



Kilkenny County Council
Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2030
Council Meeting 21st July 2025



where medieval meets modern

Capital Programme

- Elected Members required to adopt a 3 year rolling programme each year.
- Funding must be available for each project.
- Six year capital programme prepared.
 - Subject to annual review.



Capital Programme

- Social Housing – 100% grant funding.
- Fire Stations – 100% grant funding (Excl. cost of site).
- Roads – 100% grant funding.
- Roads – Partial grant funding.
- Other infrastructure – partial grant funding.
 - Balance of Funding from own sources.



Grant Funding Sources

- TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland)
- DT (Department of Transport)
- OPW (Office of Public Works).
- LIHAF (Local Infrastructure housing activation fund).
- URDF (Urban Regeneration Development Fund).
 - 2019 & 2020,2022.
 - Abbey Quarter, Kilkenny City, Ferrybank.
- Libraries.
- ERDF (European Regional Development Fund).
- RRDF (Rural Regeneration Development Fund).
- ORIS (Outdoor Infrastructure Recreation Scheme).
- CLAR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais)
- Town & Village.
- Active Travel.
- Failte Ireland.
- Department of Arts.
- KLP (Kilkenny Leader Partnership)
- THRIVE (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme).



Capital Spend 2019 - 2024

- Total expenditure over the years from 2019 to 2024.
 - Total Expenditure - €411.5m
 - Total expenditure excluding Housing & Roads - €71.86m.

	<u>€'000's</u>
Housing & Building	228,691
Roads	111,033
Water Services	3,464
Development	45,084
Environment	9,153
Recreation & Amenity	6,959
Miscellaneous	7,201
Overall Total	411,583
Total excl Housing & Roads	71,860



Capital Programme 2025 -2030

Note excludes Roads projects that are 100% grant funded.

Total estimated expenditure of €1 billion.

Match Funding required from KCC – €104.6M

(€91.7m excl Housing).

Service Division	Project Cost €'000's	KCC Own Funds (,000) €'000's
Housing	624,915	12,900
Roads	121,952	27,935
Flood Relief	41,600	-
Recreation & Amenity	141,327	29,472
Community	34,583	8,241
Economic Development	41,400	17,900
Climate Change	7,707	6,154
General	2,000	2,000
Overall Total	1,015,484	104,601
Total Excluding Housing	390,569	91,701



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- Total Estimated Expenditure over the six year period - €1,015.5m.
 - Housing - €625m – 62% of total expenditure.
 - Roads(Where Match funding required) €122.0m – 12% of total expenditure.
 - Excludes the National Road Schemes which are 100% grant funded.
- Match funding required €104.6m.
 - €91.7m excluding Housing.



•Housing



Capital Programme 2025-2030 Housing

- Social Housing
 - Estimated spend over period 2025-2030 - €624.9m.
 - 1,670 units to be delivered in this 6 year period.
 - Construction/Acquisition - 100% grant funded.
 - Significant cashflow requirement to fund purchase / construction.
 - KCC funding of €12.9m required to match fund the following;
 - Affordable housing Subsidy (245 units) - €1.0m.
 - Cost Rental (45 units) - €11.9m
 - Separate Long Term loan finance facility to be sourced for Cost Rental.



	KCC Social Housing	KCC Developer Ltd Affordable Housing	KCC Direct Build affordable Housing	AHB CAS	AHB CALF	KCC Cost Rental	Overall Total
2025	86	13	22	32	31	0	184
2026	192	10	40	40	79	5	366
2027	130	10	30	20	80	10	280
2028	130	10	30	20	80	10	280
2029	130	10	30	20	80	10	280
2030	130	10	30	20	80	10	280
Overall Total	798	63	182	152	430	45	1670

Total number of Units projected

- 1670
- Target of 278 units per annum.

HOUSING

Crokers Hill Kilkenny City

88 social housing units &
community centre
€26M ex VAT contract value
Completed Q1 2025



•Roads



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Roads – 100% grant funding.

Ballyragget – Ballynaslee almost complete (pictured across)

Carrick Road Improvement scheme – judicial review.

Project Name	Category	Project Cost	Funding (,000)	KCC Own Funds (,000)	Grant Funding Source
1. N24 Waterford to Cahir	National Roads	800,000	800,000	0	TII
2. N25 Waterford to Glenmore	National Roads	110,000	110,000	0	TII
3. N77 Ballyragget to Ballynaslee Realignment Scheme	National Roads	10,000	10,000	0	TII
4. N24 Carrick Road Improvement Scheme	National Roads	10,000	10,000	0	TII
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		930,000	930,000	0	



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Roads – Other Projects

Total Expenditure - €121.9m
Match Funding – €27.9m

- Kilkenny City North Transport - €40m.
 - Being progressed through design.
 - 100% Grant funding assumed.
- Active Travel - €14.9m.
 - Includes Vicar Street
 - Grant funding of €14.4m
- Sustainable links / Western Environs infrastructure - €16.7m.
 - Grant funding of €12.5m assumed
- IDA Relief Road - €4.2m
- Ferrybank Area Infrastructure - €13.6m
 - URDF Grant Funding of 10.6m secured



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Roads – Other Projects

Total Expenditure - €121.9m
Match Funding – €27.9m

- Relocation of Gaol Rd / Cantwells Yard – Provision of €3m assumed
- Abbey Quarter Urban Street + Park - €16.5m
 - Grant funding of €12.4m secured.
 - Contractor currently On site.
 - Completion by the end of Q 4 2026.
- High Street/ John Street upgrade – €5.5m
 - Future URDF funding application
- Market Yard Enhancements / Public Toilets / changing places – €2m
- Park + Stride facility provision – €2m
- Machinery Yard – Plant Replacements €3.6m
 - 17 No. Plant items to be replaced.



BREAGAGH VALLEY

Kilkenny County Council providing the necessary infrastructure that will activate:

- Development of **870 new homes**
- A further **2,200 new homes** over the longer term; and
- Development of **2 new secondary schools**
- OPP for Primary School.



St. Francis Park & Street

- Planning Permission granted in February 2021
- URDF grant funding awarded subject to final approval from the DHLGH.
- Contractor Currently on site.
- Due for completion Q4 2026.
- Provides access and opens all plots for development



- **Flood Relief**



Capital Programme 2025-2030 Flood Relief.

Six schemes.

- Flood Relief
 - Six Schemes identified
 - Estimated cost of €41.6m
 - 100% Grant funding
 - Graiguenamanagh, Ballyhale, Freshford, Inistioge, Thomastown, Piltown



•Recreation & Amenity



Capital Programme 2025-2030 -Recreation & Amenity

Total Expenditure - €141.3m,
Match funding - €29.5m.

- Grant Schemes – ORIS, Sports Capital, KLP, CRF, T&V, RRDF, FI, TII, CMF.
 - 63 no different projects identified, at various stages of progression.
- ORIS – 25 projects identified – spend of €4.3m
 - Match funding of 10% required
 - Mountain Grove loop walk
 - Ennisnag loop walk
 - Kilmacow Community Complex
 - Clover centre redevelopment.
- Future ORIS projects provision - €6m
 - €600k match funding required
- Sports Capital – Estimate of €604k
 - Match funding of €196k.



Capital Programme 2025-2030 -Recreation & Amenity

Total Expenditure - €141.3m.
Match funding - €29.5m.

- South East Greenway:
 - Total budget provision of €44.9m.
 - Match funding of €500k re connectivity links.
- Watershed
 - Provision for future equipment replacement - €1.2m
- Watersports hub – County Hall
 - Provision of €2.3m
 - Match funding of €600k required.
- Woodstock House & Gardens - €5.5m
- Carnegie Library & Public Realm - €4.0m
- Future RRDF projects - €18.75m
 - Match funding of €4m
- Future T&V Projects - €7.5m.
 - Matching funding - €1.2m.



South East Greenway



Capital Programme 2025-2030 -Recreation & Amenity

Total Expenditure - €141.3m.
Match funding - €29.5m.

- Kieran St / Market Yard
 - Provision of €4.7m Match funding of €1.0m
- Piltown Town centre Regeneration - €2.2m.
 - Match funding - €435k.
- Watergate Upgrade – including house purchase - €4m
 - Grant of €2m assumed
- Thomastown Library - €4.5m
- Abbey Quarter Board Walk & Cultural Hub - €1.95m
- Graiguenamanagh regeneration - €4.5m
- Clover Centre - €1m.
- Castlecomer Discovery Park
 - Bike Trail - €560k
 - Future development – 500k
- Breagagh Valley Park – Amenities
 - Estimated costs of €2.5m, to be funded from own resources.





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Thomastown Library

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-Recreation & Amenity

Total Expenditure - €141.3m.
Match funding - €29.5m.

- Museum of Medieval Kilkenny:
 - Combine the existing MMM with the Tholsel into a new unified tourism experience.
 - Construction now underway.
 - Construction cost - €9m.
 - Funding of €4.5m secured from Failte Ireland.
 - Funding of €500k needed for upgrade works in the garden around the Museum.
 - Assumed 50% grant funding.



Capital Programme 2025-2030 -Recreation & Amenity

Total Expenditure - €141.3m.
Match funding - €29.5m.

- Urlingford Pathfinder Project:
 - Urlingford is designated as Kilkenny's first "pathfinder" town under the Government's Town Centre first policy.
 - One of the key objectives – Redesign of the of the public realm in Urlingford.
 - Overall estimated cost of €4.9m
- Watergate Urban Park:
 - Contractor on site, due for completion at the end of August 2025.
 - Cost of €1.4m.
- Carnegie Plaza & Barrack Lane Upgrade;
 - Estimated cost of €2.4m, match funding of €900k.
- St Mary's Precinct:
 - Estimated Cost of €1.3m, match funding of €500k.
- Archive Storage Facility – Provision of €2m.
 - Suitable location to be identified.



- Community



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Community

Total Expenditure - €34.5m.
Match Funding - €8.2m

- Friary Complex Callan:
 - Grant funding of €865k secured to develop masterplan for the complex.
 - Allocation of €11m included to develop the complex once the masterplan is prepared. Match funding of €2.2m required.
- Butt's Regeneration Project:
 - Grant funding of €850k secured to prepare a comprehensive regeneration plan for the Butts area of Kilkenny.
- Piltown Remote working Hub
 - Cost of €960k, match funding of €112k.
 - Project now complete.
- CCFCS
 - Annual allocation of €250k from development contributions.
 - 43 projects throughout the county received grant funding under this scheme since 2019.



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Community

Total Expenditure - €34.5m.
Match Funding - €8.2m

- Urlingford Community Centre
 - Project cost of €600k.
 - Project has commenced.
- Glenmore Community Café and shop
 - Project cost of €500k.
- Town & Village Renewal Projects.
 - Significant Investment to date across the County.
 - KCC Community section to continue to identify suitable projects.
 - Projects currently underway:
 - Callan – Kingsriver.
 - Dunnnamaggin.



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Community

Total Expenditure - €34.5m.
Match Funding - €8.2m

- Civil Defence Building;
 - Estimated Cost of €2m.
 - Plan is to co locate with the new City fire station.
- New City Fire Station:
 - Estimated Cost of €12m.
 - Match funding of €1.1m.
 - Cost of site has to be funded from KCC own resources.





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New City Fire Station – CGI

•Economic Development



CAPITAL PROGRAMME – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION.

Total Estimated
Expenditure - €41.4m.

Match Funding of €17.9m
required.

- Vacant & Derelict Buildings:
 - Allocation of €6m under the URDF call 3 for Kilkenny City.
 - For residential buildings that are not for sale only.
 - No match funding required.
 - Facility of €3m required to fund acquisitions in rural Towns & Villages.
- Waterford Airport:
 - Commitment of €400k from KCC to part fund the runway extension.
- Development Plans:
 - Provision of €1m for the preparation of various development plans including a new City and County Development Plan.
 - To be funded from Income & Expenditure Account over the next 6 years.



CAPITAL PROGRAMME – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION.

Total Estimated
Expenditure - €41.4m.

Match Funding of €17.9m
required.

- IDA Belview Road re-alignment - €4m
 - Fully Funded.
- Abbey Quarter:
 - Partnership Equity Contribution – €2m
 - Estimate only, Level of future contributions will depend on the nature of delivery of developments on the various plots.
- Engineers Block - €6.5m
 - Building acquired from Diageo.
 - To be developed into a “landing space” for new businesses coming to Kilkenny.
 - Grant funding of €4.5m assumed.
- Meubles Building - €8.5m.
 - Develop Office space for Council own use.
 - To be part funded from rent savings.
- Mobility Hub – Sweeney’s Orchard - €10m
 - Assumed Grant funding of €7.5m



•Climate Action



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-Climate Action:

Total Cost of €7.7m,
Match funding of €6.2m.

- Climate Action – Retrofit of key council buildings.
 - Pathfinder Programme(County Hall) – Cost of €1.9m.
 - Match funding of €950k required.
 - Pathfinder Programme(Watergate) – Cost of €1.2m.
 - Match funding of €600k required.
 - PLEEP PROJECT – Public Lighting upgrade - €3.5m
 - Contractor on site.
 - Estimated cost of €3.5m – Loan approved By Members.
 - Machinery Yard – €1.1m.
 - Replace 20 no. vehicles with Electric vehicles.



•Summary



CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025 – 2030 Summary

- Total estimated spend = €1.015 billion
- Match funding required = €104.6m.
- Provision needs to be made for cost inflation.
 - Estimates only available at this stage for many projects.



BORROWINGS - KCC

- Term Loan of €13.5m drawn down in late 2016.
 - Annual cost of €800k.
- Term loan of €5m drawn down in 2020.
 - Repayments of €300k provided for in the annual Budget.
- Term loan of €8.5m approved by Members.
 - €5m general and €3.5m for PLEEP.
 - Not drawn down yet.
 - Repayments provided for in the 2025 Budget
- Total non mortgage debt drawn at the end of 2024 - €18.5m
 - Outstanding Capital Balance as at 31 December 2024 - €12.5m.
- Outstanding Commitments on completed capital projects
 - €8.9m.
 - Annual cost of €1.6m.



CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025 – 2030

Funding Available.

• Capital Reserves	€24.0m
• Term loan approved by Council not drawn down.	€5.0m
• Term Loan approved for public lighting upgrade	€3.5m.
• Total funding available	€32.5m.



CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025 – 2030

Funding Shortfall

- Council must have identifiable funding source for each project.
 - Match funding required €91.7m.
 - Funding available €32.5m.
 - **Funding Shortfall €59.2m.**
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- Current estimate of funding shortfall = **€59.2m** minimum.
 - A significant portion of this shortfall will be funded from Development Contributions.
 - Opportunities for additional grant funding to be explored:
 - Timing of some projects – All of the projects listed will not be completed within the timeframe.
 - Six year capital programme to be finalized and approved by Council subject to funding.
 - Capital Programme will be reviewed annually.





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