**Item No.4**

**Date: 6th June, 2023**

**Re: Update on the Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund (Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant**

Stream 1 - Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant - launched July 2022

Extended to Rural Areas - November 2022

Extended to Rental Properties and size of Grants increased– May 2023

Stream 2 - The Ready to Build Scheme - Serviced Sites for New Homes - launched Sept

2022

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant has been expanded. This Scheme came into effect on the 1st May, 2023. Sligo County Council was provided with details of the new Scheme on the 11th May, 2023. This is now available on the Council’s website.

The following is a summary of applications received to date: -

**Summary of Vacant Home Refurbishment Grant Applications**

There are 99 applications received to date (06.06.2023)

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| **Municipal District Areas** | **Received** | **Site Inspections Completed** | **Grants Approved** | **Grants Rejected** | **Withdrawn by Applicant** |
| Sligo/Strandhill | 25 | 16 | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Sligo/Drumcliff | 23 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 0 |
| Tubbercurry/Ballymote | 51 | 21 | 19 | 2 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **99** | **52** | **49** | **5** | **3** |

Reasons for rejection: - property not vacant for 2 years/ built after 1993

**The Ready to Build Scheme - Serviced Sites for New Homes**

There is no update on this Scheme

*Adrian Grandison*

**Vacant Homes Officer**