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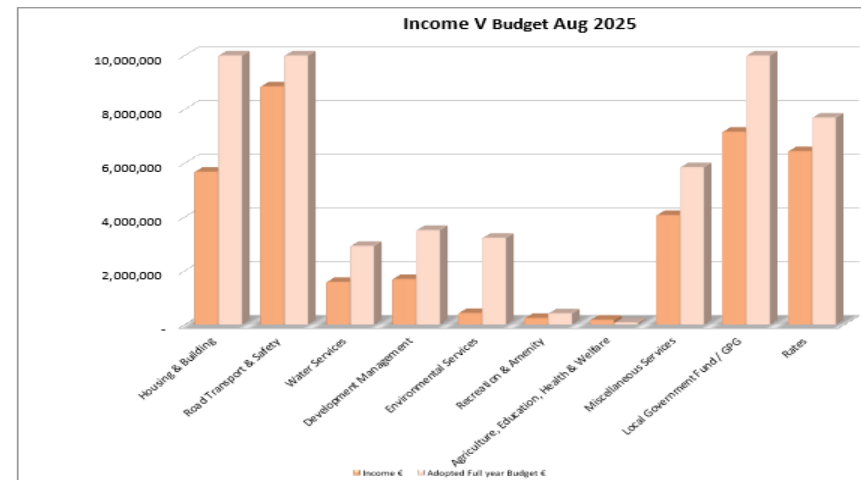
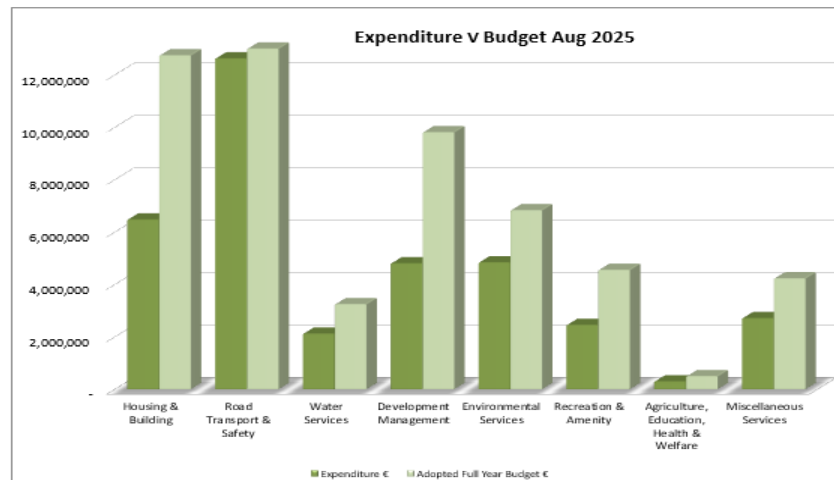
Aug 2025 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY Aug. 2025 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE			
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A	Housing & Building	6,479,064	12,743,118	51%	6,264,054
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,627,122	18,203,366	69%	5,576,244
C	Water Services	2,122,498	3,246,837	65%	1,124,339
D	Development Management	4,806,891	9,808,667	49%	5,001,776
E	Environmental Services	4,842,411	6,832,982	71%	1,990,571
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,453,868	4,554,668	54%	2,100,800
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	298,101	497,784	60%	199,683
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,713,305	4,232,110	64%	1,518,805
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA	Rates			0%	0
		€36,343,260	€60,119,532	60%	23,776,273

INCOME			
Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €
5,677,377	12,147,236	47%	6,469,859
8,849,318	13,527,511	65%	4,678,193
1,584,408	2,922,862	54%	1,338,454
1,691,333	3,510,597	48%	1,819,264
426,851	3,224,033	13%	2,797,182
243,447	416,707	58%	173,260
174,286	80,183	217%	(94,103)
4,065,177	5,850,618	69%	1,785,441
7,163,852	10,745,778	67%	3,581,926
6,446,815	7,694,007	84%	1,247,192
€36,322,865	€60,119,532	60%	23,796,667

NET	
Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
(801,687)	(205,805)
(3,777,803)	898,052
(538,090)	(214,115)
(3,115,558)	3,182,512
(4,415,560)	(806,611)
(2,210,421)	1,927,540
(123,815)	293,786
1,351,872	(266,636)
7,163,852	(3,581,926)
6,446,815	(1,247,192)
(20,395)	(20,395)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Aug, 2025

- The 2024 AFS audit commenced on Aug 5th

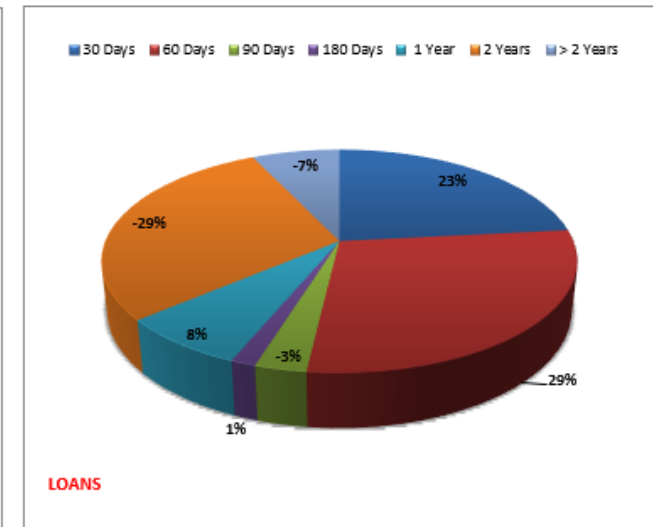
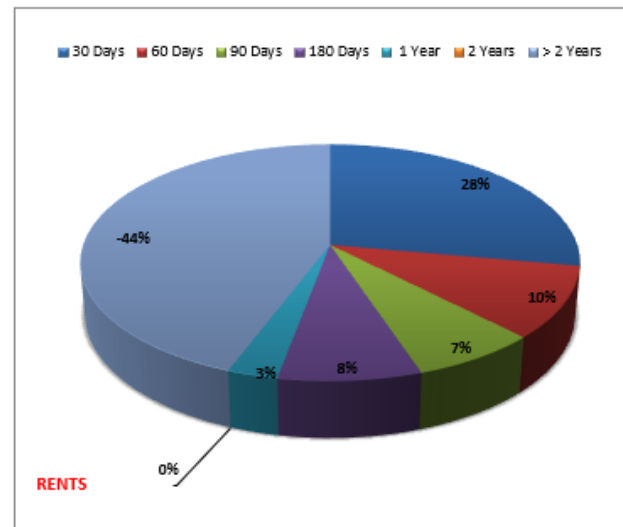
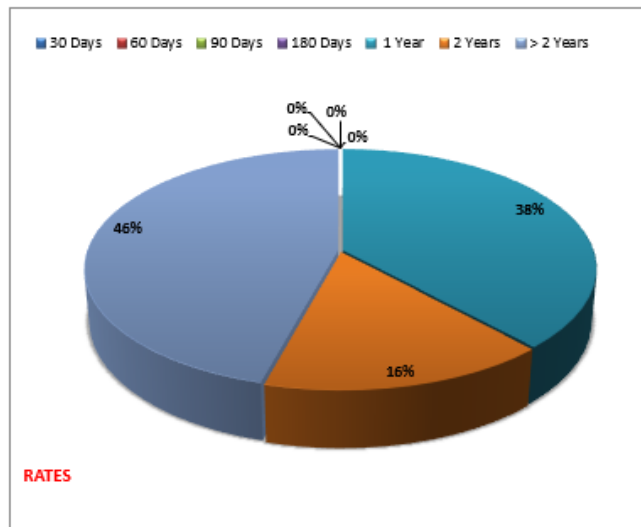
2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	€ Aug-25	€ Aug-24	€ FY 2024
Housing Rents	€2,002,282	€1,927,274	€2,913,258
Commercial Rates	€6,446,815	€4,975,892	€6,412,325
Housing Loans	€251,241	€205,341	€309,577

	YTD		
	% Aug-25	% Aug-24	% FY 2024
Housing Rents	98%	96%	99%
Commercial Rates	71%	59%	80%
Housing Loans	96%	82%	88%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection % ahead of August 2024.
Rates collection % ahead of August 2024.
Loans collection % ahead of August 2024.

August 2025 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€0	€1,691,124	€708,121	€2,026,630
RENTS	€147,879	€52,271	€38,266	€42,808	€15,170	€0	-€235,051
LOANS	€12,053	€14,708	-€1,536	€749	€3,878	-€15,039	-€3,652

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. Met REVAMP (Longford) social enterprise circular economy hub on model of funding repair of goods and materials (6 August 2025). Directive on repair of goods important in requiring design of goods to mobilise the circular repair economy.
2. Met Atlantic Technological University (ATU) (12 August 2025) on partnering for EU HORIZON climate adaptation funding. Number of partners including Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown. Agreed to partner, topic of adaptation to be defined later in the application.
3. Met with ATU and Sligo Leitrim Energy Agency (SLEA) (14 August 2025) on advancing retrofit numbers in Co. Leitrim. Agreed to run 2 no campaigns, Carrick-on-Shannon during CA Week and Manorhamilton later in the year. SLEA recommend an additional director from Leitrim. A wider meeting needed with all SLEA stakeholders on scope.
4. Organising events for CA week ongoing (aligned with An Taisce designation, 13 – 19 October 2025). Met ATU Careers department (21 August 2025) re their STEM Day on 15 October 2025. Opened dialogue with MSL ETB on the Green Accelerator Skills Programme (GRASP) (28 August 2025) on collaboration, good alignment with the Programme and the LA CAPs. MSL ETB to take up a stand at the ATU STEM Day.
5. New Climate Action Officer, Oliver Wynne (start 20 August 2025).
6. Met with The Dock (21 August 2025) on Climate Café, agreed preparation for early in 2026. The Dock to facilitate CA Week event for Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group. Leitrim CC CA support for the Dock, added them to the DZ taskforce (Carrick-on-Shannon Climate Action SEC).
7. Comments made on draft Lot(i) of the feasibility study on District Heating by AECOM. Lot (i) claim to be made with Cavan & Monaghan LAs through Pathfinder Programme. Lot(ii) focus on Carrick-on-Shannon, funding to be discussed with SEAI.
8. Go Car contributing trips for trees on bookings made on National carpool day (24 July 2025). Leitrim CC agreed that any trees could go to the national location (2 no trees).

Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Date for opening of calls for Phase 2 is to be confirmed, Department stated LAs will be given 6 weeks notice before opening. Department confirmed the call would be for Strand 1 only (Strand 1a cross border community climate action will not be rolled out initially).

Biodiversity

National Heritage Week (16 – 24 August): A programme of public events was organised, promoted and delivered across Co. Leitrim. Biodiversity events included online webinars & public walks and talks in Carrick on Shannon & Manorhamilton.

Return to Nature (LBAF funded project):

The aim of the project is to create biodiversity-friendly spaces on church grounds. Parishes are encouraged to transform 30% of their grounds into areas that support biodiversity. The project has started with 4 different parishes/communities in Co. Leitrim.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Stray Dogs	8
Surrendered Dogs	6
Seized Dogs	1
Dogs Re-Homed	8

Dogs Reclaimed	5
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Dog Fouling Complaints	1
Barking Complaints	1
Livestock Attacks	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	0
Dog Licence Inspections	124
Dogs Neutered	1
Neutering Vouchers Issued	6
Dogs Micro-Chipped	7
Fines Issued – Dogs	3
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	3
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	51
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3200
Equines Seized	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	3

COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATION

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

On 13th June 2025, the Department of Rural and Community Development and an Gaeltacht announced €114,782.86 for 148 projects in Co Leitrim under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. All payments have been made under the current stream which supports groups with bills (energy, broadband, insurance bills etc.).

Groups have completed the Acceptance of Offer under the Capital stream with 11 drawdown submissions received to date.

Age Friendly Programme

Work continues to merge the Age Friendly Ireland (AFI) Business Training programme and the HSE's Dementia Understand Together business training into one programme. The aim is to deliver one programme to businesses, satisfying the requirements of both AFI and HSE and remove duplication in service delivery from separate agencies. Both AFI and the HSE are supportive of this pilot in Leitrim.

Nursing Home Pilot Project: Personal plans for residents are complete in Lough Erril & Arus Breffni with 50% of personal plans complete in Arus Carolan. Personal plans for residents will then start in the three remaining nursing homes in Leitrim.

Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland continue to work along with Sharon Richardson (HSE) on the roll out of 'Understanding Together – Dementia Friendly Leitrim'. Following a presentation in Breffni FRC on Thursday 14th August a working group was created to roll out Dementia Friendly Carrick. A date of October 1st has been chosen for the Community Information night, after which there will be community training.

Community Recognition Fund

Leitrim has been allocated over €2.2 million under this funding programme, which will be invested across 16 capital projects throughout the county. All successful applicants have now received their letters of offer, and work is actively underway on each of the approved projects.

Love Where You Live

The Love Where You Live Competition recognises and celebrates the valuable contributions made by community and voluntary groups, as well as schools, throughout County Leitrim. Judging across all five categories has now been completed. Final preparation for delivering the awards night is almost complete.

PEACEPLUS

Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan (1.1)

Local Community Regeneration & Transformation

- Project Management services are currently being procured for the Play & Art Therapy Facility in Drumkeeran and the MUGA in Ballinamore.
- Construction tender deadline for Coleman's was extended by one week to 26th August 2025.
- Currently preparing Request for Quotations for projects in Kinlough & Lurganboy

Thriving & Peaceful Communities

- Tender currently out for a Practical Skills Training Programme to work with those affected by legacy of The Troubles and other displaced persons. This programme will include tractor skills, first aid, quad bike certification among others.
- Quotations have also been sought for a Volunteer Support Programme to deliver training to those using volunteers and volunteers themselves.

PEACEPLUS Shannonside Peace Arena (1.4)

McAdam Design are continuing to work on the Design of the Shannonside Peace Arena and preparing the tender package for the entire campus.

There have been significant delays with the LSSIF funding from the Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. We are still awaiting to progress through Approval Gateway 1 as per the Infrastructure Guidelines issued by the DPER. This is a mandatory requirement of the funding and the project cannot progress to tender stage until approved.

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.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Integration Team conducted 6 clinics in the month of August. One clinic focused on Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, and five clinics were held between Abbey Manor Hotel, and Carraig Accommodation IPAS centres. All clinics were to identify the needs residences/families.

Two Offer a Home activations were completed in August accommodating 12 individuals.

The Local Authority Integration Team worked in partnership with Foróige, and part funded integration camps for young people aged 10 – 17 years in Dromahair and Ballinamore. A total of 29 children avail of the programmes.

The Integration Team are currently working in partnership with Leitrim County Childcare Committee, Leitrim Sports Partnership and Lifestart on the development of a two-tier programme. The programme will provide support to parents through a structured parenting initiative, while children under the age of five who are not participating in the Early Childhood Care and Education scheme will engage in a multi-activity sports programme.

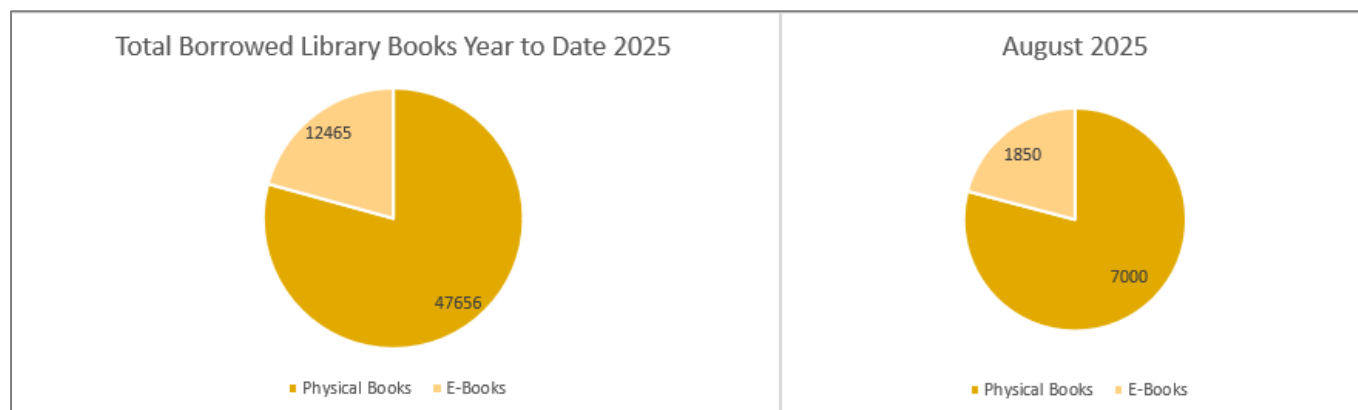
LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



Category	Activity Description	Total Participants	Male	Female
ESF Social Innovation	2.5-hour Outdoor activity day (Climbing, Kayaking, Archery)	6	1	5
ESF Social Innovation	Western Horse-riding lesson (Domestic Violence support)	8	0	8
ESF Social Innovation	Fun mystery Escape Room (Lough Key Forest Park)	4	0	8

ESF Social Innovation	Graduation for Horse riding & Animal Welfare programme	28	13	15
ESF Social Innovation	Willow Basketmaking Workshop (Domestic Violence support)	10	0	10
ESF Social Innovation	Traveller Ladies 3-month Gym & Pool membership	9	0	9
Active Age Disability	Her Outdoors Chair Yoga at St Marys GAA	11	0	1
Active Age	3 Day GAA Inclusion Cul Camp with Leitrim GAA	18	13	5
Active Age	Her Outdoors Chair Yoga at Gently Hub	10	0	10
Active Age	Chair Yoga in Kilunmary (6 weeks)	13	0	13
CSDO	Safeguarding 1 Public Workshop	11	6	5
CSDO	Safeguarding 1 Workshop Carrick Town FC	13	7	6
CSDO	HER Outdoors Tennis Carrick on Shannon	6	0	6
CSDO	HER Outdoors Tennis Drumshanbo	6	0	6
CSDO	HER Outdoors Yoga Dromahair	8	0	8
CSDO	HER Outdoors Walking Group Dromahair Park	9	0	9
CSDO	HER Outdoors Canadian Canoeing River Bonet Day #1	8	0	8
CSDO	HER Outdoors Canadian Canoeing River Bonet Day #2	8	0	8
CSDO	Men on the Move 6-week programme HSE	13	13	0
	Totals	199	53	146

LIBRARY SERVICES



There were over 9,000 visitors to the libraries across the county and there were 209 new members who joined Leitrim library Service in July.

National Heritage Week

To celebrate National Heritage Week 2025, the Local Studies Librarian hosted a very special event in conjunction with Scéal Heritage Consultancy, as part of the overall project Leitrim Women through time, entitled 'voices from the factory floor' on 9th August. 25 women who were former factory workers in 4 Leitrim factories attended. Their memories were recorded and an exhibition will be prepared along with an audio and visual display and a follow up event will take place in November.

In Dromahair library on Tuesday 19th Dromahair native Tony Downey performed live readings from his popular podcast 'Leitrim to Birmingham'. On Friday 22nd of August Dromahair Library hosted the launch

of the O'Rourke Trail map of Leitrim designed by exploring in collaboration with the Leitrim County Council Heritage Officer Sarah Malone.

Summer Stars

778 children participated in the library's annual Reading Programme. Children enjoyed a range of events to support this national initiative such as story times, craft workshops etc. Almost 10,500 children's books were borrowed during the 3 month period June to August.

Community Engagement

Our libraries continue to serve as vibrant and inclusive spaces for community connection and lifelong learning. Dromahair Library was used as a meeting space by local community groups such as the Dromahair Town Team Committee and Heritage Committee. Ballinamore Library welcomed the inaugural meeting of the Ballinamore area Friends of Breastfeeding group on August 26th. This group now meets weekly, offering support and connection for local parents.

Exhibition

Leitrim Gaelic Games – Reflections and Memories' exhibition was on display in Ballinamore Library from 12th to 16th August during the Ballinamore Festival. This exhibition celebrates 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. Many people visited the library to view this resource.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Digital Strategy

A copy of the draft digital strategy was issued to elected members in August ahead of the Council meeting on Sept 1st.

Broadband Connection Points – Upgrade of BCP equipment.

The upgrade of the BCP equipment for the 12 BCP sites in Leitrim commenced in August 2025.

Carrick Business Campus

A Feasibility Study on a proposed new Smart Technology Hub in the Carrick Business Campus has concluded. The Study is funded by the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Fund.

County Promotion

Work is ongoing in terms of finalising plans, invitees list etc for the Intercounty Promotion Event on Nov 27th at the Irish Embassy in London.

Planning is ongoing for the Smart Towns and Village Conference due to be held in October 2025.

Planning continues for the forthcoming “Powering Up – Scaling for Impact” event at Carrick Campus, scheduled for 3rd October.

Leitrim Diaspora

Public consultation meetings were held in Ballinamore, Carrick-on-Shannon, and Manorhamilton, with an additional online session provided specifically for elected members. An online survey was also available from 1st to 31st August, allowing broader public input. In the coming weeks, feedback from all consultation channels will be analysed to inform the development of the new Diaspora Strategy framework.

Leitrim Economic Forum and Global Business Network

The next meeting of the Economic Forum is scheduled for 24th September. The Economic Forum working groups — the Leitrim Skills Strategy Working Group and the Invest in Leitrim Business Summit Working Group — are scheduled to take place in September and October 2025 respectively.

DRCD Funded Schemes

Minister Calleary announced the successful Measure 1 and Project Development projects during August. Leitrim have received a funding offer on seven projects in total, two Project Development and five Measure 1 projects.

TOURISM

Autum Campaign

Scheduled to run from September through October, the campaign will feature a comprehensive mix of media channels, including radio, video-on-demand, digital platforms, and press. The aim is to maximise visibility and engagement across key audiences, with tailored messaging designed to resonate throughout the season. All creative assets and scheduling are being finalised to ensure a strong and coordinated launch.

Consumer shows

The Tourism Team attended Irish Fest in Milwaukee, which had an audience of over 150,000. It was the ideal opportunity to showcase Leitrim and Ireland as a holiday destination for our Leitrim Diaspora and people in the USA who are interested in Ireland. During the event, the Tourism Team met with Paul McDonagh, Tourism Ireland Trade & Industry Engagement Manager USA, who provided insights into Tourism Ireland's marketing plans for 2026 and the Irish Ambassador to the USA, Geraldine Byrne Nason.

Mid Ulster Meeting

The tourism team were part of a productive meeting with representatives from Mid Ulster Council. The session included a recap of the recent visit by Leitrim County Council, followed by a constructive discussion around the potential for collaboration and mutually beneficial partnerships. An overview of the Glenfarne Wood project was provided, including its current status and the next phase of development. The meeting concluded with a focused conversation on partnership opportunities and how both councils can align efforts on some joint initiatives.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

All In A Days Work Programmes & Associated Financial Supports

The “*All In A Days 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

On Monday 13th October 2025 a national conference will be held in Lough Rynn Castle on the topic of Smart Town and Villages. Minister Dara Calleary, Justin Gleeson from AIRO and Dr Karen Keavney from UCD are amongst the confirmed speakers. Following the conference partners from the Digital Rural project will then spend two days in Leitrim attending presentations and site visits for various projects and initiatives.

Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation

Energy working group

A multi-agency supported tender package went out on e-tenders which will explore the opportunities available to the region with available unused energy from our renewable energy sources in the region. This package was awarded to GDG in late August and will kick off in September. Leitrim CoCo is represented on the project by Director of Economic Development and the NW Programme Manager.

Next REP development

Currently DETE are undergoing a review of the REP's with the intention of taking recommendations from the review towards the next REP development which is due to kick off late Q4 2025.

TOWN REGENERATION

Croí Conaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

The Croí Conaithe initiative aims to revitalise vacant and derelict properties by converting them into family homes and rental residential units. The Vacant Homes Officer continues to work closely with applicants to identify and support the reuse of suitable properties.

Between April and August 2025, 55 new applications were received, bringing the total number of applications from January to August 2025 to 84. During this reporting period, 26 grant payments were processed, relating to applications submitted in 2023 and 2024.

Turning Vacant Properties into Cosy Homes Event

Leitrim County Council hosted an Information Event to showcase the potential to transform vacant and derelict properties in County Leitrim into vibrant homes. The event took place on Thursday, 19th June 2025 from 3pm to 8pm in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim and was very well attended. Almost 300 people attended the event and 30 exhibitors from the financial, building and construction, home improvement and auctioneering sectors showcased their wares and services. The Keynote speaker on the day was Award Winning Architect Hugh Wallace, who spoke about the benefits of refurbishing the existing housing stock in the country and the benefits that it brings in restoring vibrancy to towns and villages. Other speakers on the day included: Anne Marie O'Connor from the Vacant Homes Unit of The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Shane Mulvey, Vacant Homes Officer Leitrim County Council, Mel Galvin, R&D Co-ordinator, Sligo ATU and Chief Executive of Leitrim Council, Joseph Gilhooly. Colin Regan performed the role of MC and chaired informative panel discussions with the speakers and previous grant applicants namely; Ciara Reynolds and John & Amanda O'Connell, who shared their experience of renovating an older property and applying for and availing of the Croí Conaithe grant.

Town Teams

The Town Regeneration Officer and the Vacant Homes Officer continue to engage with town teams on general issues, town team governance and structure issues.

Manorhamilton Town Centre First Plan

On 14th August, Contractor Studio Myco and the town regeneration team held a community engagement event in the Bee Park Community Centre, supported by an online survey, to gather final feedback on the latest draft proposals for the Town Centre First Plan. The responses are now being analysed and collated by Studio Myco, with the final draft plan due to be completed in early October.

THRIVE - Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme – Application Strand 1 & 2

Leitrim County Council successfully secured funding under Strand 1 to carry out a feasibility study on the Town Hall Building in Carrick on Shannon to establish an end use for the building following widespread consultation process. The purpose of the funding stream is to reduce vacancy and dereliction by creating a sustainable and viable reuse of Heritage buildings, in line with Town Centre First Approach. Following a widespread consultation process, a Part 8 application was approved by the Elected Members on 12th May

2025 for “change of use of Town Hall from current office use to proposed multi-use community space / tourism use”. This project is now concluded.

A further funding application has now been submitted under THRIVE Strand 2 in advance of the closing date of 30th May 2025 seeking funding for the capital element of the project to turn the Town Hall building into a River Shannon Interpretative Centre, community space and community garden. This is a competitive process, and successful applicants will be notified in due course. It is hoped that the results will be announced in September.

Local Development SPC

The next meeting of the Local Development SPC is scheduled for 06th October 2025.

ROADS

Annual Area Programme 2025

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

Additional Restoration Improvement Grant Allocation

The Department of Transport has notified Leitrim County Council of an additional RIG Allocation of €227,500 for 2025. This will enable 1 No. additional RIG to be completed in each of the 3 Municipal Districts in 2025.

N4 Carrick on Shannon By-pass & Traffic Management Project

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

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- The Phase 3 Environmental Impact Assessment Report is currently being finalised with draft chapters currently under TII review
- Ground Investigation field work has concluded on site in the Material Deposition/Reuse area east of the River Shannon
- 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

Pavement Overlays

- **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 work 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. The TII have indicated that there will be no funding allocation for this scheme in 2025.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Stradrine to Esky Bridge** – Consultants for this Scheme are currently being appointed.

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Consultants have completed Stage 4 Road Safety Audit and 2 minor items to be rectified to close out scheme.

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **Strabrick Junction** – Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed.
- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** – Documentation for Part 8 Planning Approval is currently with the Planning Department for review.
- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Leitrim County Council to procure a consultant to complete Preliminary design report & detailed design as feasibility and options report has been approved by TII.

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

- TII & Leitrim County Council met onsite to discuss scheme – Feasibility & Options report approved by TII, Road Design procuring consultants to develop the scheme in accordance with TII procedures. Consultants are to be procured and appointed.

Bridge Rehabilitation Works

- Works on the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2025 are progressing well

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Detailed design is now ongoing.
- **R280 Killarga** – Preparation of Draft Part 8 documents are underway. Detailed design process is also ongoing.
- **R280 Loughmurran Realignment** – Design Consultant was retendered, however, tender cancelled as only one tender received and was not value for money. This will be retendered again in September 2025.
- **R280 Erriff Retaining wall Rehabilitation** – Bat survey completed and GI works to begin with contractor to be appointed.

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The CIS allocation for 2025 is €375,650. There will be five CIS's completed in the Ballinamore MD, three CIS's completed in the Carrick MD and two CIS's completed in the Manorhamilton MD.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

A supplementary allocation of €528,098 for Local Improvement Schemes was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht. This allocation will allow 11 additional LIS's to be completed in 2025. This money along with the initial funding for 2025 of €373,459 means that the total number of LIS's that will be completed in 2025 is 16. The LIS Programme has now been updated and finalised – The 16 is broken down by MD as follows – 4 No. in Carrick on Shannon MD, 9 No. in Manorhamilton MD and 3 No. in Ballinamore MD.

Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
18	237

All queries regarding water and wastewater services are now processed by Uisce Eireann.

Abnormal Load Permits

Abnormal Load Permits processed this month	YTD Abnormal Load Permits processed
4	22

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2025/2026

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for the Hedge Cutting season 2025/2026 has been launched. The Hedge Cutting Grant is €75 per km of public roadside hedges and an additional grant of €50 per km to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches. This gives applicants a potential grant claim of €125 per km. **Closing date is Friday 30th January 2026.** An information pack has issued to almost 400 Landowners/Occupiers regarding the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme.

FIRE SERVICES

Fire Stations

Manorhamilton FS - Meetings are ongoing between the Fire Service and the Design team to develop the tender documents.

Existing Fire Stations

The Fire Service Management have reviewed the suggestions of the Members of the Capital team from the NDFEM for improvements in Carrick-on-Shannon, Mohill, Ballinamore & Drumshanbo fire stations. Their recommendations will be presented to the SLT in early September.

Building Control activity in August 2025

	Received	Valid	Granted	Inspections Undertaken
Commencement Notices	8	8		
Fire Safety Certificates	0	0	3	2
Disabled Access Certificates	0	0	2	
Certificate of Compliance on Completion	0	0		
Building Control Act Inspections (Commencements, on-site, BERs, Market Surveillance etc)				0
FSA Inspections (complaints, licence, etc.)				6
DSA – Dangerous Substances Licence				1

HOUSING

Housing Allocations

Applications and Assessments

To date in 2025, the Housing Department has received a total of 117 new applications for social housing support. Of these, 80 have been assessed – with 63 accepted and 17 refused. 25 applications are currently undergoing assessment, while 12 have been deemed invalid and require further information. There are currently 500 approved applicants on the housing waiting list.

New Tenancies To date in 2025:

A total of 21 new tenancies under the Local Authority and Approved Housing Body (AHB) housing programmes have commenced during 2025 to date. These tenancies represent newly allocated homes provided to applicants from the housing waiting list, offering long-term, secure accommodation under social housing supports.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029, effective from 1st January 2025, outlines a five-year target for the delivery of 20 No. accommodation units.

As of 31st August 2025, a total of 6 No. units (representing a 30% achievement rate over the 5-year target) have been provided under the Standard Local Authority Housing Scheme. Three additional units were delivered during the month of August. The Housing Department continues to work toward meeting the programme's targets over the five-year period.

Housing Grants

Housing Grant Approvals and Payments

During 2025, activity under the Housing Adaptation Grant schemes has remained strong, with a steady flow of approvals, payments, and applications under assessment. The following data provides an overview of progress to date and illustrates how the programme is supporting people to live independently at home in line with the Housing Disability Strategy.

Expenditure to Date

To date in 2025, a total of €474,146 has been paid out under the Housing Grants Programme, covering 88 individual grants. This expenditure reflects:

- 54 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability (HGD),
- 24 Mobility Aids Grants (MAG), and
- 10 Housing Aid for Older People (HOP).

Committed Expenditure

At present, a total of €812,336.24 has been approved under the Housing Grants Programme but has not yet been drawn down by applicants. This covers 124 individual grants, broken down as follows:

- 57 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability (HGD),
- 16 Mobility Aids Grants (MAG), and

- 11 Housing Aid for Older People (HOP).

These approvals represent a significant pipeline of works that, once completed and claimed, will further advance the objectives of the Housing Strategy for Disabled People by enabling greater independence, accessibility, and quality of life for those supported through the scheme.

Applications Under Assessment

In addition to the approvals already issued, we also have a pipeline of new applications currently under assessment. These include 39 Housing Aid for Older People applications, 9 Mobility Aids applications and 12 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability.

Summary

Taken together, this level of investment under the Housing Grants Programme demonstrates the Council's ongoing commitment to supporting people with disabilities and older persons to remain living independently at home. The grants are directly aligned with the objectives of the Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022–2027, by facilitating essential adaptations and improvements that promote accessibility, safety, and dignity in the home environment.

Social Housing Rent Review – 2025

The rent review process for approximately 1,600 local authority and leasing tenancies remains ongoing. While overall progress has been gradual this month, the following activities have continued:

- Assessment of Household Income: Preliminary findings indicate that revised rent levels are likely to increase in many cases due to higher reported household incomes.
- Data Validation: The Rent Review Team is systematically verifying and updating household composition and occupancy records within the iHouse system to ensure accuracy.

Further updates will be provided as the review advances toward completion.

Housing Capital

Social Housing Delivery

The Housing Capital Team continue to progress the delivery of the annual targets under 'Housing for All'. Details on the social housing (new housing construction dwellings pipelined for delivery) are as outlined in the table below:

Location	Number of Units	Delivery Mechanism	Expected Delivery
Drumkeeran	9	Turnkey	Q4 2025
Carrick-On-Shannon	18	Direct Build	Q4 2025
Drumshanbo	4	Turnkey	Q4 2025
Drumshanbo	1	Part V	Q4 2025
Keshcarrigan	4	Direct Build	Q4 2025

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

Housing Acquisition Programme 2025

The total allocation for the Housing Acquisition Programme in 2025 is €2,000,000. Outstanding commitments carried forward from previous years amount to €976,957, leaving a remaining balance of €1,023,043 available for new acquisitions in 2025. This funding will be targeted to address urgent local situations where households in receipt of social housing support are at risk of homelessness, or where there is an immediate need to acquire a property to meet a specific housing requirement. Funding will be allocated strictly to the following priority categories:

- Tenancy Sustainment – Tenant in Situ (TIS)
- Exits from homeless services
- Urgent housing for people with a disability and older persons
- Buy and Renew (B&R) acquisitions to address vacancy

Revised eligibility criteria now apply to all new applications under the Tenant in Situ Scheme. For example, a property must have been in receipt of social housing support payments for a continuous period of at least two years to qualify.

Housing Maintenance

Private Rented Inspection Programme 2025

As part of its ongoing regulatory responsibilities, the Housing Department conducts annual inspections of private rented accommodation to ensure compliance with prescribed minimum standards. For the year 2025, the Department has set an indicative target to inspect a total of 326 properties within the private rental sector.

2025 Target for Inspection	No. of Dwelling inspections completed on 31st August 2025	% Complete on 31st August 2025 out of the overall target
326*	301	92.33%

Note: Previous Report showed inspection figures rather than dwellings inspected. There are 301 dwellings inspected, and 322 inspections carried out to date.

Stock Condition Surveys on Local Authority Houses 2025

The Housing Department have an annual target to inspect 20% of the Local Authority Housing Stock. In 2025, a total of 219 houses will be inspected. (*The indicative target for the number of inspections in 2025 is 219 and this may be subject to change at a later date).

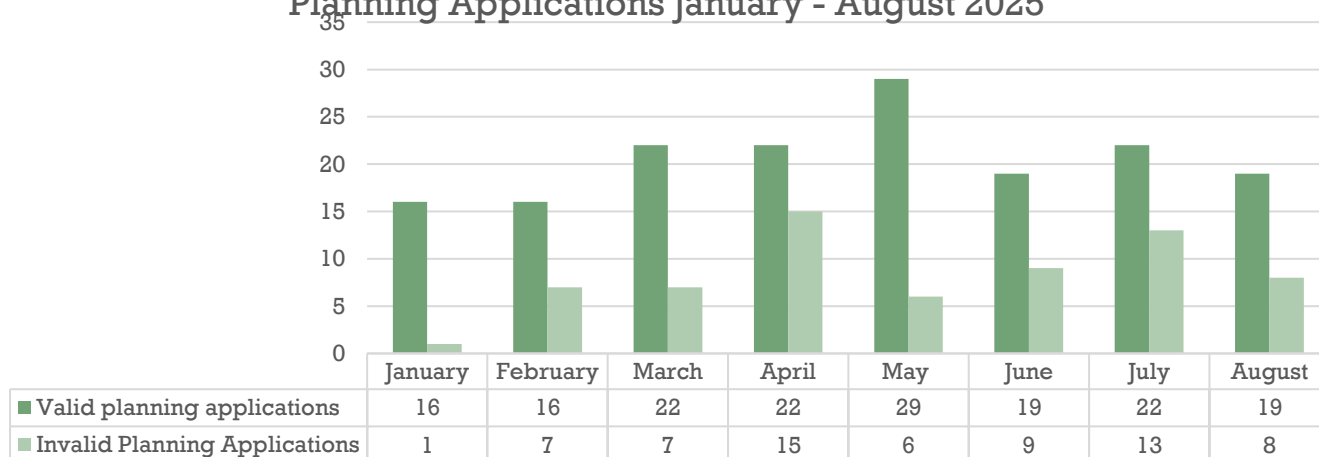
2025 Target for Surveys	No. of surveys completed on 31st August 2025	% Complete on 31st August 2025 out of the overall target.
219*	169	77.16%

Energy Efficiency

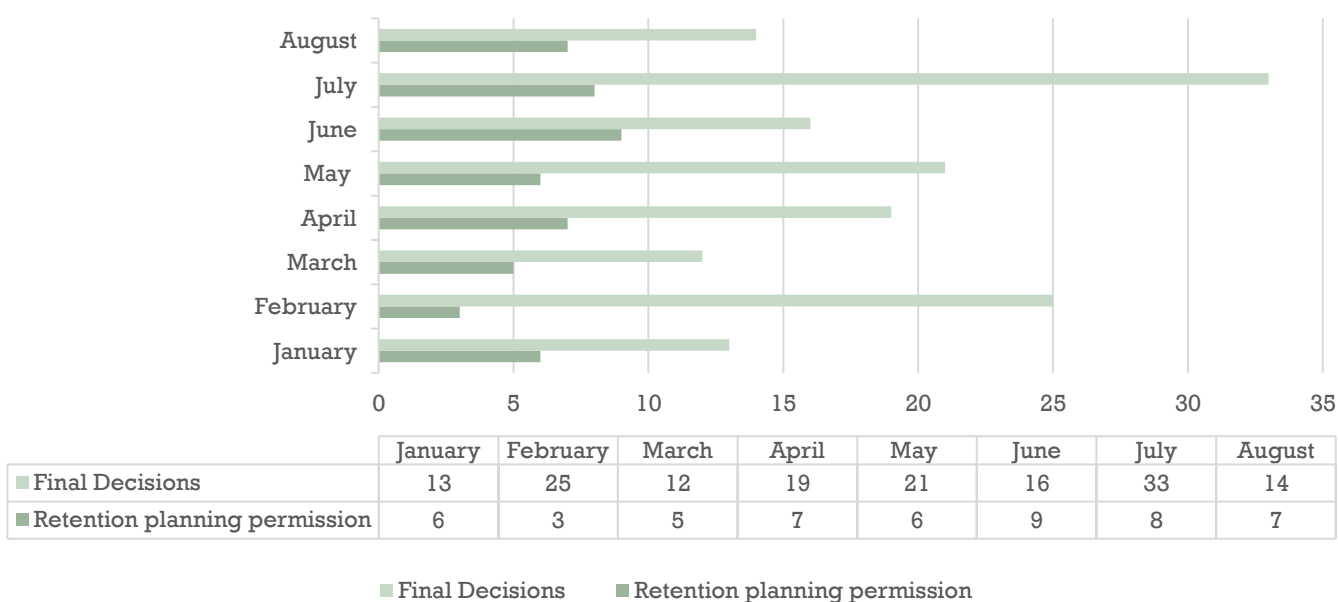
The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme is ongoing with the focus on targeting the houses with the lowest BER rating. In 2025, the Department has set a target of 16 units and progress is on track for delivery by Q4, 2025.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning Applications January - August 2025



Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - August 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
May	7	6	7
June	14	7	7
July	18	12	2

August	13	8	4
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18 of the 19-planning applications received were made via e-planning portal online.

The Planning Authority were notified of one decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála upholding our decision to grant retention and completion of a development in Ballinamore.

Forward Planning

Residential Zoned Land Tax

A total of 5 no. valid submissions were received in relation to rezoning of lands as a result of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT). Leitrim County Council decided not to vary the County Development Plan on foot of these submissions. No appeal was submitted with respect to any of these decisions and the decision of the Council is now final.

Variation to County Development Plan 2023-2029

Work has commenced to give consideration to the preparation of a variation to the County Development Plan 2023-2029 to increase the quantum of land zoned for residential purposes so as to provide for 50% headroom. Guidelines instructing Local Authorities to update housing targets in line with the revised National Planning Framework (NPF) issued at the end of July.

Heritage

- Heritage Week took place from 16th - 24th August with 31 no. events taking place across Leitrim. All heritage events across the county were coordinated and promoted. Several events were commissioned by the Heritage Officer including a guided archaeological walk to Sheebeg Neolithic tomb; a talk on the Churches of Leitrim; an evening exploring the story of the O'Rourke's of Leitrim in the Glen Centre; the launch of the O'Rourke's of Leitrim Trail map; and an event celebrating traditional knitting practices in Leitrim.
- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Project* - an Illustrated booklet telling the story of the family has been printed and distributed. The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Primary School Education Pack* is nearing completion and work has started on the *O'Rourke's of Leitrim website*. Three short films detailing three elements of the O'Rourke story have been recorded. The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Trail Map* has been launched and printed and is ready for distribution.
- The Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2030 is progressing.
- Funding recoupment has been submitted for St Mogue's Abbey, Rossinver Community Monument Fund.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Date: **August 2025**

Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive