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FINANCE, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES & LIBRARY SERVICES

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

(PRELIMINARY May 2025 - FIGURES)

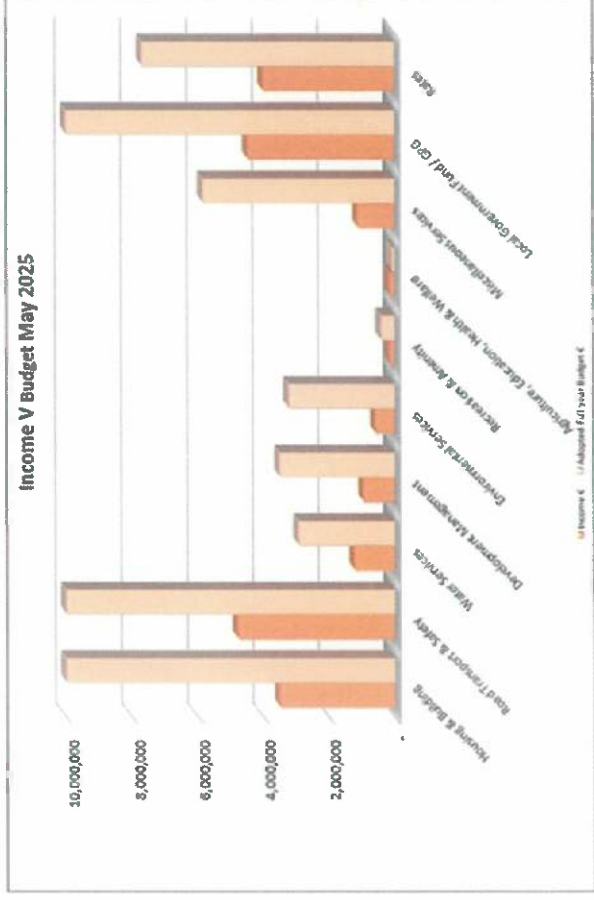
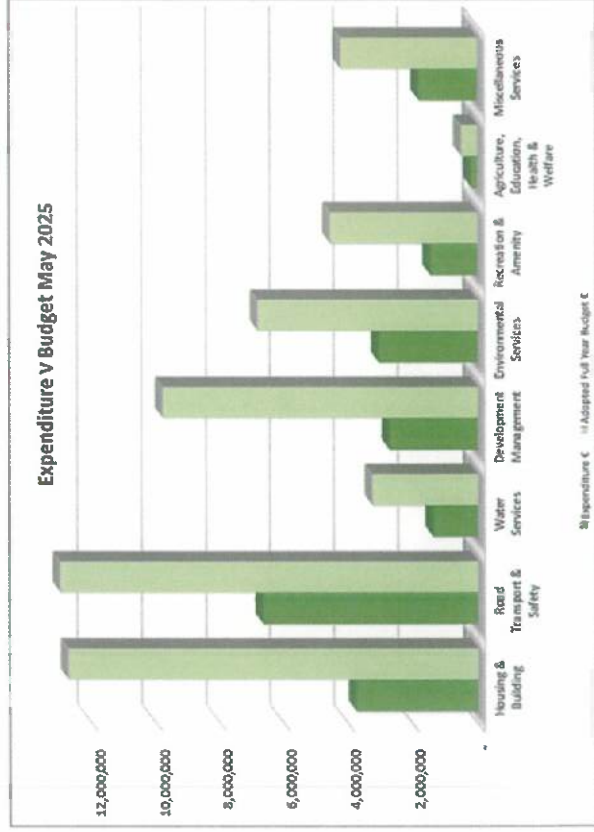
	EXPENDITURE			
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A Housing & Building	3,752,489	12,743,118	29%	8,990,629
B Road Transport & Safety	6,657,517	18,203,368	37%	11,545,849
C Water Services	1,380,362	3,246,837	42%	1,866,475
D Development Management	2,706,481	9,808,667	28%	7,102,186
E Environmental Services	3,040,760	6,832,982	45%	3,792,222
F Recreation & Amenity	1,443,241	4,554,668	32%	3,111,427
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	165,343	497,784	37%	312,441
H Miscellaneous Services	1,798,851	4,232,110	43%	2,433,259
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA Rates			0%	0

€20,945,044	€60,119,532	35%	39,174,489
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	INCOME			Budget outstanding €
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	
A Housing & Building	3,505,636	12,147,236	29%	8,641,600
B Road Transport & Safety	4,781,120	13,527,511	35%	8,746,391
C Water Services	1,230,281	2,922,962	42%	1,692,681
D Development Management	951,833	3,510,597	27%	2,558,764
E Environmental Services	585,146	3,224,033	18%	2,638,887
F Recreation & Amenity	141,864	416,707	34%	274,843
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	142,811	80,183	178%	(62,628)
H Miscellaneous Services	1,117,858	5,850,618	19%	4,732,760
LG Local Government Fund / GPG	4,477,408	10,745,776	42%	6,268,371
RA Rates	4,001,403	7,694,007	52%	3,692,604

€20,935,571	€60,119,532	35%	39,183,962
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NET		Fav/(Unfav) €
Actual Overall Surplus/(Deficit) €		
(246,853)		349,029
(1,876,396)		2,799,459
(130,071)		183,904
(1,754,548)		4,543,522
(2,455,814)		1,153,335
(1,301,277)		2,836,684
(42,532)		375,069
(680,993)		(2,299,501)
4,477,408		(6,268,371)
4,001,403		(3,692,604)
		(9,473)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF May, 2025

- The 2024 unaudited AFS are complete.

May 2025 - Recourse to Overdraft

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Interest Incurred

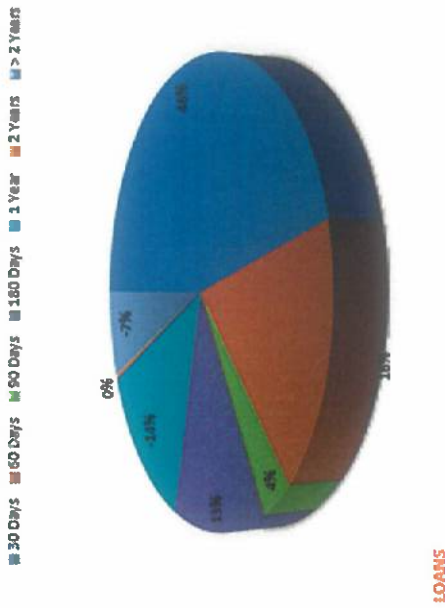
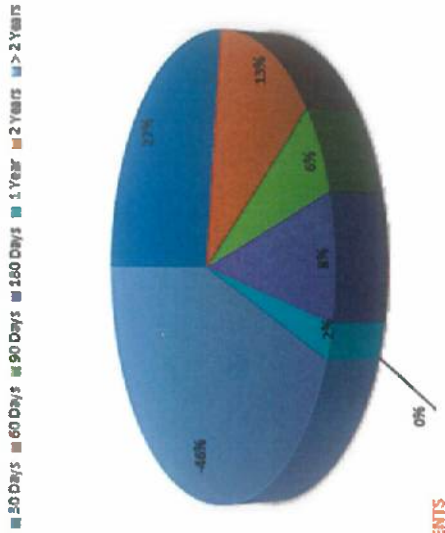
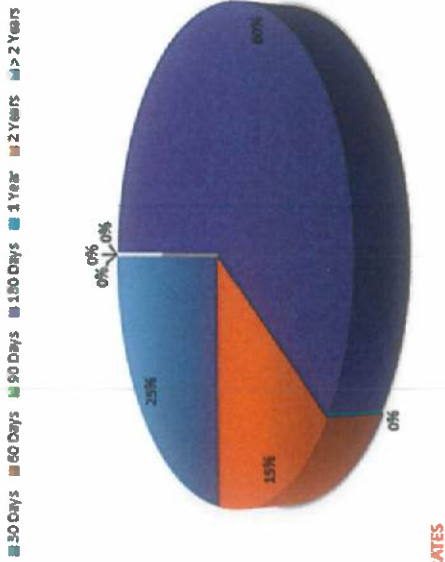
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No. of Days in Overdraft during May 2025

2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD			YTD			COMMENTARY
	€ May-25	€ May-24	€ FY 2024	% May-25	% May-24	% FY 2024	
Housing Rents	€1,251,133	€1,205,405	€2,913,258	96%	94%	99%	Rents collection % ahead of May 2024.
Commercial Rates	€4,001,403	€3,008,993	€6,412,925	44%	36%	80%	Rates collection % ahead of May 2024.
Housing Loans	€140,605	€48,251	€309,577	94%	73%	88%	Loans collection % ahead of May 2024.

May 2025 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	€4,004,662	€0	€1,026,570	€1,703,289
RENTS	€138,169	€65,585	€29,152	€39,811	€11,507	€0	€228,183
LOANS	€23,030	€8,341	€1,848	€6,405	€7,039	€170	€3,390

CLIMATE ACTION

1. Lunch & Learn series continued with speaker No. 4 Professor Neil Hewitt from University Ulster on Barriers and Pathways in developing a Decarbonising Zone (7 May 2025)
2. Climate Action participated in the EirGrid Roadshow (Landmark Hotel, 7 May 2025) stand (with LEO & TR) and speaker slot (with TR). Other speakers EirGrid, ESB Networks & SEAI. EirGrid & ESBN committed to decarbonise the electricity grid alongside twin track approach to facilitate improvement in energy efficiency of the end user.
3. SEAI Critical Success Scorecard annual review (13 May 2025). Energy performance has improved 10.2% against 2030 target (a 39.8% shortfall). Fossil fuel emissions have increased 2.8% over baseline. Leitrim CC making progress but not at the pace required and is one of the worst performers in comparison with other Local Authorities.

LA Individual Performance-Based on Tonnes of CO2 Emissions (Fossil Fuels)

Public Body	Fossil CO2			
	Tonnes	% of PS	Changes since BL	On trajectory
Dublin City Council	11,843	15%	8%	⊗
Cork County Council	5,904	7%	10%	⊗
Donegal County Council	5,543	7%	18%	⊗
Berry County Council	4,454	6%	14%	⊗
Tipperary County Council	3,212	4%	5%	⊗
Waterford City & County Council	3,095	4%	8%	⊗
Wexford County Council	2,990	4%	0%	⊗
Fingal County Council	2,898	4%	7%	⊗
Cork City Council	2,861	4%	29%	⊗
Meath County Council	2,730	3%	5%	⊗
Wicklow County Council	2,617	3%	8%	⊗
South Dublin County Council	2,539	3%	14%	⊗
Galway County Council	2,326	3%	19%	⊗
Mayo County Council	2,320	3%	22%	⊗
Limerick City & County Council	2,241	3%	11%	⊗
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	2,069	3%	18%	⊗
Kildare County Council	2,057	3%	15%	⊗
Clare County Council	2,017	3%	2%	⊗
Westmeath County Council	1,935	2%	10%	⊗
Roscommon County Council	1,672	2%	13%	⊗
Galway City Council	1,662	2%	10%	⊗
Kilkenny County Council	1,626	2%	2%	⊗
Louth County Council	1,467	2%	27%	⊗
Sligo County Council	1,355	2%	1%	⊗
Leois County Council	1,274	2%	4%	⊗
Offaly County Council	1,210	2%	10%	⊗
Cavan County Council	1,086	1%	8%	⊗
Monaghan County Council	997	1%	6%	⊗
Leitrim County Council	888	1%	20%	⊗
Carlow County Council	798	<1%	5%	⊗
Longford County Council	744	<1%	9%	⊗

Figure 1 Screenshot from CARO webinar 30 May 2025

4. Met with CARO on potential ERDF opportunity for DZ projects for Northwest Region, themes of adaptation & biodiversity (14 May 2025). Leitrim CC expressed interest in 'shovel ready' biodiversity enhancement projects.
5. CARO webinar series to build capacity whole-of-Council CA team continued; Climate & Weather (4 May 2025), Green to Grass (17 May 2025), Energy Performance (30 May 2025).
6. Attended invitation event 'Explore the Future of Our Planet' organised by Queen's University Belfast Climate Justice (Presenter Gaia Vince, science writer and broadcaster).
7. Climate Action & Rediscovery Centre partnered for *Rediscover Fashion Leitrim* in the Dock on 23 May 2025 as part of *The Gathering*. Repair café and swap rail, 'Upcycled Denim Coaster Workshop' & 'Macramé Plant Hanger Workshop'.
8. Lover Where You Live competition for primary schools (theme of Climate Action) judging and prize giving concluded May 2025.
9. Management Order issued for Lot(i) District Heating Feasibility Study (AECOM Ireland Limited). Preparatory engagement on Services Agreement ongoing in May 2025.

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.

A mid process report on progress of administering the Programme was issued to the Department Environment, Climate Communications (9 May 2025).

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Stray Dogs	2
Surrendered Dogs	4
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	12
Dogs Reclaimed	2
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Dog Fouling Complaints	1
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	4
Dog Licence Inspections	54
Dogs Neutered	4
Neutering Vouchers Issued	5
Dogs Micro-Chipped	1
Fines Issued – Dogs	2
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	5
School/ Community Workshops	2
Social Media Posts	48
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	40
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	1300
Equines Seized	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	1

Town Regeneration

Croí Conaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Between April and May 2025, 17 new applications were received, bringing the total number of applications from January to May 2025 to 37. During this reporting period, 26 grant payments were processed, relating to applications submitted in 2023 and 2024.

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

A contract has been entered into with Studio Myco for the preparation of a Town Centre First Plan for Manorhamilton. Studio Myco conducted a workshop with the transition year students of St. Clare's Comprehensive in Manorhamilton on Thursday, 01st May 2025. The first public consultation for the Plan took place at the Farmer's Market, Manorhamilton on Friday, 02nd May 2025 along with launching online survey forms for the public, businesses and artists to complete. Studio Myco are currently in the process of analysing and collating responses received.

Kinlough, Dromahair & Ballinamore Town & Village Suite of Supports Funding

Minister Humphreys announced that Ballinamore, Dromahair and Kinlough were awarded €10,000 per town, under the Town Centre First, Town Team Support Fund. The funding may be used to support the establishment and/or development of town teams where they are not already well established, and to better understand the unique features of towns. Kinlough & Ballinamore have established Town Teams and adopted Constitutions. Work continued by the Dromahair Constitution Working Group on the draft constitution. The next meeting of Dromahair Town Team is scheduled for Tuesday, 17th June 2025 at 6.30pm in Dromahair Library.

Claims for funding were submitted in April 2025 and this has now been recouped from the DRCD.

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".

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.

Local Development SPC

The next meeting of the Local Development SPC is scheduled for 09th June 2025.

COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATION

Age Friendly Programme

Nursing Home Community Linkage Project Roscommon & Leitrim – Pilot programme

- Minister O'Donnell launched the project on the 28th May, visiting two nursing homes in Mohill.
- Community briefing sessions took place on 20th May, morning and afternoon sessions attended by circa 25 service providers and community groups.
- Briefing session for nursing home champions took place on the 29th May. This was an opportunity to train nursing home staff who will act as the point of contact for the coordinator and promote the project in their workplace.

Healthy Ireland

Healthy Ireland continues to work with Sharon Richardson to roll out the Understand Together Campaign to make Leitrim Dementia Friendly. Over the Summer businesses and organisations will be invited to be audited to become Dementia Friendly, and Age Friendly. There will then be an event to celebrate progress for people with

dementia, their carers, friends and owners of Dementia Friendly businesses and organisations. The event will be in The Rainbow Ballroom of Romance and will feature Mike Hanrahan of Stocktons Wing and Sandy Kelly.

Two community events ran on May 15th as part of Mental Health Irelands Nationwide 'Hello! How are You?' awareness day. The events ran in The Bee Park and Breffni FRC. These Tea and Treats music circles were 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 23rd Mike Hanrahan from Stocktons Wing performed to a full house in The Mayflower Drumshanbo for our 'Mayflower Memories' Age Friendly Ireland event. The event targeted people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends. Philip Darcy showcased his Showband Memorabilia Exhibition there in the evening, that contains over 1500 pieces of memorabilia.

Funding has now been received from Pobal for Healthy Ireland Salary and Programme costs and 90% grants for 2025 are being distributed.

Love Where You Live

All entries into The Love Where You Live Schools Competition were visited by Leitrim County Council staff and independent judge, Oisín McGann, Author and illustrator. The theme was climate action. A winner and runner from each MD was chosen and they were presented with a cash prize of €500 and €250.

The Deadline for the 2025 Love Where You Live competition for community and voluntary groups was 26th May. This is a joint initiative of Leitrim Public Participation Network and Leitrim County Council. 65 entries were received across the 5 categories:

Green Community, Green Estate, Age Friendly Community, Social Inclusion and Community Achievement. Judging of entries will take place in late June with all entries being visited by Leitrim County Council Staff Members and Independent judges. The Love Where You Live Awards night will take place on 2nd October.

Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan (1.1)

Tendered Programmes

Contracts have been signed for 4 tendered projects, and we are in the process of organising pre-commencement meetings with the successful contractors:

1. NUI Maynooth Department of Applied Social Studies
2. Women's Collective Ireland CLG
3. Fiorú Software Solutions Ltd T/A VERICONNECT
4. Leitrim Development Company

Capital Projects

Recruitment for a technical resource to manage the delivery of the capital projects is complete with appointment of the successful candidate pending.

Recruitment

Two Development Officer positions have been filled and a Project Officer for the SRC Project has also been appointed. The new staff are due to take up their positions in early June.

The position of a Monitoring Officer for the Council Action Plan has been re-advertised.

PEACEPLUS Shannon side Peace Arena (1.4)

McAdam Design have been formally appointed for the design services for the Shannon side Recreational Campus. An initial online meeting has taken place with the Design Team and an onsite visit will be arranged for later this month.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Integration Team conducted eight clinics. Three clinics focused on Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection; four clinics were onsite in Dromahair IPAS and 1 in Carraig Accommodation IPAS centre. All clinics were identifying needs of the residences/families.

3 Offer A Home activations took place in May accommodating 9 people which are Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection.

The Integration Team lead out the planning of Africa which was held on May 25th from 11am – 4pm at the Junction in Ballinamore. The Integration Team worked in collaboration with Leitrim Development Company, Leitrim Volunteer Centre, Leitrim Intercultural Community Group, Foróige and Ballinamore Towns Team. There were between 150—170 individuals/families in attendance on the day.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Disability

Sports Sessions for young adults with Autism - Leitrim village community hall for young adults, for 6 weeks. Started on the 15th of May

Pilates (N.L.N) for 6 weeks – in Manorhamilton started on the 19th of May.

Special Needs Group Tennis - Started on the 20th of May in Manorhamilton, running for 6 weeks.

Older Adults

Older Adults Community Social Fitness Night - 07th May in Drumreilly

Chair Pilates in Killenumary on the 7th of May suitable for older adults

Chair yoga commenced on 20th May in Breffni FRC 6 weeks

Yoga/Pilates – 24th May in Glencar started for 6 weeks

Body and Soul Day - A full long event in The Bush Hotel focusing on promoting well-being took place on the 19th of May. This event is organised by the Leitrim Development Company, supported by Leitrim Sports Partnership and attended by 140 participants.

Inclusive communities

Inclusive Yoga programme – in Deport Dromahair commenced on 16th May for 6 weeks.

The Gathering ran from 23rd – 25th May

Canadian Canoeing trip – 24th May Dromahair

Kayaking - 24th May Lough Rynn

Canoe trip river boat – 25th May Dromahair

Ag Sugradh Le Chéile (ASLC) or 'Playing Together' is a programme which encourages active play between parents/carers and children the programme was developed by the Health Service Executive and delivered by Leitrim Sports Partnership. Workshops held in Annaduff on 01st May and in Glenfarne on 15th May

Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub

Girls Hip Hop Basketball - Hip Hop mixed with Basketball on Wednesday evenings for Girls 8-11

Bike Week - Balance Bike Programme for 3-5 year olds at the Mayflower on Saturday May 17th

Adult Barbell Blast- Strength Based exercises with a focus on barbell exercise for female adults

Active for Life - Mobility and Functional movement for Active Age group

ESF Social Innovation in Sport Programmes

Traveller Ladies Wellness for me programme - Ladies aged 30-60 participating in weekly Aqua Aerobics and Gym classes in Aura Leisure Centre.

Traveller Teens In this together programme - Teenage girls aged 12-13 participating in weekly outdoor programmes to improve physical fitness.

Ashdale Youth Group - young girls engaging in a range of physical activities to improve their social skills and physical fitness.

DV Ladies Stronger for ever - Female victims of domestic violence and Children take part in fun weekly activities to improve their self-esteem.

Mental Health Week - HSE Mental Health Group - Week #1 @lough Allen Adventure 5-week programme

Safeguarding 2 & 3 workshops - 3 Workshops over the month

Couch to 5km - Week 3 of the Programme (Cloone, Mohill)

Paddle up Kayaking – attended by 117 participants from Carrigallen Vocational School, Ballinamore Community School and Carrick On Shannon Community School

First Aid TY Programme - Manorhamilton CS attended by 52 participants

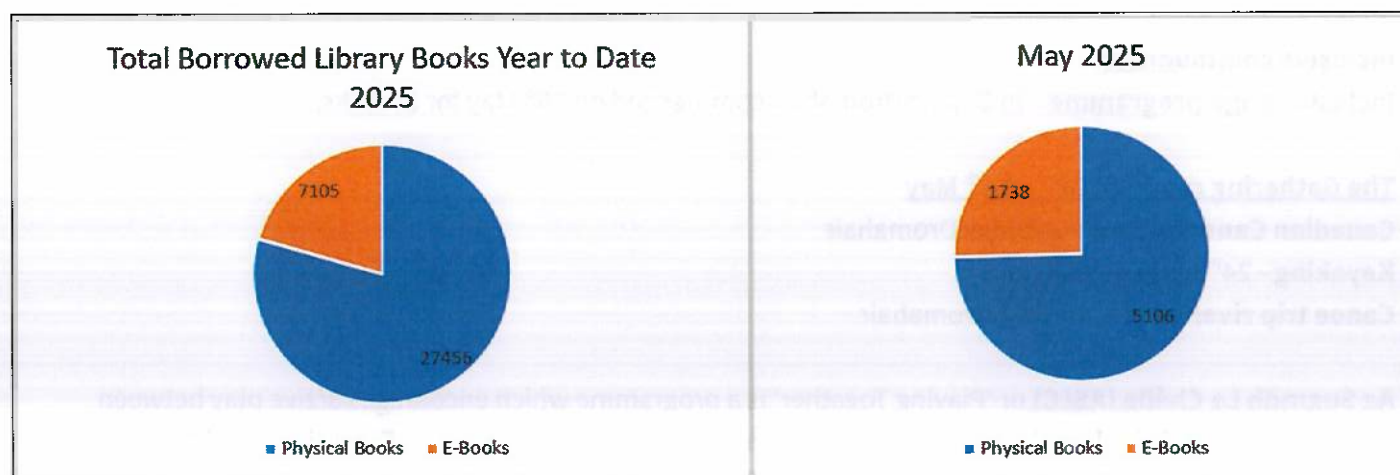
Development Officer Conference – held in Dublin was attend by all LSP Staff

Bike Week is a national celebration that promotes cycling as a fun, healthy, and sustainable mode of transport and recreation. In Ireland, it is typically held every year in May. Bike Week encourages people of all ages and abilities to:

- Try cycling for the first time or get back into it
- Use the bike more often for commuting, school runs, or leisure
- Understand the environmental and health benefits of cycling
- Take part in community-led cycling events

A total of 1,267 participated across 27 events.

LIBRARY SERVICES



There were 177 new library memberships recorded for May. There were almost 8,500 visits to libraries across the county with 7,757 active library members for May.

During the month all libraries were busy with the usual events such as reading and writing groups, knitting and craft sessions, language and games sessions as well as the following:

- Early learning Centres and primary school class visits continued in all branch libraries
- Adult creative writing sessions continued in Kiltyclogher and Carrigallen Library
- Adult Guidance Information Day took place in Manorhamilton library

- The launch of a newly formed craft group called 'Craft Circle' took place in Dromahair Library on 27th May

My Little Library Book Bag 2025 was launched in May with a national press release on Friday 9th May. As part of the initiative, a 'My Little Library Book Bag' is available free for every child starting school in 2025 to help them to prepare for this big step.

The Leitrim Gathering event hosted by the Local Studies Librarian was well attended on Saturday 24th. The talk 'where trains once ran' by Pdraig Griffin drew a crowd of 36 people. The 'Leitrim Gaelic Games: Reflections and Memories' Exhibition was displayed in Ballinamore Library on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th.

There were 59 submissions for the Young Historian Awards 2025 from 3 secondary schools. The Local Studies Librarian attended the awards ceremonies in Ballinamore Community School (22 students), Carrigallen Vocational School (32 students) and Lough Allen College (5 Students). The overall YHA was awarded to Rose Gannon from Ballinamore Community School for her project about Crummy Townland, in Kiltubrid Parish.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Broadband/STEM Initiatives

Two national schools are taking part in the National Microsoft Dream Space showcase in early June, visits to the schools to support the groups taking part were scheduled in May. Ongoing updating of the connected community's website in May. National Schools were notified of the VEx Robotics Programme for Sept with a number expressing an interest.

Digital Strategy

Work has now commenced on the consultation for the new strategy with a few public consultation sessions in May 2025. Meetings with staff from various depts within the Local Authority also took place to get their input on the new strategy. The consultation survey has been widely distributed both inside and outside the organisation.

County Promotion

Progress has been made with the Irish Embassy in London along with representatives from a few neighbouring local authorities with a view to confirming an inter County promotion event for November 27th 2025. Planning meetings are also taking place with the LEO team around the Smart Towns and Village Conference for October 2025.

Meetings with members of the Carrick Campus advisory group have taken place with a view to hosting an event in September 2025 at Carrick Business Campus.

Leitrim Diaspora

A key initiative in the Leitrim Diaspora Strategy, "The Leitrim Gathering" took place on the weekend of Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th May. The county was alive with activity as many events took place across Leitrim to celebrate the culture, community and craic. Event organisers have been contacted by the CE with thanks for all their efforts and there is currently a survey available for them to complete online to gauge their feedback on the event overall. Final tasks are continuing with regards to closing things off (such as payments to event organisers and the procurement of photo and video content at the events).

Leitrim Economic Forum and Global Business Network

The 1st meeting of the Leitrim Economic Forum took place on 13th May; two main milestones were defined- 1) the Development of a Skills Strategy for the county and a Leitrim Business Summit event scheduled for 2026. Sub-groups of the Economic Forum have also been established to take these priorities forward.

Work continued activities arising from the 1st meeting of the Leitrim Global Business Network which took place on 7th April. A further meeting is scheduled for 9th June.

DRCD Funded Schemes

The CLÁR scheme funding scheme closed on 16th May and had a very strong interest. The Town and Village scheme remains open until 6th June.

Leitrim County Council Project Development Grant

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

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training, Mentoring & Export

This month we ran an online [Canva for Beginners Training](#) course and an in person Start Your Own Business weekend course.

Women from across counties Leitrim, Longford and Westmeath came together on the 29th of May in The Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon to attend a Tri County Women in Business event. The aim of strengthening connections and collaboration among women entrepreneurs across the three counties. The event was hosted by Ruth Larkin from Lark Bridal. She was accompanied by three guest business speakers from Leitrim, Longford & Westmeath, all of whom shared their entrepreneurial journeys to date.

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

Participation in the Interreg Europe Digital Rural Project continues. Leitrim County Council are a partner on the project to examine ways to improve policies for the development of smart towns and villages. The project will run until 2028. A short explainer video was developed by Leitrim County Council as the communication partner on the project and can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzeaoGQa10&feature=youtu.be>

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. 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

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.

Creative Heartlands

Creative Heartlands is continuing its programme of training, workshops and events for the Design and Film sectors in Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon. Funding for various programmes has been received from Enterprise Ireland, Skillnet, National Talent Academy and Leader.

Mohill RRDF

A painting scheme is currently being rolled out in Mohill. This is funded under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

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 May, the tender went on e-tenders to get a consultant on board to develop the regional 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.

Ministerial visit to Steering Committee

Minister Alan Dillon TD, Department of Enterprise, attended the Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Steering committee meeting in May. Regional collaboration, the review of the REPs and rural economic development were key issues discussed.

TOURISM

Marketing Campaign

Filming and audio recordings took place in May for the production of videos for the Sustainable Leitrim Campaign. Footage was captured across the county to showcase its highlights and give visitors a taste of Leitrim's tourism offerings. The campaign, which includes radio, PR, TV, and digital components, will launch in June.

As part of the campaign, RTE's, 'The Today Show' visited the county, with presenter James Patrice recording segments from Drumhierny Woodland Hideaway and The Shed Distillery. Interviews were conducted with guests including Seamus O'Rourke, Adventure Gently, Jinny's Bakery, and Ciara Maxwell, who leads the Marketing Subgroup.

Visitor Information App

The visitor app is now in its final phase of testing, with content being added regularly. A separate promotion of the app is also in development, which will include social media campaigns, digital banners, point-of-sale displays, and training for front-of-house staff to raise awareness and encourage downloads.

Tourism Ireland Webinar

The tourism team attended the Tourism Ireland Slow Tourism webinar, gaining valuable insights into marketing strategies for this sector.

Tourism Forum

The second meeting of the Tourism Forum in 2025 took place in Ballinamore and was well attended. The group discussed the priority actions for the year, which will be implemented by the five subgroups.

Festival and Event Grants Update

Claims for St. Patrick's Day events and festival grants are currently being processed. Promotion of festivals and events continues.

Tourism Officers Network

The tourism officer attended the National Tourism Officers Network meeting in Tallaght, Co. Dublin. This valuable network allows officers to share information and experiences.

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

Social Media Engagement Throughout May, all social media platforms—Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter—were actively managed, resulting in increased engagement across all channels.

Acres Lake Facilities Centre Work on the Acres Lake Facilities Centre is progressing.

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:

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- 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
- Work is ongoing to secure a suitable location for a Material Deposition/Reuse area east of the River Shannon
- The Phase 3 Risk Workshop took place on the 15th of May in the Mullingar Park Hotel
- 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.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme (POS) - Manorhamilton to Cornacloy Phase 2** – This POS commenced in November 2024 and works are now substantially completed. Scheme to be closed out in 2025
- **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.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Stradrine to Esky Bridge** – Consultancy tenders have been received and Consultants will be appointed to commence development of a pavement scheme subject to TII approval.

Realignment of N16

- **Realignment of the N16 at Drummahon** – Works on this Realignment Scheme are now complete. Area office has completed additional residual works. Consultants to complete Stage 4 road safety audit to finalise the scheme.
- **N16 Lissingroagh to Kilmakerril** - Leitrim County Council submitted a Project Information Summary Notice (PISN) & Estimated Total Scheme Budget Sheet to the TII for this proposed minor works scheme.

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
- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** –A revised preliminary design has been submitted to TII and has been approved. Leitrim County Council to prepare documents for Part 8 Planning Approval.
- **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 submitted to the TII for approval, once approved a pedestrian and vulnerable road movement survey will be procured and completed.

Leitrim Greenways & Active Travel Severance Scheme

- **The N16 Manorhamilton VRU Improvement scheme.** - Topographical survey completed in 2024 & Traffic survey completed recently. In conjunction with technical staff of the TII, Leitrim County Council 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. Tenders have been received for the 2025 Bridge Rehabilitation Program; works are due to commence at several bridges. Bridge inventory & Bridge maintenance inspections ongoing.

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R289 Kilcoon** –Design Consultant appointed. Options report approved by Department. Ground Investigations are ongoing with Topo survey to commence.
- **R280 Killarga** – Design Consultant appointed, and Topographical survey completed. Options Report has been completed and approved by the Department. GI contractor appointed and awaiting start. Preparation of Draft Part 8 documents are underway.
- **R280 Loughmurrane 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** – Design Consultant has been appointed, Topographical survey completed, the De-vegetation of the Retaining wall has been completed, Bat survey completed, and Consultant is currently assessing GI Tenders

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The CIS allocation for 2025 is €375,650. This will be divided across the three MDs. There will be five CIS's completed in the Ballinamore MD and three CIS's completed in the Carrick MD. The North Leitrim Office are finalizing their schemes.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The LIS Programme has now been finalised – In total, 5 LIS's will be completed – 1 No. in Carrick on Shannon MD, 2 No. in Manorhamilton MD and 2 No. in Ballinamore MD.

Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
24	128

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
5	17

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme

The Grant is €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back, with a new 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 was Friday 31st January 2025.**

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	70

Road Safety

An Garda Síochána in conjunction with the Road Safety Office of Leitrim County Council organized a Table Quiz on 14th May, 2025 for senior cycle Secondary School Students in the County with the topic of the quiz being Road Safety and also “Use your Brain, Not your Fist”. The event was held in the Dock in Carrick on Shannon - 5 Secondary Schools in the County participated in this Road Safety Event. Food was provided to all students and their teachers.

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.

Safe Routes to School – Mohill Community College - Part 8 Planning approved at May MD Meeting. Tender raised on eTenders for Construction – Closing Date 13th June, 2025.

Roosky Bridge Active Travel Measures:

- Consultant gave presentation at May MD Meeting outlining findings of Trial to Members.

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.

Currently at Preliminary Design Stage in house:

- Carrick-on-Shannon Junction tightening/Pedestrian Crossing.
- Carrigallen Active Travel Link.
- Cycle Parking Infrastructure.

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 – Tender raised on eTenders for Construction – Closing date 16th June 2025.
- Delivery Plan received and awaiting design from NTA:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS.
- 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 CAPITAL DELIVERY

Applications and Assessments

Applications:

55 new social housing support applications have been accepted to date in 2025. Currently there are 510 approved housing applicants on our waiting list. A further 12 are within the assessment process and 1 applicant have been allocated a property and await appointment.

New Tenancies To date in 2025:

14 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 1st January 2025 sets out an overall 5-year target for provision of 20 units. At the end of May 2025, the Housing Department have provided **2 no. units** under the Standard Local Authority Housing Scheme.

Housing Grants

2025 Allocation - Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme

The Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage have advised that the Exchequer capital allocation to Leitrim County Council for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People scheme for private homes in 2025 is **€1,162,948**. As claims will be submitted for applications under both the previous schemes and the revised schemes during 2025, the contribution of matched funding from Leitrim County Council will be a minimum of **€205,226** (i.e. depending on the number of claims completed and recouped under the pre 1 December scheme and the number submitted under the revised scheme) to be provided from the authority's own resources. The estimated combined capital allocation to Leitrim County Council is **€1,368,174** on that basis.

A total of 78 Housing Grant Applications has been received to date in 2025. 21 grants have been approved, totalling €117,312.50 in grant funding. 56 applications are under assessment and 1 valid applications are on hand awaiting assessment.

Social Housing Rent Review

The Rent Review is currently being progressed with tenant information being updated in our housing database.

Housing Capital

Social Housing Delivery

The Housing Capital Team continue to progress the delivery of the annual targets under 'Housing for All'. Progress at 31st May 2025 on the social housing (new housing construction dwellings pipelined for delivery) is as follows:

- Work is ongoing 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.

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	Expected Delivery
Drumkeeran	9	Turnkey	Q3/Q4, 2025
Carrick-On-Shannon	18	Direct Build	Q4, 2025
Drumshanbo	4	Turnkey	Q3, 2025
Drumshanbo	1	Part V	Q3, 2025
Dromod	2	Turnkey	Q4, 2025
Keshcarrigan	4	Direct Build	Q4, 2025
Total anticipated delivery	38		

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 28th May 2025.

Housing Maintenance

Private Rented Inspection Programme 2025

The Housing Department has an annual target to inspect accommodation in the private rented sector. In 2025, a total of 326 properties will be inspected and several properties may also have to be re-inspected to monitor compliance with the standards where any issues were identified in the initial inspection. (*The indicative target for the number of inspections in 2025 is 326 and this may be subject to change at a later date).

2025 Target for Inspection	No. of inspections completed on 31 st May, 2025	% Complete on 31 st May 2025 out of the overall target
326*	292	89.50%

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 31 st May, 2025	% Complete on 31 st May 2025 out of the overall target.
219*	41	18.70%

Energy Efficiency

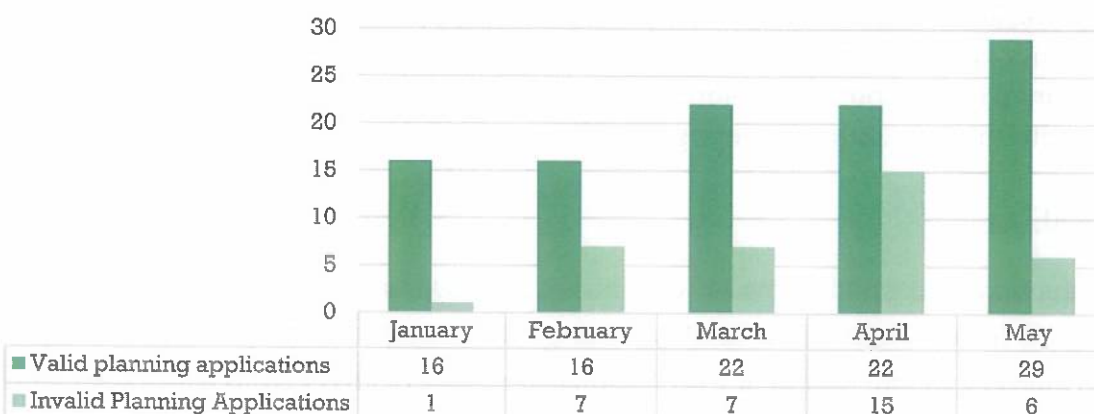
The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Scheme is ongoing with the focus on targeting the houses with the lowest BER rating. In 2025, the Department has set a target of 16 units and progress is on track for delivery by Q4, 2025.

Estate Management Grant Scheme

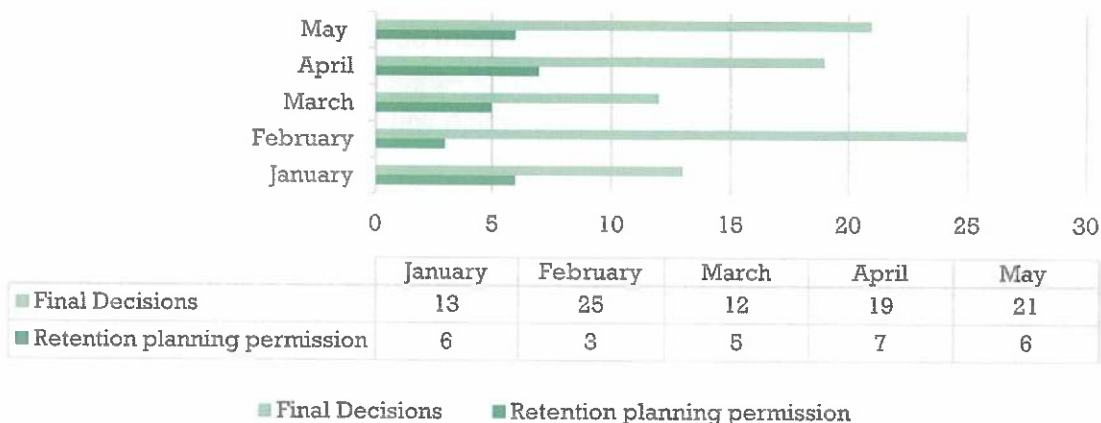
At the end of May applications had been paid to ten Local Authority Estate Residents Associations and a further ten applications were received and will be paid a flat-rate contribution by Leitrim County Council under the scheme during the month of June. The deadline for submission of completed applications was extended to 30th May 2025.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning Applications January - May 2025



Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - May 2025



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

Further Information Requests

Two no. Local Authority own proposed developments were approved at the Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District meeting in May – the proposed improvements to existing active travel infrastructure provisions outside and along routes to St. Manchán's National School and Mohill Community School and the proposed THRIVE Town hall project in Carrick-on-Shannon.

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 7th April 2025 at their respective Carrick-on-Shannon and Boyle Municipal District meetings. The JLAP has taken effect from 19th 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. It is expected that this will be submitted to the Elected Members with the July Council meeting agenda.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Annual Draft RZLT maps were published on the 31st of January. Landowners had until April 1st 2025 to make submissions with regard to the inclusion of lands as being within scope of the provisions of RZLT or seeking to have such lands dezoned. A total of 7 no. submissions have been received which the Planning Department will consider in the coming weeks. These submissions have been acknowledged.

Heritage

- Three Heritage Events took place as part of The Leitrim Gathering. These were The Big Dig; The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Mobile Museum; and Glenview Folk Museum open Day.
- A number of Heritage Week 2025 events are being organised for August.
- A new Creative Ireland funded project is being developed which will focus on engaging people with traditional knitting practices from Leitrim.
- Consultants have been appointed for *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Short Film* series.
- Consultants have been appointed for *The O'Rourke's of Leitrim Interactive Mapping* project.
- The Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2030 Pre-Draft Public Consultation took place with 68 no. responses received from the public.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: _____

Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive

Date: 12th June 2025