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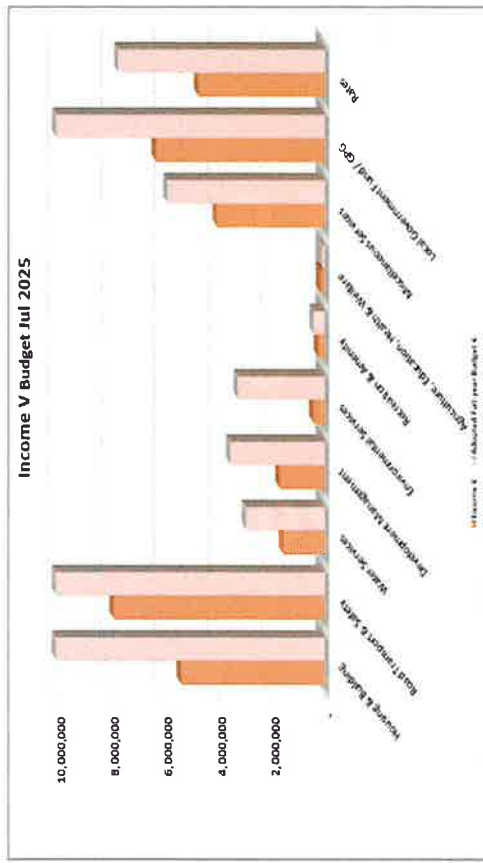
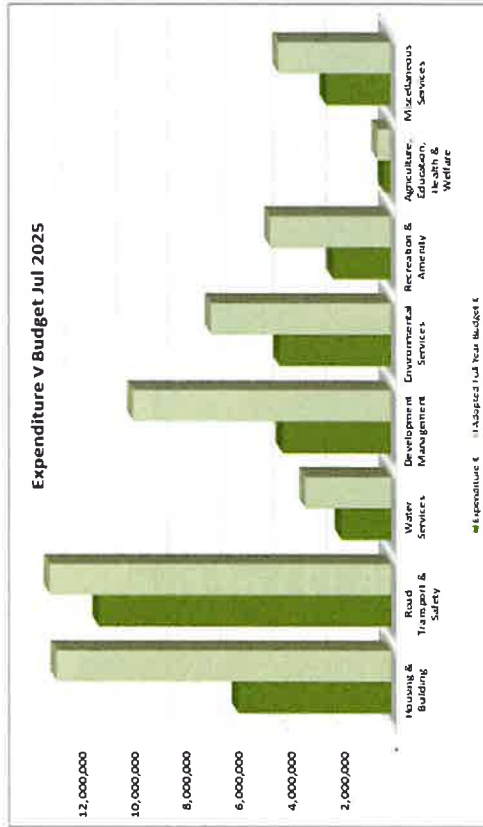
FINANCE, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES & LIBRARY SERVICES

Jul 2025 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division
(PRELIMINARY Jul. 2025 - FIGURES)

	EXPENDITURE			
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A Housing & Building	5,826,504	12,743,118	46%	6,916,614
B Road Transport & Safety	11,139,351	18,203,366	61%	7,064,015
C Water Services	1,902,081	3,246,837	59%	1,344,756
D Development Management	4,117,676	9,808,667	42%	5,690,991
E Environmental Services	4,225,196	6,832,982	62%	2,607,786
F Recreation & Amenity	2,202,415	4,554,668	48%	2,352,253
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	261,229	497,784	52%	236,555
H Miscellaneous Services	2,457,388	4,232,110	58%	1,774,722
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA Rates			0%	0
	€32,131,840	€60,119,532	53%	27,987,693

	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised
A Housing & Building	5,331,521	12,147,236	44%
B Road Transport & Safety	7,843,398	13,527,511	58%
C Water Services	1,510,520	2,922,862	52%
D Development Management	1,655,880	3,510,597	47%
E Environmental Services	413,764	3,224,033	13%
F Recreation & Amenity	230,986	416,707	55%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	153,614	80,183	192%
H Miscellaneous Services	4,007,143	5,850,618	68%
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	6,268,371	10,745,778	58%
RA Rates	4,695,927	7,694,007	61%
	€32,111,125	€60,119,532	53%

NET	
Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
(494,983)	100,899
(3,295,952)	1,379,903
(391,561)	(67,586)
(2,461,796)	3,836,274
(3,811,432)	(202,483)
(1,971,429)	2,166,532
(107,615)	309,986
1,549,755	(68,753)
6,268,371	(4,477,408)
4,695,927	(2,998,080)
(20,715)	(20,715)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF JUL. 2025

- The 2024 AFS audit commenced on Aug 5th

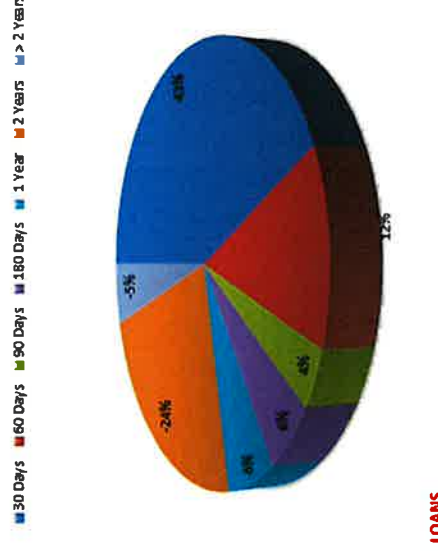
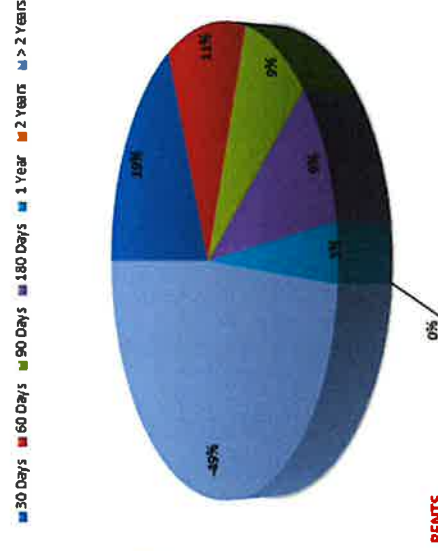
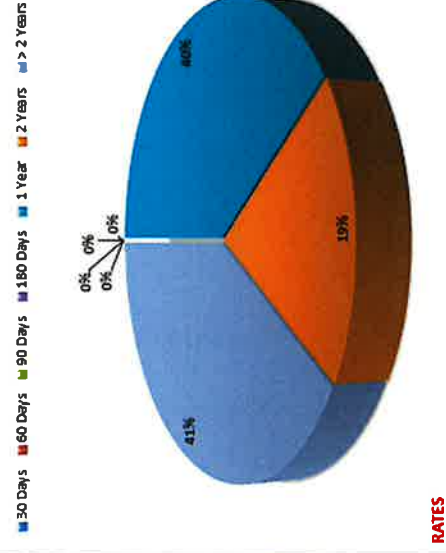
2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD		YTD	
	€ Jul-25	€ Jul-24	€ FY 2024	
Housing Rents	€1,739,835	€1,665,530	€2,913,258	
Commercial Rates	€4,695,927	€4,629,544	€6,412,325	
Housing Loans	€203,946	€180,002	€309,577	

	YTD		YTD	
	% Jul-25	% Jul-24	% FY 2024	
Housing Rents	99%	97%	99%	
Commercial Rates	68%	55%	80%	
Housing Loans	87%	79%	88%	

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

July 2025 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€0	€1,872,273	€877,187	€1,935,117
RENTS	€91,038	€55,394	€41,530	€42,323	€17,384	€0	€234,604
LOANS	€27,176	€7,882	€2,541	€3,647	€4,108	€15,078	€3,188

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. CARO webinars to build whole-of-Council CA capacity continued with Financing Climate Adaptation (4 July 2025).
2. CARO Sub Regional Climate Action (CA) Formal Team meeting (4 July 2025), now chaired by Leitrim CC (DoS). Meeting minutes available.
3. Leitrim CC hosted the National Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Rig in Carrick-on-Shannon (7 – 9 July 2025). The [Rig provided](#) advice, information, practical demonstrations and training courses on home retrofitting.



Figure 1 launch of the NZEB Rig in Carrick-on-Shannon

4. Progress report on the Leitrim CC CAP presented to the SPC on the Physical Environment (10 July 2025).
5. Discussed [GEMINI Geothermal](#) project and the [Green Accelerator Skills Programme \(GRASP\)](#) with Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN). Climate Action to assist ICBAN with community engagement to support geothermal projects in Lough McNea areas.
6. A draft report on Lot(i) of the feasibility study on District Heating by AECOM provided at the end of July. Lot(ii) to focus on feasibility of district heating in Carrick-on-Shannon.
7. Climate Action to align with An Taisce designation for Climate Action Week 13 – 19 October 2025. Whole-of-Council CA team to support events for staff & public. Noted Ireland SDG week is 19 – 28 September 2025, can run events for this alternatively.
8. Department call for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) champions shared with stakeholder groups in Leitrim. Liaison with Community Development on application for Leitrim CC to become SDG champion.
9. Energy WG focus in July on optimising inputs to Energy Elephant software.

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.

Date for opening of calls for Phase 2 is to be confirmed (expected September 2025). The Department confirmed that the call would be for Strand 1 only (Strand 1a cross border community climate action will not be rolled out in September 2025).

Biodiversity

BO shared the objectives for the draft Biodiversity Action Plan with the SPC for Physical Environment (10 July 2025).

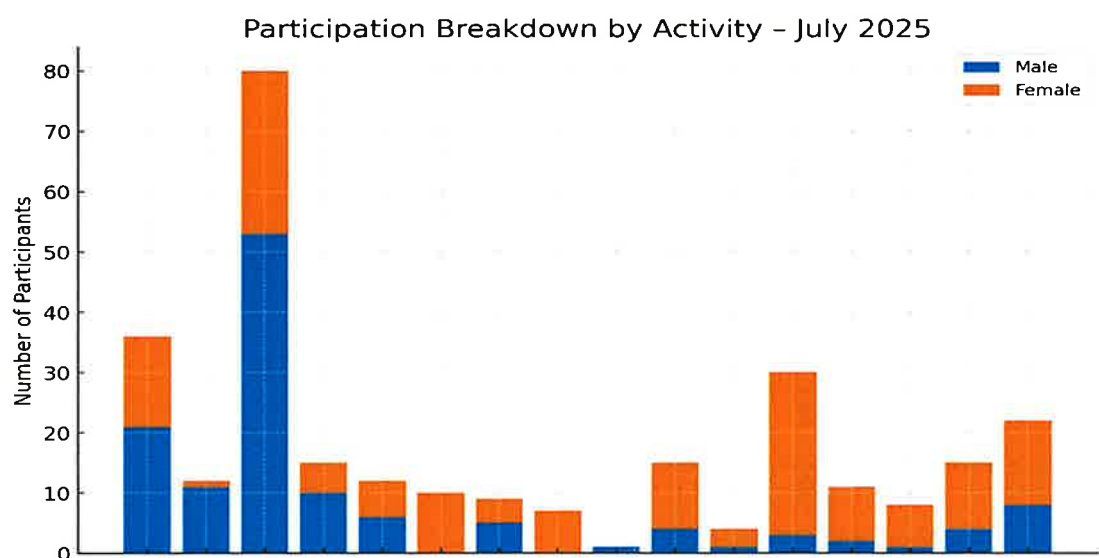
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Stray Dogs	2
Surrendered Dogs	8
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	3
Dogs Reclaimed	2
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Dog Fouling Complaints	2
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks	1
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	4
Dog Licence Inspections	60
Dogs Neutered	0
Neutering Vouchers Issued	3
Dogs Micro-Chipped	4
Fines Issued – Dogs	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	0
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	35
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57

Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3500
Equines Seized	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	0

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

The chart below provides a visual summary of participation figures across the different programme categories delivered by Leitrim Sports Partnership in June 2025.



Category	Activity Description	Total Participants	Male	Female
Disability	Cycling, Dancing, Games & Activities.	36	21	15
Disability	Sports programme – target throwing, football skills, basketball, tennis, exercise to music & resistance training	12	11	1
Disability	Sports Inclusion Camp (Lough Rinn)	70	53	27
Disability	Kayaking & Cycling Camp (Lough Rinn).	15	10	5
Disability	Multi Sports – ball drills, basketball, tone & stretch.	12	6	6
ESF Social	Traveller ladies' wellness day	10	0	10
ESF Social	8-week Horse riding & Animal welfare programme for Children with Autism.	9	5	4
ESF Social	Zip lining & Orienteering for youths.	7	0	7
ESF Social	PT Session with Dillon Keane	1	1	0
ESF Social	Mum & Daughter Kayaking session	15	4	11
ESF Social	Youth Kayaking Island trip	4	1	3
CSDO	Couch to 5km Running Programme	30	3	27
CSDO	Kids Tennis – Carrick on Shannon	11	2	9
CSDO	Adults Tennis – Carrick on Shannon	8	1	7
CSDO	Kids Tennis – Drumshanbo	15	4	11
CSDO	Balance Bike Programme – Breffni Childcare	22	8	14
	Totals	277	129	148

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training, Mentoring & Export

Demand for one-to-one mentoring continues to remain high. 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.

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

Participation in the Interreg Europe Digital Rural Project continues. The project will run until 2028. Preparations are underway for the hosting of the Interregional learning event in Leitrim in October. 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. Delegates from the Digital Rural project will then spend two days in Leitrim attending presentations and site visits for various projects and initiatives.

PEACE Plus: Digital Services Funding

The ‘DS3 project’ under PEACE Plus investment area 2.4 Smart Towns and villages is now expected to be launched in November 2025. 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. Leitrim County Council are leading on the delivery of work package 2 and a tender is currently live for the management of a mobile fab lab.

Creative Heartlands

Creative Heartlands is continuing its programme of training, workshops and events for the Design and Film sectors in Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon. €30,000 was recently secured from Screen Ireland for delivery of a programme aimed at emerging filmmakers. This is in addition to support already secured from Enterprise Ireland, Skillsnet, National Talent Academy and Leader.

Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation

Vision Development/Next REP Development

The x3 Chief Executives from Leitrim/Sligo/Donegal are collaborating to develop a Northwest Region Vision which will feed into the REP development in 2025. In June, the tender package was awarded to OCO Global who will work with the project team to execute.

Entrepreneurship development

2 Leitrim companies completed their involvement in the 10xNW entrepreneurship exchange which paired them with senior entrepreneurs in the region/nationally to encourage scaling.

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 e.g. onshore wind energy. Opportunities being explored are green energy parks, marketing, hydrogen etc.

TOURISM

Tourism Ireland

As part of the Tourism Ireland USA Webinar on *Slow Tourism in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands*, the tourism team showcased Leitrim based Slow Adventure Experiences to U.S. tour operators and travel agents. The event attracted strong interest, with over 487 operators registered.

Green Health Project

The tourism team delivered a video presentation on best practices in Slow Adventure Tourism as part of the EU Green Health initiative. This program promotes the integration of health, accessibility, and nature-based tourism across Europe.

Visitor Information App

Additional business listings and content have been added to the Visitor Information App. Preparations are complete for a promotional campaign to drive downloads and usage. Planned promotional activities include:

- Targeted social media campaigns
- Digital display banners
- Point-of-sale promotional materials
- Staff training for front-of-house teams to encourage app engagement

Tourist Information Point

A new Tourist Information Point has been established at The Glens Centre in Manorhamilton as part of a seasonal pilot initiative, operating six days a week. This strategic location was selected to enhance visitor engagement in North Leitrim, leveraging the cultural significance and central accessibility of The Glens Centre. The initiative aims to provide tourists with up-to-date information on local attractions,

events, accommodation, and transport options, while also promoting regional heritage and supporting local businesses.

Footfall monitoring measures have been implemented to assess visitor demand and usage patterns. These metrics will play a key role in evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot and guiding future service planning.

Festival and Event Grants

Festival and event grant claims are currently being processed. Promotional support for upcoming festivals and events is ongoing to maximise visibility and attendance.

Social Media Engagement

In July, the tourism team actively managed Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter accounts. These efforts resulted in increased engagement across all platforms and strengthened connections with both visitors and the local community.

Acres Lake Facilities Centre

Development continues at the Acres Lake Facilities Centre. New signage is being implemented to improve navigation and enhance the overall visitor experience.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel Schemes currently under construction by direct labour and will be completed in Q3/2025:

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

Safe Routes to School – Mohill Community College under construction by Contractors and will be completed in Q4/2025.

Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures:

- Awaiting response from Roscommon County Council on outcome of trial.

Part 8 Planning in progress:

- Carrick on Shannon – Attifinlay Roundabout to Summerhill Active Travel Scheme.

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

- Drumshanbo – Town Junction upgrade.

Currently at Preliminary Design Stage in house:

- Carrick-on-Shannon Junction tightening/Pedestrian Crossing.
- Carrigallen Active Travel Link and additional Permeability Link.
- Cycle Parking Infrastructure.
- Pedestrian Crossing – Hilly Road, Drumshanbo (Enterprise Centre).

Design and Part 8 Planning are required for the following when resources allow:

- Carrick on Shannon – Glas na hAabhainn Housing Estate Link.
- Manorhamilton – Park Road Upgrade.
- Ballinamore Junction Upgrade.

Safe Route to Schools

- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Awaiting approval from NTA to appoint Contractor to commence construction.
- Delivery Plan received and awaiting design from NTA:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS.
- Delivery Plan received and Design and Part 8 necessary for the following:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Ballinamore Scoill Chlann Naofa.
- Delivery Plan received and Design:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumshanbo VS.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Locations identified for Bus stop improvements and currently at Preliminary Design Stage.

To date no Bus Shelters are available in the country and will be unlikely to progress with Bus Shelters instalments until Q1/2026.

FIRE SERVICES

Fire Stations

Manorhamilton FS: The NDFEM granted approval to proceed to tender stage on 23rd July 2025. Meetings are now scheduled between the Fire Service and the Design team to advance this.

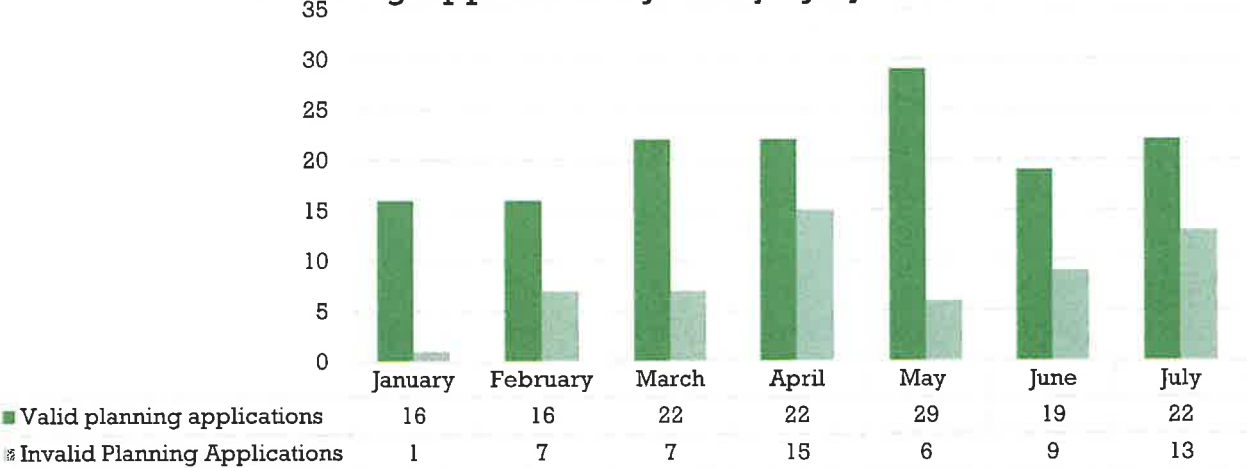
Existing Fire Stations: Members of the Capital team from the NDFEM visited Carrick-on-Shannon, Mohill, Ballinamore & Drumshanbo fire stations on 24th July 2025. They have made a number of suggestions for improvements in all four fire stations. These suggestions will require careful consideration by the Fire Service and the SLT.

Building Control activity in July 2025

	Received	Valid	Granted	Inspections Undertaken
Commencement Notices	5	4		
Fire Safety Certificates	0	4	3	1 (Reg Cert)
Disabled Access Certificates	0	3	3	
Certificate of Compliance on Completion	1	0		
Building Control Act Inspections (Commencements, on-site, BERs, Market Surveillance etc)				5
FSA Inspections (complaints, licence, etc.)				3

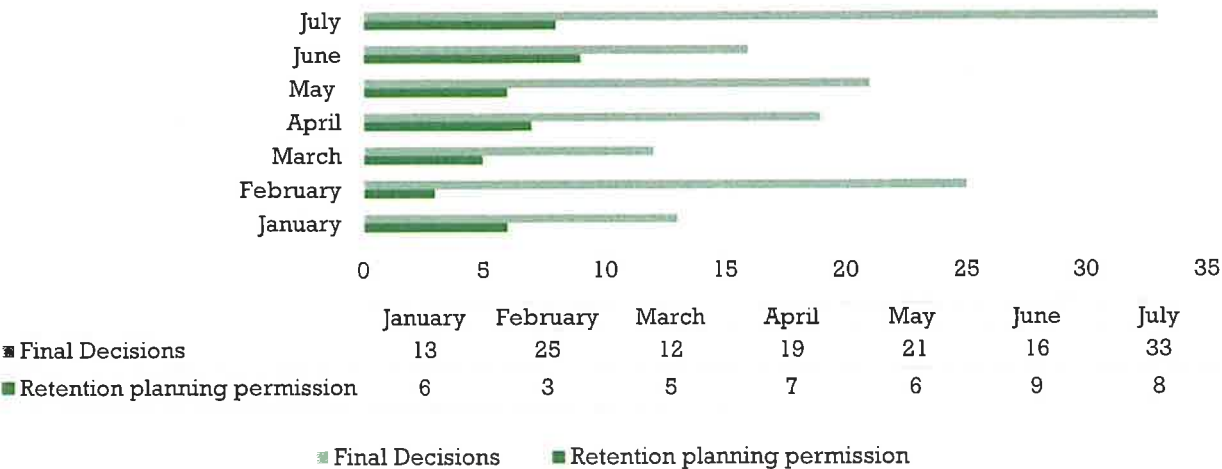
PLANNING

Planning Applications January - July 2025



All but 2 no. of these applications were submitted using the e-planning portal.

Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - July 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

Forward Planning

County Development Plan 2023-2029

The Chief Executive's report on progress in realising each of the objectives contained in the County Development Plan has been completed and was submitted to the Elected Members. It was an item for noting with the July Council meeting agenda.


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 have decided not to vary the County Development Plan on foot of these submissions. No appeal has been submitted to date with respect to any of these decisions.

Heritage

- The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Project is progressing. A draft of the Illustrated booklet has been finalised and the website is being developed. An event has been planned to take place during Heritage Week.
- The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Interactive Mapping project is also progressing. A draft map has been produced and will be launched during Heritage Week.
- A series of Heritage Week 2025 events have been organised for August.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive

Date: July 2025