

Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2017

Municipal District of Athlone

Version	Description	Date	Approved
1.0	For Consideration of May meeting	24/05/2017	

1.0 Introduction

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new section 103A in the Local Government Act 2001 providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) in respect of the Municipal District is formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in the annual budget in respect of the relevant service division. The plan of works outlined in the SMDW prioritises and apportions the use, within the municipal district, of the funding provided in the overall revenue budget for particular purposes. Key objectives in preparing the SMDW are maximising value for money, overall effectiveness and return from investment.

It should be noted that it may be necessary to reallocate funding during the year to deal with emergencies arising or when scheduled works cannot proceed for some reason. Any such reallocation will be notified to members as part of the monthly Management Report.

The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2016 for the Athlone Municipal District is set out in this document and the approval of the members is sought for the Draft Schedule as presented.

2.0 Repair & Maintenance Operations

The schedule of municipal district works covers maintenance and repair operations in the following service divisions:

Division A	Housing
Division B	Roads
Division C	Water Services
Division D	Development Management
Division E	Environmental Services
Division F	Recreation & Amenity
Division G	Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare

2.1 Housing Repair & Maintenance

There are 256 (includes both occupied and vacant) social housing units in the Athlone Municipal District. The Tenants Handbook outlines the responsibilities for maintenance for both the tenant and the Council. As funding is limited, the Council endeavours to carry out the optimum level of works which are necessary, in accordance with the Tenants Handbook.

Typical repair works are as follows:

Plumbing:	Pipe work repairs, replacing of immersion water heating units, pressure pumps, ball cocks, cisterns, header tanks.
Heating:	Circulation pumps, boilers & radiators
Chimneys:	CCTV surveys of blocked chimneys, replacing damaged flue liners, rebuilding entire chimneys.
Windows & Doors:	Repairs to handles and locks to windows and external doors, full replacement of unserviceable window or door.
General Repairs:	Repairs to roofs, ceilings, floors.
Electrical:	Faulty electrical switches, MCBs, distribution boxes.

2.2 Road Maintenance & Repair

The 2017 Road Works Programme has a total budget of € 2,985,411. Along with Ordinary Maintenance, Road Improvement Grant (RIG) and the Surface Dressing Programme, and Footpaths, this allocation includes for the following Capital works:

1. Bridge Improvement Works

- €270,000 allocated for Co. Roscommon - not yet allocated to individual schemes.

2. Low Cost Safety Schemes

No low cost safety scheme funded in Athlone MD in 2017

2.3 Environment & Water Services

Water Services

The statutory Responsibility for Water Services has transferred to Irish Water from the 1st of January 2014 and Roscommon County Council now operates water services as an agent for Irish Water under a Service Level Agreement (SLA). IW has full responsibility for Water Services, including budget management and accordingly makes all funding decisions.

Water Services repairs and maintenance will continue to be delivered in the Athlone MD under the SLA with IW. Environment & Water Services section will be optimising its role under the Service Level Agreement to influence infra-structure planning and funding.

Maintenance of Burial Grounds

There are 21 open and 9 closed burial grounds in the Athlone Municipal District. An allocation of €22,375 is available to operate and maintain burial grounds in the District.

Drainage

Roscommon County Council are responsible for Arterial Drainage in the following watercourses: Ballybay, Barry More, Carrowreagh, Grange & Corralea, Turrock, Cross River, Corramore, Ballyminton, Barry Beg, Cuileenirwan, Lysterfield & Carrick, St. Patrick's Well, Rockfield and Islands. €29,000 has been allocated in 2017 for maintenance of these watercourses.

The Suck Joint Drainage Board Scheme was abolished with effect from 1/1/15. €50,000 has been allocated in 2016 for works which are required to be carried out to the portion of the river Suck which lies in the Athlone MD of County Roscommon.

Grants have been received from the OPW for works at Beagh, Cornalee and Moore. The total allocation for these works is €97,250

Environmental Enforcement

Environmental Enforcement, in both solid waste management, water quality and noise and air pollution is managed centrally in accordance with the RMCEI plan and in response to complaints and incidents on a county wide basis.

Recycling

The Council operates 5 bring banks throughout the District. These are operated under contract by the Environmental Section.

SUMMARY OF ATHLONE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS 2017

Expenditure (Details by Service Division)	Budget
A. Housing	
A01 Housing Maintenance	€116,690
B. Roads	
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	€22,000
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	€254,500
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	€1,959,711
B07 Road Safety - Engineering Improvement	-
B09 Footpaths	€100,000
Sub Total B.	€ 2,336,211
Development Management	
D0601 Economic Development (incl Taking-in-Charge Roads)	€80,000
D0905 Development Management (including Town Teams)	€161,000
Sub Total D.	€241,000
Environmental Services	
E0901 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	€22,375
F. Recreation and Amenity	
F0301 Amenity Maintenance Athlone	€68,500
G. Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	
G01 Land Drainage Costs	€176,250
J. Miscellaneous	
J08 Municipal District Office Expenses	€21,000
TOTAL Budgeted Expenditure	€ 2,982,236