



Kilkenny County Council & Kilkenny Borough Council Annual Report 2011

THE COUNCILS OF THE COUNTY & CITY OF KILKENNY

Mission Statement

“Kilkenny Local Authorities aim to work in partnership with the people of Kilkenny and relevant agencies to deliver quality services and to promote sustainable economic, social and cultural development for current and future generations.”



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Cathaoirleach and Mayor's Statement



Cllr. Paul Cuddihy,
Cathaoirleach.

It is a great privilege to introduce the Annual Report for 2011. This report contains details of the wide variety of services provided by Kilkenny Local Authorities, which underpin the very basic needs and requirements of the people of Kilkenny. In a period of continued economic challenge it is worth noting the very valuable role that both local authorities play in providing essential core services such as housing, roads, water & emergency services and in supporting local communities through the arts, heritage & conservation, libraries and community & enterprise functions.



Cllr. David FitzGerald,
Mayor.

In the light of reductions in available finance and reducing numbers being employed, both Authorities have continued to modernise their operations and secure improved efficiencies in the way that they do their business. Progress has been achieved in many areas: on financial management, procurement, new information technologies, developing communications systems, and significant changes to structural reform of services, including the development of "business units" in place of the more traditional sections and the ongoing development of shared services.

Kilkenny City and County has a rich cultural and heritage tradition. The councils are intent on maximising Kilkenny's attractiveness as a centre of tourism excellence and are determined to take every and any opportunity to promote Kilkenny and to work to attract investment in our County to enable us to weather the difficult times in which we find ourselves. Both Authorities have undertaken a number of initiatives to promote Kilkenny as a location for investment including the establishment of an economic development unit. Key activities were carried out to build relationships with businesses and stakeholders, embed the county's strengths as a great place to work, ensure a positive and robust environment is in place to support business and communicate with a targeted broad audience of local, regional, national and multinational sectors.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank Manager, Joe Crockett and all the councils' staff, we commend their commitment and dedication and we look forward to continued progress, working with all of the people of Kilkenny in making Kilkenny a better place to live in, work and visit.

County & City Manager's Statement



Mr Joe Crocket,
County and City Manager.

The 2011 Annual Report of Kilkenny County & Borough Councils represents an important record of the work of the Councils throughout the year. The report not only highlights the major developments of 2011 but also covers the important and vital services provided on an on-going basis. Kilkenny is strategically important centre for industry and commerce in the southeast, and is the home of some of this region's most significant agriculture, food and financial services companies. The city and county is also a major tourism and retail destination and hosts many nationally important festivals and events.

Like Councils throughout Ireland in 2011, Kilkenny County and Borough Councils faced a challenging period of both financial and service delivery management. We have responded by reviewing the structure and policies of the organisation to enable more effective service delivery and to provide greater value for money.

With this in mind, a key priority for the year was to create efficiencies wherever possible in order that high quality utilities and services could continue to be provided to the people and businesses of Kilkenny. The quantity and quality of these services are measured through a series of "series performance indicators" which are a very real and true measure of the work that the Councils have undertaken in the past year.

In addition to focusing on maintenance of quality services, the Council is committed to investing in important infrastructural projects designed to improve the quality of life and improve Kilkenny's attractiveness as a destination for new investment and business into Kilkenny. With this in mind; the report contains details of projects such as extensive road improvement works, completion of the Bellview water scheme and significant investment in public amenities throughout the city and county.

The Invest Kilkenny marketing campaign was also launched, this is a high profile campaign designed to help us engage with overseas and domestic businesses seeking location opportunities in Ireland.

I would like to thank the Cathaoirleach, the Mayor & the Elected Members and staff of both councils for their work and support in 2011 and all the groups and individuals throughout Kilkenny who worked together to help make Kilkenny a better place.

By working together, Councillors, management and staff are making a major contribution to the success of the city and county making it a great place to live in, to work in or to visit.

Notable Achievements in 2011



Roads & Transportation

- Road works completed along the N10 Ring Road between Old Dublin Road and Boherantounish Road Roundabouts
 - Smarter Travel Day was launched in 2011
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Planning & Housing

- 153 applicants accommodated under Rental Accommodation Scheme
 - 19,000 planning files were scanned and made available
 - €1.6m collected in development contributions
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Arts & Heritage

- Unveiled current phase of conservation and restoration works to Talbot tower
 - Co-ordinated & promoted Kilkenny heritage week 2011
 - 1,640 people engaged as audience or participants in Culture Night
 - National drawing day took place at the parade tower
 - 10,000 people engaged with various arts events throughout 2011
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Library Services

- A new mobile library was launched and a new library for Ferrybank and South Kilkenny.
 - 262, 233 books were issued over 241,135 visits
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Notable Achievements in 2011



Water Services

- 10.1 million cubed metres of quality drinking water provided
 - 13,800 quality tests conducted on public and private water supplies
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Waste & Environment

- 18,431 tonnes of waste collected from kerbside – 40% of this was recycled
2,819 tonnes of recycling collected from kerbside
 - 81% of schools participated in the Green School Programme
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Parks & Amenities

- Kilkenny now has 15 Council operated playgrounds. 5 outdoor fitness areas were installed to complement playgrounds
 - Lacken Walk was redeveloped and now forms part of the River Nore Linear Park
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Fire Services & Civil Defence

- Fire service responded to 721 incidents
 - Average response time for fires was 6min and 39 seconds
 - Civil Defence volunteers provided first aid at 15 events and the Kilkenny Senior Hurling team home coming
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The Kilkenny Local Authorities



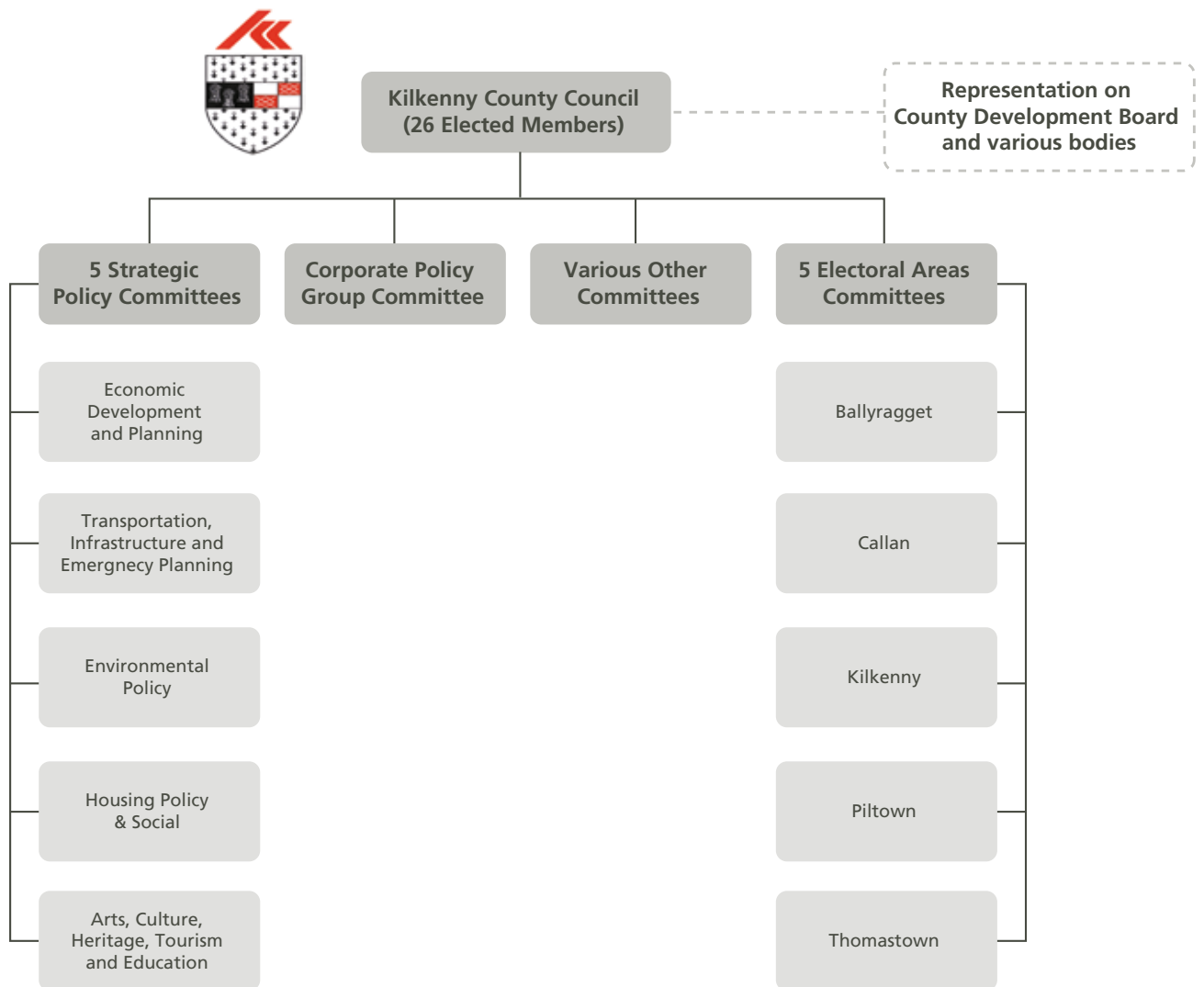
The Kilkenny Local Authorities

1.1. Structure of Kilkenny County Council

Elected Membership

Kilkenny County Council comprises twenty six members, elected for a five year term of office. The current Council was elected in June 2009 and membership at 31st December 2011 is shown in appendix II. A number of former members of the Council have been elected to Dail & Seanad Eireann and to the European Parliament and their contact details are included.

Kilkenny County Council Elected Members Structure



Kilkenny County Council Management Structure

Elected Membership

Within Kilkenny County Council's management structure, four director of services report to the County Manager. The four directorates and their key areas of responsibility are as follows.

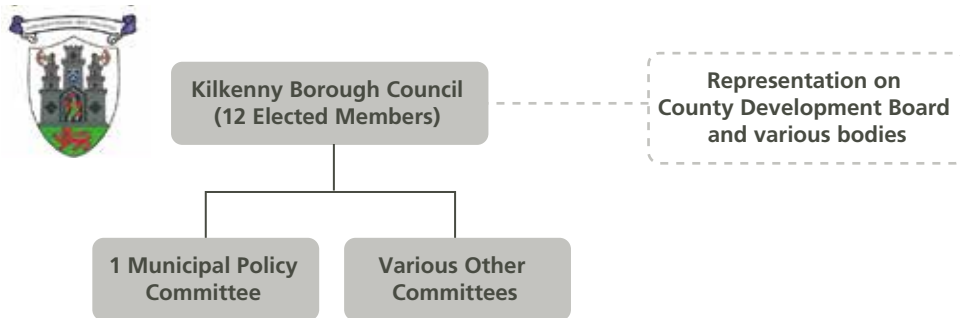


1.2 Structure of Kilkenny Borough Council

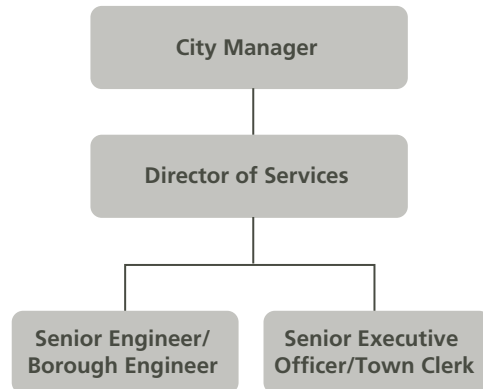
Elected Membership

Kilkenny Borough Council comprises twelve members, elected for a five year term of office. The current Council was elected in June 2009 and membership at 31st December 2011 is as shown below. A number of members of the Borough Council have also been elected to Kilkenny County Council and represent the Kilkenny Electoral Area on the County Council.

Kilkenny Borough Council Membership Structure



Kilkenny Borough Council Management Structure



1.3 Members of Committees and Subsidiary Bodies

There is a legal obligation on Local Authorities to establish certain Committees such as Strategic Policy Committees. Local Authorities have discretionary authority to establish other committees so as to assist them in performing their roles as elected members.

Strategic Policy Committees (SPC)

Kilkenny County Council has established 5 Strategic Policy Committees to assist the elected Council in the formation of policy.

These five strategic policy committees are:

1. Forward Planning and Development Policy
2. Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other
3. Environmental Policy, Fire Services & Emergency Planning
4. Housing & Social Policy
5. Community & Social Policy, Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Education

The Committee representation & reports for 2011 are as follows:

Committee 1	Forward Planning and Development Policy	4 meetings in 2011
<p>CHAIRPERSON</p>	 <p>Cllr Maurice Shortall, 42 Maryville, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny</p>	
<p>MEMBERS</p>	<p>Cllr Pat Dunphy, Ballygorey, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny Cllr Anne-Maria Irish, Nicholastown, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny Cllr Fidelis Doherty, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny Cllr. Jane Galway, Rathcusack, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny Cllr Michael O'Brien, Friarshill, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny Cllr Sean Treacy, Coolroebeeg, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny</p> <p>Borough Council Member - Cllr. Seán O'Hargáin Business/Commercial - Alison McGrath, Kilkenny Chamber Construction and Industry - Denis Guilfoyle, Construction Industry Federation Environmental - Cóilín Ó Drisceoil, Kilkenny Archeology Community and Voluntary - John Burke Turkstown, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny Agriculture - Kevin Connolly, Coolmore, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny</p>	
<p>REPORT SUMMARY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Retail Strategy • Core Strategy – Variation No.2 to Kilkenny County Development Plan 2008-2014 • The 2014-2020 County Development Plan • Wind Energy Strategy • Local Area Plans Update • Unfinished Housing Developments & Taking in Charge • Quarries – Section 261A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 	

Committee 2**Infrastructure, Transportation,
Water Services & Other****4 meetings in 2011****CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr Pat Millea,
Gaulstown,
Tullaroan,
Co. Kilkenny
056 7769182

MEMBERS

Cllr John Brennan, Crutt, Clogh, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny 056 4442319
Cllr Fidelis Doherty, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny 051 880310
Cllr Jane Galway, Rathcusack, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny 086 3655314
Cllr Malcolm Noonan, 35 Fr. Murphy Square, Kilkenny 056 7723276
Cllr. Matt Doran, Shrughwadda, Kilmoganny 051 648220

Business and Employers - Cormac O' Sullivan, Haggard Road, Kells, Co Kilkenny
Trade Union - Denis Hynes, SIPTU, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.
Environmental Pillar - Ann Gibbons, Kilree House, Kilkenny
Community and Voluntary - Paul Corcoran Ballyfoyle Co Kilkenny
Agriculture - Michael Rice. Greenridge, Kilkenny.

REPORT SUMMARY

- Winter Maintenance
- Road Safety Plan
- Road Works Scheme-Local discretion
- Presentation on Releasing Water Quality Information
- Traffic Calming Review
- Pavement Management System-Overview
- Rural Broadband
- Flood Relief Schemes in County Kilkenny
- Smarter Travel
- Review of Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment
- Considered proposed Laois-Kilkenny Reinforcement Project (Electricity Transmission Scheme)
- Bus Stop Accessibility Programme

CHAIRPERSON



Cllr Martin Brett,
Derdimus,
Tennypark,
Kilkenny
056 7761116

MEMBERS

Cllr Paul Cuddihy, Granges Road, Kilkenny 087 9931484
Cllr Tom Maher, Broadmore, Callan, Co. Kilkenny 056 7725234
Cllr Anne-Maria Irish, Nicholastown, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny 051 851483
Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Whiteswall, Crosspatrick, Co. Kilkenny 0505 46419
Cllr Eamonn Aylward, Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny 051 898975

Business/Commercial - Vacant

Environmental Pillar - Pat Durkan, 5 Riverview, Kilkenny.

Community and Voluntary - Sean Fitzpatrick Ballynamanna Road, Rathmoyle, Kilkenny

Agriculture - John Bambrick, Mallardstown, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

REPORT SUMMARY

Waste Management

- Environment Enforcement Plan
- Landfill Levy Rate Increase
- Litter Management Plan
- Name & Shame Policy
- National Waste Policy (Towards a new national waste policy) – SPC submission to DECLG
- Packaging Levy – SPC submission to DECLG
- Restructuring of the household refuse collection service – SPC submission to DECLG
- South East Region Waste Management Plan

Water Quality

- River Water Quality
- Bathing Water Quality

Kilkenny Fire Rescue Service

- New Developments - Equipment
- Severe Weather Planning 'Be Winter – Ready'
- Training

Other

- Climate Change
- Casual Trading

Four submissions were made to the DECLG on national public consultations issues:

- Climate Change Bill
- National Waste Policy (Towards a new national waste policy)
- Packaging Levy
- Restructuring of the household refuse collection service

Committee 4	Housing & Social Policy	4 meetings in 2011
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CHAIRPERSON



Cllr Marie Fitzpatrick,
64 Bishop Birch Place,
Kilkenny
056 7764438

MEMBERS

Cllr Betty Manning, Castle Road, Kilkenny 056 7721096
Cllr Catherine Connery, Jenkinstown, Co. Kilkenny 056 7767692
Cllr William Ireland, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny 056 7727668
Cllr Cora Long, Ballygriffin, Carrigeen, Via Waterford, 051 897894
Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Constituency Office, O'Loughlin Road 056 7770672

Construction and Industry - Ivan Shannon, CIF
Community and Voluntary - Sean Butler 46 Friary Walk Callan, Co Kilkenny
Trade Union - Yvonne Moriarity
Agriculture - Elizabeth Regan

REPORT SUMMARY

- New Allocations Policy
- Review of Traveller Accommodation programme including Traveller Census
- Social Housing Investment Programme
- Social Housing Supports System

Committee 5	Community & Social Policy, Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Education	3 meetings in 2011
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CHAIRPERSON



Cllr John Brennan,
Crutt, Clogh,
Castlecomer,
Co. Kilkenny
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MEMBERS

Cllr Paul Cuddihy, Granges Road, Kilkenny 087 9931484
Cllr Tommy Prendergast, 3 St Oliver Plunkett Avenue Tinnahinch, 059 9724770
Cllr Pat Crowley, Kilmoganny County Kilkenny, 056 772831
Cllr Tomas Breathnach, Forge Road, Narabane, Kilmacow, 051 885483
Cllr John Coonan, 17 Willow Close, Ardnore, Kilkenny 056 7762398

Borough Council Rep - Cllr.D.Fitzgerald
Business and Employers - Roisin McQuillan, Kilkenny Business Womens Network
Environmental Pillar - Patrick Walsh, Willmount House, Piltown, Co Kilkenny
Community and Voluntary - Breda McDonald Ballintleg, Mullinavat, Co.Kilkenny

REPORT SUMMARY

- Updates by Heritage Officer on 2011 projects
- Updates by Arts Officer on 2011 projects
- Library Development Plan Review
- Kilkenny Sports Partnership
- Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme
- Age Friendly County Programme
- Comhairle na nOg programme
- Kilkenny Archive Project

City Of Kilkenny Municipal Policy Committee (MPC)

Kilkenny Borough Council has established a Municipal Policy Committee. Its membership & report for 2011 is as follows:

	City Of Kilkenny Municipal Policy Committee (MPC)	1 meeting in 2011
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CHAIRPERSON



Cllr Betty Manning,
Castle Road,
Kilkenny
056 7721096

MEMBERS

Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Mayor, 24, Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Elected Member

Cllr. Paul Cuddihy, Granges Road, Kilkenny.

Elected Member

Cllr. Kathleen Funchion, 28, Whitescastle, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny.

Elected Member

Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin, Sceilg", Greenshill, Kilkenny.

Elected Member

Fr. Nicholas Flavin, Kilkenny Community and Voluntary Forum, Millennium Court, Hebron Road, Kilkenny.

Community & Voluntary Forum Representative

Mr. Pat Henderson, Talbots Inch Village, Freshford Road, Kilkenny.

Sports Representative

Mr. Eamon Langton, Sion Road, Kilkenny.

Tourism Representative

Mr. Joe Ledwidge, Old Bekwai", Dunningstown Road, Kilkenny.

Heritage Representative

Mr. Jim Flynn, Kilkenny Café, Market Cross, Kilkenny.

Kilkenny Business Representative

REPORT SUMMARY

- Protocol for use of the Parade Civic Space
- Casual Trading
- Parks Bye Laws
- MPC Work Programme

Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee

Kilkenny County Council has established a Joint Policing Committee. Its membership & report for 2011 is as follows:

	Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee	4 meetings in 2011
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CHAIRPERSON



Cllr. Paul Cuddihy,
Granges Road,
Kilkenny

MEMBERS

Cllr. Maurice Shortall, 42 Maryville, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Catherine Connery, Jenkinstown, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick, 64 Bishop Birch Place, Kilkenny.
Cllr. Matt Doran, Shrugawadda, Kilmoganny, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. William Ireland, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Tom Maher, Broadmore, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.
Senator Pat O' Neill, Ballyredding, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Tommy Prendergast, 3 St. Oliver Plunkett Road, Tinnahinch, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Michael O' Brien, Friarshill, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Sean Treacy, Coolroebeag, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Cora Long, Ballygriffin, Carrigeen, Via Waterford, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Ballygorey, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Anne Maria Irish, Nicholastown, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.
Cllr. Tomas Breathnach, Forge Road, Narabane, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny.
Superintendent, Kevin Dolan, Thomastown Garda Station, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Chief Superintendent M. McGarry, Thomastown Garda Station, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Mr. John Burke, Turkstown, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.
Ms. Mary Egan, Tullahought, Windgap, Co. Kilkenny.
Mr. Gerard Ferris, Ardra, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.
Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Constituency Office, 1 High Street, Kilkenny.
Mr. John McGuinness, T.D., Constituency Office, O' Loughlin Road, Kilkenny.
Deputy Ann Phelan, T.D., Brandondale, Graignamanagh, Co. Kilkenny.
Deputy John Paul Phelan, T.D., Smithstown, Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny.
Mr. Pat Deering, T.D., Rathvilly, Co. Carlow.
Cllr. Jane Galway, Rathcusack, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny

REPORT SUMMARY

- CCTV in Kilkenny City
- Anti Social Behaviour & Vandalism at Public Amenity Areas
- Alcohol Bye-Laws
- Traffic Management Issues/Speed Limits
- Litter & Environmental Issues
- National Drugs Strategy
- Public Order Sub-Committee Report
- Community Alert
- Joint Policing Annual Report

Kilkenny City Joint Policing Committee

Kilkenny Borough Council has established a Joint Policing Committee. Its membership & report for 2011 is as follows:

	Kilkenny City Joint Policing Committee	3 meetings in 2011
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CHAIRPERSON



Cllr. Paul Cuddihy,
Granges Road,
Kilkenny

MEMBERS

Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Mayor 24, Patrick Street, Kilkenny
Cllr. Betty Manning Castle Road, Kilkenny
Cllr. Martin Brett, Derdimus, Tennypark, Kilkenny
Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Constituency Office, O'Loughlin Road, Kilkenny
Cllr. Joe Reidy, Parliament House, Parliament Street, Kilkenny
Cllr. John Coonan, 17 Willow Close, Kilkenny
Cllr. Joe Malone 11, Maiden Hill Estate, Kilkenny
Cllr. Kathleen Funchion, 28, Whitescastle, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny
Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, 35, Fr. Murphy Square, Kilkenny
Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick, 64, Bishop Birch Place, Kilkenny
Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin "Sceilg", Greenshill, Kilkenny
Deputy Phil Hogan, T.D. Constituency Office, New Street, Kilkenny
Deputy Ann Phelan, T.D. Brandondale, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny
Deputy John McGuinness T.D, Constituency Office, O'Loughlin Road, Kilkenny
Deputy Patrick Deering, T.D. Ballyoliver, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow
Chief Superintendent Michael McGarry, Thomastown Garda Station, Thomastown
Superintendent Michael Nevin, Kilkenny Garda Station, Dominic Street, Kilkenny
Inspector Liam Connolly, Kilkenny Garda Station, Dominic Street, Kilkenny
Mr. Pat McAuley, 40, Connolly Street, Kilkenny
Ms. Enya Kennedy, Wolfe Tone House, Wolfe Tone Street, Kilkenny
Mr. Joseph Mguni, 14, Oakwood Court, Parcnagown, Kilkenny
Ms. Martina Comerford, Rapid Co-Coordinator C & E Dept County Council

REPORT SUMMARY

Crime, Drugs and Public Order:

- Drug Problems in Kilkenny City
- Safety of people in their homes
- Drug Awareness Week
- Role of the Joint Policing Committee in assisting the Drugs Task Force

Community Engagement:

- CCTV
- Turnaround time of Local Authority Houses
- Statistics in relation to domestic violence
- "Victim Assist" Programme

Traffic:

- Road Safety Issues
- Inter Schools Quiz
- Statistics in relation to drink driving, speeding and seat belt offences
- Provision and use of cycle lanes within the City

Electoral Area Committees

Five Area Committees have been established. Members elected to Kilkenny County Council from the 5 Electoral Areas are members of their respective Area Committee.

The Area Committees are;

- Ballyragget Electoral Area Committee
- Callan Electoral Area Committee
- Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee
- Thomastown Electoral Area Committee
- Piltown Electoral Area Committee

A number of other Committees have also been established;

- Traveller Accommodation Committee
- Woodstock Restoration Committee
- Rural Water Monitoring Committee

Both Authorities are also represented on numerous bodies and external committees;

- County Development Board
- Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance
- Goul Joint Drainage Committee
- County Enterprise Board
- Leader Partnership
- Local Authorities Members Association
- Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland
- South East Regional Authority
- RAPID Area Implementation Team
- Vocational Educational Committee
- Kilkenny Tourism Committee
- Watergate Theatre
- Irish Water Safety Association
- Regional Health Forum- South
- Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency

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Kilkenny County Council Divisional Services



2.1 Corporate Services, Transportation & Emergency Planning & Kilkenny Borough Council

The following services are provided under this Directorate;

- Corporate Services
- Human Resources
- Health & Safety
- Internal Audit
- Information Technology
- Roads & Transportation
- Road Safety
- Parks & Amenities
- Fire Services
- Emergency Management
- Civil Defence
- A broad range of services to Kilkenny Borough Council



Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Department is responsible for the provision and management of a very wide range of services, which include Elected Member support & administration, County Council Meetings, Building & Facilities Management, Register of Electors and Insurances.

Register of Electors

The Annual Register is a list of all persons over 18 years of age resident in the County who are entitled to vote in Elections to the Dail, European Assembly, Presidential, Local Elections and Referenda.

Local Electoral Area	Number of Electors on Register
Ballyragget	13,005
Callan	10,412
Kilkenny	3,627
Kilkenny City	13,727
Piltown	16,605
Thomastown	11,338
Total	68,714

The Draft Register is available in Post Offices, Libraries, and Garda Stations thus providing people with the opportunity to check if they on it. A website is also available for this purpose www.checktheregister.ie.

A person, for any reason, who is not included on the published register, or has moved from one address to another may apply to be included on a supplement to the register.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department deals with the following main areas;

- Human Resource Strategy.
- Workforce Planning
- Recruitment & Selection
- Employee Training & Development
- Performance Management
- Attendance Management
- Leadership Development
- Diversity Management
- Equality
- Work life Balance
- Industrial Relations
- Employee Health Safety & Welfare
- Returns & Reports.
- Employment Law.

Human Resource Strategy

A HR Strategy was prepared in 2011. The overall objective of which is to provide for the development of the Human Resource function at all levels and to ensure that all core Human Resource processes are aligned to, and support, the future mission, goals and service delivery requirements of both local authorities.

Public Service Agreement

The Public Service Agreement 2010 – 2014 represents an agreement between the Trade Unions and Management representing public sector workers.

The Agreement is designed to;

- Facilitate a reduction in the public service pay bill through a progressive reduction in staff numbers across the public sector.
- Eliminate a requirement for any further pay reductions in public sector basic pay.
- Continue to deliver excellent public services in the context of this reduction in public sector numbers and the commitments in relation to pay and security of employment.
- Maximise efficiencies and increase productivity in the use of resources through revised work practices, innovations and other initiatives.

Action Plans

A series of Action Plans have been developed nationally by each Sector-Local Government, Health, Civil Service, Gardai, etc. To support the national Local Government Sector Action Plan each Local Authority has developed its own plan which outlines a number of measures under common headings of restructuring, shared services, procurement, e government, redeployment, productivity & performance.

Considerable progress has been made in Kilkenny County & Borough Councils to date;

- Gross pay for all Grades was reduced by an average of 8%, and net pay was reduced by an average of 7% due to the imposition of the pension levy. The total reduction in take home pay for all employees was on average 15%.
- Kilkenny Local Authorities had 125 employees fewer employed at 31/12/2011 than was employed at 31st December 2007. This is a reduction of 16.25% in numbers employed or 14.1% in Whole Time Equivalent employees.

Nationally

- The numbers employed in the Public Service have reduced by 14,828 (4.75%) in the period 2007-2011.
- The numbers employed in Local Government have reduced by 5,461 (15.62%) in the period 2007-2011.



Payroll costs have reduced by €4,638,937 from their peak 31/12/2008 to 31/12 2011 and are estimated to reduce again by €173,225 in 2012

Government Targets

The target for the Public Service is 294,700 by the end of 2014.

The target for Local Government is 30,000 by end of 2014 as follows;

30,800 by end of 2011

30,400 by end of 2012

30,000 by end of 2013

30,000 by end of 2014

In Kilkenny the 2014 target was met in December 2011.

Employment Numbers for Both Authorities 2007-2011

Year Ended	Totals	
	Headcount	WTE's
31/ 12/2007	769	652
31/ 12/2008	727	644.17
31/12/2009	679	594.54
31/12/2010	662	567.74
31/12/2011	644	556.59
Total	125	91.41
Reductions	[16.25%]	[14.02%]

Specific measures achieved in Kilkenny Local Authorities to date include;

Restructuring

- Decrease in the number of staff and Directorates
- Reduction in number and redeployment of Revenue Collectors
- Establishment of dedicated debt collection unit
- Non filling of maternity leave posts
- Implementation of work life balance schemes
- Water Service Caretaker restructuring so as to separate water & waste water duties

Shared Services

- The Housing functions of both Kilkenny County & Borough Councils are now delivered by Kilkenny County Council. This involved the redeployment of 5 indoor staff and 8 outdoor staff from Kilkenny Borough Council to the County Council.
- Shared Parks & Nursery Services in the Kilkenny City/Environs Area
- Shared Forward Planning Service for both Authorities
- The Payroll, HR & IR Services for both Authorities are now provided by Kilkenny County Council
- Shared Roads Services in the Kilkenny City & Environs areas
- Agreement with Carlow County Council in relation to the provision of a Dog Warden service



Total number of staff (whole time equivalent) at the end of December 2011 535.59 reduced from 545 in 2010.



The dedicated procurement unit has delivered €1.5m savings to date through negotiated reductions in prices of water services supplies, landfill remedial contract, street cleaning, mobile phone tender, recycling, cleaning of bring banks, water quality testing, jcb hire and fixed line telephone costs.

- Agreement between Kilkenny County Council, The Food Safety Authority of Ireland & 2 other Local Authorities in relation to the provision of food safety functions
- Joint Regional Waste Management Planning including Recycling
- Agricultural Inspections carried out on behalf of KCC by Dept of Agriculture
- Regional Coastal Pollution Plan
- Regional Promotion of Eco Education & Awareness
- Regional Water & Environmental Management Committee/EPA Laboratory
- Carlow/ Kilkenny Energy Agency

Procurement

A dedicated Procurement Unit was established to implement Corporate Procurement Strategy. Key benefits provided include:

- Negotiating savings in procurement of goods and services
- Amalgamation of spend and eliminations of procurement inefficiencies
- Legislative compliance and the development of expertise in the area of procurement

E Government

- Kilkenny Tourism Website & Invest Kilkenny Websites were developed by Kilkenny County Council with open source software
- Water Meter Application (meter.ie) installed so that commercial users may view their water consumption and water charge accounts on line
- Water quality website (lims system) provided where water quality results of public water schemes are available on line
- Use of web 2.0 technologies and open source software
- On line payments for many services

Redeployment

- Economic Development Unit established
- Water Services Business Unit established -Finance & Water Services staff redeployed into one unit to address all aspects of the payment of water charges including customer complaints, enquiries and payments

Productivity & Performance

- Abolition of certain Overtime & Allowance arrangements
- Changes in the Fire Service response to certain minor call outs and other Fire Service efficiencies
- Elimination of cashing time, regularising of annual leave and working time arrangements in Kilkenny Borough Council
- Rationalising of refuse collection arrangements in Kilkenny Borough Council
- Introduction of Electronic Time & Attendance
- Revised Absenteeism Management Policy agreed for the Sector & being implemented in Kilkenny Local Authorities
- Moving from weekly to fortnightly pay cycles for certain groups of staff

- Provision of Integrated HR, Payroll & Superannuation system
- Collection of newly introduced income streams including the household charge
- Provision of a Fleet Security /GPS for both Authorities
- Out of hour's provision of services such as Planning, Community & Culture, Tenant Liaison, Environmental Awareness, Heritage etc.

Future Actions

Both Authorities are further committed to the Sectors' objectives of implementing further Local Government reforms, implementing the recommendations of the Local Government Efficiency Review Group report, the development of Shared Services and implementing Government decisions in relation to broadening the tax base and revising structures at regional country & sub county levels.

Audit

It is the role of Internal Audit to provide assurance as to the efficient operation of financial, management & operational controls in the Local Authority. Work continued on the implementation of a programme of internal audit and spot checks throughout 2011.

The role of the Audit Committee is to provide oversight of the integrity of the internal controls and the effectiveness of the risk management procedures. The committee met on four occasions in 2011.

The committee reviewed the operation of the Internal Audit section and its reports; it discussed the management and governance of the Council with management and reviewed the financial reporting of the Council.

Health and Safety and Welfare at Work

This section of the annual report sets out how Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council implemented their Safety Management System in 2011. The report summarises the achievements throughout the past year in developing policies, revising safety statements and ultimately improving the health, safety and welfare at work environment in the Local Authorities.

The highlights for 2011 were;

- **Consultation and Communication** - Safety Management Committee and the Joint Consultative Safety Committee met as required throughout the year.
- **HSA Inspections and Notices** - The Health and Safety Authority carried out one inspection in 2011. There were no improvement notices served during the period.
- **Policies** - Progress continued in the review and development of policies in the area of construction management, confined spaces, lone working emergency evacuation, event safety, statutory inspections for equipment and visual display units. In addition

there was solid progress in reviewing the 64 policy statements issued by LASAG for national adoption.

- **Safety Statements and Risk Assessments** - Progress was made in 2011 in revising safety statements and reviewing risk in the following areas:
 - Housing Maintenance
 - Traffic management
 - Machinery Yard (County Council)
 - Newrath Depot
 - Water Services
 - Fire Services and Fire Stations
 - Environment

Training and familiarisation was also provided in respect of the first five of the Standard Operational Guidelines as issued by the National Directorate on Fire and Emergency Management.

- **Safety Audits** - Considerable progress made in 2010 was continued in 2011:
 - An independent consultant was engaged to undertake audits in the Council's main areas of operation. Audit reports for 11 roadwork sites, 8 water services installations and 5 housing activities were issued during the year.
 - Senior members of staff undertook audits in their own service areas. The model for inspections as issued by LASAG has been used for this purpose.



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Key Indicators for 2011

€730,400 was spent by Kilkenny Local Authorities on Health and Safety in the workplace. This represents about 8.7% of the Council's Annual budget for 2011 or €1,270 per employee. Other key indicators include;

- The Management Team of Kilkenny Local Authorities discussed health and safety on 33 occasions throughout the year.
- The Safety Management Committee met on 5 occasions.
- The Joint Consultative Committee met on three occasions in 2011.
- In 2011 there were 10 accidents in the workplace, 3 of which were reportable to the HSA.
- The recordable accident or incident rate for 2011 is 0.5 (3x200,000/1,240,000 employee hours) Using Occupational Safety & Health Administration (U.S) methodology. This means that for every 100 employees 0.5 have been in a reportable injury. This compares very well with sectoral norms of 4 in the area of maintenance, repair and utilities.



Roads and Transportation

Key achievements in 2011 included;

- **Kilkenny Central Access Scheme** – An Bord Pleanála approved the Central Access Scheme proposals in December 2011.
- **N10/N76 Ring Road Improvement Scheme** – Road reconstruction works completed along the N10 Ring Road between the Old Dublin Road Roundabout and the Bohernatounish Road Roundabout. Work commenced in Q4 2011 on the reconstruction of the Waterford Road, Kells Road and Callan Road Roundabouts and on the provision of footpaths and cycle tracks.
- **TN10 Waterford Road to Danesfort Pavement Improvement Contract** commenced in late 2011 and are expected to be completed in Q1 2012.
- **N77/N78 Hennebry's Cross** – Part 8 approval, detailed design and land acquisition negotiations completed in 2011 with respect to the provision of a roundabout at the existing junction between the National Secondary Routes N77 and N78. Funding being sought from the NRA to allow the scheme go to construction in 2012.
- **N78 Damerstown** – Preliminary design undertaken with respect to the realignment of approximately 1km of the N78 at Damerstown. Preliminary discussions undertaken with landowners with regard to land acquisition to enable the scheme to advance towards construction.
- **N24 Tower Road Piltown Overbridge** – Preliminary Design and landtake details advanced for the provision of an overbridge and revised road layout at the Tower Road and Ink Bottle junctions on the N24. Discussions undertaken with affected landowners and a Part 8 proposal advertised in Q4 2011.
- **Northern Ring Road Extension and Nore River Crossing** – (N77 Castlecomer Road to R693 Freshford Road). Hydrology Report completed in Q1 2011 and a design solution appraisal was undertaken on the preferred route in Q3 2011. Proposals to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in Q1 2012 for appraisal regarding the requirement for EIS associated with the proposed scheme.
- **R697 Kells Road Improvement Scheme** – This connection to Kilkenny City from the Ring Road is the only radial road route into to the City which is un-realigned. On foot of Part 8 approval discussions commenced with landowners in 2011 with a view to securing the lands necessary to advance the scheme to detail design and construction.
- **John Street Enhancement Scheme** – In Q2 2011 road reconstruction, footpath reconstruction and traffic and pedestrian management enhancements were completed in John Street, Kilkenny.
- **Regional Road Sign Posting Contract** – Signage strategy, detail design contract documents and signage erection was carried out on a number of Regional Routes within the County in 2011.
- **N25 Waterford to Glenmore Road Realignment Scheme**. In the 2011 the Preliminary Design was completed, the Ground Investigation Contract was awarded and completed and the Archaeology Contract was awarded and commenced.
- The **Smarter Travel Day** was successfully launched in the City in 2011.



In Q2 2011 road reconstruction, footpath reconstruction and traffic and pedestrian management enhancements were completed in John Street, Kilkenny.

- The **Intelligent Signage Programme** was substantially completed. This provides real-time information regarding parking availability within the City car-parks to motorists entering Kilkenny City.
- The **R703 Kiljames Bridge Widening Scheme** was completed and officially opened in December 2011.



6 year target of 25% reduction in fatal and serious injury accidents was met.

Road Safety

In parallel with the establishment of the National Road Safety Strategy for the period 2007 - 2012 Kilkenny Local Authorities, in consultation with An Garda Síochána, Ambulance Services, Health Service Executive, Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, National Roads Authority, Road Safety Authority and local community representatives, developed the Kilkenny Road Safety Plan 2007-2012.

A review of the Kilkenny Road Safety Plan was completed in Q1 2011 which concluded that the 6 year target of a 25% reduction in fatal and serious injury accidents was met.



Woodstock House & Gardens welcomed over 35,000 visitors.

Parks & Amenities

The Parks Department was set up to oversee the development and maintenance of recreational amenities in Kilkenny City and County. Since its establishment the Parks Department has delivered a range of high quality recreational amenities including playgrounds, parks and sports pitches that are used by people of all ages. The Parks Department is also responsible for on-going developments, visitor management and maintenance of Woodstock Gardens and Arboretum in Inistioge which has become a major tourist attraction in the south east.

The main achievements were as follows:

- Development and maintenance of County Council operated playgrounds in conjunction with local communities and FAS groups. Currently there are 15 Kilkenny County Council operated playgrounds around the county.
- There was a playground extension carried out in Garringreen, adjacent to Hebron Park in Kilkenny City.
- 5 outdoor fitness areas were installed to complement existing playgrounds. These were located at Kilkenny City, Callan, Thomastown, Castlecomer and Ferrybank.
- The redevelopment of Lacken Walk which forms part of the River Nore Linear Park.
- Development of further path networks in Newpark Marsh.
- The provision of a walking/running track in Bishops Demesne adjacent to the Fr. McGrath Centre in Kilkenny City.
- On-going leasing of numerous pitches in the city and environs. These pitches are leased out to clubs for training and matches.
- Woodstock Gardens Project – Since the historic Victorian gardens at Woodstock were restored over the past ten years they have become a major tourist destination in the south east and now attract in the region of 35,000 visitors per year. The



In 2011 The Council provided amenity grants to 90 local community groups.

Council continues to organise events, promote and manage visitors coming to the gardens in addition to carrying out high quality maintenance.

- Adoption of Parks bye-laws for all recreational areas which are owned by the County Council to ensure that they can be used by members of the public in an appropriate and safe manner.

Fire Service

Kilkenny Fire and Rescue Service has three functions;

- providing emergency cover for all types of incidents (fires, road traffic accidents, flooding, oil spills, hazardous chemical incidents, etc.) in County Kilkenny.
- ensuring the fire safety of public premises by providing advice and enforcing the appropriate legislation for both new and existing premises.
- advising and educating to the public on fire safety matter.

Incident Response

Incident	Total
No. of fires attended	324
Road Traffic Accidents	85
Flooding	19
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1
Other non-fire rescues	5
Hazardous Substances in transit	1
Miscellaneous	160
False alarms, malicious	16
False alarms, good intent	110
Total	721

The average time to turn out the fire brigades was 6 minutes 39 seconds for fires and 6 minutes 52 seconds for other types of incidents.

Capital Projects

A new fire engine was purchased for Thomastown Fire Brigade at a cost of almost €320,000, funded by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Fire Safety Certificates

81 applications for fire safety certificates were received in 2011. This is up from 70 in 2010. These applications were dealt with in-house by the fire prevention staff.

Fire Services Act

Fire Prevention staff made a considerable number of visits to premises both to provide advice and to enforce legislation. Closure notices were served on three premises during the year. The programme to target the fire safety in large retail premises was continued, with a number of premises being visited. This programme should be completed in 2012.



721 responses from the Fire Service with an average turn out time of 6min 39 seconds for fires.



Fire Fighters raising funds at the May Bank Holiday Mount Everest Ladder Climb

Community Fire Safety

The 2011 Primary Schools Programme was provided by Fire Services personnel. The objective of this is to raise awareness of fire safety amongst primary school children and their families.

Kilkenny Fire Station and other fire stations continued to facilitate school visits.

Voluntary Fundraising

Fire-fighters and ambulance personnel partook in the now annual Christmas Charity Collection with the funds going to two local charities. The fire-fighters also raised funds at the May Bank Holiday weekend with the Mount Everest Ladder Climb.

Major Emergency Management

The County Council's Major Emergency Plan was reviewed during 2011

Kilkenny County Council was notified by the National Competent Authority of two further sites in Kilkenny which come under the Seveso II legislation and for which external emergency plans must be formulated. Work on these in co-operation with An Garda Síochána and the HSE was commenced. The external emergency plan for the Grasslands Fertiliser site near Kilkenny City was reviewed at the end of 2011.

A Major Emergency table top exercise was held during the year to test the external emergency plan for the Grasslands Fertiliser site. This involved staff from Kilkenny County Council, the HSE, An Garda Síochána and Grasslands Fertilisers.



Civil Defence, Fire Service First Responder Course 2011

Civil Defence

Kilkenny Civil Defence is a volunteer based organisation whose members serve as a high quality back-up service supporting the principal emergency services and the local community. It currently has 63 members.

During 2011 its volunteers provided first aid to 15 events and assisted in the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team homecoming.

Kilkenny Civil Defence operates multi-skill training out of its two training centres both located within the city of Kilkenny. The areas of training are;

- Casualty/First Aid Service
- Rescue
- Auxiliary Fire Service
- Warden Service and Radiation Monitoring
- Welfare Service
- Civil Defence Communications



Awards Night 2011 where members of Kilkenny Civil Defence received certification of achievements in a number of disciplines including CFR, OFA, EFR, Powerboating, Communications, Rope Rescue and Food Safety

2.2 Community, Culture, Housing & Planning.

Services provided under this Directorate;

Revitalisation of Areas by Planning Investment and Development (RAPID)

- County Development Board support
- Arts & Heritage
- Library
- Housing & Estate Management
- Forward Planning
- Planning Control
- Derelict Sites & Conservation services

Revitalisation of Areas by Planning Investment and Development (RAPID)

The RAPID programme provides a mechanism by which funding programmes can be prioritised for the most disadvantaged urban and provincial areas.

The RAPID Area Implementation Team in Kilkenny comprises all agencies with a social inclusion remit. Each agency has a responsibility to engage with RAPID Communities and prioritise these areas and these communities in work and implementation plans locally.

The programme has seven strategic themes; Community Safety, Family Supports, Health, Youth Support, Physical Environment, Education & Employment and Training. Key achievements in 2011 include the following;

- the development of an exercise track with outdoor equipment at Bishop Demense. The development of this 4 acre site has been progressing for the past number of years in consultation with the local Butts Community.
- No. 83 Newpark Close was made available to the Community Committee as a community house. This community house is managed by a Community Committee, which is made up of residents on the estate, in association with the Board of Management of the Family Resource Centre in the area.
- The Rapid Community Garden Programme is a cross community local training initiative funded by FAS, co-ordinated through RAPID and is supported by Newpark Close FRC, Happe House, Fr. McGrath centre, DSP, KLP and VEC. Further elements of the programme include a cross community initiative between Newpark Close, Hebron Park and The Butts with 40 trainees and a 25 week Fetac level 3 award involving Modules in Horticulture, Construction, Communications, Career Preparation, Math's & Computers.

Phase 3 of the Bishop Demense project will involve the development of playing pitches and the opening of a community garden for the Butts community.

Kilkenny County Development Board

Kilkenny County Development Board (CDB) is supported By Kilkenny County Council in its role in focusing on the co-ordinated and integrated delivery of services in the county. The 30 members of the board are drawn from the Local Authority Sector, Local Development Sector, State Agency Sector and the Social Partners.



The number of visitors to local authority -facilitated leisure facilities 432,380 in 2011 up from 384,000 in 2010.

The CDB works through two main sub-groups, Economic sub group and the Social Inclusion Measures (SIM) sub-group, made up of agencies and groups that have the capacity to shape and deliver on actions identified.

Economic Sub Group

The Economic Sub-group organised the Invest Kilkenny conference where the Invest Kilkenny website was launched; both are deemed as hugely successful.

Social Inclusion Measures Sub Group

The SIM Sub-group assisted in the establishment of the NIRSA project. The project was developed in conjunction with the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA), which provides a tool for sharing multi-agency data using geographic information systems (GIS). A full-time GIS researcher was also employed by NUI Maynooth under the project.

Kilkenny Integration Forum

- Kilkenny County Council received funding from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform to fund the work of Kilkenny Integration Forum. A budget of €6,000 was made available for members or member groups of the Integration Forum to host an intercultural sports or celebration event.
- The Asouli Art Group organised an exhibition of their work at Butler Court, Patrick street, Kilkenny as part of the Kilkenny Art Festival from the 5th to 14th of August 2011.
- Ossory Youth Intercultural Camp was made up of 12 young people, some from the Sudanese Kilkenny Youth Group and other new recruits from Kilkenny (15-18 years old).
- The Association of Sudanese Communities in Kilkenny hosted a celebration of the Independence of the Republic of Southern Sudan on the 19th of August in Millennium Court.
- The Kilkenny Congolese Community celebrated Congolese Cultural with an event in the Watershed.
- St. Canice's Community Action hosted a Table Tennis Tournament in the Butts neighbourhood Centre.
- The Irish Lebanese Cultural Foundation hosted an open family day for the general public and friends of Lebanon.
- The Gambia Association of Ireland, based in Kilkenny also ran a public family fun day.
- Kilkenny County Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Integration Centre who will lead and support the process of developing an Integration Strategy for Kilkenny.
- Kilkenny County Council was successful in winning the Integration Centre's Diverse Ireland Awards under the Local Authority category. These awards have been created to raise awareness of the positive advancements around immigrant integration in Ireland. These awards have been established to help people learn more about the important work being done and to honour the efforts of those who are creating stronger, more unified and successful communities.



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Kilkenny County Council was successful in winning the Integration Centre's Diverse Ireland Awards under the Local Authority category.

- The County Development Board and its subgroups and action groups continue to be supported by the Directorate and staff from the Community and Culture Section with support for the Economic sub-group coming from the Director of Finance within Kilkenny County Council.

Heritage

The role of the Kilkenny County Council Heritage Office is to provide advice and information on heritage issues; collect and collate data; and to develop policies and priorities for the identification, protection, conservation and enhancement of Kilkenny's heritage. A key objective is to work with the Kilkenny Heritage Forum in the preparation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan and the County Biodiversity Plan. In addition, the office promotes heritage awareness & education throughout the county.

Heritage Plan & Heritage Forum

- Commenced Phase 2 of the River Nore Heritage audit (Kilkenny City to Inistioge).
- Printed and distributed posters of Phase 1 of the River Nore Heritage Audit (Ballynaslee to Kilkenny City) to schools and the public.
- Design & installation of signage at the Ice House, Woodstock, Inistioge to highlight the importance of the site as a bat roost, and also its architectural significance.
- Co-ordinated Kilkenny Heritage Forum meetings.

Raising Awareness

- Co-ordinated and publicised all heritage week events in the county including the production of newspaper and radio adverts, and production of 5000 copies of a colour brochure listing all events, and distribution of this brochure around the county.
- Organised and funded free workshops for the public on the following, as part of heritage week: "How to get started on an oral history projects"; kids archaeology workshop; kids biodiversity workshops.
- Funded biodiversity & archaeology workshops, in partnership with Kilkenny County Childcare Committee, for early school practitioners.

Collection of Heritage Data

- Compiled database of all known oral history projects undertaken in Kilkenny and submitted to the Oral History Network of Ireland.
- Provided training for 3 community groups (Gathabawn, Lisdowney & Ennisnag) in graveyard recording, in partnership with CKLP, as part of www.historicgraves.ie project.

Heritage Advice

- Provided heritage advice on planning applications, to Kilkenny County & Borough Councils.
- Responded to heritage queries from the general public, elected representatives, local authority staff.
- Compiled and distributed a booklet on all grants available to community groups and



*City Walls (Talbot Tower)
The recent unveiling of the current phase of conservation and restoration works to Talbot Tower, by Minister Deenihan in 2011 was the result of successful collaboration between Kilkenny Borough Council and the various State agencies.*

individuals in the county for heritage, environmental and community grants.

- Represented Kilkenny County on Rothe House Trust, in the implementation of the Rothe House Conservation Plan.
- Provided heritage support to the Kilkenny City Walls Steering Committee.

Arts

The Arts Office works to develop, co-ordinate, motivate, inspire and empower artistic activity throughout the city and county. It promotes the arts as a worthwhile activity for all, providing advice and support for groups and for individuals.

Both Authorities work to further strengthen Kilkenny's position as a centre of excellence for the arts and ensure a successful and prosperous arts environment within the region by focussing on the development of the practitioner and their work; engaging and employing artists and support staff in projects, by offering professional and practice development initiatives across all art forms, through audience development, community and education and by building capacity.

The Arts Office continues to collaborate and partner with a number of other agencies in order to deliver our initiatives as we recognise this as key to maintaining and developing activity.

Projects Undertaken In 2011 ;

- **5 To 6 Womens Project** - provides space for women to participate in life-long learning and increase skills, knowledge and understanding of the arts. The Project has worked with over 100 women since its inception with 39 involved in the 2011 programme.
- **National Drawing Day** - took place at the Parade Tower and the grounds of Kilkenny Castle on Saturday 28th May. A total of 389 people across all age groups participated on the day.
- **Community Project 'Three Bags Full'** created opportunities for 13 women to engage in creative and cultural activities that involved them in an exhibition at the International Sheep Shearing Championships held in Kilkenny. A total of 83 engaged as audience and participants.
- **Siamsa**; This fun child centred programme supports the children in developing a variety of skills including drawing, painting and making in a diverse range of media.
- **Culture Night** saw a number of cultural organisations in Kilkenny City and County present numerous free events and activities to suit all age groups and interests. A total of 1,640 engaged as audience and participants.
- **Music**; The Arts Office supports bodies including the Duske Concert Series and the Kilkenny Arts Festival New Band Initiative in bringing the arts to new audiences and into local communities. A total of 1,200 engaged as audiences in these two music events.
- **Literature**; 8 writers participated on the Arts Office and Libraries Writers Mentoring Scheme. The 11th issue of the Kilkenny Poetry Broadsheet was published. Kilkenny County Council Arts Office & Library Service continued to host their 2011 Free Writers' Workshops programme with a total of 77 writers engaged overall.



Three Bags Full Arts Participation Programme- INTERREG- Ireland Wales Age Friendly Communities Project that engaged 83 people as audience and participants.



A total of 10,000 people engaged or participated in Arts office supported programmes in 2011.

- **Moot;** MOOT VII 'Inno-vision' Art, Creativity, Education and Innovation was the first event dealing with how the arts, creativity and education link to innovation and the business sector. A total of 74 engaged as audience and speakers.
- **Blackstack Studio;** The New Fine Art Print Studio was launched. 151 people participated in workshops and exhibition.
- **Financial assistance was provided towards the development of the Arts.** These included Arts Office Bursaries, Tyrone Guthrie Bursary, Irish Youth Choir Summer Programme Bursary and School Subsidies with a total of 32 individuals and schools funded.
- **Artists Residency Programme** under a new model Shared studios and workshop space at no.76 John Street. It consisted of four artists working on site part-time. A total of 390 engaged as audience and participants.
- **Devious Theatre** undertook a successful 6 month residency. A total of 1,980 engaged as audience and participants in a 6 month period.
- **Exhibition Programme** at no.76 and the Upstairs Gallery, Watergate Theatre, present a diverse range of contemporary exhibitions which have drawn in an audience of 3,718.
- **Artlinks** offers a quality and accessible Arts Professional Development programme for practitioners across disciplines. Through ArtLinks, 5 bursaries to Kilkenny practitioners of €1,000 each were awarded to 4 musicians and 1 visual artist.
- **The Kilkenny's Writers' Weekend** as an initiative was developed to support the area of literature with a total of 151 participating in arranged workshops and readings.





262,233 books issued in 2011 with 241, 135 visits to the library services.

Housing and Accommodation

The Housing function incorporates a wide range of services for applicants and tenants in both Kilkenny City & County to facilitate and support the provision of independent and supported accommodation. This is achieved by offering a variety of 'social housing supports' by the Housing Authorities, Voluntary and private sector.

The Core Housing Services being delivered under Shared County Council / Borough Council arrangements are;

Housing Policy

The Housing SPC met on four occasions to deal with policy changes some of which related to the commencement of section 20 Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011.

This resulted in a standardised approach nationally to housing assessment. It introduced the concept of social housing supports and a common application form.

Rental Accommodation Scheme [RAS] & Leasing

- Allocation of €2.4m expended in full.
- 153 applicants accommodated under RAS in 2011
- 530 RAS interviews arranged in 2011
- A total of 5 units were secured under leasing in Kilkenny during 2011

Voluntary Housing Programme

- €1.4ml allocation in 2011 to construct 15 units at Nuncio Road by S.O.S.
- €263,500 additional allocation to provide 2 additional units by KASHMA
- The following units were completed in 2011 under the 'Special Call' programme;

No. of Units	Name of Approved Housing Body	Approval
4	L'Arche Kilkenny, "Cluain Aoibhinn", Fair Green Lane, Callan, Co. Kilkenny	300,000
3	The Good Shepherd Centre, Church Lane, Kilkenny.	402, 900
2	Belmont Park Housing Association Ltd., Belmont Park, Ferrybank, Waterford.	332, 614
4	Focus Ireland, 9-12 High St., Dublin, 8	620, 000
Community Facility	St. Patricks Housing Trust, St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy	67, 500
Community Facility	Camphill Communities, at Ballytobin, Callan	232, 500
Community	Cluid Housing Association, Callan	135, 500

Homeless Services

The Good Shepherd Centre, Amber Women's Refuge and FOCUS Ireland provided sheltered accommodation and support services for the homeless

Social Housing Investment Programme [SHIP]

Kilkenny Local Authorities secured 3.5ml and successfully expended its allocation on the completion of 31 units and Community Centre in Ossory Park along with the commencement of works on 27 units in Rosehill, Kells Road.

An additional allocation €1m was secured at year end to acquire 7 units of accommodation into stock.

Referrals to KLA

- 171 Homeless Referrals
- 33 Potentially Homeless Referrals
- 76 Housing Welfare Referrals
- Kilkenny Homeless Action Team (KHAT), an interagency team comprising of statutory and non-governmental agency representatives met weekly.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009 - 2013 reviewed
- 11 units of accommodation provided to Traveller families
- The total number of Traveller families in the local authority area on the date of the national count was 155, no increase on the previous year.
- Suitable lands were identified to advance the Horse project in 2011.

Maintaining Housing Stock

- Both Housing Maintenance crews were amalgamated in March 2011-Shared Services
- Budget expended in full on combined stock of 2,166 houses
- Void Management-26 long term void units completed in 2011
- 30 units completed under the 'improvement works/retrofit/energy' programme
- On average 3.5% housing stock is vacant at any one time

Assessment of Needs

- 3,118 applicants on Housing List
- 63% of applicants want to live in Kilkenny City & Environs
- 90% of applicants seeking social housing supports for financial reasons
- 1,186 Housing Need Assessment Appointments were made for applicants in 2011
- 30 casual vacancies
- 72 new lettings with 122 additional lettings under RAS
- 20 Offers of transfer of accommodation were made in 2011

Housing Loans

- 56 applications for loans made in 2011 totaling €2,517,800
- House prices dropped between 42% and 50%
- 13 Annuity Loans issued to value of €1,613,200
- 2 houses sold under the Affordable Housing Scheme
- 4 Reconstruction Loans issued valued at €117,600
- 101 Applications received under Tenant Purchase Scheme
- All loans vetted by the Housing & Sustainable Communities Agency and in house team

Housing Grants

- 1.8ml allocation expended in full with further allocation of b642,249 received in late 2011 to deal with increasing number of allocations.
- 409 applications approved in 2011
- 373 applications paid out totaling €2,633,939, €526,783 [20%] paid by Council with the balance grant aided from Department
- Panel of contractors set up to assist elderly
- 3 meetings held by Housing Action Group set up under the Age Friendly County Programme

Community & Estate Management Services

- €10,000 support for Local Authority Tidy Estates Competition. Estate Management Grants totaled €30,000. Grant aid the supply of gardening equipment, landscaping projects, plants and gardening materials, minor refurbishment on estates, installation of fencing
- Kilkenny County Council supported 80 community and estate management committees in 2011.
- Ossory Park Residents Association set up following completion of 32 units and Community facilities
- 83, Newpark Close designated as a community facility for the Newpark Residents
- Consultation with Newpark Residents and Family Resource Centre for the demolition of units and provision of recreational/amenity space in Newpark Close
- Completion of regeneration works in Newpark Close
- Completion of Remembrance Gardens in Hebron Park and Newpark Close funded by FAS Local Training Initiative
- Provision of outdoor gym facilities/equipment at the Butts, Kilkenny funded by Sports Capital monies
- Over 100 complaints dealt with by the Anti Social Behaviour Officer
- Promotion of affiliation to Community and Voluntary Forum and Group Insurance Scheme
- Sustainable Communities Fund scheme - Pre-Development support for residents at St. Catherine's Halting Site, Wetlands

Private Rented Accommodation

- The Council carried out 390 rental standard inspections on private rented accommodation during 2011

Planning

The role and function of Kilkenny County Council's Planning Department is to determine the physical planning policy of the county, to control new development and building and the promotion of industrial, commercial and other appropriate development.

Forward planning

- County Development Plan/Local Area Plans
- The Local Area Plans for Fiddown and Piltown were completed and adopted in 2011

Strategic Environmental Assessments & Appropriate Assessments were completed as necessary in parallel for these plans.

- Variation 1 to the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan - Core Strategy – was prepared and adopted as required by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 in July.
- Variation 2 to the Kilkenny County Development Plan – Core Strategy - was adopted as required by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 in September.
- Amendment No. 1 to the Ferrybank/Belview Local Area Plan was commenced, to bring this LAP into alignment with the County Development Plan (as varied).
- Amendments to the Callan, Castlecomer, Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown Local Area Plans were commenced to bring the LAPs into alignment with the County Development Plan (as varied).



**In 2011 19,000
planning files were
scanned and made
available online for
applications received
between 2000 and
2011**

Development Control

- 649 planning applications were received in 2011, and total of €285,951 was received in planning fees.
- 210 Commencement Notices under the Building Regulations were received
- 114 new houses commenced construction in County Kilkenny
- 23 of these new houses were inspected under Building Control Regulations
- The Planning Clinic system continues to operate successfully in each of the Area Offices.
- A panel for approved Site Suitability Assessors was set up in 2008 and there is a total of 67 on this panel. This has improved the quality and reliability of the information submitted with a planning application.



The Council carried out 390 rental standard inspections on private rented accommodation during 2011.

Development Contributions

- Total of €1.6m was collected in 2011

Enforcement

- A total of 135 new complaints were received during 2011.
- Enforcement Proceedings are ongoing with approximately 13 cases forwarded for legal action.
- The Council successfully prosecuted 7 cases during 2011.
- Fines and costs in the sum of €32,071 were imposed by the Courts following legal action taken by the Council.

Quarries

On 15/11/2011 new legislation commenced requiring Kilkenny County Council to examine every quarry in Co. Kilkenny. 105 quarries have been identified and Kilkenny County Council has a period of 9 months to investigate these.

Unfinished Housing Estates

- A total of 76 housing developments in Co. Kilkenny were included in the National Survey of Unfinished Housing Developments issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in March 2011.
- During 2011 all these sites were visited by Planning Staff and Developers were contacted where safety works were required.
- Application was made to the Department for grant funding for a number of developments where safety works were required and no action had been taken by the Developer.
- Kilkenny County Council carried out safety works to three unfinished developments in the County with assistance of funds from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.

Derelict Sites.

Notices under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 are issued where appropriate and Derelict sites will continue to be investigated. The acquisition of suitable derelict properties is pursued under the Compulsory Purchase Proceedings of the Derelict Sites 1990 where appropriate.

Conservation.

The sum of €12,000 was paid under the Structures at Risk Grant Scheme for conservation works to protected structures in 2011.

Kilkenny County Council provides a planning consultancy/advisory system for any persons wishing to carry out works to buildings of architectural heritage significance and protected structures within County Kilkenny.



The Council successfully brought 150 enforcement cases to conclusion during 2011.

Information Technology in Planning

ePlan, Kilkenny County Council's internet based Planning and GIS system (which was made available online in 2004), offers a link to a GIS system which allows users to view the location of a planning application on a map register. This has continued to be successful throughout 2011 and has proved very popular with members of the public.

- Throughout the year the Planning Webpage is updated with current events and legislation. 'A Frequently Asked Questions' section was added to assist members of the public with current information and is updated on a regular basis.
- The consultative website <http://lap.kilkennycoco.ie/> is being used as part of the public participation process for the Local Area Plan amendments for Callan, Castlecomer, Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh. This presents each of the amendments with a series of questions and a very user-friendly comment form is available on every page.

Library Services

Kilkenny County Library continues to provide a library service through 8 libraries / branch libraries.

2011 initiatives included;

- **The New Mobile Library** was launched through outside broadcasts on KCLR96fm at Piltown, Dunnamagin, Mooncoin and Ferrybank. This service visits over 60 stops countywide. Mobile library members, community, cultural, and sport organisations, individuals and local children were interviewed at these Mobile library stops.
- **New State-Of-The Art Library for Ferrybank and South Kilkenny.** A grant of €780,000 was received from the Department of the Environment during the year towards the cost of this facility. Opening in 2012 this new branch library is on the ground floor of Ferrybank Shopping Centre. Accommodation of 312sq metres will include: Children's Services, Teen Zone and Adult Services; IT/Study Area with 8 Public Access Pc's and 8 Study spaces; a multi-purpose Community Space; use of RFID, Self-service and WiFi technology; and a disability friendly environment with hearing induction loop system.
- Numerous events were held through the Reader Development programme:

Library Usage 2011

The role of the library as a community resource is demonstrated by the range of ongoing events/services across branches including archive, visiting authors, storytelling, book clubs, community outreach & inclusion events, book launches & poetry readings, parent & toddler groups, local studies & workshops and computer courses and by the large number of visits from the public.

- 241,135 visits to Library Branches
- 262,233 books borrowed and 29,885 non-book items, CD's, DVD's, language courses, talking books and magazines etc.
- 29,552 Internet Sessions were undertaken

2.3 Directorate: Finance & Economic Development.

Income & Expenditure Account

The services being provided under this Directorate are Financial Planning & Programming, Income Collection, Procurement & Economic Development. While there was a deficit of €549k on the Income & Expenditure Account during 2011 this was after accruing for the unexpected exceptional costs of €646k associated with lump sum pension payments payable to the large number of staff retiring in February 2012 under the early retirement scheme. In practical terms, the Council effectively kept to budget during 2011 on a total expenditure budget of approx €80 million.

This budget adherence happened in a period of continued very testing and challenging economic circumstances which has seen very substantial reductions in Council income, whether central exchequer or locally derived. Budgetary controls operated effectively during 2011 to ensure budget adherence, outside of the exceptional costs referred to above.

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2011

The Council has a strong balance sheet at the end of 2011 and its financial position has strengthened considerably over the period 2000 to 2011. The Council is devoting considerable time and effort to debt collection, and, while collection levels have fallen, Council performance in this area compares well against other local authorities or equivalent private sector organisations.

Capital Project Funding Arrangements

The Council recently adopted a capital budget for the period 2012-2014. This budget outlines the proposed capital projects and related funding sources for the three year period concerned. The Council's ability to progress capital projects across all its service areas is very dependent on sufficient funds being available to commit to the projects in question. This is becoming increasingly difficult given the deterioration in the prevailing economic environment and the severe pressures on national exchequer funding.



Procurement

The Procurement Unit is operational since September 2010 and continued its work in 2011. It is involved in directing and controlling all procurement spend. The Unit's objectives are to ensure that a proper procurement process has been completed and that the Council/Borough achieve savings/efficiencies where possible on its procurement activities.

The Procurement Unit provides direction to the Service Area which is undertaking the procurement in question.

To date the Procurement Unit has been involved in about thirty contracts of various sizes to a total value of approx €8.5m – these contracts include both Capital Works projects and consultancies to annual operational type spends. Savings of over €1.5m have been achieved as at December 2011 in respect of both capital and operational spends.

Initiatives undertaken include;

- "Meet the Buyer " events local business's
- Participating in the South East Procurement Network
- Participating in Collaborate Purchasing Arrangements within the SE Region

Savings

Savings to the value of €1.5m have accrued to both Authorities since September 2010 through more efficient procurement methods across many areas;

Of the €1.5m, €600,000 accrued in 2011 in areas such as including Cleaning of Bring Banks, Water Quality Testing, Recycling, JCB Hire without operator, Fixed Line Tender, General Office Stationery ,Water Services Repair Contractors, Photocopier Charges, Sludge Disposal Consultant ,Insurance Dividends & discounts, Hire of Centrifuge, Water Quality Testing, Sludge Disposal.

A number of areas have been progressed in the last year;

- Revised Procurement Procedures issued in July 2011
- Staff Training for all staff who carry out Procurement
- Ongoing assistance and advice to Service Areas
- Implementing revised invoicing and payment arrangements to ensure cost efficiencies achieved.
- Centralised approval of Purchasing of Plant & Equipment by Machinery Yard
- Implementation of National Procurement Service Frameworks and the local drawdown of services from same.
- Engagement with local business through Chamber of Commerce.



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The Economic Development Unit undertook a number of key initiatives to promote Kilkenny as a location for Kilkenny, including the InvestKilkenny marketing programme.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Unit has undertaken a number of initiatives to promote Kilkenny as a location for investment. Key activities were carried out to build relationships with businesses and stakeholders, embed the county's strengths as a great place to work, ensure a positive and robust environment is in place to support business and finally, to communicate these activities. Underpinning all initiatives is a Communication Programme which is ongoing, targeting a broad audience of local, regional, national and multinational sectors.

The core activities centre on the following:

- Hosting a number of high profile promotional events to advance Sector development and engagement – marketing Kilkenny as a location for investment to IT/technology sectors and Life Sciences, including Pharma with specific focus on South Kilkenny/ Belview zone
- Establishment of a research and innovation centre in Kilkenny to embed IT skills and secure clustering of technology companies
- Establishment of an Agri-Food group to focus on sector preparation and promotion
- Working with tourism and all stakeholders to market Kilkenny as a great place to visit and do business

A number of high profile events were hosted in 2011 to raise Kilkenny's profile as a business location, develop linkages with the existing business community, and to market the city and county to new potential markets.

The Business Support Unit hosted the launch of Intel's International Schools Innovation Camp, WIT's Next Generation Internet Conference and a Civic reception to mark 10 years of State Street's presence in Kilkenny.

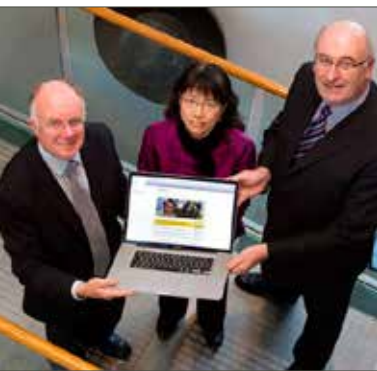
A number of high level, business centric visits were hosted. A party of delegates from the Ireland-India Council, including a senior Minister, visited Kilkenny to meet with local government officials.

A comprehensive visit from the Chinese 'Xinhua' news agency. Senior journalists accompanied by a film crew and reporters spent three days meeting business leaders, and visiting companies and historic sites and interviewed Minister Phil Hogan.

This coincided with the launch of the Invest Kilkenny Chinese micro-website at a 'Focus on China' Business Seminar which was held in the Parade Tower. Kilkenny local authorities became the first in Ireland to launch a site in Chinese as part of a bid to attract investment from the Far East. Media coverage of Kilkenny was printed and broadcast in Chinese print and Xinhua's News Agency TV Channel CBC.

Work continued to build and develop the Invest Kilkenny website, adding interviews with key business people in Kilkenny and additional marketing material, while growing the social media community networks.

Invest Kilkenny brochures and promotion material was distributed to C.E.O's of major companies in Ireland and companies added links from their websites to Invest Kilkenny's site.



Ms Zhang Shujing, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy launches the Invest Kilkenny Chinese microsite with Minister Hogan and Manager Joe Crockett

Articles on the Invest Kilkenny initiative were published in the broadsheets and council review, and various online media sites.

The Business Support Unit supported a local Start-up competition to promote entrepreneurship, participated in focus groups for enterprise development and conducted a number of meetings with potential entrepreneurs and companies in terms of planning advice, overheads and contacts.

The team collaborated on a Workshop/Seminar delivered at Castlecomer Discovery Park in conjunction with the County Development Board.

At the launch of Invest Kilkenny, the establishment of a Third Level Education and Research Development centre was announced. Extensive work has been completed on gutting and remodelling the facility at St. Kieran's College to house the new research and innovation centre. This centre, which will focus on next generation internet services and develop relationships with existing companies in Kilkenny and the South east region, is a joint venture between the Kilkenny Local Authorities and W.I.T/Telecommunication Software and Systems Group (T.S.S.G) is being rolled out by the research team in 2012.

The new research centre marks the continued growth of WIT's highly successful TSSG group and greatly enhances the academic profile of Kilkenny, consolidating the county's value offering as a centre of innovation and creativity.

Further to the Harvest 2020 strategy, a high level food group was established with representatives from the sector including Glanbia, Dawn Meats, Brett Brothers, Connolly Red Mills, Oldtown Bakeries and Leader. This group has been developing four areas, namely expansion of the milk supply post 2015, food sustainability, improved routes to market for S.M.E's and exploring the development of a food excellence centre.

A technical working group has also been established with representatives of Teagasc, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Dept. of Agriculture, the Dept. of the Environment, Community and Local Government, the River Basin Catchment Management Team and the Council to examine environmental management issues. This group liaised at a national level with Dept. of Agriculture and River Catchment Management, with Kilkenny will designated a pilot programme.

A new waste water treatment facility was completed funded by IDA Ireland, Kilkenny County Council and the Department of Environment Heritage and local government at a cost of €13m. The Belview Strategic Water Supply provides for 725,000 gallons of water per day primarily for industrial and enterprise use. This compliments Waterford City Council's recently opened new wastewater treatment plant at Gorteens which cost €37 million and has substantial reserve capacity.

The business support unit directly supported tourism as an economic partner and provided IT and administrative staff to support Kilkenny Tourism initiatives.



The Belview Strategic Water Supply scheme was completed. The scheme is designed to help attract new investment into the deep sea port.



Bellview Waste Water Treatment Facility

2.4 Directorate: Water Services & Environmental Services.

The Services being provided under this Directorate are;

- Maintenance & Provision of Water and Waste Water Infrastructure
- Water Conservation
- Rural Water Programme
- Water Charges
- Water Quality Testing & Assurance
- Waste Management
- Litter Management
- Environment Awareness
- River Basin Management & Pollution Control
- Water Safety
- Burial Grounds
- Veterinary Services

Water Services

Kilkenny Water Services Authority is responsible for 20 public drinking water supplies and 35 public waste water treatment schemes.

- In 2011 the Authority produced over 10.1 m m³ of quality drinking water directly to a population of over 61,000 across the county.
- The Authority acts as a supervising Authority for private water supplies that fall under the Drinking Water Regulations.
- SCADA systems installed on Drinking Water Supplies.
- Provided specialised accredited training and upskilling of caretakers managing treatment facilities.
- Complete review of all monitoring stations used for Group Water Schemes to ensure water quality monitoring is representative.
- Review of all site specific safety statements for drinking and waste water facilities.
- Progression of the "Releasing Water Quality Information Project" which won the Chambers Ireland Award 2011. As part of this initiative a new water quality alert notification system was launched increasing the responsiveness of the Authority when incidents arise.



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Operations and Maintenance Programme

- Operations and maintenance programme continued to grow during 2011 with the commissioning of a number of new water and waste water facilities in order to achieve improved compliance with all statutory requirements.
- All Caretakers have been trained in either Water or Waste water caretaking skills up to FETAC Level 5.
- Caretakers have been assigned to only either water or waste water plants, thereby allowing for improved specialisation and avoidance of any risk of cross contamination.

- Increase in schedule of planned maintenance for all water and waste water plants.
- A programme to install alarms and SCADA systems at all plants is continuing.
- Kilkenny County Council is part of a SE Regional Committee, established to exchange ideas and to establish best practice for Water & Waste Water Operations & Maintenance.
- Drinking Water Incident Response Plan implemented with the establishment of a dedicated emergency depot.
- Site Specific Safety Statements were completed for all water and waste water treatment plants.
- Kilkenny County Council was awarded a Chambers Ireland award for its system of on line water quality information publication.

Capital Programme

Major Schemes

Kilkenny Regional Water Supply Scheme

The Preliminary Design Report has been submitted for approval to the DOEHLG.

Work is scheduled to commence on the repair of Reservoir No. 2 (1 million gallon) at Radestown. The Contractor has been selected and work is scheduled to commence in March, 2012, at a cost of €250,000.

Gowran/Goresbridge/Paulstown WSS

Two contracts, namely Ultra Violet (UV) works and Access road construction, were completed in 2011 at a cost of €500,000.

Ballyragget, Clogh/Castlecomer and Urlingford/Johnstown WSS Bundle

Preliminary Design Reports for these schemes are being reviewed by the Department of Environment.

Callan, Graignamanagh and Thomastown/Inistioge WSS Bundle

This overall bundle of schemes is on the Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP) 2010-2012, with the main advanced contract being the Inistioge Advance Works Contract.

Waterford City Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The new Waterford City waste water treatment plant, located at Belview Port in Co Kilkenny, was officially opened by Minister Phil Hogan, T.D. The plant will cater for the future waste water needs of the Waterford City environs, located in Co Kilkenny, as well as including a substantial capacity for IDA Ireland's strategic industrial lands at Belview. In all, Kilkenny County Council has contributed approximately €5m to the project.

Kilkenny City Waste Water Treatment Plant

An Bord Pleanála has approved the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kilkenny (Purcellsinch) Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Council is at present developing design proposals for interim works.

Appropriate Assessment Applications

Appropriate Assessment of Natural Impact Statements and Outline design reports for the following waste water treatment plants are being considered by An Bord Pleanála;

- Ballyhale waste water treatment plant outfall
- Paulstown waste water treatment plant outfall
- Urlingford waste water treatment plant interim upgrade
- Castlecomer waste water treatment plant interim upgrade
- Stonyford waste water treatment plant interim upgrade

It is expected that these applications will be finalised around mid 2012.

Freshford, Johnstown & Goresbridge Sewerage Scheme Bundle.

The Council are advancing the design proposal for these village schemes as a matter of urgency.

Kilmacow Sewerage Scheme

The new DBO waste water treatment plant is now commissioned and fully operational.

Water Conservation

Water conservation is primarily concerned with reducing the levels of unaccounted for water in water supply schemes. Unaccounted for water includes water losses as a result of leakage from mains and fittings, unauthorized connections, excessive consumption, and unmetered non-domestic connections.

- Central Government funding for Stage 2 works (leak detection & repair) is nearing completion. Kilkenny County Council has established its own leak detection crew to continue this essential work.
- Since the commencement of Stage 2 works in 2009, almost 2,500 leaks have been detected on both public and private mains.
- An overall repair rate of 91% has been achieved and the volume of water required to be produced is now less than 80% of what was required in 2009.
- Department approval to commence Stage 3 works (mains replacement and remediation) has been received and it is anticipated that works can commence on site on the first such contract in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Rural Water Programme

There are 232 Group Schemes in the County-124 Groups served from a private source & 108 Groups connected to the public supply. 68 of the public group schemes are not taken in charge. There were 108 operational Small Private Supplies at the beginning of 2011 including Schools, Housing Estates & Food Premises.

- The sum of €355,000 was paid out in improvement grants to group schemes in 2011 and €1,550 being spent on the Takeover of Group Schemes.
- 71 Subsidies towards the operational running costs of Group Water Schemes

totalling €231,000 were administered and paid to Group Schemes in 2011.

- 99 approvals issued for grant applications for provision of wells to private houses and the sum of €164,000 was paid out in well grants in 2011.
- The sum of €600,000 was spent on the provision & improvement works to public water and sewage schemes under the small schemes programme.
- A survey of 192 sampling stations on the 48 regulated Group Water Schemes was completed in 2011. This information was used to ensure an up to date representative 2011 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Programme.

Water Charging Programme

Kilkenny County Council established the Water Charges Business Unit in August 2010. This unit brought together staff from Sanitary Services and Debt Collection to provide a more focused approach on water charges.

The Water Charges Business Unit is responsible for invoicing and collection of water charges. Invoicing is generally on a quarterly basis but in 2011 the Council introduced monthly billing for high consumers.

This assists both the customer and the Council from a cash flow perspective.

For the second consecutive year there was no increase in water and waste water charges. Rates for non-domestic users were 0.96 euro / m³ for drinking water and 1.93 euro /m³ for waste water (a combined rate of 2.89 euro).

Kilkenny County Council continues to promote a number of initiatives such as data loggers, meter.ie, to encourage monitoring of water usage.

A leaflet offering a guide to 2011 Water charges and offering advice to customers on water conservation was also distributed to all customers.

Water Quality Programme

The water quality monitoring programme for 2011 built upon successive improvements since 2007 and increased further the quantity and range of testing of water monitoring across source, drinking and waste waters.

The programme includes testing programmes for all categories of public and private drinking water and waste water supplies. In 2011 there were over 8,500 tests conducted on public supplies and over 5,300 tests carried out on private supplies.

The Authority has invested in a well resourced water quality monitoring team comprising a senior chemist and 4 Environmental Technicians.

The Authority's laboratory facilities were enhanced with new equipment in 2011 increasing the internal capacity to conduct monitoring.

Additionally the Authority has a strong working relationship with a number of external laboratories involved in the monitoring programme.



In 2011 total of 13,800 quality tests were conducted on public and private water supplies.

The Water Quality Liaison Group Meetings with the HSE have continued to be very successful and practical in managing the quality of drinking water supplies and protecting public health of the consumers. The Group has worked very well to manage water quality incidents arising.

A new initiative commenced in 2011 called “Releasing Water Quality Information Project” sought to build upon the successful changes in the water quality monitoring service and find new effective ways to publish water quality information internally and externally and importantly encourage the use of water quality information in decision making. The Project won the 2011 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards under the Strategic Water Initiative category. Kilkenny Water Service Authority hopes to build on this success in a phase 2 development for 2012.

A new water quality alert notification system has been introduced to strengthen the Drinking Water Incident Response Plan infrastructure and facilitate timely responses to incidents as they arise.





Total number of households provided with a waste collection service increased in 2011 to 18,840 from 16,752 in 2010.



Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for dry recyclables increased to 18,840 in 2011 from 16,122 in 2010.



The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area increased to 147 in 2011 from 106 in 2010.



In total, there were 1340 environmental complaints investigated by the Enforcement Team in 2011.

Environment

The Environment Section has responsibility for over 500 statutory functions, which are contained within over 100 pieces of legislation.

The key areas dealt with include;

- Waste Management
- Water Quality & Pollution Control
- Veterinary Services
- Burial Grounds

The aims of the Environment Department are;

- To promote sustainable development
- To provide an efficient and environmentally sound waste management infrastructure and implement the Joint South East Waste Management Plan
- To maintain proper regulatory and monitoring systems for environmental protection and control of pollution

Waste Management

Planning

- The review of the Joint Waste Management Plan (JWMP) for the South East Region, 2006 - 2011 which was due in 2011, has been deferred pending the finalisation of revised national waste policy.
- The Plan will be evaluated in 2012 to see if a review is required.

Dunmore Recycling & Waste Disposal Centre

- The facility name was changed to "Dunmore Recycling & Waste Disposal Centre" to reflect the variety of services provided on site.
- Signage improvement works were carried out and traffic management measures were undertaken.
- An information leaflet on the Centre in 2011 which was launched and widely distributed.
- Waste cells 13 and 14 in the landfill received final top soiling and seeding.
- An application was made to the EPA to reduce the extent of the site boundary, to facilitate leasing of land to the GAA for recreational use.

Waste Collection Permits

Kilkenny County Council had been the issuing authority for Waste Collection Permits for the South East Region. Following a review of the service, it was decided that a single national authority, Offaly County Council, will be nominated under a shared service agreement. The transfer of functions will take place in 2012.



Over 100 inspections were undertaken of food service establishments to control discharges of fats, oils and greases to the public sewer.

Recycling

- Environment Section operates more than forty bring centres throughout the county in addition to the Dunmore facility.
- The maintenance contract continues to greatly improve the cleanliness of the bring centre locations.
- 18431 tonnes of waste were collected from kerbside in Kilkenny in 2011 of which 7535 tonnes (40%) were recycled.
- 2818 tonnes of recyclables were collected from recycling centres and bring banks.

Enforcement

- A large majority related to illegal dumping.
- 70 enforcement procedures were taken as a result, ranging from issuing warning letters and statutory notices to prosecutions.
- 4 unauthorised end-of-life vehicle sites were closed through enforcement action.
- A S.29 prosecution was secured under the Waste Management (Tyres and Waste Tyres) Regulations, 2007.

Litter Management

- The current Litter Management Plan covers the period 2008 – 2011.
- A draft replacement litter management plan was prepared in 2011 for adoption by the Council in 2012.
- Awareness of the plan and anti-litter activities were completed in October 2011 in conjunction with the Savour Kilkenny Food Festival.
- A litter awareness event was held in conjunction with the Iverk Show, the largest agricultural show in the South East in association with the Environmental Awareness Officers of the SE Local Authorities in September 2011.

Education And Awareness

Schools

- Over 81% of schools participate in the Green School Programme in Kilkenny.
- 36 schools have received the award to date.
- The Anti Litter and Local Agenda 21 Environment Partnership Funds facilitated 31 school environmental-themed workshops in 2011.
- 46 school visits were undertaken throughout the year in order to assist schools with their green schools programme.
- Green Schools Teachers Training.
- The annual Green Schools Information evening was held for teachers and parents with the assistance with An Taisce.
- A litter and waste workshop was also held for primary school teachers during the summer and included a tour of Dunmore Recycling & Waste Disposal Centre.



108 local community groups registered with An Taisce to complete the National Spring Clean



Kilkenny Local Authorities was shortlisted at the Repak Awards 2011 for the WEEE Ireland Best WEEE & Waste Battery Recycling Event category.

Adult/Community Education

A number of educational environmental workshops were held in partnership with the VEC Adult Education Centre, World Aid Training Centre and Kilkenny LEADER Partnership.

Workshops included Composting, Waste Prevention and Household Waste Management.

National Spring Clean

Kilkenny County Council supported 108 local community groups who registered with An Taisce to complete the National Spring Clean.

Additional clean up supplies were made available to groups and the Section also assisted in waste disposal of rubbish collected from public areas.

Waste Prevention

Under the Local Authority Prevention Network, a project was completed with the Iverk Show to increase its environmental performance.

The project was based on increasing recycling on site and determining potential waste prevention measures for future years.

Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment

In 2011 WEEE Ireland with support from Kilkenny Local Authorities completed 8 mobile collection days resulting in the collection of 107 tonnes of electrical waste.

Kilkenny Local Authorities was shortlisted at the Repak Awards 2011 for the WEEE Ireland Best WEEE & Waste Battery Recycling Event category.

Kilkenny County Council was honoured at Repak Awards in October by WEEE Ireland Special Merit Award winner and Finalist in the WEEE Ireland Best WEEE & Battery Recycling Event Category.

Tidy Towns

Assistance was provided to local tidy town groups throughout the year by promoting grant resources from the Local Authority and other bodies and organising mentoring workshops led by a national adjudicator.

In November the Cathaoirleach of the County Council, Cllr Paul Cuddihy organised a special awards evening, with the assistance of the Environment Section, for all participating tidy towns groups, to honour them for their continuous volunteer effort.

Public Relations

17 press releases were given to local media throughout the year to emphasis both awareness and enforcement activities.

The Council participated in the Eco Chat programme in association with Carlow Local Authorities.



Members of Kilkenny Civil Defence assisting with the Tidy Towns by cleaning and maintaining the river banks in Kilkenny City

Water Quality & Pollution Control

Water Framework Directive & River Basin Management

- The process of reviewing all Section 4 Discharge Licences under the Surface Water Regulations was commenced.
- Draft Implementation Plan for County Kilkenny was prepared and circulated internally. The plan set out the specific measures which must be undertaken in County Kilkenny to ensure compliance with the Water Framework Directive.
- Extensive Surface and Ground Water Monitoring Programme was continued.

Pollution Control and Enforcement

- 75 farm inspections were undertaken – prioritised in areas around public water supplies.
- 6 farms were cross reported by the Council to Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) under the Good Agriculture Practice Regulations.
- 61 farm inspections were undertaken by DAFM on behalf the Council of which 8 were found to be non-complaint with the Gap Regulations.
- Routine inspections were undertaken of premises with discharges to waters and discharges to sewers.
- Inspections were undertaken following pollution or agricultural complaints.
- Notices under the Water Pollutions Acts and Good Agricultural Practice Regulations issued where necessary to ensure remediation works were undertaken.
- 2 prosecutions under the Water Pollution Acts.



The Charles Thomson Award, which recognises outstanding contributions towards the promotion of water safety, was won by Kilkenny County Council in 2011. This award was presented by Minister Phil Hogan in Dublin Castle to the Chairman of Kilkenny County Council, Cllr. Paul Cuddihy. Also in attendance were; Mr. Phillip O'Neill, Director of Services, Cllr. Pat Crowley, Mr. Denis Lawlor, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Joan McLoughlin, Water Safety Development Officer.



Gathabawn Graveyard Committee recording headstones

Water Safety

- Presentation of certificates to 30 new lifeguards and 20 revalidated lifeguards took place in County Hall in May 2011.
- Many of these lifeguards worked for Kilkenny County Council on rivers during the summer months. Swimming areas are The Meadows, The Weir, Graiguenamanagh and Inistioge.
- Improved signage was erected at all swimming areas and risk assessments were carried out by Irish Water Safety.

Charles Thomson Award

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Burial Grounds

Kilkenny County Council has 14 open and active burial grounds across the County with each having a caretaker in place to manage the record keeping.

Updated burial ground maps continue to be developed and are distributed to the caretakers on completion.

Veterinary Services

The Veterinary Service fulfils the food safety service contract between the FSAI and Kilkenny County Council. The Veterinary Public Health and animal welfare functions include providing official controls/regulation of slaughterhouses and small meat processing plants, and small poultry slaughtering plants (includes on farm slaughter of poultry i.e. seasonal slaughter). Other functions include interagency working e.g. attendance of South East Regional Zoonoses Committee meetings, participation in FSAI Working Groups, participation in multidisciplinary Disease Outbreak Control Teams where appropriate, response to food incidents etc. The service is subject to internal audits i.e. from Veterinary Service of other Local Authorities and external audits from the Food and Veterinary Office of the EU and the FSAI.

Slaughterhouses under the service's supervision in 2011 slaughtered 4,521 Cattle, 17,824 Sheep and 158 Pigs. These slaughterhouses are low – medium throughput slaughterhouses, which facilitates animals to be born, reared and slaughtered in a local area thus reducing transport stress on the animal and reduces pathogen shedding.

They facilitate meat and meat products which are produced locally to be sold and consumed locally. Official controls carried out provide that each animal slaughtered for human consumption requires an ante mortem inspection and post mortem inspection, microbiological sampling, national residue sampling, audits on hygiene practices, implementation of HACCP, animal welfare audits etc.

The Veterinary Service supervises small/medium meat processing plants in the county which engages in a range of meat processing activities, from storage and distribution, to manufacture of sausages, to the cutting and curing of meat etc. All require veterinary supervision under EU legislation. Frequency of official controls is determined by risk assessment. These include hygiene inspections, audits on the implementation of HACCP, microbiological sampling etc.

- The Veterinary Service is involved in the veterinary and animal welfare issues in the Control of Horses and Control of Dogs.
- The Control of Horses Enforcement Team impounded 82 horses and licensed 19 horses in 2011.
- Dog licensing is a team collaboration between the Dog Warden Service of the ISPCA and Kilkenny County Council.
- In 2011, there were 6,830 individual dogs licensed and 25 Group Dog Licences were issued for the county.

Kilkenny Borough Council



Kilkenny Borough Council

It is the role of Kilkenny Borough Council to administer local authority services within the Borough of Kilkenny. Such duties include infrastructure, community and civic services and the Borough Council plays a major role in the preservation of Kilkenny's medieval heritage and in the development of Kilkenny as a major tourist centre.

Profile of the City

Kilkenny City is a place of urban settlement which has endured through the centuries by adapting to the needs of its inhabitants, whilst retaining its unique appeal to visitors.

The unique built heritage and winding streetscapes provides a link to ancient times whilst continuing to be a vibrant place to live and work. Kilkenny retains its charm by allowing modern uses in old buildings so that they don't become museum pieces, but rather provide the means to enjoy old buildings in modern settings. Kilkenny celebrated 800 years of town government in 2007 and 400 years of City government in 2009. Kilkenny City's 1609 Charter of James 1st conferred Kilkenny with City Status.

A Compact City

One of Kilkenny's strengths is its compact nature, both in physical size and in scale. The pattern of narrowed streets with ancient slip ways provides an ambience which pedestrians can enjoy and facilitate easy access and movement around the city. The street network has remained largely undisturbed over the centuries.

The High Street is a vibrant area, with a mix of uses to attract shoppers and workers.

The historic core – the spine from Kilkenny Castle through High Street, Parliament Street, Irishtown, to St. Canice's Cathedral, links these various themes of civic authority and worship. The Tholsel, was the seat of urban local government with its arcaded front and distinctive bell tower has acted as a focal point for local governance for centuries.

A long tradition of local politics is maintained to the present day, whilst the civic archive is preserved there as a reminder of the urban history of Kilkenny.

Provision of Services

Many of the functions of Kilkenny Borough Council are being provided jointly under a shared services model of delivery with Kilkenny County Council and are reported under the relevant Directorates reports. Kilkenny Borough Council continues to provide services directly in the following areas: Roads, Transportation, Planning, Development, Urban Renewal & Enhancement, Burial Ground, Streetscape Improvements, Parks & Recreation, Refuse Collection & Street Cleaning, Car Parks & on street parking, Civic Receptions & Occasions. Amongst the achievement in 2011 were:

Roads and Transportation

- Car Park Information Signage 90% complete.
- Bus Stops in place. New Bus Stops with proprietary Kerbs 50% complete.
- Pedestrian Bridge (John's Quay to Bateman Quay) (Consultants appointed).
- Traffic Management Schemes at Michael Street, Jacob Street, Upper New Street, Fr. Hayden Road and Robertshill.
- Mobility Improvements and refurbishment of John Street.
- Low Cost Accident Scheme Improvements at College Road (Mini Roundabout), Dominic Street, The Butts, Bennettsbridge Road.
- New/Improved Footpaths at Jacob Street, Fr. Hayden Road, St. John's Church, Bateman Quay, James Street, Bishop's Hill, Kennyswell Road.
- Surface Restoration at Maudlin Street, Lower John Street, Jacob Street, Upper New Street, Nuncio Road, Fr. Hayden Road, James Street, Troysgate Roundabout, Bishopshill and Thomas Street.
- Recreational Routes along the river Talbot's Inch/Green's Bridge, Peace Park and Lacken to Ossory Bridge.
- Capacity Improvements Kilkenny Ring Road 75% Complete.
- Kells Road Improvement Land Acquisition Stage.
- Car Park Improvements at St. Mary's Church.
- Implementation of On Street Parking Charges.

All works within the Borough are funded predominantly by the revenue accruing from car parking charges.

Planning and Development

The Council received 70 Planning Applications in 2011, 58 were valid applications and 12 were invalid.

- A total of 55 decisions were made. Planning permission was granted in 46 cases and 9 applications were refused.
- 149 Pre-Planning Meetings were held in 2011.

The decreased level of activity in the planning area due to the economic downturn is reflected in the decrease in planning fees over the last couple of years as follows:

- 2009 - €33,629
- 2010 - €18,778
- 2011 - €14,658

Compliance and Enforcement

The Planning Department of Kilkenny Borough continue to place far greater emphasis on compliance with existing planning conditions, and follow up enforcement where appropriate.

Legal proceedings have been initiated in certain cases, and it is intended to continue to devote resources to the compliance/enforcement area to ensure orderly development consistent with planning conditions.

- Complaints for Non-Compliance – 35
- Warning Letters & Enforcement Notices – 13

Streetscape Paint Scheme

The Borough Council announced a 'Streetscape Paint Scheme' for the first time in 2010.

The scheme was continued into 2011 and expanded to include hand painted signage. A fund of €10,000 was allocated to assist with the cost of painting the front façade of buildings within the administrative area of Kilkenny Borough Council.

There was a considerable uptake on the scheme, details of which as follows;

- Number of Applications: 13
- Number of Approved Applicants: 13
- Number who availed of the Scheme: 9

Section 254 Licences

Applications for licences under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 have proven to be increasingly popular in Kilkenny City.

Parks and Open Spaces

The presentation of open spaces throughout the city is of a high standard and Kilkenny achieved a significant result in the 2011 Tidy Towns competition, winning the Large Urban Centre Award for the second year in a row and finishing in fourth place overall.

- Amenity improvements were carried out in Bateman Quay and Robertshill while the landscaping of the roundabouts on Kilkenny Ring Road presents a very positive image on the approaches to the City.
- A major amenity/traffic management scheme for John's Green, is currently under construction and when completed, will add significantly to the amenity value of the public realm in the City.
- An allotment site was developed on lands owned by the County Council to the rear of Shandon Park and a number of plots are in cultivation. Works will conclude on the site in early 2012 which will include the provision of a water supply, compost area and site fencing.
- In addition works will be carried out to regularise the entrance to the site from Shandon Park.
- Kilkenny Local Authorities have also purchased the old disused section of railway line from Iarnrod Eireann. These lands, when landscaped, will further add to the amenity offer in the area.



Kilkenny won the Large Urban Centre Award for the second year running in the 2011 Tidy Towns Competition

Appendix 1.

Elected Members



Public Representatives and their Electoral Areas

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Appendix 2. Service Indicator Comparisons



CP: Community Participation (CP1 And CP2)	2011	2010	2009
CP1: Participation In Local Youth Council/Comhairle Na N-Óg Scheme			
Total number of local schools and youth groups	16.00	16.00	16.00
Number of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme	9.00	9.00	9.00
CP2: Groups Registered with the Community & Voluntary Forum			
Number of groups registered with the Community & Voluntary Forum	100.00	100.00	100.00

C: Corporate Issues (C1-C2)	2011	2010	2009
C1: Working Days lost to Sickness			
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	4956 (4.08%)	5605.5 (4.74%)	5577.50
Number of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	557 (0.46%)	647 (0.6%)	643.5
Total Number of staff (Whole Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2011 (as per DoEHLG staffing return for the end of 2011)	535.59	545	567
C2: Staff Training and Development			
Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	3.90	3.88	4.3

E: Environmental Services (E1- E9)	2011	2010	2009
Water: (E1- E2)			
E1: Unaccounted For Water			
Total volume of water supplied (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	27,775	28,110	30,121
Volume of unaccounted for water (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	12,943	13,416	14,524
E2: Drinking Water Analysis			
A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes	EPA supplied (99.2%)	EPA Supplied	EPA Supplied
B. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to private schemes (where appropriate)	EPA Supplied (93.9).	EPA Supplied	EPA Supplied

Waste Management (E3 - E6)	2011	2010	2009
E3: Waste Segregation			
Total number of households provided with a waste collection service	18,840	16,752	16,752
Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for dry recyclables	18,840	16,122	16,122
Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics	0	0	0
E4: Household Waste Sent for Recycling			
Total tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside	18,431	16,608	16,608
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	7,535	4,275	4,275
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is landfilled	10,896		
Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity sites, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	2,818	3,060	3,060
E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill			
Total tonnage of household waste collected	18,431	16,608	16,608
Tonnage of household waste which is sent to landfill	10,896	12,333	12,333
E6: Recycling Facilities			
The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	147	106	99
The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	3	3	3
The number of Bring Sites for recycling glass	43	40	40
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling glass	3	3	3
The number of Bring Sites for recycling cans	43	40	40
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling cans	3	3	3
The number of Bring Sites for recycling textiles	95	62	52
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling textiles	3	1	1
The number of Bring Sites for recycling batteries	81	67	67
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling batteries	1	1	1
The number of Bring Sites for recycling oils	0	0	0
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling oils	1	1	1
The number of Bring Sites for recycling other materials	9	5	7
The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling other materials	3	3	3

Waste Management (E3 - E6)	2011	2010	2009
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement			
Number of full-time litter wardens	3	3	3
Number of part-time litter wardens	13	14	13
Number of on-the-spot fines issued	102	189	257
Number of on-the-spot fines paid	53	55	179
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	3	4	11
Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	2	2	5
Number of notices issued (under Sections 9,15,16,17 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	20	15	43
Number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2009)	0	9	24
Number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2009)	0	2	15
E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement			
A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	1,340	1,325	1,580
B. Number of complaints investigated	1,340	1,325	1,580
C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	1,270	1,070	1,425
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	70	255	155
E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns			
Total number of primary schools	77	78	78
Number of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	65	67	59
Total number of secondary schools	16	16	16
Number of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	12	12	13

F Fire Service (F1 - F3)	2011	2010	2009
F1: Fire Service Mobilisation			
A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	N/A		
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	6min 39sec	6min 17sec	5min 48 sec
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents.	N/A		
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents.	6min 52sec	6min 22sec	6 min 07 sec
F2: Percentage of Attendances at Scenes			
Total Number of incidents in respect of fire	354	429	375
Number of cases in respect of fire where first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	102	140	158
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	194	223	170
Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	58	66	47
Total Number of incidents in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire)	236	292	548
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	75	100	177
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	114	127	262
Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	47	65	109
F3: Fire Prevention	70	255	155
A. Total Number of fire safety certificate applications received	81	68	97
B. Total Number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	67	73	107
C. Total Number of applications deemed invalid	9	8	1

H: Housing (H1 - H7)	2011	2010	2009
H1: Housing Vacancies			
The average number of dwellings in local authority stock	2148	2132	2042
The average number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	2122	2012	2018
The average number of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	83	10	80
The average number of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	54	66	75
The average number of empty dwellings available for letting	29	16	80
H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available Dwellings			
The average time taken from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	21.3	18.22	36
The average time taken from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	2.91	2.14	8
H3: Housing Repairs			
The number of repairs completed	2840	1198	660
The number of valid repair requests received	3962	1757	1115
H4: Traveller Accommodation			
Number of Traveller families accommodated	11	5	4
Target number of Traveller families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the local Traveller accommodation programme	10	10	10
H5: Enforcement of standards in private rented sector			
Total number of registered tenancies	3438	3068	3188
Number of dwelling units inspected	285	54	141
Number of inspections carried out	324	59	151
H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability			
A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application.	29.31	20.27	21.25
B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaption grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application, to the date of decision on the application.	28.23	32.29	20

H: Housing (H1 - H7)	2011	2010	2009
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses			
Total number of new local authority tenants	99	89	212
Number of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	99	89	212

L: Library Services (L1 - L4)	2011	2010	2009
L1: Library Public Opening Hours			
Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	33.43	32.62	34.77
Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	21.66	19.5	21.6
Number of full-time libraries that have lunchtime openings	4	4	4
Number of full-time libraries that have evening openings	4	4	4
Number of full-time libraries that have Saturday openings	4	4	4
L2: Library Visits			
Total number of visits to full-time libraries	154800	161800	130900
L3: Library Stock			
Annual expenditure on stock	€302,134.41	€54,738.48	€81,648.45
Total number of books issued	262233	251246	288527
Total number of other items issued	29885	32110	29817
L4: Internet Access through Libraries			
Total number of Internet sessions provided	29552	23455	18233

M: Motor Taxation (M1 - M4)	2011	2010	2009
M1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions			
A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	61801	65113	67379
B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	12765	14063	14353
C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	43330		VRU/LGCSB input
D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	53%	59%	VRU/LGCSB input
E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	11%	14%	VRU/LGCSB input

M: Motor Taxation (M1 - M4)	2011	2010	2009
M2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications			
A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the	7088	5102	7311
B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application.	4444	6928	6054
C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application.	660	1024	666
D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application.	573	1009	322
E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application.	56%	36%	51%
F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application.	35%	49%	42%
G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application.	5%	7%	5%
H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application.	4%	7%	2%
M3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications			
A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	1796	1589	2353
B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	6458	2271	4838
C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	2656	1275	647
D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	2102	7603	2158
E. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application.	13.80	12.47	23.54
F. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application.	49.63	17.83	48.40

M: Motor Taxation (M1 - M4)	2011	2010	2009
G. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application.	20.41	10.01	6.47
H. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application.	16.15	59.69	21.59
M4 Public opening hours			
Average number of opening hours per week	34	34	34

P: Planning and Building Control (P1 - P6)	2011	2010	2009
P1 Planning Applications - Decision-Making			
Individual Houses			
Number of applications decided	155	233	336
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	76	112	155
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	79	121	181
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant under section 34(9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000	0	0	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	74	75	75
Number of applications granted	125	182	269
Number of applications refused	30	51	67
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed with or without variations, by An Brd Pleanala	1	4	13
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Brd Pleanala	4	4	8
New Housing Development			
Number of applications decided	31	14	35
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	15	10	8
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	16	4	27
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant under section 34(9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000	0	0	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	80	79	81
Number of applications granted	21	5	21
Number of applications refused	10	9	14

P: Planning and Building Control (P1 - P6)	2011	2010	2009
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed with or without variations, by An Brd Pleanala	0	1	5
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Brd Pleanala	1	1	1
Other: Not requiring EIA			
Number of applications decided	420	481	575
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	305	347	422
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	115	134	152
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant under section 34(9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000	0	0	1
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	75	76	78
Number of applications granted	377	440	793
Number of applications refused	43	41	88
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed with or without variations, by An Brd Pleanala	16	13	37
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Brd Pleanala	2	9	14
Other: Requiring EIA			
Number of applications decided	9	5	5
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	6	3	1
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	3	2	4
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant under section 34(9) of the Planning & Development Act 2000	0	0	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	89	104	97
Number of applications granted	7	5	5
Number of applications refused	2	0	0
Number of cases where the decision was confirmed with or without variations, by An Brd Pleanala	1	1	3
Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Brd Pleanala	0	0	0

P: Planning and Building Control (P1 - P6)	2011	2010	2009
P.2 Planning Enforcement			
A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	161	246	247
B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	4	3	83
C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	192	158	265
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	124	153	179
E. Number enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	68	99	90
F. Number of prosecutions	10	9	6
P.3 Planning Public Opening Hours			
Average number of opening hours per week	33.25	33.52	35
P.4 Pre-Planning Consultation			
Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held			
A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	663	667	774
B. Average length of time from request for consultation with the local authority to actual formal meeting for preplanning consultation	5.06	6.33	6.12
P.5 New Buildings Inspected			
Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	114	304	247
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected	23	48	39
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge			
Number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hand at the beginning of the year	43	37	31
Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	2	4	1
Total number of dwellings in these estates	31	86	18
Number of estates in Column A not completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	33	27	21
Number of estates in Column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	3	3	5

Number of estates in Column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	1	0	0
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Rec: Recreational Services (Rec1 - Rec2)	2011	2010	2009
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Rec1: Children's Playgrounds

Number of children's playgrounds directly provided by the local authority	16	16	12
Number of children's playgrounds facilitated by the local authority	4	4	4

Rec2: Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities

Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities	432380.00	384000.00	13210.00
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Rev: Revenue Collection (Rev1 - Rev5)	2011	2010	2009
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Rev1 House Rent

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	88	88	
Percentage of Housing Rent arrears that are less than 4 weeks old	5.8	6	
Percentage of Housing Rent arrears that are 4 weeks old or more, but less than 6 weeks old	5.2	6	
Percentage of Housing Rent arrears that are 6 weeks old or more, but less than 12 weeks old	5.9	8	
Percentage of Housing Rent arrears that are 12 weeks old or more	83.1	80	

Rev2 Housing Loans

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	73	76	
Percentage of Housing Loans arrears that are less than 1 month old	1.3	1	
Percentage of Housing Loan arrears that are 1 month old or more, but less than 2 months old	5.3	5	
Percentage of Housing Loan arrears that are 2 months old or more, but less than 3 months old	2.8	5	
Percentage of Housing Loan arrears that are 3 months old or more	90.6	89	

Rev3 Commercial Rates

Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial Rates	82	83	89
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Rev4 Refuse Charges			
Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end	100	100	100

Rev5 Non-Domestic Water Charges			
Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	75	58	57

R: Roads (R1)	2011	2010	2009
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R1: Road Restoration Programme			
A. The Number of kilometers of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	162	114	78
B. The Number of kilometers of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvements grants scheme per annum	0	0	0

Energy Awareness (EN1)	2011	2010	2009
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EN1: Energy use in local authority offices			
A. The Number of kilometers of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	162	114	78
B. The Number of kilometers of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvements grants scheme per annum	0	0	0



Appendix 3. Financial Performance



Income & Expenditure Account Statement (Kilkenny County Council) For Year Ending 31st December 2011

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

Expenditure by Division	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
	2011 €	2011 €	2011 €	2010 €
Housing and Building	13,033,368	12,943,870	89,498	(484,441)
Roads Transportation & Safety	18,828,362	12,921,318	5,907,043	5,138,625
Water Services	15,243,330	6,370,922	8,872,408	7,587,913
Development Management	4,792,963	1,052,718	3,740,246	3,660,259
Environmental Services	7,912,025	2,115,195	5,796,830	6,413,279
Recreation & Amenity	3,636,295	327,272	3,309,023	3,167,188
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	9,950,039	9,503,214	446,825	288,711
Miscellaneous Services	4,282,318	1,980,583	2,301,736	3,012,521
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Total Expenditure/Income	77,678,701	47,215,092		
Net Cost of Divisions to be Funded From rates of Local Government Fund			30,463,609	28,784,053
Rates			11,983,357	11,737,796
Local Government Fund - General Purpose Grant			16,202,577	17,618,682
Pension Related Deduction			1,325,004	1,337,207
County Charge			2,600,000	2,750,000
Surplus/(Deficit) for year before Transfers			1,647,330	4,659,632
Transfer From/(to) Reserves			(2,196,755)	(4,676,935)
Overall Surplus(Deficit) for Year			(549,425)	(17,303)
General Reserve @ 1st January 2011			(52,637)	(35,334)
General Reserve @ 31st December 2011			(602,062)	(52,637)

Income & Expenditure Account Statement (Kilkenny Borough Council) For Year Ending 31st December 2011

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

Expenditure by Division	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Net Expenditure
	2011 €	2011 €	2011 €	2010 €
Housing and Building	1,035,539	1,563,920	(528, 382)	(461, 216)
Roads Transportation & Safety	2,676,443	2,471,918	204,525	(142,533)
Water Services	2,019	-	2,019	(9,932)
Development Management	728,043	93,235	634,808	897,165
Environmental Services	1,583,986	283,493	1,300,492	1,108,763
Recreation & Amenity	1,156,988	13,758	1,143,229	1,053,009
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(3,856)	4,735	(8,591)	10,364
County Charge	1,964,078	903,999	1,060,078	1,323,771
	2,600,000	-	2,600,000	2,750,000
Total Expenditure/Income	11,7743,238	5,335,059		
Net Cost of Divisions to be Funded From rates of Local Government Fund			6,408,179	6,529,364
Rates			6,370,422	6,215,696
Local Government Fund - General Purpose Grant			1,401,435	1,530,809
Pension Related Deduction				
County Charge			-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for year before Transfers			1,522,571	1,384,554
Transfer From/(to) Reserves			(1,469,769)	(1,399,369)
Overall Surplus(Deficit) for Year			52,802	(14,815)
General Reserve @ 1st January 2011			(51,671)	(36, 856)
General Reserve @ 31st December 2011			1,131	(51,671)