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# Spending Review 2021 – Focused Policy Assessment: Town and Village Renewal Scheme

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# Spending Review 2021 – Overview, Aims & Objectives



## Overview

- The Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) was introduced in 2016. It is one of a series of national and local support measures designed to rejuvenate rural towns and villages throughout Ireland. Since the launch of the scheme over €93 million in grant funding has been approved for more than 1,340 projects.

## Aims and Objectives

- The paper aims to provide detailed information on how the scheme works and identify recommendations for improvement in the operation of the scheme.
- The following areas are examined:
  - Background, rationale and objective(s).
  - Inputs and outputs.
  - Efficiency and effectiveness.
  - Continued relevance.

# Spending Review 2021 – Key Findings



## Key Policy Relevant Findings

- The paper has seven findings:
  - Strong and continued support for the scheme.
  - Significant total investment to date.
  - Wide geographic distribution of projects.
  - Broad range of projects and activities funded.
  - Stakeholders are of the view that the approach to the delivery of the scheme generally works well. But there are a number of issues relating to scheme criteria identified in the paper.
  - The scheme is complementary to other regeneration initiatives. No measurement of outcomes of the scheme have been undertaken.
  - The scheme continues to have relevance.
- Four recommendations are made:
  - Clarifying what the scheme can achieve.
  - Further consideration of scheme criteria.
  - Improvements on the type and format of data and information gathered.
  - Improvements to measure the outcomes of the scheme.