



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma  
Leitrim County Council

# Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

## April 2025



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# FINANCE, WATER SERVICES, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

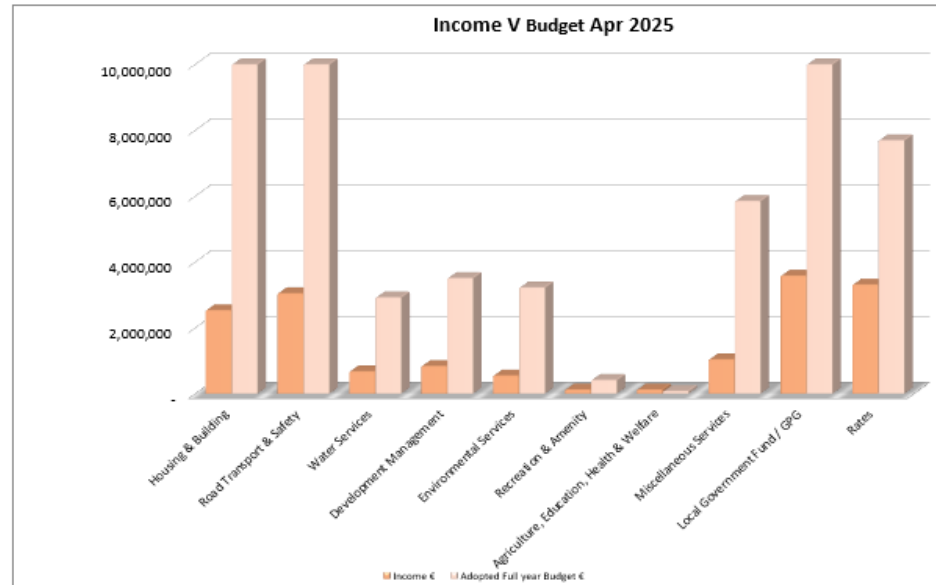
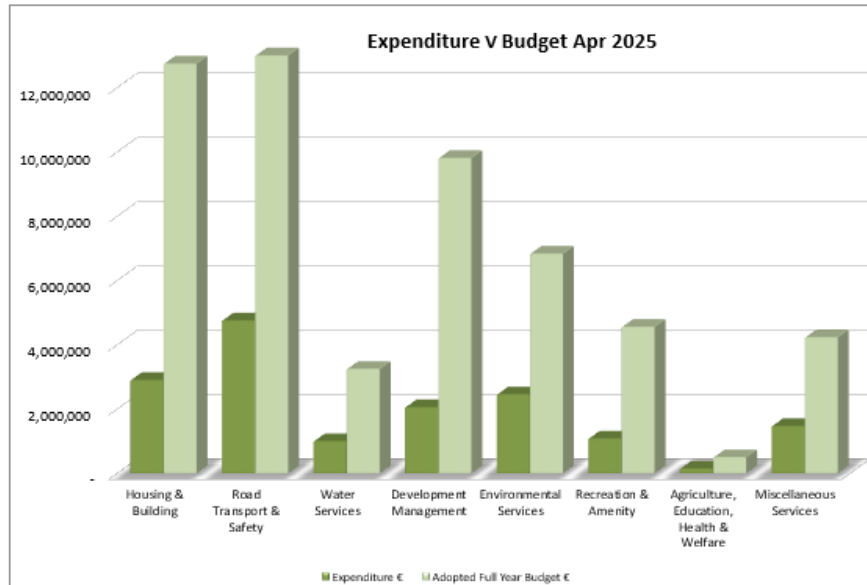
## Apr 2025 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY April, 2025 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE			
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A	Housing & Building	2,899,947	12,743,118	23%	9,843,171
B	Road Transport & Safety	4,754,022	18,203,366	26%	13,449,344
C	Water Services	998,195	3,246,837	31%	2,248,642
D	Development Management	2,056,939	9,808,667	21%	7,751,728
E	Environmental Services	2,454,562	6,832,982	36%	4,378,420
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,079,921	4,554,668	24%	3,474,747
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	142,448	497,784	29%	355,336
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,467,358	4,232,110	35%	2,764,752
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA	Rates			0%	0
		€15,853,392	€60,119,532	26%	44,266,141

INCOME			
Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €
2,534,271	12,147,236	21%	9,612,965
3,047,704	13,527,511	23%	10,479,807
677,995	2,922,862	23%	2,244,867
839,445	3,510,597	24%	2,671,152
550,496	3,224,033	17%	2,673,537
125,873	416,707	30%	290,834
125,336	80,183	156%	(45,153)
1,042,460	5,850,618	18%	4,808,158
3,581,926	10,745,778	33%	7,163,852
3,313,637	7,694,007	43%	4,380,370
€15,839,144	€60,119,532	26%	44,280,388

NET	
Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
(365,676)	230,206
(1,706,317)	2,969,538
(320,200)	3,775
(1,217,494)	5,080,576
(1,904,066)	1,704,883
(954,048)	3,183,913
(17,112)	400,489
(424,898)	(2,043,406)
3,581,926	(7,163,852)
3,313,637	(4,380,370)
(14,247)	(14,248)



## MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Apr, 2025

- The 2024 unaudited AFS are complete.

### Apr 2025 - Recourse to Overdraft

No. of Days in Overdraft during Apr 2025

0

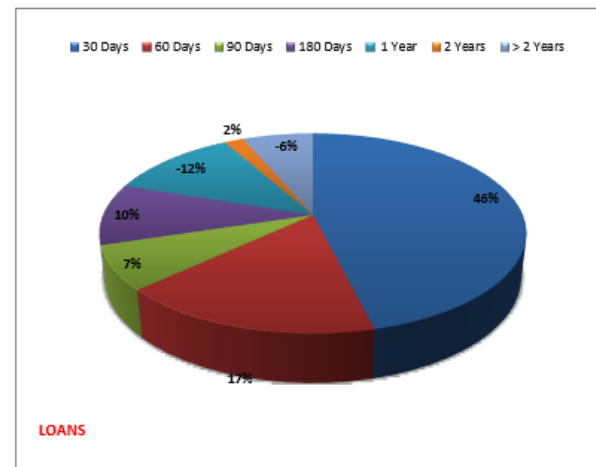
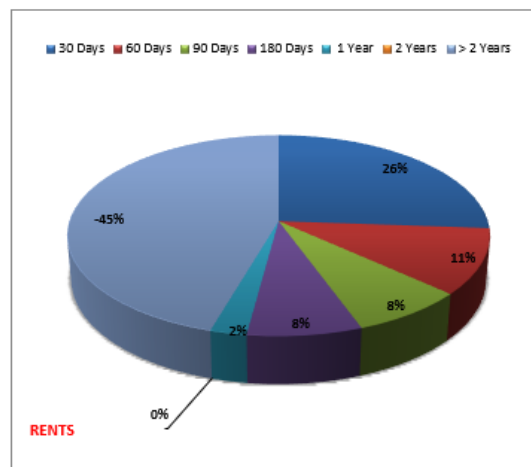
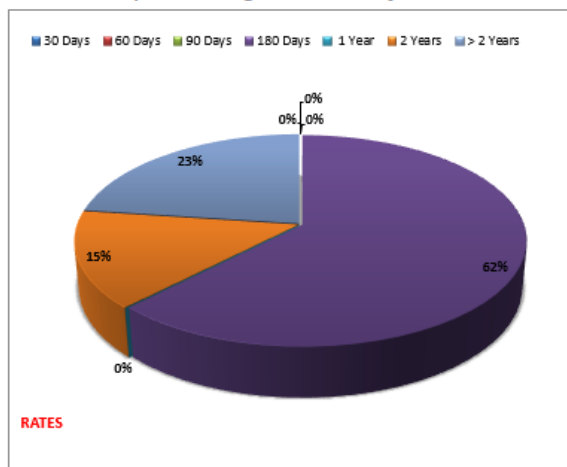
Interest Incurred

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### 2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD			YTD			COMMENTARY
	€ Apr-25	€ Apr-24	€ FY 2024	% Apr-25	% Apr-24	% FY 2024	
Housing Rents	€982,215	€945,353	€2,913,258	97%	94%	99%	Rents collection % ahead of Apr 2024.
Commercial Rates	€3,313,637	€2,600,754	€6,412,325	36%	31%	80%	Rates collection % ahead of Apr 2024.
Housing Loans	€111,118	€103,717	€309,577	74%	67%	88%	Loans collection % ahead of Apr 2024.

### Apr 2025 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€4,690,400	€0	€1,114,335	€1,722,574
RENTS	€130,603	€52,829	€38,729	€38,357	€12,218	€0	-€227,299
LOANS	€22,995	€8,455	€3,557	€4,954	-€5,836	€862	-€3,189

## CLIMATE ACTION

Climate action progression ongoing in April 2025

1. Climate Action attended CARO event in Wexford on 2 & 3 April 2025. Day 1 field trip (Coastal Erosion, Solar Farm, Biomethane heated fire station, NbS Drainage, Community Projects). Day 2 conference event (speakers from LAs, CCAC, EPA, GAA, DECC).
2. E&M CARO Climate Action meeting of the Border Region (11 April 2025). Business case made by CARO to regularise resources, governance, staffing requirements for CA. Meeting minutes available.
3. Meeting of Energy WG (25 April 2025). Agreed to commence 6-month trial of data management tool 'Energy Elephant' from 1 May 2025. Meeting notes available.
4. CARO webinar series to build capacity in the whole-of-Council CA team (the Committee), continued with NbS (4 April 2025) and Biodiversity (17 April 2025). Green Public Procurement training available 8 & 15 April 2025 (and again on 13 May 2025).
5. Update of the energy graphs required to complete Annual Progress Report on Leitrim County Council Climate Action Plan for 2024. Correction required on fossil fuel consumption between fleet and thermal in buildings. It is proposed to submit the report at the SPC for the Physical Environment in June 2025.
6. Decarbonising Zone awareness video funded by Climate Action Works has been finalised and is available on Climate Action [DZ subpage](#) of the website
7. Leitrim County Council in association with Good Energy Alliance Ireland hosted Lough Allen College in the Chamber on 30 April 2025. Students learned about the structure of the Local Authority, role of the Elected member and CA and the circular economy.
8. Members of the Leitrim County Council CA Committee met with community & business leaders from Carrick on Shannon at the Hive on 30 April 2025. To develop out community climate action through the platform of a Sustainable Energy Community ('[Carrick-on-Shannon Climate Action](#)'). Further regular engagement is required to build and sustain partnerships in the Decarbonising Zone.
9. Appointed Oisin McGann, children author and illustrator to assist judging the Love Where You Live Climate Action competition in May.
10. Leitrim County Council District Heating Feasibility study with AECOM Ireland for Lot (i) to proceed to be funded through the Pathfinder project. Lot (ii) to be reviewed on conclusion of Lot (i). Contract documents being prepared in April.
11. Did not partner with ATU on Knowledge for Action in Prevention Preparedness (KAPP).

### Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Climate Action continue to work with groups in developing their projects and preparing for drawdown of funding in Phase 1.

The date for opening calls for Phase 2 of the CCAP is still to be finalised by DECC, indications are that Strand 1a (cross border collaboration) may not be rolled out in Phase 2.

Climate Action contributed to CCAP survey for Phase 2 on 9 April 2025. Encouraged broadening the scope to include capital for educational projects, consolidating circular economy themes, emphasising the importance of Strand 1a to border counties and the requirement for Community CA Officer contracts to be extended.

## ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

### Animal Control Service Activities

Stray Dogs	5
Surrendered Dogs	6
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	8

Dogs Reclaimed	2
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanized	2 (Both elderly dogs under veterinary advice)
Dog Fouling Complaints	3
Barking Complaints	3
Livestock Attacks	1
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	8
Dog License Inspections	89
Dogs Neutered	11
Neutering Vouchers Issued	0
Dogs Micro-Chipped	4
Fines Issued – Dogs	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	0
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	51
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	49
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	2800

### LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

#### Training, Mentoring & Export

The following courses were ran in April:

- CapCut App Training
- MicroFinance Ireland Loans Information Webinar
- Online Pension & Auto-Enrolment Briefing Session for the Childcare Sector;
- Enhancing Social Media Marketing with AI training
- Small Business Accounts training
- Food Safety Training (FSAI level 1 & 2)
- Digital Marketing Review Clinic.

Assistance is also available on Export related issues and can be booked online free of charge to discuss any issues facing businesses or identifying and managing opportunities available for exporting.

The Student Enterprise National Finals also took place in the Mullingar Park Hotel on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Students from Drumshanbo Vocational School scooped two awards at this year's National Finals for 'Junior Intellectual Property Award' as well as first prize in the overall Junior Category which was an amazing achievement. St. Clare's Comprehensive School, Manorhamilton also placed runner up in the Intermediate Category so well done to everyone involved with this initiative.

#### All In A Day's Work Programmes & Associated Financial Supports

The "All in A Day's Work" campaign continues to be rolled out on the areas of Lean, Green and Digital supports. There is significant growth in demand for all three supports, in particular the Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG) and Grow Digital (GD) Voucher. The EEG, with up to 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €10,000 can be supported following the completion of a Green for Business, Green Start or a SEAI Energy Audit. The GD voucher is a grant covering 50% of eligible costs (minimum grant of €500 up to a maximum grant of €5,000) limited to new software subscriptions for a period of 12 and training and configuration of the software.

#### *Atlantic Economic Corridor Update:*

##### Interreg Europe Digital Rural

Preparations are underway for the hosting of the Interregional learning event in Leitrim in October. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 a national conference will be held in Lough Rynn Castle on the topic of Smart Town and Villages. Following this delegate from the Digital Rural project will spend two days in Leitrim attending presentation and site visits for various projects and initiatives.

#### PEACE Plus: Digital Services Funding

Leitrim County Council are a partner in the recently successful 'DS3 project' under PEACE Plus investment area 2.4 Smart Towns and villages The DS3 Project aims to increase cross border collaboration and co-operation engaging civil and business communities in the adoption of ICT solutions in community service delivery and economic activity, thereby creating more connected and sustainable communities. The project will run from February 2025 to January 2028.

#### Regional Enterprise Development Fund: Creative Heartlands

Creative Heartlands is in the process of finalising an evaluation under the REDF funding received. A survey was issued to all stakeholders, and a report is being developed. Over 700 people have engaged in training and networking under the programme across 68 events and €85,000 has been invested in equipment.



## **Mohill RRDF**

The painting scheme for the front of premises in the town is now closed for applications. Letters of offer have been issued with works to start on individual buildings in coming weeks and months. This is under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and will be administered as the capital works enter their final phase.

## ***Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation***

### **Vision Development/Next REP Development**

The 3 Chief Executives from Leitrim/Sligo/Donegal are collaborating together to develop a Northwest Region Vision which will feed into the REP development in 2025. A working group has been established to develop a scope of work to develop this Vision.

### **West/Northwest Renewable/Wind energy working group**

The Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan hosted the DETE Offshore Wind team in Oweninny Wind Farm for a quarterly joint meeting – a forum to ensure all regions are aware/considered in the development of this industry in Ireland

### **Regional marketing**

A collaborative project between the WDC/NW REP is developing a regional marketing tool mapping all of the enterprise elements in the ecosystem, including county strengths in Leitrim. We are hoping to launch this in Q3

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Broadband/STEM Initiatives**

A New Connected Communities Website has been developed for the BCP network, each Centre will have their own page on the website. Three Secondary schools have expressed an interest in the STEM Passport for Inclusion Programme for TY students. A number of National schools are continuing to work with the Dream Space programme through Microsoft. A meeting took place with the AIM Centre to plan Vex Robotics Sessions with the National Schools in Sept 2025.

### **Digital Strategy**

Work has now commenced on the consultation etc for the new strategy with public consultation sessions planned for May.

### **Leitrim Diaspora**

Regular meetings are continuing regarding the execution of the Diaspora Strategy, presently focused on “The Leitrim Gathering” scheduled to take place in May 2025. Promotion of The Leitrim Gathering continued through various means including social media channels, newsletters and attempts to engage local and national press. Preparations were ongoing to collate a pack of materials for all event organisers.

### **Leitrim County Council Project Development Grant**

Engaging with successful applicants to progress projects deemed eligible under this Scheme.

### **County Promotion**

Progress has been made with the Irish Embassy in London along with representatives from a number of neighbouring local authorities with a view to finalising an inter County promotion event for November 2025. Planning meetings are also taking place with the LEO team around the Smart Towns and Village Conference for October this year.

## **Funding Applications**

Applications were submitted under the Building and Land Acquisition Scheme under Town and Village Scheme.

## **DRCD Funded Schemes**

Town and Village Main Scheme remains open for applications until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The CLÁR scheme has now opened for funding and is being promoted accordingly, with a closing date of 16<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Minister's Visit**

On 24<sup>th</sup> April, Dara Calleary, T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development visited a total of 15 locations throughout County Leitrim, to perform official openings, a sod turning and to view a number of other projects funded by his department in recent years.

## **TOURISM**

### **Marketing Campaign**

Preparations for the Sustainable Leitrim campaign are ongoing. Scripts are being finalised, filming schedules have been agreed upon, and the campaign schedule is set. The campaign will include radio, PR, TV, and digital components, and will begin in June after the Gathering celebrations.

### **Visitor Information App**

The Tourism team and industry partners are continuing to build profiles and content for the app. Preparations for promoting the app have begun, including social media, digital banners, point-of-sale displays, and training for front-of-house staff to create awareness and encourage as many visitors as possible to download the app.

### **Festival and Event Grants Update**

Claims for St. Patrick's Day events are being processed, and all letters of offer for festivals and events have been issued. Promotion of festivals and events continues.

### **The Leitrim Gathering**

The Tourism team is assisting with the promotion of the Leitrim Gathering through radio, email marketing, and social media.

### **Tourist Office**

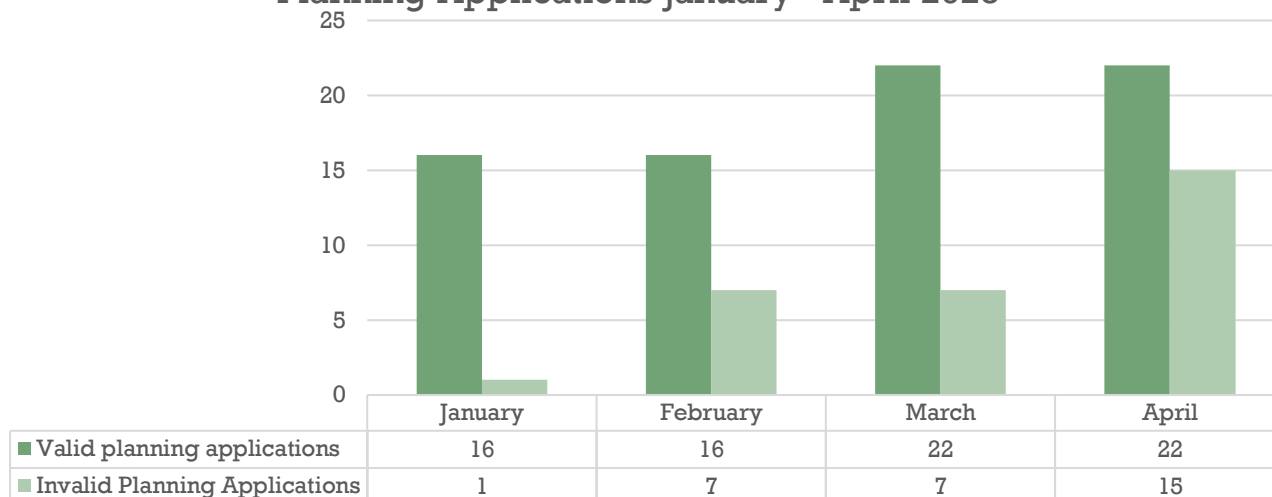
The Carrick-on-Shannon Tourist Office has opened for the summer and will be staffed six days a week. A tourism stand has been delivered to Bee Park, Manorhamilton, for tourist information.

### **Social Media Engagement**

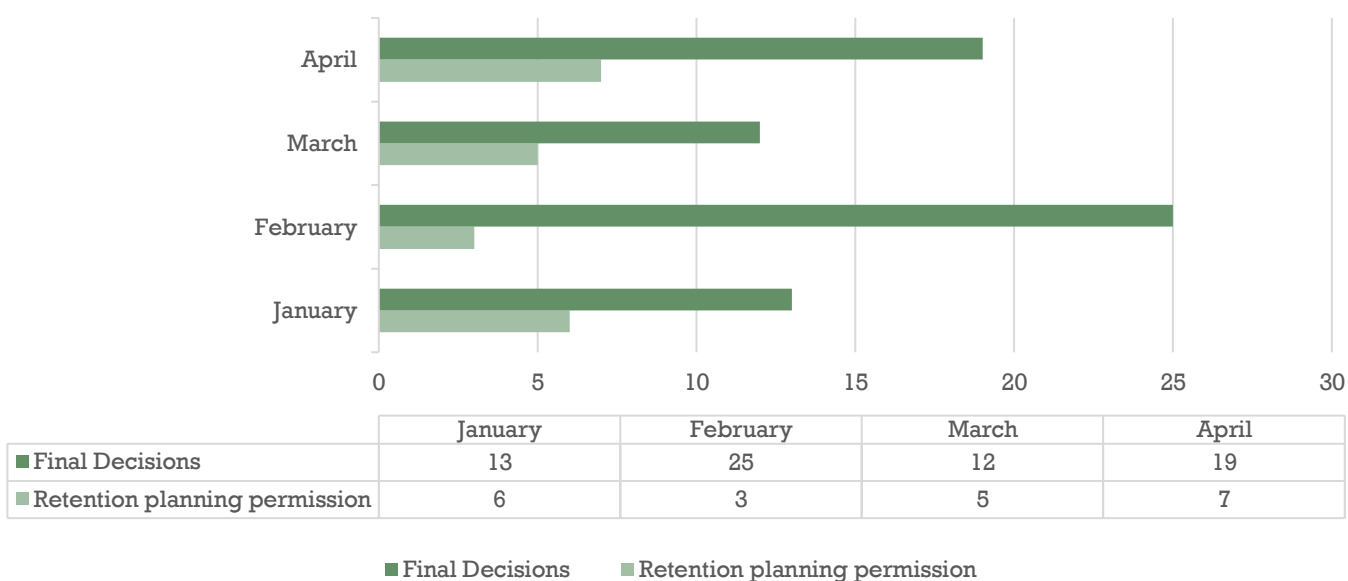
Throughout April, all social media platforms—Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter—were maintained.



Planning Applications January - April 2025



Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - April 2025



#### Further Information Requests

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	12	12	9
February	10	7	4
March	9	9	4
April	12	6	21

## Forward Planning

### Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan

The Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan (JLAP) was formally made by Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at their respective Carrick-on-Shannon and Boyle Municipal District meetings. The JLAP will take effect from 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### County Development Plan 2023-2029

Work is nearing completion on the preparation of the Chief Executive's report on progress in realising each of the objectives contained in the County Development Plan.

## Heritage

- The *Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2030* Pre-Draft Public Consultation is underway. This is a six-week consultation period which will inform the priority heritage actions in Leitrim to be implemented over the next five years. Public This has been promoted across social media, local newspaper adverts and posters.
- Four episodes have been released of the *Connecting Through Heritage Memory Meitheals* podcast series and a new series of interviews are being planned for a new series.
- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Project 2025* is underway. The first two elements of the project being developed are an illustrated booklet for the general public and an education pack to engage senior primary school students in Leitrim with the O'Rourke's story. Project logo and branding guidelines have been developed. Terms of Reference have been developed for the short film and Interactive Map elements with contractors invited to quote.
- The *Community Monument Fund* conservation works have been completed at St Mogue's Abbey, Rossinver.
- The Community Monument Fund 2025 has awarded The Old Church of Ireland, Manorhamilton funding to produce a Conservation Management Plan for the site.

## ROADS

### **Annual Area Programme 2025**

The Annual Area Programme of Works for 2025 are now underway.

### **N4 Carrick on Shannon Bypass & Traffic Management Project**

The N4 Carrick on Shannon By-pass & Traffic Management Project is progressing as follows:

- The Phase 3 Design Report is currently being finalised with the design closing out all comments raised during the Phase 3 peer review
- The individual Chapters of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report are currently under Client review
- Surveys ongoing in 2025 include:
  - Ground Investigation Contract
  - Hydrology Monitoring
  - Topographical Survey Contract
  - Ecology Survey Contract
  - Archaeology Surveys
- Ongoing consultations / meetings are currently taking place with different stakeholders including
  - Land and property owners
  - IFI
  - Irish Rail
  - NTA
  - Irish Water
  - TII

- LCC/RCC Planning departments
- ESBI and ESB
- Eir

## Pavement Overlays

- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 1** – This POS Scheme was completed in 2023, and final Retention has now been paid to the Contractor. Awaiting close out Report from Consultant.
- **N4 Pavement Overlay Scheme – Carrick on Shannon** – Consultants are currently working on the design and tender documents for this Pavement Overlay Scheme. Consultants are also looking at additional drainage works required due to poor condition of storm drainage. Once detailed drainage design is completed, this pavement overlay scheme will be tendered, subject to TII approval.

## Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on this Realignment Scheme are now complete. Awaiting specialist contractor & Manorhamilton District Engineers office to complete additional residual network works.

## N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **Strabrick Junction** – Safety Works at this Junction on the N16 were substantially completed in 2024. To be closed out in 2025

## HD15 Road Safety Improvements on N4 – Roundabouts on N4 (Shannon Lodge Roundabout to end of Speed Limits)

TII & Leitrim County Council met onsite to discuss scheme – Leitrim County Council to complete Feasibility & Options report and submit to the TII and once approved a pedestrian and vulnerable road movement survey will be procured and completed. LCC has issued draft of F & O report to the TII for their comment.

## Leitrim Greenways & Active Travel Severance Scheme

The N16 Manorhamilton VRU Improvement scheme. - Topographical survey completed in 2024 & Traffic survey completed recently. Topographical survey completed in 2024 & Traffic survey completed recently. In conjunction with technical staff of the TII, LCC is currently assessing traffic report.

## Bridge Rehabilitation Works

De-vegetation of Bridges in North & South Leitrim has been completed in preparation for the 2025 proposed Bridge Rehabilitation Programme. LCC currently preparing designs and tender documents for the 2025 Bridge rehabilitation program. Also completed Bridge inventory & Bridge maintenance inspections on several bridges.

## Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Currently appointing successful tenderers.
- **R280 Loughmurran Realignment** – Design Consultant withdrew tender therefore will have to be retendered.
- **R278 Junctions** – Proposed Land take drawings issued to Area office for agreement with landowners.
- **R280 Erriff Retaining wall Rehabilitation** – Consultant is currently assessing GI Tenders.

## Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

Letters of offer were sent out to 5 applicants. 3 in South Leitrim and 2 in North Leitrim.

### Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
18	104

### Abnormal Load Permits

Abnormal Load Permits processed this month	YTD Abnormal Load Permits processed
4	12

### Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

No. of Applications Received for Hedge Cutting Grant & Tree Canopy Scheme 2024/2025	No. of applications deemed Ineligible/Not Proceeded with	No. of Grants paid up to month end
88 applications, incl. 16 Tree Canopy Grant Ballinamore MD = 29 Carrick on Shannon MD = 22 Manorhamilton MD = 37	7	63

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel Schemes currently under construction by direct labour and will be completed in Q2/2025:

- Ballinamore – Tully Heights.
- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link.
- Dromahaire – Churchfield Active Travel Link.

Currently at Preliminary Design Stage and Part 8 Planning will be required for the following:

- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Active Travel Scheme.
- Drumshanbo – Town Junction upgrade.

### Safe Route to Schools

- Delivery Plan received and awaiting design from NTA:
  - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS.
- Awaiting Delivery Plan for the following:
  - SRTS Rd 3 – Ballinamore Scoill Chlann Naofa.
  - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumshanbo VS.

### Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Schedule of works to be agreed with NTA.

## HOUSING, CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

### Housing Allocations

#### Applications and Assessments

##### Applications:

53 new social housing support applications have been accepted to date in 2025. Currently there are 497 approved housing applicants on our waiting list. A further 26 are within the assessment process and 3 applicants have been allocated a property and await appointment.

##### New Tenancies To date in 2025:

9 new Local Authority/Approved Housing Body (AHB) tenancies have commenced in 2025.

##### Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

The new Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 sets out an overall 5-year target for provision of 20 units. At the end of April 2025, the Housing Department have provided 1 no. unit under the Standard Local Authority Housing Scheme.

##### Housing Grants

A total of 67 Housing Grant Applications have been received to date in 2025. 13 grants have been approved, totalling €80,463.50 in grant funding. 34 applications are under assessment and 20 valid applications are on hand awaiting assessment.

##### Social Housing Rent Review

A review of almost 1,600 local authority and leasing tenants is nearing completion. Many tenants will see an increase in their rent due to increased incomes.

### Housing Capital

#### Social Housing Delivery

The Housing Capital Team continue to progress the delivery of the annual targets under 'Housing for All'. Progress at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 on the social housing (new housing construction dwellings pipelined for delivery) is as follows:

- Work has commenced on the demolition and re-construction of the recently purchased vacant and semi derelict neighbouring 2-bedroom properties on Sean MacDiarmada Street, Manorhamilton into four one-bedroom social housing units under the Buy & Renew Scheme.
- Tender documents received are currently being assessed to procure a design team for the proposed construction of a social housing residential development at the Lisnagot Site, Carrick-On-Shannon which was acquired under the Housing for All Land Acquisition Fund.

In addition, works progressed on a number of other '**pipeline delivery projects**' to provide additional new social housing supply in 2025 and 2026.

Location	Number of Units	Delivery Mechanism	Status at 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Expected Delivery
Drumkeeran	9	Turnkey	Price Agreed & Construction is Ongoing	June 2025
Carrick-On-Shannon	18	Direct Build	Project is progressing well and on track for delivery	Autumn 2025

Drumshanbo	4	Turnkey	In the process of agreeing a price with the Developer /Construction Ongoing	June 2025
Drumshanbo	1	Part V	Price agreed with the Developer/Construction Ongoing	June 2025
Dromod	2	Turnkey	In the process of agreeing a price with the Developer/Construction Ongoing	June 2025
Keshcarrigan	4	Direct Build	Progressing Well /Construction Ongoing	Autumn 2025

### Capital Assistance Scheme

Leitrim County Council proposes to deliver a Social Housing Scheme in Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim to meet identified social housing need in partnership with an Approved Housing Body (AHB). Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now being sought from landowners that may have a suitable site available for the proposed development. Completed Expressions of Interest forms will be accepted until 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

### Housing Maintenance

#### Private Rented Inspection Programme 2025

2025 Target for Inspection	No. of inspections completed on 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025	% Complete on 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 out of the overall target
326*	239	73.33%

#### Stock Condition Surveys on Local Authority Houses 2025

2025 Target for Surveys	No. of surveys completed on 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025	% Complete on 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 out of the overall target.
219*	40	18.26%

### Energy Efficiency

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme is ongoing with the focus on targeting the houses with the lowest BER rating. In 2025, the Department has set a target of 16 units and progress is on track for delivery by Q4, 2025.

### Estate Management Grant Scheme

At the end of April applications had been received from ten Local Authority Estate Residents Associations who will be paid a flat-rate contribution by Leitrim County Council under the scheme during the month of May. The deadline for submission of completed applications has been extended 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### Age Friendly Programme

Nursing Home Community Linkage Project Roscommon & Leitrim – Pilot programme - Women's Health Funded project which will run for 18 months in both counties. The aim of the project is to reduce loneliness of residents in public & private nursing homes. The project coordinator will recruit volunteers from community groups to partner with residents. Information briefing sessions with community groups will take place in the Chamber on the 20/5/2025. The coordinator will develop individual action plans with residents, introduce group activities such as physical and cultural programmes and improve digital skills.

National Healthy Ageing Course – Deirdre Lang of HSE in contact with OPC to arrange evaluation of course content for a new nationwide programme the HSE will roll out to Older People. Leitrim OPC provisionally booked to meet Deirdre on 13th of June in Drumshanbo to review course content and incorporate OPC feedback before the programme is launched.

### Healthy Ireland

39 volunteers have now attended training for Dementia Friendly Mohill with the HSE. Healthy Ireland along with Sharon Richardson (HSE) attended the Carrick Town Team meeting and have agreed that Carrick will be the next Dementia Friendly town. The committee are forming a subcommittee to start the process. The next town team to be approached will be Manorbhamilton.

Bressies 'Where is my Mind' ran in The Landmark on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in collaboration with Leitrim's Health is Wealth. Cathaoirleach Cllr Paddy O'Rourke, Cllr Paddy Farrell, Deputy Frank Feighan, and Deputy Martin Kenny were in attendance. Stands were on site for the event from The Samaritans.

Three more community events are planned for May. On May 15<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Irelands Nationwide 'Hello! How are You?' awareness day takes place and Healthy Ireland are organising 'Tea and Tunes' Connect Cafés. The events are running in The Bee Park from 1030-11.30am, and in Breffni FRC from 2.30p-3.30pm. The music circle will be facilitated in Breffni FRC by Kristina Kenny and in Bee Park by Hugh Feely, with the public encouraged to bring their own instruments or come to listen and chat.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> Mike Hanrahan from Stocktons Wing will be performing in The Mayflower Drumshanbo for our 'Mayflower Memories' Age Friendly Ireland event. Mike will perform and explain the research project for his PhD – the topic of which is the relationship between music and memories for people with dementia. The event targets people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends. Sharon Richardson from the HSE will also present on Dementia and support available, and Philip Darcy will have his Showband Memorabilia Exhibition there on the evening. The event runs from 6-9pm.

Co-design Hub consultation meetings ran across the county with 24 community groups and active age groups in attendance. The remaining series of community events and workshops will be designed based on feedback from the groups in attendance and an online survey for those who weren't in attendance.

### Love Where You Live

Entries for the Love Where You Live Schools Competition closed on 7<sup>th</sup> April. There was a wonderful response to this year's Climate Action themed competition. Independent judge Oisín McGann along with Leitrim County Council staff will visit the participating primary schools in May for judging.

The 2025 Love Where You Live competition for community and voluntary groups opened for entries on 9<sup>th</sup> April, deadline for entries is 26<sup>th</sup> May. This is a joint initiative of Leitrim Public Participation Network and Leitrim County Council. All community and voluntary in Leitrim are encouraged to enter. This years' categories are Green Community, Green Estate, Age Friendly Community, Social Inclusion and Community Achievement. Judging of entries will take place in late June and the Love Where You Live Awards night will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



## **PEACEPLUS**

### **Tendered Programmes**

Four projects moved to contract stage:

1. QQI Level 7 in Community Development – NUI Maynooth Department of Applied Social Studies
2. Programme on the Role of Women in Rural Ireland – Women's Collective Ireland CLG
3. Environmental Awareness and Biodiversity Programme - Fiorú Software Solutions Ltd T/A VERICONNECT
4. Traveller Community Development Programme – Leitrim Development Company

### **Capital Projects**

- We are awaiting SEUPB approval on delivery of Coleman's due to match funding elements – requirement to show clear separation of funding streams i.e. Town & Villages €500k & Peace €302k.
- Interviews have taken place, and we are awaiting the appointment to the position of a Senior Executive Engineer who will be managing these 5 capital projects and the Shannonside Peace Arena.

### **Recruitment**

- Interviews have taken place for 2 Development Officers & Monitoring Officer roles on both Council & SRC projects, and a number of these posts have been offered.

### **Shannonside Peace Arena**

- Tenders for design services for the Shannonside Recreational Campus have been assessed & the standstill period has elapsed. McAdam Designs were deemed the successful contractor, and we are currently in the process of appointing them as Project Supervisor Design Process
- A First project board for the delivery of the Shannonside Peace Arena project was formed. This includes officials from the dept of Rural & Community Development, Dept of Communities NI, funders SEUPB, members of SRC committee and staff of Leitrim County Council. The first meeting took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)**

The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, has commenced. We are currently awaiting the accompanying regulations which will provide a framework for establishing the Local Community Safety Partnership in line with the provisions of the Act.

In accordance with the legislation the membership of the LCSP will be community focused. Statutory services including AGS, HSE, TUSLA and seven local Councillors will be mandated onto the LCSP. Further members will be recruited on local needs.

The Community Safety Fund 2025 is now open with a deadline of the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2025; the fund is focused on the redistribution of CAB assets to local community safety initiatives. Attended the Policing and Community Safety Authority Consultation on policing priorities up to 2025- 2028.

### **Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)**

The Integration Team conducted 4 clinics 2 clinics focused on Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and one clinic was onsite in Dromahair IPAS and Carraig Accommodation IPAS centre. All clinics were to identifying needs of the residences/families.

5 Offer A Home activations took place in April accommodating 8 people which are Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection.

The Integration Team worked in collaboration with Aremoja Women Group Sligo to deliver 2 parenting in Ireland sessions in Abbey Manor Hotel. One session was held in the afternoon and one in the evening to facilitate parent who were working.

The following programmes took place in April.

- **Ag Sugradh Le Chéile (ASLC)**  
ASLC workshop in Four Masters, Kinlough on Tuesday 1st April 2025  
ASLC workshop in Drumkeeran on Friday 4th April 2025
- **Swim for All**  
In partnership with Carrigallen NS a Swim for All programme for young children with autism in Aura.
- **Multi sports and dance workshops**  
With Ballinamore Rehab, St Ciaran's, Tus Nua, IWA, NLN workshops started on the 14th of April 2025
- **Transition Year students TY 'Paddles Up' Kayaking**  
4-week Kayaking programme at 2 Schools – April Start
  - Carrick on Shannon CS
  - Ballinamore CS
- **Safeguarding 1** Online Private workshop Dromahair LGFA April 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Sports First Aid Workshop** Public 1 Day Training Sports First Aid Carrick on Shannon April 26<sup>th</sup>
- **Couch 2 5k** - 6-week beginner running programme in Cloone & Mohill taking place Tuesdays & Thursdays from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Badminton Shuttle Time Blitz** @Ballinamore Sports Complex 9am - 2pm with Badminton Ireland
- **Balance Bike Programme 2025**
  - Ballinamore Childcare
  - Carrigallen Preschool
  - Dowra Pre School
- **Afterschool Cycling Programme 2025**  
Drumreilly Afterschool Care
- **Cycleright Programme 2025**
  - Annaduff National School
  - Bornacoola National School
- **Ashdale Willow House Youth Group.**  
Group of young girls at risk of social exclusion. Participating in a range physical activity initiatives on Wednesday afternoons. Currently facilitated by the ESF officer, progressing to tutor facilitated sessions in May.
- **Shannonside Traveller Women programme.**  
Customer Discovery session on 29<sup>th</sup> April held with Traveller women focusing on improving their Mental health and building confidence. Ladies will progress to Aqua Aerobics and Gym classes in Aura Leisure on Monday's and Wednesdays from Mid-May.
- **Domestic violence Advocacy Service Wellness programme.**  
Stakeholder meeting held with DVAS Leitrim support worker. Rapport session with identified participants to follow on from this initial meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub

- **Multi Sports Easter Camp**  
3 Day Multi- Sport Camp for 7–11-Year-olds held in the Mayflower with coaches Charlie, Sue and Liam
- **Power Hour**  
Power focused strength and Conditioning classes held by Raluca on Monday nights and Saturday mornings for adults
- **Active Age Strength**  
Strength Based exercises mixed with moderate spin on Tuesday and Saturday mornings

- **Yoga/Pilates**

Mixture of Yoga and Pilates with Denise on Thursday evenings in the Mayflower

### Lough Rinn Sports Hub

- **Women in Sport Week kayaking event**

- **Women in Sport older adult event**

To celebrate Women in Sport week, women participated in a walk around Mohill and Lough Rinn.

- **Social walking group**

4-week walking programme on a Tuesday morning in Mohill around Lough Rinn.

- **Teens kayaking**

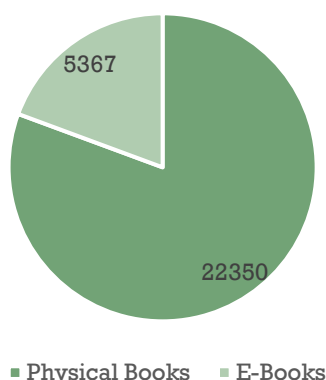
4-week kayaking programme on Lough Rinn.

- **Easter Camp**

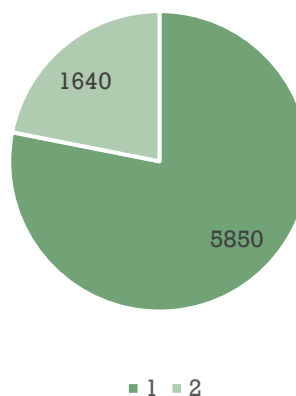
Kayaking on Lough Rinn during the holidays.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books Year to Date 2025



April 2025



There were 181 new library memberships recorded for April. There were almost 9,500 visits to libraries across the county.

Over the month all libraries were busy with the usual events such as class visits, reading groups, , art & craft sessions, games afternoons/evenings, bridge club etc

Many school classes attended 'Spring into Storytime' Events held across the branch network. Some outreach Storytime sessions were also facilitated by staff. The 'Spring into Storytime' initiative was run across the county with fun and engaging story-times being delivered to young children as part of the national Right to Read Programme.

The third event in the 'Conversations on Books' series took place on 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Dock Arts Centre. and featured the book Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury. An afternoon of lively chat was facilitated by library staff.

Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council, Cllr. Paddy O'Rourke launched the '*Leitrim Gaelic Games – Reflections and Memories*' exhibition in Ballinamore Library on 12<sup>th</sup> April. This special event celebrated the rich history and impact of Gaelic Games on our communities here in Leitrim. Through the exhibition boards, various elements of Gaelic Games across the county were highlighted, including the Club scene, LGFA, Hurling, Handball, and Scór. Among the many fascinating photographs were images of the Leitrim team who won the Connacht Championship in 1927, the

team who reached the Connacht Final in 1958, and the victorious team of 1994. All items were sourced from our local studies collection thus showcasing the wealth of information held and available in local studies.

Present at the launch were members of the Leitrim Ladies Team who won the 2024 All Ireland Intermediate Championship and the Kane sisters from Fenagh who were crowned World Wall Ball champions 2024. There was a big attendance, and all had a very enjoyable evening which included refreshments.

There was much excitement and interest on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Dromahair Library where we welcomed a visit from Minister Dara Calleary, Minister for Social Protection and Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht who officially opened Dromahair Library. The library was extremely busy on the evening with a large community gathering to witness the special occasion.

Mohill Library was the location for a 2-day Dementia Inclusive training with the first training session taking place Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and a second one on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm-7.30pm. The training was delivered by the Dementia Education Officer St. James Hospital Dublin. There was a large crowd in attendance on both evenings.

**SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive**

**Date 14th May 2024**