

Rural Water Programme

The above programme has been devolved to each local authority since 1997. Work on the compilation of a comprehensive inventory on all water supply schemes within the county is being undertaken at present, as baseline data for the Strategic Rural Water Plan for the County. The first stage of the Plan was completed in April 2000 and was adopted by the Council Members in June 2000. It is expected that the second stage of the Plan will be completed 2006. Central to the Plan is the issue of water quality. The County Council is currently undertaking a comprehensive water quality monitoring programme of all public schemes and privately sourced Group Water Schemes, supplying 10 houses or more. Local Authorities are expected to have water quality issues addressed on group schemes with 15 houses or more by December 2006. Results to date suggest that the Water quality on these schemes has improved significantly over the past 3/4 years with a compliance rate of 98% in 2005.

The Council's current programme includes: -

1. Extending existing Regional & Public Water Supply Schemes in the form of Group Schemes and Small Public Schemes. These schemes are taken over and maintained by the County Council, on completion.
2. Increasing the number of privately sourced group water schemes (i.e. wells and springs).
3. The refurbishment of privately sourced group water schemes. That is upgrading source and distribution networks.
4. The take-over of existing Group Water Schemes where practicable strategically important. There is a strong onus on the Council to take-over schemes when requested to do so.
5. Monitoring of water quality on public and privately sourced group water schemes supplying 10 houses or more.
6. Private Well Grants – in areas where public and group water schemes are non-existent, at present this Council administers a grant in respect of the provision of a water supply to an existing individual house. Applicants must comply with criteria as set down by the Department of the Environment.
7. The Council administers the group water scheme subsidy on behalf of the DOE. Ninety nine private schemes have applied to date.

The DOEHLG allocated a total of €1.97m (Euros) to North Tipperary County Council in respect of the Rural Water Programme for 2005 as follows;

Group Water & Sewerage Scheme Capital Grants	€600,000.00
Take-over of Group water Schemes	€620,000.00
Small Water & Sewerage Schemes	€750,000.00

	€1,970,000.00

Rural Water Programme – County Monitoring Committee

The above committee was formed on 9 December 1998

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