

To each Member of Roscommon County Council

17th February 2020

Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st December 2019

Section 26(1) of the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations states that a report is provided to Members outlining the level of Rate arrears at the end of each financial year.

In 2019, the County Council continued the policy of referring cases to a legal agent where customers had not entered into meaningful discussions. As you are aware, this measure is always a last resort and that every effort is made to deal with customers' issues before taking this course of action, as it increases the cost of collection.

Arrears of Rates at 31st December 2019 amounted to €1.358M, a decrease of €549k on the figure reported for 2018. The total rate demand for 2019 was €11.654M with an amount of €10.312M collected, an increase of €95,410 on the income collected in 2018.

Adjustments for vacant premises, business closures, exemptions, uncollectable amounts and liquidated companies equated to €1.890M for the year.

The collection percentage for 2019 was 89% and details will be provided when the Annual Financial Statement for 2019 is presented.

The table below breaks down the invoices, receipts, adjustments and level of arrears by Municipal District:

Municipal District	Opening Balance	Invoices	Receipts	Adjustments	Closing Balance
Athlone	319,541	1,871,155	1,715,912	254,886	219,898
Boyle	675,484	3,165,146	2,595,365	698,664	546,601
Roscommon	911,924	4,321,890	3,705,046	937,099	591,670
Globals	0	2,295,423	2,295,423	0	0
Totals	⁽¹⁾ 1,906,949	11,653,614	10,311,746	1,890,649	1,358,169



Martin Lydon
Director of Services - Finance, Housing, ICT, Planning,
Water Services and Roscommon Municipal District

(1) As part of the 2018 AFS process this figure was reported as €1,906,295; this was corrected to €1,906,949 as part of the audit process.