apply to existing funding streams including Heritage Council Heritage Plan funding for support for programme. Coordinate County Monaghan Heritage Forum. Promote National Biodiversity Action Plan and National Heritage Plan objectives. Co-ordinate Monaghan Heritage Week & support other key days — World Wetland Day, National Bee Day, Biodiversity Week.	 Number of actions delivered in the strategic plan by year end. Heritage information updated on Council website and GIS. Quarterly forum meetings. Heritage funding invested. Heritage reports produced and disseminated. Support and advise community led heritage groups to secure funding. Number of attendees at events. Social media communication reach Number of events and organisations holding events. Podcast episodes.

Monaghan Hedgerows – A Decade of Change Report 2021	1,3, 5, 6,12	Build capacity within Monaghan County Council sections to achieve better outcomes for hedgerows	Number of recommendations from the hedgerow report implemented.
Monaghan Wetlands Action Plan	1,3, 5, 6,12	Establish Monaghan Wetlands Network	Number of workshops and participants
		Public Awareness campaign	Number of wetland sites involved in network.
DLGHH Community Monuments Fund 2021	1,3, 5, 6,12	Coordinate applications and recoupments	CMF grant scheme administered. Number of structures conserved.
		Make applications for MCC owned sites.	Number of applications successful. Amount of funding secured.
		Monitor and report on conservation works.	· ·
DLGHH National Biodiversity Action Plan funding for local authorities	1,3, 5, 6,12	Deliver biodiversity activity that supports the NBAP and local needs.	Biodiversity funding secured from NPWS.
			Quality of engagement by year end.
		Support development of operational	
		working group towards agricultural engagement in biodiversity delivery.	Advocacy built for RPBS for farming and biodiversity.
Implement the Culture & Creativity Strategy Monaghan 2018-2022	3, 5, 6	Work with Culture Team on implementation of Creative Ireland in Monaghan.	Wetland / bog projects.
Pollinator Plan Guidelines for Local Authorities	1, 5, 12	Work with MDs and Tidy Town co-ordinator to promote AIPP implementation.	Number of groups signed up to principles and actions. Areas converted to improved management
			for pollinators in the county.
Collaborative action for the Natura Network Interreg V project	1, 5, 12	Co-ordinate Uplands Site work package and 6 work package meetings.	Procurement, forecasting, reporting and recoupment through eMS & SEUPB requirements.
		Deliver targets for Sliabh Beagh as part of project for 2021:	

 Bog restoration through planning of drain blocking. Deliver cross-border Fire Risk Management Plan Invasive species removal Hen Harrier nest protection Upscale conservation grazing Publish Conservation Action Plan Capital works to walkway to protect bog from erosion Hold information events. World Wetlands Day, Heritage Week and other days as identified Feed into national Hen Harrier winter roost survey Feed into PEACE PLUS planning for 	meetings for CANN and cross-border agency meetings. Meet EU Habitats Directive requirements. In line with forecasting and overall project commitments on Letter of Offer. Hectarage impacted. Local stakeholder engagement.

Museum			
Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Implement Peace Campus Programme Plan.	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Develop museum exhibition displays for the new Peace Campus	Funding for exhibition displays agreed and secured.
		Agree action plan with all stakeholders to action the Peace Campus Programme for 2022	
			Action plan agreed – funding sourced.
			All stakeholders engaged with the Peace Campus Programme Plan

		Work in collaboration with stakeholders to ensure the new museum displays are fully accessible in design	Accessible elements of the new museum displays agreed and sent to production
		Develop plan to move the collections of the museum to the new site at the Peace Campus	Collections boxed and recorded – new locations for collections added to museum digital database
Implement the Monaghan Culture & Creativity Strategy Monaghan 2018-2022.	3, 5, 6	Complete Monaghan Murals project Phase 2	Produce three high quality murals in Monaghan and Inniskeen and Ballybay
		Organise Monaghan War of Independence Cross Border project with Fermanagh Museums	Carry out public art workshops and associated schools programme
		Launch Rossmore Minecraft Project	Digital/ onsite workshops facilitated
		Develop Impact of Partition Project in partnership with the Ulster Scots Agency	Short films produced and promoted locally and nationally
			Every primary school in the county takes part in the online virtual learning quests associated with the project
			Project facilitator procured. Stakeholders engaged – final report produced

Corporate Assets

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council is committed to promoting and protecting a clean safe environment in a manner which is viable and sustainable. The Council seeks to develop and manage County Monaghan's built assets to best utilise and promote economic, social and cultural benefits. The Council seeks to develop Capital Projects in line with the strategic objectives of the Council and to provide high quality facilities for all users. The Council seeks to bring a high level of consistency of approach to the procurement, management and delivery of projects across the organisation in line with the Public Spending Code and the improved procurement structures embedded into the organisation. The specific priorities and objectives for the Corporate Assets Section are outlined below, together with the performance standards to be met. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Asset management of Public Lighting & continued optimisation of energy efficiency.		Maintain a comprehensive Public Lighting inventory. Effective Asset Management of Public Lighting infrastructure and ensure effective delivery of Public Lighting maintenance contract. Upgrade Public Lighting to maximise energy efficiency and progress our energy efficiency programme for Public Lighting upgrade.	NOAC E6 Public Lighting performance indicators report: A. Total billable wattage of the Public lighting system B. Average billable wattage of the Public
			Lighting system C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent. Achieve Public sector Energy targets.
Continue to progress Public Sector energy efficiency target.	7, 12	Prepare & implement 2021 Energy Action Plan.	NOAC E5 - Energy efficiency performance performance indicators report:

		Progress projects for 2030 Energy and Carbon targets Review and update Corporate Energy Policy. Act as EPO (Energy Performance Office) for Monaghan County Council Monitor and report all energy used by the Council to SEAI	A. The cumulative % of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2021 relative to baseline year (2009) Achieve Public sector Energy targets.
Delivery of Capital Programme. Application of Monaghan County Council Accessible procurement strategy to all capital projects.	7, 12	Prepare Annual three-year Capital Programme. Project Governance policies in place for Capital Projects Coordinate and assist in delivery of Capital Building Projects across organisation Identify sustainable uses for Council owned derelict properties and progress towards redevelopment Work with Corporate Procurement Team in delivering Capital Projects	Compliance with: Public Spending Code. MCC Procurement Governance and Guidelines Ensure effective cost controls, time management, risk mitigations are in place and continuous monitoring and review. Delivery of building projects
Coordinate the management of the Council's property portfolio & ensure modern facilities for the delivery of services.	7, 9	To progress Capital projects in 2022 Maintain and update a detailed I.T. based Property Portfolio	Property Interest Register in place to ensure a comprehensive inventory of property currently owned by M.C.C

	Progress ownership of title for unregistered properties. Effective use and management of
Work closely with National Asset Management Group	property achieved across organisation
Implement the recommendations of the	Ensure MCC assets in National database are up to date
L.G. A.S. VFM report No. 30	Effective Governance in place for Monitoring
Property Asset Management	and Reporting and reviewed
Optimise the use of all active properties	Disposals in line with Section 183 of L.G. Act.
Ensure office facilities in place for the	Acquisition & Disposals to be recorded on PIR system
effective delivery of Council Services	,
Coordinate maintenance and management	Property Asset Management Plan reviewed
of Council Building Portfolio	Compliance with LGAS VFM 30
Work with Corporate Procurement Team &	Annual Report of Property Assets prepared
OGP in procuring goods, services and works	Monitoring of KPIs and Metrics
Oversee the management and operation of Monaghan Leisure Centre	Record and Monitor property; metrics, KPI's and benchmark

Support Services

The delivery of the front-line services to the public is underpinned and supported by the services provided internally by the Corporate, Health & Safety, Finance, Human Resources and Information Systems departments of the Council. A summary of the priorities, strategies and performance standards of each of these support sections is set out below. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Corporate Services			
Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
To ensure democratic accountability and effective governance.	2, 3, 9, 11	Administer and support meetings of the Council and all Committees	Meetings held, agenda business transacted effectively, follow-up actions implemented.
Provide robust business management, risk management, audit and corporate governance structures and systems in		Fulfil the organisation's responsibilities under the Ethics Framework	Up-to-date and complete Ethics Register in place by 28/02/2022
compliance with statutory obligations.		Support good governance through an effective audit process. Deliver an effective Internal Audit Service.	2022 Internal Audit Plan delivered. 2022 Audit Committee work plan delivered. Training undertaken by staff and Audit Committee.
		Prepare reports, work programmes and reviews in line with corporate governance requirements	Annual Report adopted by June 2022 Annual Service Delivery Plan adopted by 31 March 2022 Monthly Management Report submitted to Council NOAC returns submitted by specified date 2020 NOAC report reviewed and analysed
		Maintain and update Corporate and Section Risk Registers	Risk registers reviewed and updated quarterly

Manage the Annual Register of Electors. Organise Local Elections and Election Count. To promote and deliver accessible information on voter participation.	3	Publish up-to-date Register	Up-to-date register published in accordance with statutory dates Promote 'Your Vote Your Voice'. Campaigns promoted via Social Media, Website and local Newspapers
To ensure compliance with legislative and statutory obligations in service delivery.	3, 9	Continue to implement appropriate measures to achieve compliance under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Data Protection Act 2018 and Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019	Appropriate policies, protocols and procedures demonstrating that Monaghan Co Co is achieving compliance with data protection legislation Adoption of a comprehensive security programme ensuring protection of personal data Continuous awareness training to all staff and elected members to ensure compliance with GDPR and data protection
		Ensure compliance with Children's First Act 2015	Designated Liaison person and deputies in place Awareness training delivered to all staff
		Ensure compliance with the Official Languages Act 2003	Scéim na Gaeilge actions for 2022 implemented.
Deliver quality inclusive services to our customers that reflects the diversity of our communities	3	Develop appropriate, effective and accessible communication and customer care services and systems Updating and maintenance of MCC data on	Communications Officer appointed Draft Communications Strategy developed Review Customer Care Plan New website called <u>services.localgov.ie</u>
		National Catalogue of Services website	launched.

Enable the public to gain access to	Q	Respond	to	information	requests,	All FOI, Data Protection, AIE requests and
records held by the Council to the	O	complaints	and p	protected disclo	sures in line	Ombudsman complaints and protected
greatest extent possible consistent		with statut	ory re	quirements		disclosures addressed within the statutory
with the right to privacy and the public						timeframes.
interest.						

Finance					
Supporting Strat	tegy		High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Compliance Regulations.	with	Statutory	9	Ensure robust, balanced budget for 2023 is prepared for review and adoption by Members (S102/ S103 LGA2001)	Budget adopted by members within legislative timeframes
				Ongoing reduction in Cumulated deficit	Reduction achieved each year
				Annual Financial Statement completed and submitted by 31 st March (S105/ S108 LGA2001)	AFS submitted within legislative timeframes
				Ensure no material audit adjustments are required (S118 LGA2001)	No audit adjustments
				Ensure all payments to suppliers are made in adherence with prompt payment legislation	Prompt Payment return submitted on time and published on website with all payments within the regulatory timeframe
				Quarterly reports submitted on time	Submitted within required timelines
				PO's > €20k return submitted on time	All returns published on the website
				Revenue returns and payments calculated accurately and submitted on time	No taxation penalties/ interest payable

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		Ensure any additional expenditure over budget is reported to Members (S104 LGA2001)	Reported at CPG/ Council meeting
		Review of Member's new remuneration and expenses (S142 LGA2001)	Accurate payments made and no audit corrections
		Administration/ Collection of Commercial Rates (LG Rates bill 2018)	No concerns raised by LGA
		Keep adequate Accounts (S107 LGA2001)	No concerns raised by LGA
		Accurate administration of NPPR (Part 12 LGA 2014)	No concerns raised by LGA
Operate efficiently to support all Council functions/ Members of the	2, 3, 6, 9	NOAC indicator – Monitor/ improve Rates collection %	% of Rates collection meets or exceeds NOAC's target
public/ Local businesses.		Indicator – Monitor Rent collection %	% collected acceptable to Local Government Auditor
		Indicator – Monitor/ improve Loan collection %	% collected acceptable to Local Government Auditor
		Ensure all other debtors are reviewed and collected on a timely basis	No 'old' debtors on Aged Debtors report
		Promote additional use of LVP card transactions in relation to POs to improve payment times for Suppliers	Increase in number of LVP card transactions in conjunction with reduction in number of POs
		Assist all sections with financial queries	

		Administer any COVID related and other grants and payments	All possible supports administered and recouped from DHLGH
Monitor and strive to continuously improve Financial Management.	9	Issue Quarterly financial reports to SMT and Members – comparing actual vs. budget and forecasting full year income and expenditure	Report prepared and issued to SMT and Members
		Monitor cashflow and ensure adequate funding is in place for all revenue expenditure and capital projects	All capital balances/ expenditure reviewed and reconciled quarterly
		Audit and review LVP card procedures	LVP Card procedures are followed
Demonstrate effective Asset Management.	9	Update and monitor the Fixed Asset Register. Compare the FAR with other IT systems such as iHouse. LGA reviews reconciliations.	Local Government Auditor satisfied that systems reconcile
Continuously review and improve Financial Administration function.	9	Ensure that Suppliers are paid promptly and accurately	No Penalties/ interest payable for prompt payments
		Review and improve internal controls and increase quantity of monthly/ quarterly reconciliations within Finance	LGA conducts more controls audits and fewer substantive tests during annual audit
		Reduce number of cheque payments/ increase number of EFT payments	Reduction in number of cheque payments
		Ensure all capital balances are funded and reconciled	All capital balances are reconciled and funded

Human Resources

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council committed to ensuring that there is an appropriately resourced, skilled and motivated workforce to meet the priorities and objectives of the organisation. The HR section has the lead role in delivering on the Council's commitments in this area. The 2022 service delivery plan for HR is set out below. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Plan and deliver our Organisation's Workforce requirements.	3, 10	Develop a Workforce that is equipped with the skills and competencies to meet the challenges of our evolving environment.	Total number of WTE's. WTE's per Capita. Target Training & Development Plan to areas identified as priority.
		Implement actions in 'Our People Strategy 2020-2024'.	Agreed objectives have been achieved and actions implemented.
		Carry out continuous Workforce Planning for the organisation.	Succession Planning, business continuity and training needs met, panels maintained where applicable.
		Legislation and statutory obligations.	Ensure compliance with legal and statutory obligations including General Data Protection Regulations. Clear Policies/procedures communicated to all staff.
		Ensure ease of access through technology	Optimise use of upgraded versions of Core system, and MyPay procedures

		Laserfiche project continued with the assistance of IT	Continued programme of automation of HR procedures towards a paperless HR Section.
		Makodata 'Data Analytics' project operational.	Use of Makodata to ensure efficient and effective HR Data Analytics.
Be an employer of Choice.	3, 10	Attract and recruit people with the appropriate knowledge, skills and behaviours.	Positions are advertised to a wider catchment by use of social media and new public jobs website. Enhance the recruitment and selection process.
		Support 'My Council' activities to raise awareness of the diverse, impactful and valuable work of MCC.	Skilled professional interview boards training in competency-based interviewing are appointed.
			A highly skilled and trained workforce is in place.
			Exit interview forms are conducted to improve MCC as an employer
		Promote career opportunities and the potential for development and progressing offered by MCC	Training and Development needs analysis carried out and prioritised.
		oncrea by wee	Support Engineers Ireland Accreditation and technical staff development, Leadership, Graduate and Accounting Technicians Programmes.
			Continued participation of Engineers Ireland Accreditation programme

		Continue to build strategic alliances with other organisations to position MCC as a key employer of choice.	Opportunities are provided for students/graduates via Graduate Programme, MIFET, Accounting Technicians Ireland, apprenticeships.
Create culture of continuous learning and development.	3, 10	Implement annual training and development programme and ensure that all training is prioritised in line with the business plan. Promote the 70:20:10 reflective learning model as suggested by Engineers Ireland	Staff are equipped with all the required knowledge, qualifications and skills including technical staff in line with Engineers Ireland Accreditation. Training, including on the job training is recorded accurately Quarterly CPD meetings held
		Implement and monitor PMDS	PDP's form revised and periodic reviews are implemented for all staff
		Implement induction and probation	Satisfactory integration and monitoring of progress of new staff
Empower and enable our managers and supervisors.	10	Training provided to all Line Managers on PMDS including dealing with underperformance and policies such as Disciplinary, Dignity at Work, Grievance and attendance management etc.	Line management capacity and competence to manage employees effectively to ensure smooth running of the organisation is achieved.
		Line Managers given the responsibility for monitoring the performance of new staff during probation period and taken appropriate action where required	Newly appointed line managers are supported by HR and Senior Management. On the job training, mentoring and coaching of Line Managers is provided.

		Policies and procedures are developed, and refresher training and awareness is provided to new and existing Line Managers.	Policies and procedures are developed, communicated timely to support effective people management.
		Engaging in Senior Staff Forum to disseminate new HR policies/procedures or initiatives.	Regular meetings are held, and Senior Staff Forum are updated on HR activities.
		Continuing support of Engineers Ireland Accreditation	CPD Committee meetings are held quarterly and supported by HR.
Promote positive employee relations and engagement.	10	Communicate and consult effectively with employees on key organisation activities and plans	Management reports are updated monthly. Meetings are held every two months with Senior Staff Forum. Communicate quarterly through MCC Staff Newsletter. Promote use of REACH APP
		Recognise individuals, team and organisation achievements	Successes are recorded in Social Media, staff portal, REACH, Annual report and monthly Management report.
		Ensure that Performance Management is in operation throughout the organisation to facilitate formal arrangement for Line Managers to meet with staff and agree objectives.	Objectives agreed for year ahead and compared with previous year. Positive and constructive feedback given to staff.

			Areas identified where additional supports are required with regards to training and development.
		Promotion of new Employee Assistance Service and Wellbeing App	EAS is promoted and ensure APP downloaded by staff, members and their families.
		Maintain Collaborative employee relations with unions and staff representatives, respecting IR mechanisms.	Regular meetings are held with unions Agendas and minutes are issued
		Working to resolve issues up to and including attendance at the WRC or Labour Court	Awareness is raised with HOS on matters that can cause issues if not correctly managed.
		Provide information and consulting on relevant issues	Reduction of conflict, disputes and risk of industrial action.
			IR Issues circulated to HOS.
Create a fair, supportive and healthy working environment.	10	Promote and support a culture of dignity, respect and equality	Clear Policies and Procedures implemented consistently across the Council. Relevant training provided.
		Continue to develop a health and wellness framework to create a healthy working environment by promoting early intervention and good communications	Health & Wellness framework in place: - Employee Assistance Programme Wellness APP – encourage downloading Wellbeing events Health & Safety system

		Eyesight tests Flu Vaccinations Family friendly policies Occupational Health care. Operation of attendance management system NOAC C2: working days lost to sickness Absenteeism reduced below 3.5% Record and monitor COVID 19 instances
	Raise awareness of equality and diversity, equal treatment for all.	Diversity and equality learning module delivered to all staff.

Health & Safety Unit			
Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Manage and implement the Health and Safety Management System (HSMS) to ensure the safety, health and welfare of employees and others that could be affected by Monaghan County Council's operations by being	10	Provide a suitable Health and Safety Management System (HSMS) that is the requirements of ISO 45001.	Review and maintain the MCC Online H&S Management System including the Corporate Safety Statement, Generic Procedures, H&R Assessments, Inspections and H&S Registers.
compliant with legislation, codes of practice and best practice.		Provide support, assistance, advice, information and training to employees to ensure the safety health and welfare of employees and other that may be affected.	Building H&S Assessments in place. H&S Unit Corporate Risk Register in place and current.
		Develop and implement an audit, inspection, investigation and review process.	2022 Health and Safety Unit Operational Plan in place. Deliver Management Team Monthly Reports.

Safety Committee in place and operational.
Two Safety Link Newsletters and regular Safety Briefings issued to employees.
Participate in European H&S Week.
Investigate incidents and maintain records.
Manage the MCC Defibrillators.

ICT

In its Corporate Plan, Monaghan County Council has committed to delivering an efficient, effective and accessible service through advancing information systems and technology and promoting a culture of innovation. The Information Systems and Innovation department has the lead role in delivering on the Council's commitments in this area. The 2022 service delivery plan for this department is set out below. Objectives will be delivered in compliance with Monaghan County Council's adopted governance processes & procedures.

Supporting Strategy	High Level Goal	Actions for 2022	Performance Standards
Provide a modern, secure, green and	1, 3, 11	Monitor and maintain datacentre in HQ.	NOAC indicator – Overall cost of ICT
accessible ICT infrastructure to enable	1, 0, 11		provision per WTE
efficient and reliable service delivery.		Measure and analyse energy usage/carbon	
		footprint of HQ Datacentre and explore	NOAC indicator – Cost of ICT provision as a
		options to reduce same while ensuring	proportion of revenue expenditure
		efficient secure operations.	
			Public Sector Cyber Security Baseline
		Procure unified communications solution	Standards
		(Teams telephony) and roll-out to entire	
		organisation	Percentage Servers, PCs and Laptops running supported Operating Systems

Procure SOC (24/7 Security Operations Centre), SIEM (Security Incident and Event Monitoring), and advanced network security services Procure independent external and internal network Penetration testing Review the Public Sector Cyber Security Baseline Standards, carry out a gap analysis, identify actions, priorities and resources required to achieve baseline standards Review Cyber Risk Improvements required by IPB for Cyber Royber Risk Improvements required by IPB for Cyber Extortion / Ransomware Buy Back and implement where resources allow Continue to implement CIS cyber-security controls and continue to provide cyber security through managing multi- layered cyber-security systems Renew/replace Anti-Virus solution Upgrade Virtualised hypervisor platform to latest version and implement 2FA for platform access Monitor and maintain server and data backup solution	
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		Update Disaster Recovery (DR) Plan and	
		conduct regular DR testing	
		Portion and the substance of the standard	
		Review security policies and develop	
		additional policies	
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		Review and update I.S. procedures	
		 Maintain comms room equipment in	
		remote offices, install/upgrade switches,	
		routers and other network equipment	
		Touters and other network equipment	
		Continue implementing Windows Server	
		and Desktop Upgrade/Migrate/Replace	
		Programme	
Lead innovation, and develop and	O 11	Continue as lead authority in collaboration	No. of local authority services available on
support initiatives through	3, 11	with 10 local authorities, DHLGH, OGCIO,	MyCoCo
collaboration at local, regional,		and LGMA on the development of MyCoCo	•
national and EU level.		- a national build-to-share secure hosted	No. of local authorities onboarded to
		solution for the delivery of digital services	MyCoCo
		to citizens	
			Innovation Strategy Published
		Develop national build-to-share Employee	
		Engagement solution in collaboration with	Attendance/participation at national public
		Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	sector innovation network events
		Undertake a programme to implement an	No. of ideas received through call for ideas
		Innovation Management System in	for local innovation fund and national
		Monaghan County Council	innovation fund
		Barrier to the first transfer of the first t	Constitution to the state of th
		Prepare and submit proposals to National	Successful applications to Innovation Funds
		Public Service Innovation Fund and other	
		Innovation Funds such as the Future Tech	
		Challenge	

		Submit proposals for pilot projects to Dept. Rural & Community development which have the scope to be scaled up nationally	
		Develop programme of events for National Public Service Innovation Week 2022	
		Continue development of 360-degree tour and House inspections App	
		Continue to develop the Innovation Hub on the Staff Portal	
		Continue to build relations with external innovation networks	
Upgrade and implement new and	3, 11	Continue the roll-out of Laserfiche	
emerging software and systems where appropriate, including AI and Robotics, while keeping in mind accessibility, security, privacy and information		Implement new systems including the national ePlanning system, the national library management system,	No. sections using Laserfiche
management requirements.		Metacompliance system for simulated phishing, eLearning and Policy Management, Manage Engine Service Desk	Go-live target dates met for national systems
		Carry out application upgrades for the following systems: - Agresso Financial Management System, Ascendas Customer Payments Portal, LGMA iPlan and iHouse Systems, eVoter system	No. applications running on latest versions of software
		Implement corporate walking tours app - Explore Monaghan	

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		Implement business intelligence tools to	
		provide graphic information dashboards to	
		assist with decision making	
Implement and maintain high quality	0	Review GIS systems and upgrade/replace as	
	3, 11		
GIS systems and open data		appropriate	
technologies.			
		Develop an online Open Data Portal	
		Publish open data on national portal	
Provide broadband, wi-fi facilities and	3, 4, 6, 7, 11	Support the rollout of thematic	NOAC indicator – No. of visits to website
online services to staff, libraries and	0, 4, 0, 1, 11	programmes to BCPs, focusing on remote	
the community.		working, digital skills development, Arts &	Improved bandwidth and reliability
		Culture, E-health	
		Caltare, E nealth	Usage of public Wi-Fi
		Constitution Education MCC and and the all the	Osage of public WI-FI
		Support the Eduroam Wifi network in public	
		libraries for 3 rd level college students	
		Commence online portal to allow member	
		of the public to register broadband queries	
		and broadband issues	
		Create 3 * E-health hubs within Co.	
		Monaghan to assess this as a national	
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		rollout project	
		Maintain and aumont WifiAFII mublic Wifi	
		Maintain and support Wifi4EU public Wifi	
		network	
		Continue to a control bloom for the	
		Continue to support library facilities as	
		spaces to encourage innovation and	
		creativity	
		Review and maintain corporate and public	
		Wi-Fi networks	

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		Develop GIS Hub to provide quick access to the public to GIS applications Continue to implement online interactive mapping applications	
Implement and promote remote working technologies including mobile devices and apps, virtual teams,	3, 4, 7, 11	Continue roll-out of docked laptop solution for all staff	
conferencing facilities.		Facilitate and support home/blended working	Complete inventory of PCS, Laptops, tablets, mobile phones, lone working devices,
		Continue to develop and implement Mobile Apps	loggers, sim cards All mobile devices (phones, tablets, laptops)
		Implement video conferencing systems	enrolled in MDM
		Manage the Council's Laptop, tablet, mobile phone/device/sim card estate	
Provide high quality technical support to all our customers.	3, 11	Continue to provide high quality technical support to staff, management and councillors	No. of Support Calls logged / resolved per month
		Manage support calls and service requests via service desk system	Average time taken to respond to and to resolve support requests
		Develop plan to reduce the no. open calls	
Implement the National Broadband Plan (NBP) for County Monaghan and the County Monaghan Digital Strategy		Continue to facilitate the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan	No. of premises with fibre connectivity under NBP
the county Monagnan Digital Strategy		Develop branding and marketing / promotional campaign	Use of BCPs
			Use of WI-FI

Collaborate with other local authorities to	
develop and increase use of digital hubs	Progress of the County Monaghan Digital
	Strategy
Identify and apply for funding for digital	
initiatives	
Work with the Digital Steering Committee	
to identify priority actions in the County	
Monaghan Digital Strategy and implement	
actions agreed	

Appendix

1. Housing

Performance Indicator H1: Social Housing Stock

Performance Indicator H2: Housing Vacancies

Performance Indicator H3: Average Re-letting Time and Cost

Performance Indicator H4: Housing Maintenance Cost

Performance Indicator H5: Private Rented Sector Inspections

Performance Indicator H6: Long-term Homeless Adults

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2. Roads

Performance Indicator R1: Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) Rating

Performance Indicator R2: Roadworks (Expenditure)

Performance Indicator R3: % of Motor Tax Transactions conducted online

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3. Water

Performance Indicator W1: % Drinking water in private schemes in compliance

with statutory requirements

Performance Indicator W2: Percentage of registered schemes monitored

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4. Waste and Environment

Performance Indicator E1: Households with access to a 3 Bin Service

Performance Indicator E2: Environmental Pollution Cases

Performance Indicator E3: Litter Pollution

Performance Indicator E4: % of Schools that currently hold & have renewed their

Green Flag Status

Performance Indicator E5: Percentage Energy Efficiency Performance

Performance Indicator E6: Public Lighting

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5. Planning

Performance Indicator P1: Building Control Inspections

Performance Indicator P2: No./% of Planning decisions confirmed by An Bord

Pleanála

Performance Indicator P3: Planning Enforcement

Performance Indicator P4: Cost per Capita

Performance Indicator P5: Fire Safety Certificate Applications

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6. Fire Services

Performance Indicator F1: Cost per Capita of the Fire Service

Performance Indicator F2: Mobilisation Times

Performance Indicator F3: Attendance times at scenes

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7. Library Service

Performance Indicator L1: Library visits & issues

Performance Indicator L2: Cost of operating a Library service

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8. Youth/Community

Performance Indicator Y1: Participation in Comhairle na nÓg scheme

Performance Indicator Y2: Groups associated with the PPN

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9. Corporate - HR and ICT

Performance Indicator C1: Wholetime Equivalents (WTE)

Performance Indicator C2: Sick Leave

Performance Indicator C3: Website and Social Media

Performance Indicator C4: Overall cost of ICT provision per WTE

Performance Indicator C5: Overall cost of ICT as a proportion of Revenue

Expenditure

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10. Finance

Performance Indicator M1: Revenue Account Balance

Performance Indicator M2: Revenue Collection Rates

Performance Indicator M2 (A): 5 year Summary of Collection Levels of Commercial Rates

Performance Indicator M2 (B): 5 year Summary of Collection of Rent & Annuities

Performance Indicator M2 (C): 5 year Summary of Collection of Housing Loans

Performance Indicator M3: Public Liability Claims

Performance Indicator M4: Overheads

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11. Economic Development

Performance Indicator J1: Job Creation

Performance Indicator J2: Trading Online Vouchers

Performance Indicator J3: No. of Mentoring Recipients

Performance Indicator J4: Tourism Strategy

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