



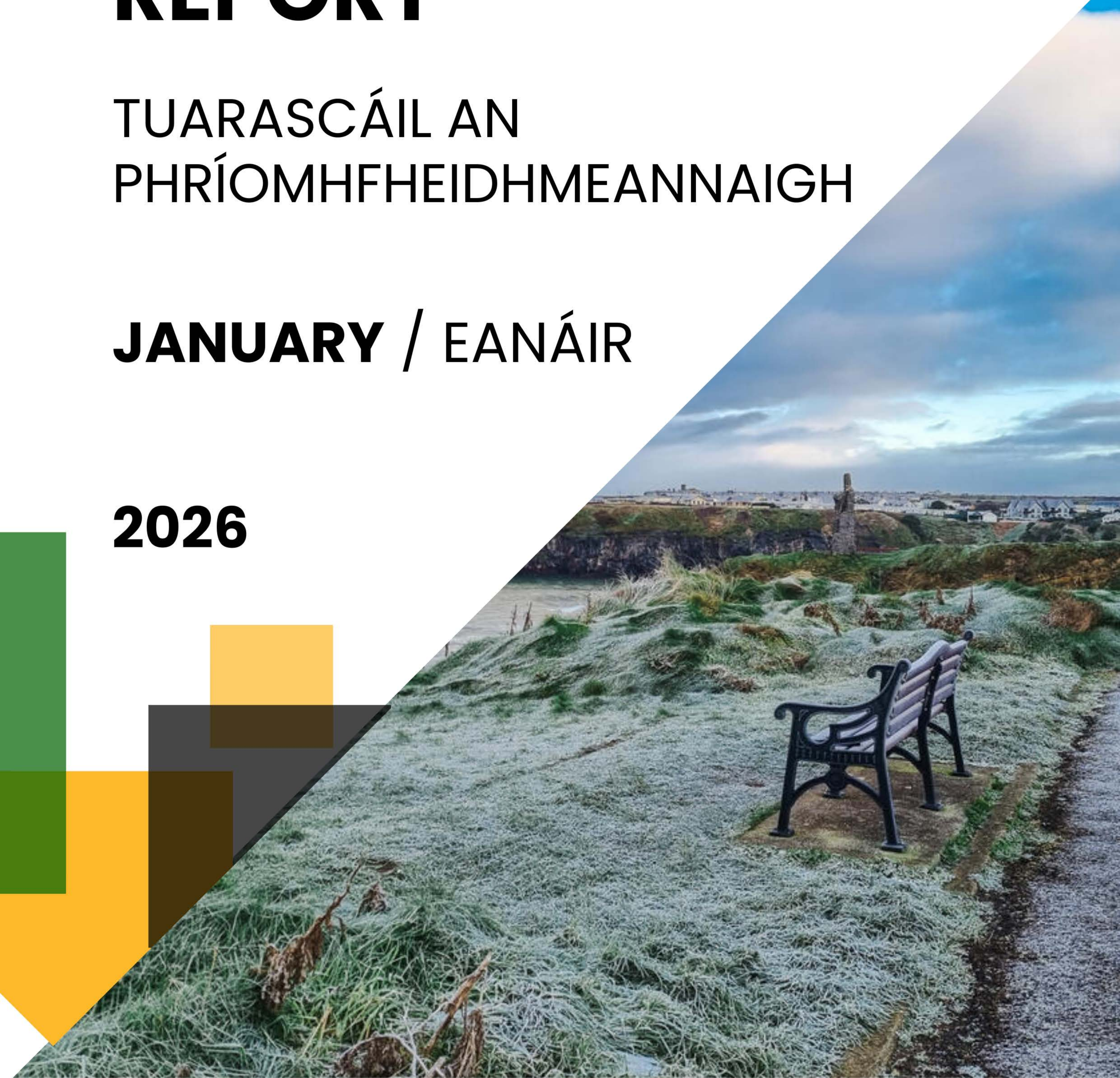
Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

TUARASCÁIL AN
PHRÍOMHFHEIDHMEANNAIGH

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Kerry County Council

January 2026

Chief Executive's Report

Introduction

.¹The attached report has been prepared for the January Council Meeting and includes details of the delivery of housing projects in Tralee and Killorglin, the separate open calls for expressions of interest for developers for Turnkey acquisitions countywide and for Affordable Housing submissions for the towns of Tralee and Killarney and the Kerry County Council Estate Enhancement Fund.

The first section of the South Kerry Greenway Kerry was opened to the public, the upgrade works to Bray Head Tower Valentia were substantially completed and is open to the public, construction is underway on the Multi-Purpose Community Space and Boxing Club - Deans Lane Tralee and works have commenced for the construction stage of the Ballyseedy Wood Amenity Trail Phase II. 4 projects received over €1.3 million under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and a further two projects received funding under 'TVRS Project Development Measure'. The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2025-2030 was officially launched.

A more detailed report of the work of each directorate is provided at Municipal District level.

Fearghal Reidy
Chief Executive
Kerry County Council

¹ Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 places an obligation on the Chief Executive to prepare a report, to be known as the Management Report, in relation to the performance of his or her Executive Functions during the preceding calendar month, including implementation of policy or other matters required by the Council in the exercise of its Reserved Functions and the provision of services by the Council.¹

Finance

As agreed with the Members, a Financial Report for Members will be provided on a quarterly basis in line with the Quarterly Reporting Process for Income and Expenditure already in place to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Annual Financial Statement incorporating Quarter 4 will be presented at the April Ordinary Council Meeting.

Housing

Housing Delivery

The Housing Capital Unit delivered, under the Housing for All programme, a number of projects in December 2025. These include the following direct build completions:

- Clogheresta Apartments, Hawley Park, Tralee (16 units) (12 No. 1-Bed and 4 No. 2-Bed apartments)

and the following Part V acquisitions:

- Belmont View, Ballyard, Tralee (10 units) (1 No. 1-Bed, 8 No. 2-Bed and 1 No. 3-Bed units)
- An Páirc, Gneevuilla (2 units) (2 No. 3-Bed units)

The AHB Unit continues to work closely with Approved Housing Bodies to deliver social housing around the county. The following project was delivered in December 2025:

- Bansha, Phase 2 (24 units) (Cooperative Housing Ireland)

These units bring to 305, the total number of housing units delivered in 2025 through a combination of direct build, AHB delivery, leasing and Part V and turnkey acquisitions. Based on current projections, the Council expects to deliver a further 344 units during 2026.

Affordable Housing and Turnkey Acquisitions

Further to the notification issued to the elected members in December 2025, the separate open calls for expressions of interest for developers for Turnkey acquisitions countywide and for Affordable Housing submissions for the towns of Tralee and Killarney will remain open until 4:00pm on 13th February 2026.

Enquiries in relation to the Turnkey Open Call may be directed to turnkey@kerrycoco.ie, while enquiries in relation to the Affordable Housing Open Call may be directed to affordablehousing@kerrycoco.ie

Estate Enhancement Fund

A Kerry County Council, Estate Enhancement Fund has been established for 2026. This will be funded through the additional income generated by the removal of the maximum rent cap following a review of the Differential Rent Scheme by the Housing Department.

The purpose of this initiative is to enhance council estates by improving communal spaces, where the tenancy management officers will work with resident associations to help with the upkeep of estates, creating a sense of shared responsibility within council estates. The fund will support residents,

improve estate conditions, and reinforce the Council's commitment to supporting vibrant, inclusive, and well-maintained neighbourhoods. The type of enhancement works that would be supported include, purchase of grass cutting equipment, shrubs, tree planting and other community engagement activities and initiatives. €120,000 is budgeted for this fund in 2026. The application process will be open to Residents Associations throughout 2026.

Capital Delivery, Climate Resilience and Culture

South Kerry Greenway – first section opened to the public



The first section of the South Kerry Greenway opened to the public on Friday 19th December 2025. The 3.1km stretch runs between Kells PO (Goldens) and Kells Station with parking available at both locations. A journey over and back takes approximately an hour on foot and offers users a safe facility to get out to the countryside and enjoy the landscape and views on what was the former railway line.

Works continue on the 5km section between Glenbeigh and Mountain Stage which is planned to be opened in Q2 2026. A contract has been awarded to construct a greenway underpass and approach ramps at Gortnagree just south of Kells Station, with these works commencing in 2026.

URDF: Multi-Purpose Community Space and Boxing Club - Deans Lane, Tralee

Construction is underway with foundations poured and blockwork commenced. The project is funded under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, the Community Recognition Fund and Kerry County Council.



URDF: Tralee Pavements Phase III

Works commenced in November 2025. Kerry County Council's Project Liaison staff is meeting with all impacted residents and businesses to discuss timelines and traffic management arrangements. This project is expected to be completed in Q2, 2027.



Platforms for Growth: Fenit Beach Facility

Work is progressing on the Fenit Beach facility which will be opened in Q2 2026. The Part 8 process for Phase 2 of the project which deals with the accessible access will commence in Q1 2026, with the view to commencing construction after the bathing season ends.



Ballyseedy Wood

Works have commenced on the construction of the Ballyseedy Wood Amenity Trail Phase II, with the project due to be completed in Q2 of 2026.



Upgrade of Bray Head Tower, Valentia

The upgrade works to Bray Head Tower site were substantially completed in December. The works to the tower will be complete by the end of January. This project was funded by Failte Ireland and Kerry County Council.



Sunhill Road, Killorglin Safe Routes to School

The Sunhill Road Safe Routes to School project was substantially completed in December. This project was funded by the NTA, the Safe Routes to School Programme.



Arts Act Grant 2025

Following the closing date of 16th December for receipt of Arts Act Grant/Bursary applications, the following were received:

51 applications for Arts Act Grant,
10 applications for Artist in Schools Bursary,
14 applications for Artist Retreat Bursary,
46 applications for Creative Work Development,
4 applications for Eamon Kelly Bursary,
3 applications for Further Arts Education Bursary.

- An evening of music to mark the 80th birthday of Christie Hennessy took place in December in Tralee.
- Kerry Choral Union Christmas Gala Concert took place in December in St Johns Church Tralee
- The screening of Daniel O'Connell 'THE EMANCIPATOR' celebrating his life on the 250th anniversary of his birth took place in Siamsa Tíre in December with proceeds from the event going to local charities.
- The festive concert featuring Tenor Gavin Ring supported by the Liberator Choir held in Cahersiveen as part of the Daniel O'Connell 250th anniversary celebrations was broadcasted on Radio Kerry on Christmas Eve.

Creative Ireland Kerry Creative Communities Grants Scheme

Details and applications are available at <https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/arts-forms-funding/>. The Creative Ireland Kerry team hosted an online information session on the 7th January for prospective applicants. Closing deadline is 9pm on 22nd January 2026.

Kerry Libraries - Ireland Reads Day 2026

Ireland Reads Day will take place in libraries nationally on Saturday, 28 February.

Community, Climate Action and Operational Services.

Hi-Visibility Campaign

Kerry County Council is highlighting growing concerns around road user visibility during low-light and nighttime conditions. An increase has been reported in pedestrians, cyclists and scooter users travelling without hi-visibility clothing, particularly in rural areas.

To address this, in December 2025 Kerry County Council launched a hi-visibility campaign and is distributing hi-visibility vests to vulnerable road users at locations across the county.

Road Safety Art Calendars

The 2026 Kerry County Council Schools Road Safety Art Calendars were officially launched at the council offices in December celebrating the creativity and road safety awareness of twelve primary school students from across the county.

Community

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, announced funding with over **€1,300,000** to support 4 projects in County Kerry.

Project Location /	Description	Allocation
Baile an Fheirtéaraigh	Urgent revitalisation of Múseum Chorca Dhuibhne and community centre: safeguarding local heritage, improving visitor experience, boosting sustainability, and providing a revitalised cultural hub for the community and tourists alike.	€300,000
Fossa	Essential conservation/refurbishment works of both buildings which make up Fossa Community Centre (FCC), including the listed and protected cultural and heritage structure St. Lelia's Church (Old Fossa Church).	€300,000
Listowel	The project involves the upgrade and restoration of Listowel Community Centre which was damaged by fire in 2022. The renovation will restore and enhance the centre's facilities and service offering.	€500,000
Milltown	Carry out essential refurbishment works to Muintir na Tíre Hall, Milltown to ensure it can continue to serve as a multi-functional community space.	€269,939

A further two projects received funding under 'TVRS Project Development Measure'.

Project Location /	Description	Allocation
Currow	Feasibility study, site survey, detailed design and a planning application to progress a Community Centre upgrade project from a community's vision to the next stage of being 'shovel-ready' for construction.	€50,000
Rathmore	Redevelopment and refurbishment of Rathmore Community Centre Hall and lands to rear of the building to shovel ready status.	€50,000

Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2025-2030

The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2025-2030 was officially launched at the Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre in December 2025. The ambition of the LECP is to ensure Kerry is a destination of choice to live, work and thrive. The ten high-level goals promoted in Kerry's LECP are aligned with the ambition and objectives established in the *Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028* and the *Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy* for the Southern Region.



Age Friendly Kerry Strategy

The development of a new Age Friendly Strategy for Kerry is commencing, and a series of in-person public consultation sessions will take place across the county in Q1, 2026.

The new Age Friendly Strategy will provide an opportunity to renew focus on engagement with older people across the county, the Older People's Council, and a range of agencies and organisations involved in the Kerry Age Friendly Alliance.

Elected Members will be provided with full details of the public consultation once finalised.

'Get Grant Ready' - Community Sports Facilities Fund Webinar

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership registration is open for the Community Sports Facilities Fund Online 'Getting Grant Ready' Webinar 29 January 2026. This webinar is designed for club committee members who are responsible for grant applications, particularly those applying to the Community Sports Facilities Fund (formerly the Sports Capital Programme).

Environment

Christmas and the Circular Economy

A social and print media campaign highlighting the importance of the circular economy during the Christmas period was delivered throughout December. Posts included 'look for local' to support Kerry businesses, stopping food waste, sustainable decorations, recycling correctly and information on our civic amenity sites.

Active Land Management and Economic Development

Festival and Participative Events Programme for County Kerry 2026

The Festival and Participative Events Programme for County Kerry 2026 will be launched by Kerry County Council *Economic Development and Tourism* Department at the end of January. The aim of the programme is to support events that showcase the county's unique attractions and foster sustainable domestic and international tourism growth.

LEO Training Development

The timetable of events has been developed for January and February 2026 with strong interest. Bookings are presently being taken on www.localenterprise.ie/kerry

Programmes include:

- 20/01/26 Start Your Own Business (8 weekly sessions)
- 23/01/26 Digital Marketing Programme (6 weekly sessions)
- 03/02/26 Shop layout & Merchandising

Food Starter Programme

The Food Starter programme has been scheduled for early February to support recruitment for the Food Academy Programme 2026.

Student Enterprise Awards

Work continues on the Student Enterprise Awards working towards County Finals in March with the National Final being held in May 2026. Mentoring sessions continue with the 14 schools who have entered the 2026 competition.

Planning

Killarney MD Settlements Plan (Variation No.2)

Proposed Variation No.2 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022–2028, which is the Killarney Municipal District Settlements' Plan, was published in June 2025. In accordance with the statutory process, the Killarney Section 51 Committee considered the Chief Executive Report recently and the Chief Executive Report and Section 51 Report will be considered by full Council.

Castleisland/Corca Dhuibhne MD Settlements Plan (Variation No.3)

Proposed Variation No.3 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022–2028, which is the Castleisland/Corca Dhuibhne MD Settlements Plan was published

in November. During this period public information evenings were held in Castleisland and Milltown.

Section 51 Committee meeting is proposed to take place in February.

Listowel MD Settlements Plan (Variation No.4)

The Planning Policy team are currently preparing Variation No.4 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028, which will be the Listowel Municipal District Settlements Plan. The aim is to initiate/publish Variation No.4 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 in late Q1 2026.

Oifigeach Gaeilge

An Coiste Comhairleach was set up in March 2021 to deal with matters relating to the Irish Language in Kerry County Council. The committee offers advice to the Oifigeach Gaeilge and Director of Services on various topics relating to Irish language initiatives, issues with An Coimisinéir Teanga, naming of estates and streets in Kerry, the language plan for the Gaeltacht service town of Cahersiveen (Kerry County Council is the lead organisation in this language plan), as well as the use of the Irish Language within the Council and the fulfilment of its legal obligations under The Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021. In December a review was carried out regarding Kerry County Council's obligations in relation to the areas mentioned above.

In 2026, Oifig na Gaeilge will continue to support Irish Language Tourism through it's 'Ciste Turasóireachta na Gaeilge 2026' scheme. It will also support initiatives, events and festivals that promote the use of Irish amongst young people in Kerry through the 'Scéim Óige 2026' scheme. We are also committed to providing high quality interpretation equipment and support so that many of the festivals and events in Kerry are bilingual.

Oifig na Gaeilge will continue its support of the Irish Language classes in the North Kerry region for both Adult and Child learners through a programme called 'Blas Beo'. This programme is operated through An Teach Siamsa in Finuge and is supported by a voluntary committee, local tutors as well as the Council's Oifig na Gaeilge.

Irish language courses for Kerry County Council staff will be advertised and offered in the coming weeks with a focus being placed on the accredited TEG course.



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**Tuarascáil an
Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh**

(Leagan Gaeilge)

Réamhrá

.¹Ullmhaíodh an tuarascáil atá i gceangal leis seo do Chruinniú Chomhairle mhí Eanáir agus áirítear inti sonraí faoi sheachadadh tionscadal tithíochta i dTrá Lí agus i gCill Orglan, na glaonna oscailte ar leithligh le haghaidh léirithe spéise ó fhorbróirí le haghaidh ceannacháin lándéanta ar fud an chontae agus le haghaidh aighneachtaí Tithíochta Inacmhainne do bhailte Thrá Lí agus Chill Airne agus Ciste Feabhsúcháin Eastáit Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí.

Oscloíodh an chéad chuid de Bhealach Glas Chiarraí Theas don phobal, tá na hoibreacha uasghrádaithe ar Thúr Cheann Bhreagha, Dairbhre críochnaithe den chuid is mó agus tá sé oscailte don phobal, tá obair thógála ar siúl ar an Spás Pobail Ilchuspóireach agus ar an gClub Dornálaíochta – Lána an Déin, Trá Lí agus tá tús curtha le hoibreacha do chéim thógála Chéim II de Chonair Choill Bhailte Uí Shíoda. Fuair 4 thionscadal os cionn €1.3 milliún faoin Scéim Athnuachana Baile agus Sráidbhaile agus fuair dhá thionscadal eile maoiniú faoin 'Beart Forbartha Tionscadail TVRS'. Seoladh Plean Eacnamaíoch agus Pobail Áitiúil Chiarraí 2025-2030 go hoifigiúil.

Cuirtear tuarascáil níos mionsonraithe ar obair gach stiúirthóireachta ar fáil ar leibhéal an Cheantair Bardasach.

Fearghal Reidy
Príomhfheidhmeannach
Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

¹Le hAlt 136(2) d'Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 2001, mar a cuireadh isteach le hAlt 51 d'Acht Athchóirithe Rialtais Áitiúil 2014, cuirtear oibleagáid ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach tuarascáil a ullmhú, ar a dtabharfar an Tuarascáil Bainistíochta, i ndáil le comhlíonadh a Fheidhmeanna Feidhmiúcháin i rith na míosa féilire roimhe sin, lena n-áirítear cur i bhfeidhm beartais nó nithe eile a cheanglaítear ar an gComhairle i bhfeidhmiú a Feidhmeanna Forchoimeáda agus soláthar seirbhísí ag an gComhairle.

Airgeadas

Mar a comhaontaíodh leis na Comhaltaí, cuirfear Tuarascáil Airgeadais ar fáil do Chomhaltaí gach ráithe i gcomhréir leis an bPróiseas Tuairiscithe Ráithiúil maidir le hloncam agus Caiteachas atá i bhfeidhm cheana féin don Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht. Cuirfear an Ráiteas Airgeadais Bliantúil lena n-áirítear Ráithe 4 i láthair ag Gnáthchruinniú na Comhairle i mí Aibreáin.

Tithíocht

Seachadadh Tithíochta

Sheachaid an tAonad Caipitil Tithíochta roinnt tionscadal i mí na Nollag 2025 faoin gclár Tithíochta do Chách. Áirítear leis seo na críochnuithe tógála díreacha seo a leanas:

- Árasáin Clogheresta, Páirc Hawley, Trá Lí (16 aonad) (12 árasán Uimh. 1-Leaba agus 4 árasán Uimh. 2-Leaba)

agus Cuid V de na tógálacha seo a leanas:

- Radharc Belmont, An Baile Ard, Trá Lí (10 n-aonad) (1 aonad 1 sheomra leapa, 8 n-aonad 2 sheomra leapa agus 1 aonad 3 sheomra leapa)
- An Pháirc, Gníomh go Leith (2 aonad) (2 aonad 3-Leaba)

Leanann an tAonad AHB ag obair go dlúth le Comhlachtaí Tithíochta Ceadaithe chun tithíocht shóisialta a sheachadadh ar fud an chontae. Seachadadh an tionscadal seo a leanas i mí na Nollag 2025:

- Bansa, Céim 2 (24 aonad) (Tithíocht Chomharchumann Éireann)

Leis na haonaid seo, is é 305 an líon iomlán aonad tithíochta a seachadadh in 2025 trí mheascán de thógáil dhíreach, seachadadh AHB, léasú agus ceannacháin Chuid V agus ceannacháin lándéanta. Bunaithe ar réamh-mheastacháin reatha, tá súil ag an gComhairle 344 aonad breise a sheachadadh le linn 2026.

Tithíocht Inacmhainne agus Ceannacháin Lándéanta

I dtaca leis an bhfógra a eisíodh chuig na comhaltaí tofa i mí na Nollag 2025, fanfaidh na glaonna oscailte ar leithligh le haghaidh léirithe spéise ó fhorbróirí le haghaidh ceannacháin lándéanta ar fud an chontae agus le haghaidh aighneachtaí Tithíochta Inacmhainne do bhailte Thrá Lí agus Chill Airne ar oscailt go dtí 4:00pm ar an 13 Feabhra 2026.

Is féidir fiosrúcháin maidir leis an nGlaó Oscailte do thithe lándéanta a sheoladh chuig turnkey@kerrycoco.ie, agus is féidir fiosrúcháin maidir leis an nGlaó Oscailte ar Thithíocht Inacmhainne a dhíriú chuig affordablehousing@kerrycoco.ie

Ciste Feabhsúcháin Eastáit

Tá Ciste Feabhsúcháin Eastáit Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí bunaithe do 2026. Maíneofar é seo tríd an ioncam breise a ghintear trí bhaint an uasteorainn cíosa

uasta i ndiaidh athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an Scéim Cíosa Dífreach ag an Roinn Tithíochta.

Is é cuspóir an tionscnaimh seo eastáit na comhairle a fheabhsú trí spásanna pobail a fheabhsú, áit a n-oibreoidh oifigigh bainistíochta tionóntachta le cumainn chónaitheoirí chun cabhrú le cothabháil na n-eastát, rud a chruthóidh mothú freagrachta comhroinnte laistigh d'eastáit na comhairle. Tacóidh an ciste le cónaitheoirí, feabhsóidh sé riocht na n-eastát, agus neartóidh sé tiomantas na Comhairle chun tacú le comharsanachtaí beoga, cuimsitheacha agus dea-chothabháilte. I measc na n-oibreacha feabhsúcháin a thacófaí leo tá trealaimh ghearrtha féir a cheannach, toir, plandáil crann agus gníomhaíochtaí agus tionscnaimh eile rannpháirtíochta pobail. Tá €120,000 curtha ar leataobh sa bhuiséad don chiste seo in 2026. Beidh an próiseas iarratais oscailte do Chumainn Cónaitheoirí ar feadh 2026.-

Seachadadh Caipitil, Athléimneacht Aeráide agus Cultúr

Bealach Glas Chiarraí Theas – an chéad chuid oscailte don phobal



Osclaíodh an chéad chuid de bhealach glas Chiarraí Theas don phobal Dé hAoine an 19 Nollaig 2025. Ritheann an stráice 3.1km idir oifig an phoist sna Cealla (Goldens) agus an Stáisiún sna Cealla agus tá páirceáil ar fáil ag an dá shuíomh. Tógann an turas anonn is anall thart ar uair an chloig de shiúl na gcós agus cuireann sé áis shábháilte ar fáil d'úsáideoirí chun dul amach go dtí an tuath agus taitneamh a bhaint as an tírdhreach agus na radhairc ar an sean-líne iarnróid.

Leanann na hoibreacha ar aghaidh ar an stráice 5km idir Gleann Beithe agus Stad an tSléibhe agus tá sé beartaithe í a oscailt i ráithe 2 2026. Bronnadh conradh

chun fobhealach glas agus rampaí rochtana a thógáil ag Gort na Graí díreach ó dheas ón Stáisiún sna Cealla, agus cuirfear tús leis na hoibreacha seo in 2026.

URDF: Spás Pobail Ilchuspóireach agus Club Dornálaíochta - Lána an Déin, Trá Lí

Tá an obair thógála ar siúl, tá na bunsráitheanna doirtithe agus tá tús curtha leis an obair bhlocála. Tá an tionscadal maoinithe faoin gCiste um Athghiniúint agus Forbairt Uirbí, faoin gCiste um Aitheantas Pobail agus faoi Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí.



URDF: Céim III de Phábháil Trá Lí

Cuireadh tús leis na hoibreacha i mí na Samhna 2025. Tá foireann Idirchaidrimh Thionscadail Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí ag bualadh leis na cónaitheoirí agus na gnólachtaí uile a mbeidh tionchar orthu chun plé a dhéanamh ar amlínte agus ar shocruithe bainistíochta tráchta. Táthar ag súil go mbeidh an tionscadal seo críochnaithe i R2, 2027.



Ardáin le haghaidh Fáis: Saoráid Trá na Fianaite

Tá an obair ag dul ar aghaidh ar shaoráid Thrá na Fianaite a osclófar i R2 2026. Cuirfear tús le próiseas Chuid 8 do Chéim 2 den tionscadal a bhaineann leis an rochtain inrochtana i R1 2026, agus é mar aidhm tús a chur leis an tógáil tar éis dheireadh an tséasúir snámha.



Coill Bhailte Ó Síoda

Tá tús curtha le hoibreacha tógála Chéim II de Chonair Choill Bhailte Ó Síoda, agus táthar ag súil go mbeidh an tionscadal críochnaithe i ráithe 2 de 2026.



Uasghrádú ar Thúr Cheann Bhreagha, Dairbhre

Críochnaíodh beagnach gach obair uasghrádaithe ar shuíomh Thúr Cheann Bhreagha i mí na Nollag. Beidh na hoibreacha ar an túr críochnaithe faoi dheireadh mhí Eanáir. Mhaoinigh Fáilte Éireann agus Comhairle Contae Chiarraí an tionscadal seo.



Bóthar Sunhill, Cill Orglan - Bealaí Sábháilte chun na Scoile

Críochnaíodh tionscadal Bealaí Sábháilte chun na Scoile ar Bhóthar Sunhill i mí na Nollag. Mhaoinigh an NTA, an Clár Bealaí Sábháilte chun na Scoile, an tionscadal seo.



Deontas Acht na nEalaíon 2025

Tar éis an dáta deiridh ar an 16 Nollaig le haghaidh iarratais ar Dheontais/Sparántais faoin Acht Ealaíon, fuarthas na nithe seo a leanas:

- 51 iarratas ar Dheontas Acht na nEalaíon,
- 10 iarratas ar Sparánacht Ealaíontóirí i Scoileanna,
- 14 iarratas ar Sparánacht um Shráid Ealaíontóirí,
- 46 iarratas ar Fhorbairt Saothair Chruthaithigh,
- 4 iarratas ar Sparánacht Eamon Kelly,
- 3 iarratas ar Sparánacht Oideachais Bhreise sna hEalaíona.

- Bhí oíche cheoil ar siúl i mí na Nollag i dTrá Lí chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar 80ú breithlá Christie Hennessy.
- Bhí Ceolchoirm Gala Nollaig Aontas Córúil Chiarraí ar siúl i mí na Nollag in Eaglais Naomh Eoin, Trá Lí
- Bhí taispeántas de scannán Daniel O' Connell 'THE EMANCIPATOR', a cheiliúránn a shaol ar chomóradh 250 bliain a bhreithe, ar siúl i Siamsa Tíre i mí na Nollag agus chuaigh fáltais na hócáide chuig carthanachtaí áitiúla.
- Craoladh an ceolchoirm seo ina raibh an teanór Gavin Ring agus Cór na Saoirseoirí ar siúl i gCathair Saidhbhín mar chuid de cheiliúradh 250 bliain Dhónaill Uí Chonaill ar Radio Kerry Oíche Nollaig.

Scéim Deontas Pobail Chruthaitheacha Chiarraí Éire Chruthaitheach

Tá sonraí agus iarratais ar fáil ag <https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/arts-forms-funding/>
Reáchtáil foireann Creative Ireland Chiarraí seisiún eolais ar líne ar an 7 Eanáir
d'iarratasóirí ionchasacha. Is é 9pm ar an 22 Eanáir 2026 an spriocdháta deiridh.

Leabharlanna Chiarraí - Lá Léitheoireachta na hÉireann 2026

Beidh Lá Léitheoireachta na hÉireann ar siúl i leabharlanna ar fud na tíre Dé
Sathairn, 28 Feabhra.

Seirbhísí Pobail, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Oibríochtúla.

Feachtas Ard-Infheictheachta

Tá Comhairle Contae Chiarraí ag tabhairt aird ar inní atá ag méadú maidir le
hinfeictheacht úsáideoirí bóithre le linn tréimhsí dhorcha agus san oíche.
Tuairiscíodh méadú ar líon na gcoisithe, na rothaithe agus úsáideoirí scútar atá
ag taisteal gan éadaí ard-infheictheachta, go háirithe i gceantair thuaithe.

Chun aghaidh a thabhairt air seo, sheol Comhairle Contae Chiarraí feachtas ard-
infheictheachta i mí na Nollag 2025 agus tá veisteanna ard-infheictheachta á
ndáileadh acu ar úsáideoirí bóithre leochaileacha in áiteanna ar fud an chontae.

Féilirí Ealaíne Sábháilteachta Bóthair

Seoladh Féilirí Ealaíne Sábháilteachta Bóthair Scoileanna Chomhairle Contae
Chiarraí 2026 go hoifigiúil in oifigí na comhairle i mí na Nollag ag ceiliúradh
cruthaitheacht agus feasacht ar shábháilteacht bóthair do dháréag dalta bunscoile
ó gach cearn den chontae.

Pobal

Scéim Athnuachana Baile agus Sráidbhaile

D'fhógair an tAire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus na Gaeltacht, Dara
Calleary TD, maoiniú de bhreis is €1,300,000 chun tacú le 4 thionscadal i gContae
Chiarraí.

Tionscadal / Suíomh	Cur síos	Leithdháil eadh
Baile an Fheirtéaraigh	Athbheochan phráinneach ar Mhúsaem Chorca Dhuibhne agus ar an ionad pobail: oidhreacht áitiúil a chosaint, taithí na gcúairteoirí a fheabhsú, inbhuanaitheacht a threisiú, agus mol cultúrtha athbheoite a sholáthar don phobal agus do thurasóirí araon.	€300,000
An Fosadh	Oibreacha riachtanacha caomhnaithe/athchóirithe ar an dá fhoirgneamh a chuimsíonn Ionad Pobail, An Fosadh (FCC), lena n-áirítear an struchtúr cultúrtha agus oidhreacht atá liostaithe agus faoi chosaint,	€300,000

	Séipéal Naomh Lelia (Sean-Shéipéal an Fhosadh).	
Lios Tuathail	Baineann an tionscadal le huasghrádú agus athchóiriú Ionad Pobail Lios Tuathail a ndearnadh damáiste dó i ndóiteán in 2022. Déanfaidh an t-athchóiriú áiseanna agus seirbhísí an ionaid a athchóiriú agus a fheabhsú.	€500,000
Baile an Mhuilinn	Oibreacha athchóirithe riachtanacha ar Halla Muintir na Tíre, Baile an Mhuilinn lena chinntiú gur féidir leis leanúint ar aghaidh ag feidhmiú mar spás pobail ilfheidhmeach.	€269,939

Fuair dhá thionscadal eile maoiniú faoi 'Bhearta Forbartha Tionscadail TVRS'.

Tionscadal Suíomh	Cur síos	Leithdháil eadh
Corra	Staidéar féidearthachta, suirbhé ar an suíomh, dearadh mionsonraithe agus iarratas pleanála chun tionscadal uasghrádaithe Ionad Pobail a chur chun cinn ó fhís phobail go dtí an chéad chéim eile de bheith 'réidh le haghaidh tógála'.	€50,000
Ráth Mhór	Athfhorbairt agus athchóiriú ar Halla Ionad Pobail Ráth Mhór agus ar na tailte ar chúl an fhoirgnimh go dtí go mbeidh sé réidh le haghaidh tógála.	€50,000

Plean Eacnamaíoch agus Pobail Áitiúil Chiarraí 2025-2030

Seoladh Plean Áitiúil Eacnamaíoch agus Pobail Chiarraí 2025-2030 go hoifigiúil in Ionad Bogach Bhá Thrá Lí i mí na Nollag 2025. Is é uaimhian an LECP a chinntiú gur áit tharraingteach é Chiarraí le maireachtáil, le hobair agus chun dul chun cinn a dhéanamh i do shaol..

Tá na deich sprioc ardleibhéil atá curtha chun cinn i bPlean Forbartha Chontae Chiarraí ailínithe leis an uaimhian agus na cuspóirí atá bunaithe i bPlean Forbartha Chontae Chiarraí 2022-2028 agus sa Straitéis Réigiúnach Spásúil agus Eacnamaíoch do Réigiún an Deiscirt.



Straitéis Chiarraí atá Cairdiúil don Aois

Tá tús curtha le forbairt Straitéise nua atá Cairdiúil don Aois do Chiarraí, agus beidh sraith seisiún comhairliúcháin phoiblí duine le duine ar siúl ar fud an chontae i ráithe 1, 2026.

Cuirfidh an Straitéis seo deiseanna ar fáil chun athbhéim a leagan ar rannpháirtíocht le daoine scothaosta ar fud an chontae, leis an gComhairle um Dhaoine Scothaosta, agus le raon gníomhaireachtaí agus eagraíochtaí atá páirteach i gComhghuaillíocht Chairdiúil Aois Chiarraí.

Cuirfear sonraí iomlána an chomhairliúcháin phoiblí ar fáil do na Comhaltaí Tofa a luaithe agus a bheidh sé críochnaithe.

'Bí Ullamh do Dheontais' - Seimineár Gréasáin Ciste Áiseanna Spóirt Pobail
D'fhógair Comhpháirtíocht Áineasa agus Spóirt Chiarraí go mbeidh clárú oscailte go luath don Seimineár Gréasáin 'Ullmhú do Dheontais' de chuid Chiste Áiseanna Spóirt Pobail ar Líne, 29 Eanáir 2026.

Tá an seimineár gréasáin seo deartha do bhaill choiste clubanna atá freagrach as iarratais ar dheontais, go háirithe iad siúd atá ag déanamh iarratais chuig Ciste Áiseanna Spóirt Pobail (Clár Caipitil Spóirt roimhe seo).

Timpeallacht

An Nollaig agus an Geilleagar Ciorclach

Reáchtáladh feachtas sna meáin shóisialta agus sna meáin chlóite i rith mhí na Nollag a chuir béim ar thábhacht an gheilleagair chiorclaigh le linn thréimhse na Nollag. I measc na bpostálacha bhí 'cuardaigh bia áitiúil' chun tacú le gnólachtaí i gCiarraí, stop a chur le dramaí bia, maisiúcháin inbhuanaithe, athchúrsáil i gceart agus eolas faoinár láithreáin áiseanna sibhialta.

Bainistíocht Ghníomhach Talún agus Forbairt Eacnamaíoch

Clár Féilte agus Imeachtaí Rannpháirteacha do Chontae Chiarraí 2026

Seolfar Clár na bhFéilte agus na nImeachtaí Rannpháirteacha do Chontae Chiarraí 2026 ag Roinn Forbartha Eacnamaíochta agus Turasóireachta Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí ag deireadh mhí Eanáir. Is é aidhm an chláir tacú le himeachtaí a léiríonn nithe is díol spéise uathúla an chontae agus fás inbhuanaithe turasóireachta intíre agus idirnáisiúnta a chothú.

LEO Forbairt Oiliúna

Tá clár ama na n-imeachtaí forbartha do mhí Eanáir agus mhí Feabhra 2026 agus tá spéis mhór léirithe ann. Tá áirithintí á nglacadh faoi láthair ag www.localenterprise.ie/kerry

Áirítear leis na cláir:

- 20/01/26 Tosaigh Do Ghnó Féin (8 seisiún seachtainiúla)
- 23/01/26 Clár Margaíochta Digiteach (6 sheisiún seachtainiúla)
- 03/02/26 Leagan amach siopa & Marsantú

Clár Tosaithe Bia

Tá an clár Tosaithe Bia sceidealaithe do thús mhí Feabhra chun tacú le hearcaíocht do Chlár Acadamh Bia 2026.

Duaiseanna Fiontraíochta na Mac Léinn

Leanann an obair ar aghaidh ar Ghradaim Fiontraíochta na Mac Léinn i dtreo Chraobhchomórtas an Chontae i mí an Mhárta agus reáchtálfar an Comórtas Náisiúnta i mí na Bealtaine 2026. Leanann seisiúin meantóireachta leis na 14 scoil atá páirteach i gcomórtas 2026.

Pleanáil

Plean Lonnaíochtaí MD Chill Airne (Athrú Uimh. 2)

Foilsíodh an tAthrú Beartaithe Uimh.2 de Phlean Forbartha Chontae Chiarraí 2022 – 2028, arb é Plean Lonnaíochtaí Cheantar Bardasach Chill Airne é, i mí an Mheithimh 2025. De réir an phróisis reachtúil, bhreithnigh Coiste Alt 51 Chill Airne Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh le déanaí agus breithneoidh an Chomhairle iomlán Tuarascáil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh agus Tuarascáil Alt 51.

Plean Lonnaíochtaí CB Oileán Ciarraí/Corca Dhuibhne (Athrú Uimh.3)

Foilsíodh an tAthrú Beartaithe Uimh.3 de Phlean Forbartha Chontae Chiarraí 2022 – 2028, arb é Plean Lonnaíochtaí MD Oileán Ciarraí/Corca Dhuibhne é, i mí na Samhna. Le linn na tréimhse seo, tionóladh tráthnónta eolais phoiblí in Oileán Ciarraí agus i mBaile an Mhuilinn.

Tá sé beartaithe cruinniú Choiste Alt 51 a thionól i mí Feabhra.

Plean Lonnaíochtaí Lios Tuathail MD (Athrú Uimh.4)

Tá an fhoireann um Beartas Pleanála ag ullmhú Éagsúlacht Uimh.4 ar Phlean Forbartha Chontae Chiarraí 2022-2028 faoi láthair, arb é Plean Lonnaíochtaí Cheantar Bardasach Lios Tuathail é. Is é an aidhm Éagsúlacht Uimh.4 ar Phlean Forbartha Chontae Chiarraí 2022-2028 a thionscnamh/a fhoilsiú go déanach i Ráithe 1 2026.

Oifigeach Gaeilge

Bunaíodh an Coiste Comhairleach i mí an Mhárta 2021 chun déileáil le cúrsaí a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge i gComhairle Contae Chiarraí. Cuireann an coiste comhairle ar fáil don Oifigeach Gaeilge agus don Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí ar ábhair éagsúla a bhaineann le tionscnaimh teanga, saincheisteanna leis an gCoimisinéir Teanga, ainmniú eastát agus sráideanna i gCiarraí, an plean teanga do bhaile seirbhíse Gaeltachta Cathair Saidhbhín (is í Comhairle Contae Chiarraí an phríomheagraíocht sa phlean teanga seo), chomh maith le húsáid na Gaeilge laistigh den Chomhairle agus comhlíonadh a hoibleagáidí dlíthiúla faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021. I mí na Nollag rinneadh athbhreithniú na oibleagáidí Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí i ndáil leis na réimsí a luaitear thuas.

Sa bhliain 2026, leanfaidh Oifig na Gaeilge de thacaíocht a thabhairt do Thurasóireacht na Gaeilge trína scéim 'Ciste Turasóireachta na Gaeilge 2026'. Tacóidh sí freisin le tionscnaimh, imeachtaí agus féilte a chuireann úsáid na Gaeilge chun cinn i measc daoine óga i gCiarraí tríd an scéim 'Scéim Óige 2026'. Táimid tiomanta freisin do threalamh agus tacaíocht ateangaireachta d'ardchaighdeáin a sholáthar ionas go mbeidh go leor de na féilte agus na himeachtaí i gCiarraí dátheangach.

Leanfaidh Oifig na Gaeilge de thacaíocht a thabhairt do ranganna Gaeilge i réigiún Chiarraí Thuaidh do fhoghlaimoírí fásta agus do pháistí araon trí chlár ar a dtugtar 'Blas Beo'. Reáchtáiltear an clár seo tríd an Teach Siamsa i bhFionnúig agus tá tacaíocht á fáil aige ó choiste deonach, teagascóirí áitiúla chomh maith le hOifig na Gaeilge de chuid na Comhairle.

Fógrófar agus cuirfear cúrsaí Gaeilge ar fáil do bhaill foirne Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí sna seachtainí amach romhainn agus díreofar go háirithe ar an gcúrsa creidiúnaithe TEG.