Meath County Council

Annual Budget 2020

Citizen Summary

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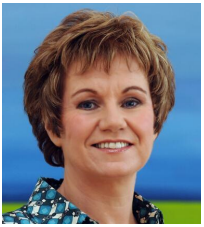


Introduction from the Chief Executive

This is a short summary of the Council's budget for 2020. It sets out the main sources of income and the various services that the budget will be used to deliver.

Budget 2020 provides for expenditure of €138,092,906 an increase of over €15m (or 12.2%) on last year's budget. This is a very positive position and has been possible through a continued focus on maximising the use of resources at our disposal, strong budgetary management processes, increased income in a number of service areas and greater effort in securing higher levels of grant funding.

It will also bring enhanced service levels and provide additional human and financial resources in critical and emerging areas.

Evolution of Budget Expenditure 2014-2020

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
97,284,572	97,858,976	100,939,369	104,642,530	110,753,400	123,941,815	139,092,906

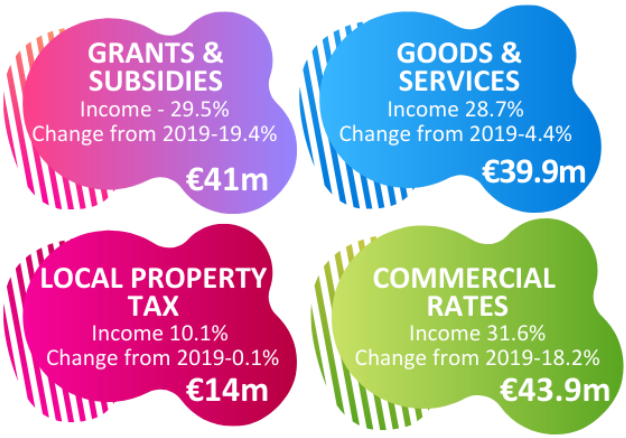
Budget Preparation

Budget 2020 was prepared in the statutory format and in consultation with the Corporate Policy Group for consideration by the Elected Members.

The preparation of Budget 2020 was complicated by the Re-Valuation Process that was undertaken by the Valuation Office. This is part of a national programme, involving the revaluing of all rateable properties in Meath during 2019.

Sources of Income

The main sources of income available to fund Budget 2020 are set out here:



Budget Expenditure

In 2018, the Council spent €599.40 per person in the county, (up from €534.19 per person in 2017). This is well below the national average expenditure per capita for 2018, which was €978.91 per person.

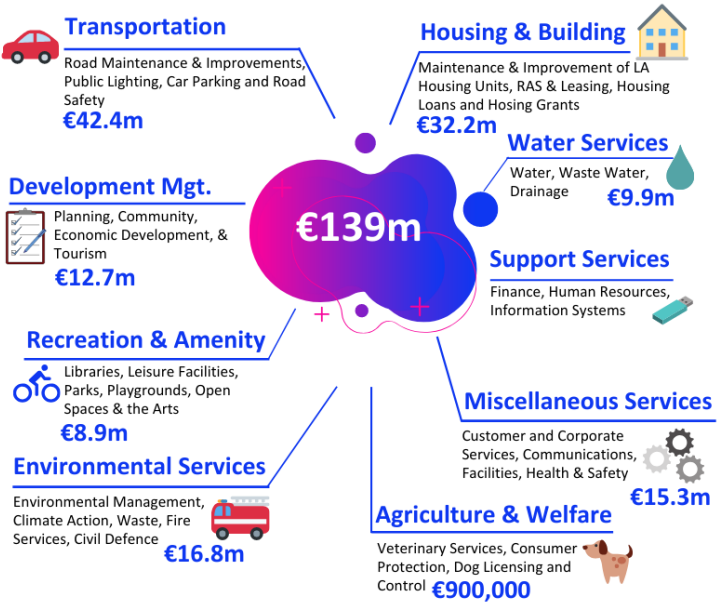
It is worth underlining that Meath County Council embodies the 'doing more with less' approach. The Council continues to have the lowest revenue expenditure per capita of any local authority in the State.

That said, the budget will help deliver essential services to communities across the county, address key challenges and make a significant impact on the local economy and in securing local jobs.

Expenditure per Head of Population:

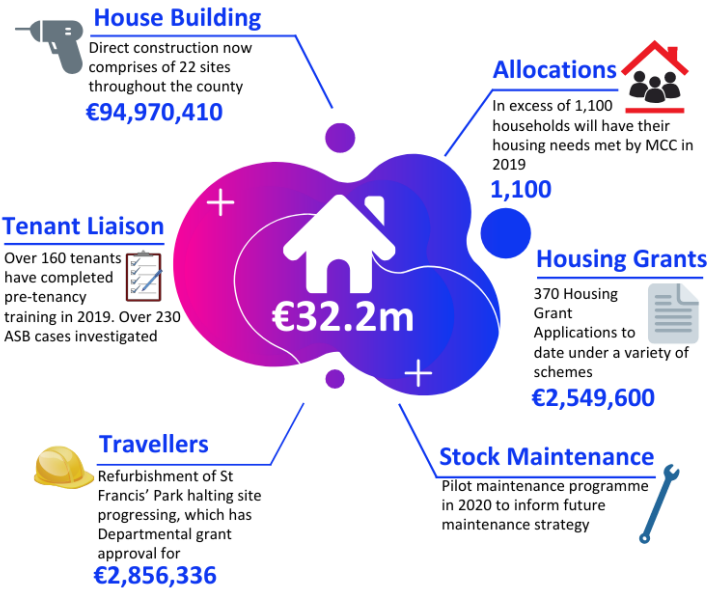
	Expenditure	% of Budget	Spend per HOP
Housing & Building	€32,195,528	23.15%	€165.07
Transportation	€42,404,754	30.48%	€217.41
Water Services	€9,874,153	7.10%	€50.63
Development Management	€12,738,956	9.16%	€65.31
Environment, Fire & Emergency Services	€16,770,390	12.06%	€85.98
Community Development	€16,770,390	6.43%	€45.84
Agriculture, Health, Welfare & Education	€8,940,13	0.65%	€4.62
Miscellaneous Services	€15,268,453	10.97%	€78.28
	€139,092,906	100%	€713.14

Budget 2020 - Expenditure



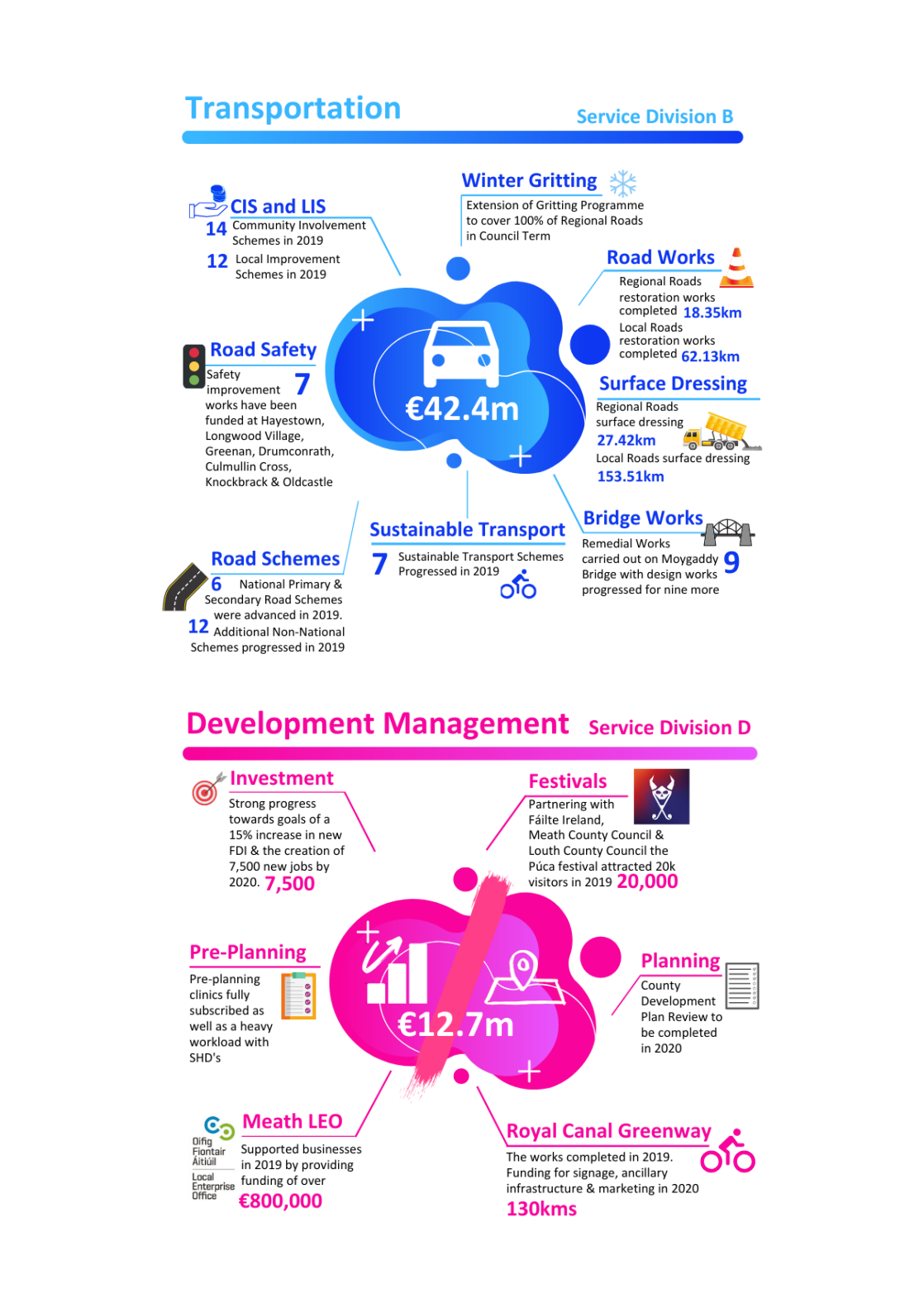
Housing

Service Division A



Transportation

Service Division B



Development Management

Service Division D

Environment, Fire & Emergency Services

Service Division E

Slipways

Works were completed on 5 slipways on the River Boyne & River Blackwater **5**

Anti-Dumping

In excess of 700 mattresses were collected as part of the Anti-Dumping Campaign **700**

Environment Fund

Community Environment Action Fund attracted 50 applications, focusing on Climate Action & Biodiversity **50**

Litter Mgt.

New Plan for the county adopted in 2019

Green Schools

30 Meath Schools awarded Green Flags by An Taisce in 2019

Fire Service

Dunshaughlin Fire Station was extended & upgraded, & enhanced welfare facilities provided in 2019

Climate Action

Launch of Meath's Climate Action Strategy with over 150 actions covering 8 thematic areas **150**

Civil Defence

180 Active Volunteers in Civil Defence throughout Meath. With almost 170 duty days at events in 2019

Recreation & Amenity

Service Division F

Kells Cultural Hub

45 cultural events facilitated June to December 2019 **45**

My Open Library

New improvements in Trim in 2019, will be expanded in 2020

Library Upgrades

Progress Bettystown Library and upgrades in Oldcastle and Dunshaughlin in 2020

Music Generation

Deliver music education and performance opportunities to young people over next 3-5 years

Digital Services

Delivered the rollout of digital services across the branch network **€300,000**

Toradh Gallery

Toradh Gallery Ashbourne hosted 5 visual arts exhibitions and an educational outreach programme with over 200 primary school children **5**

Children's Book Festival

6,000 children participated from over 50 schools

Arts Development Plan

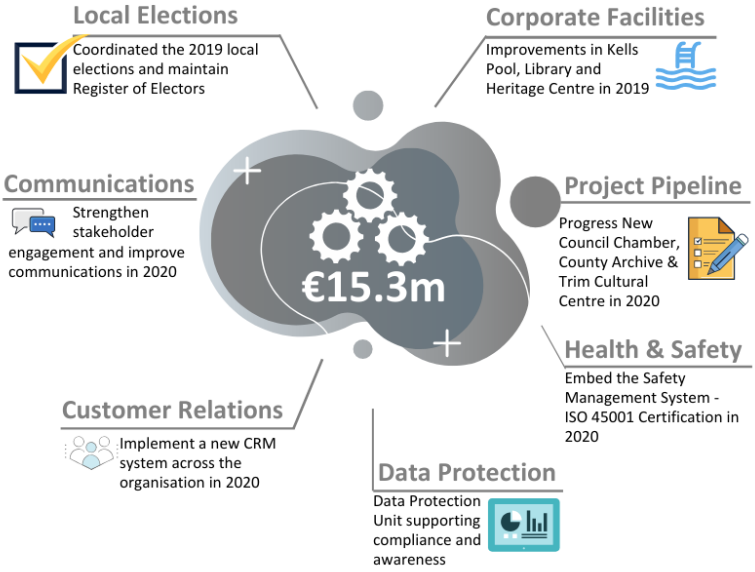
County Arts Development Plan 2019-2024 adopted with 4 strategic priorities

Summer Reading Challenge

1,668 children participated in the annual event

Miscellaneous Services

Service Division H



Finance, HR & IT

Service Division J

Your Councillors

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Navan

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Trim

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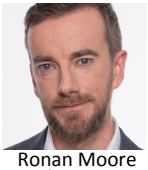
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