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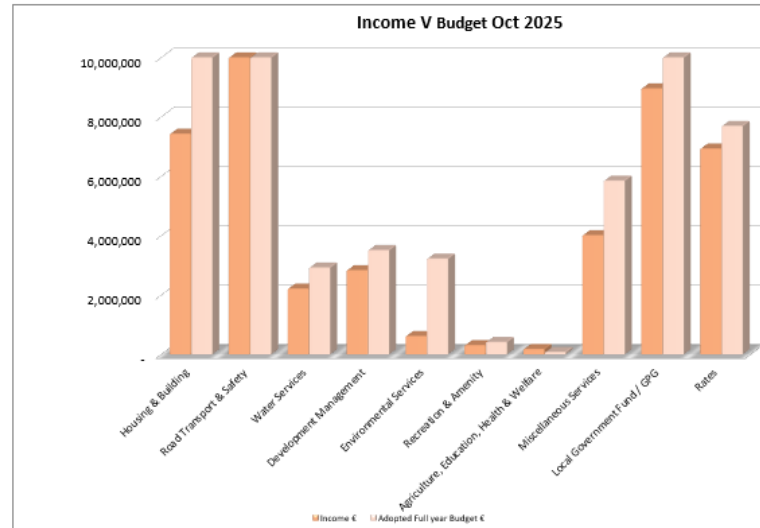
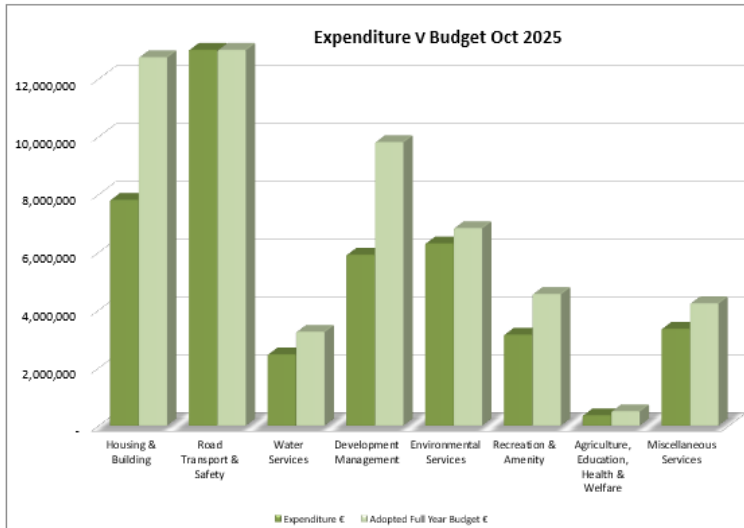
Oct 2025 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY Oct. 2025 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE			
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A	Housing & Building	7,809,232	12,743,118	61%	4,933,886
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,214,263	18,203,366	95%	989,103
C	Water Services	2,464,378	3,246,837	76%	782,459
D	Development Management	5,911,336	9,808,667	60%	3,897,331
E	Environmental Services	6,302,084	6,832,982	92%	530,898
F	Recreation & Amenity	3,146,716	4,554,668	69%	1,407,952
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	357,156	497,784	72%	140,628
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,349,232	4,232,110	79%	882,878
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA	Rates			0%	0
		€46,554,397	€60,119,532	77%	13,565,136

INCOME			
Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €
7,429,450	12,147,236	61%	4,717,786
12,836,037	13,527,511	95%	691,474
2,213,510	2,922,862	76%	709,352
2,832,745	3,510,597	81%	677,852
613,722	3,224,033	19%	2,610,311
307,120	416,707	74%	109,587
178,491	80,183	223%	(98,308)
4,010,962	5,850,618	69%	1,839,656
8,954,815	10,745,778	83%	1,790,963
6,930,053	7,694,007	90%	763,954
€46,306,906	€60,119,532	77%	13,812,626

NET	
Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
(379,782)	216,100
(4,378,225)	297,630
(250,868)	73,107
(3,078,591)	3,219,479
(5,688,362)	(2,079,413)
(2,839,596)	1,298,365
(178,665)	238,936
661,730	(956,778)
8,954,815	(1,790,963)
6,930,053	(763,954)
(247,491)	(247,491)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Oct, 2025

- The 2024 AFS audit was finalised in October.
- The 2026 Budget was drafted in October.

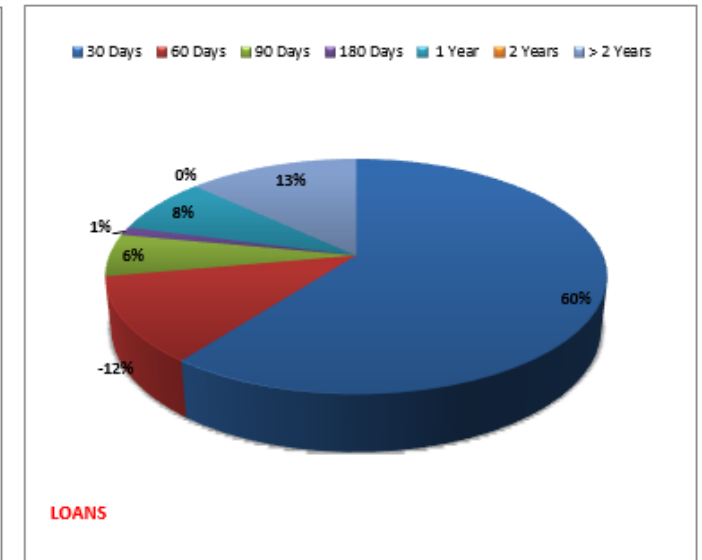
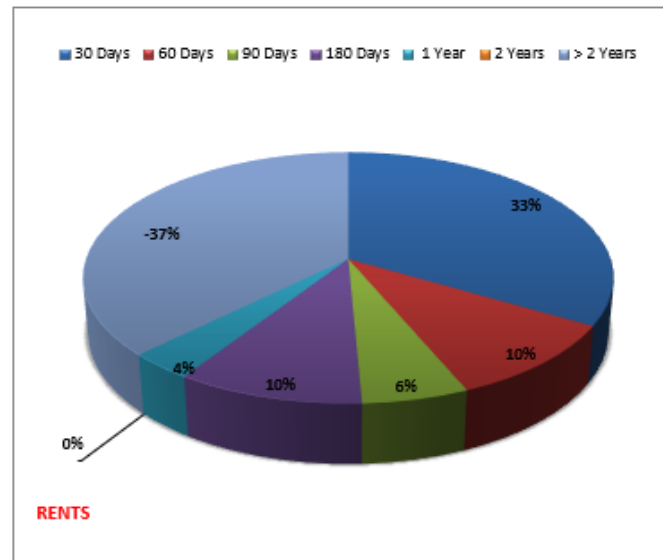
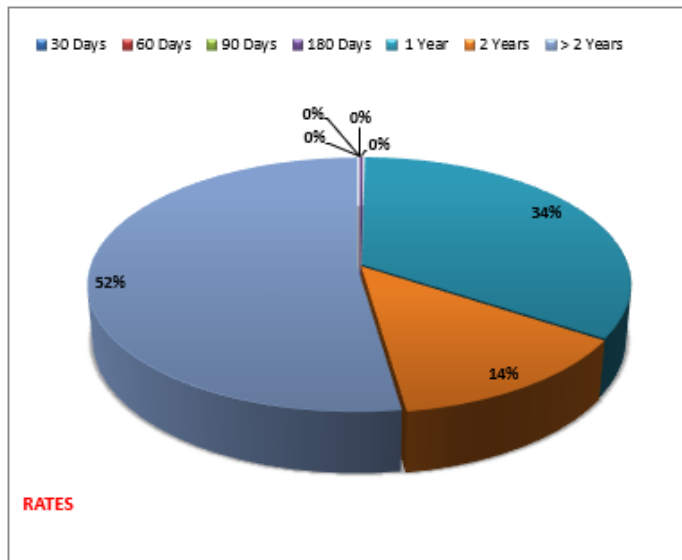
2025 - Collection Rates

	YTD		
	€ Oct-25	€ Oct-24	€ FY 2024
Housing Rents	€2,493,426	€2,429,325	€2,913,258
Commercial Rates	€6,930,053	€5,828,696	€6,412,325
Housing Loans	€313,816	€256,892	€309,577

	YTD		
	% Oct-25	% Oct-24	% FY 2024
Housing Rents	96%	97%	99%
Commercial Rates	76%	71%	80%
Housing Loans	96%	86%	88%

COMMENTARY
Rents collection % consistent with Oct 2024.
Rates collection % ahead of Oct 2024.
Loans collection % ahead of Oct 2024.

Oct 2025 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€0	€0	-€8,616	€1,323,318	€522,985	€2,034,661
RENTS	€118,920	€36,182	€20,119	€35,271	€12,357	€0	-€132,685
LOANS	€26,408	-€5,138	€2,552	€507	€3,391	€0	€5,726

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. Confirmation from SEAI on 100% funding of Lot(ii) of the District Heating Study (9 October 2025). Lot (ii) study will further develop on the potential for Carrick-on-Shannon (Review and identify preferred heat source, stakeholder engagement, heat demand profile development, heat demand profile development, development of pipework distribution network, highways coordination, techno-economic modelling).
2. Eastern & Midlands CARO Border sub regional meeting (10 October 2025), minutes available.
3. Leitrim Climate Action Week was held 13 – 19 October 2025 in alignment with An Taisce. In total there were 31 no events advertised either online or on location around Co. Leitrim. There were 15 no events organised directly by Leitrim County Council (some in partnership with community groups), 9 no events organised directly by Leitrim community groups and 7 organised by An Taisce or adjoining local authorities.
4. Key events - Biodiversity film for Carrick & Mohill secondary schools (Cineplex, 13 October 2025), Community Garden Open Day (Mohill, 14 October 2025) WaterLANDS event (Ballinaglera, 15 October 2025), Household Energy Clinic (Drumshanbo, 16 October 2025), Container Gardening (Organic Centre, 17 October 2025) and Seed Saving Workshop (19 October 2025). 3 no staff lunch and learn sessions, theme of improving household energy efficiency from Sligo Leitrim Energy Agency (SLEA) (2 no) and Pio Byrnes in his work with Glinsk SEC.
5. LGMA & CARO Fleet Management event (15 October 2025).
6. Meeting of the Decarbonising Zone (DZ) taskforce (16 October 2025), minutes available. Event in Leitrim CA Week with SLEA to encourage home retrofitting in the DZ.
7. Energy WG meeting (20 October 2025) focus on Energy Elephant and Reduce Your Use Campaign.
8. Lough Allen College event for TY students on completion of Erasmus+ project which included a study on waste management (21 October 2025). Leitrim CC hosted an event in the Chamber in April this year as part of this project.
9. Subset of the Climate Action Committee visited the Erne Campus Enniskillen (23 October 2025), first public building in the UK to achieve Passive Premium and BREEAM ratings.
10. The LASNTG Climate Action Training Programme webinars continued in Autumn to build capacity in the whole of Council CA team with Forestry Programme 2023 – 2027 (18 September 2025), Climate Goals in Transport (3 October 2025) & National Bioeconomy Action Plan (17 October 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. Project delivery at c. 60% for both strands.

Phase 2 was formally rolled out for Strand 1 (€300,000 available for community climate action projects) on 21 October 2025. There were 3 public information events in the Library of each electoral area; 13 October (Ballinamore), 14 October (Manorhamilton), 15 October (Carrick-on-Shannon) during Leitrim CA Week. Presentation to SPC Local Development (6 October 2025)

Biodiversity Action Plan

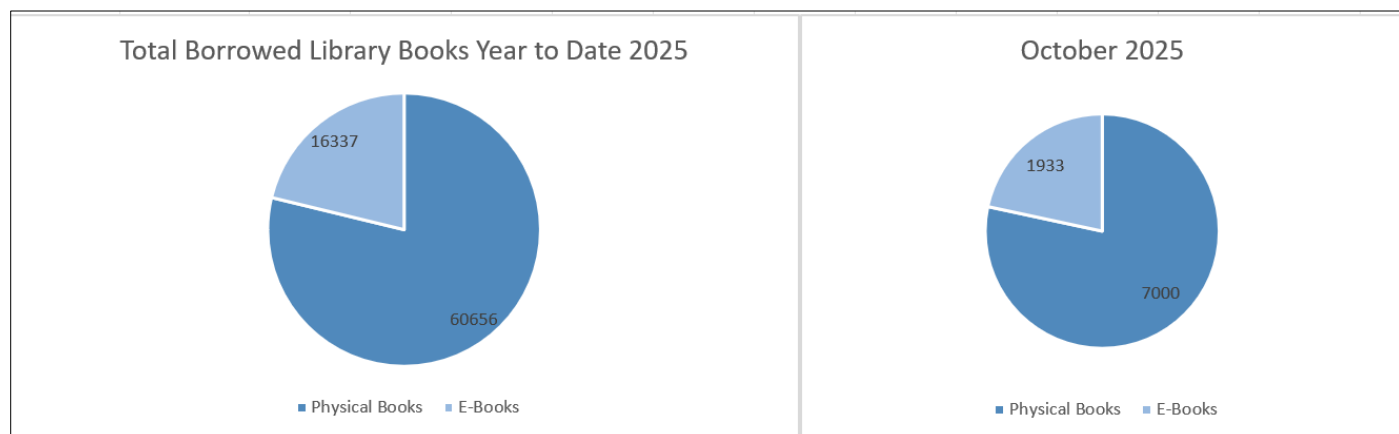
The draft Biodiversity Action Plan opened for public consultation on 13 October 2025 (until 10 November 2025). The period includes 5 no. public consultation information events across all 3 electoral areas to facilitate public information and participation in the process.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Stray Dogs	3
Surrendered Dogs	1

Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	2
Dogs Reclaimed	2
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	1
Dog Fouling Complaints	1
Barking Complaints	3
Livestock Attacks	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	4
Dog Licence Inspections	117
Dogs Neutered	5
Neutering Vouchers Issued	0
Dogs Micro-Chipped	3
Fines Issued – Dogs	0
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	3
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	40
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3700
Equines Seized	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	3

LIBRARY SERVICES



Almost 9,000 visits were made to the libraries over the course of the month and there were 201 new members who joined Leitrim library Service in October.

During the month of October, the usual events such as book club and writer group meetings as well as craft groups, exercise classes, scrabble, bridge and language sessions took place. There was good usage of the Sensory Room at Mohill Library and Cubbie at Manorhamilton Library.

Children's Book Festival

A wide range of events took place across the Leitrim library branch network during Children's Book Festival, celebrating creativity, storytelling, and community engagement. Each branch contributed to a vibrant programme that welcomed children, families, and schools into the library spaces.

- Carrick-on-Shannon Library hosted a festive Halloween-themed Storytime session led by Grainne. The event was followed by a creative Bookmark Workshop, where children crafted spooky Halloween bookmarks, combining literacy with hands-on artistic expression.
- Dromahair Library offered open Makerspace sessions throughout the month, facilitated by Stuart Lawn. These sessions were attended by both adults and children, providing an opportunity to explore creative STEAM technologies in an informal and engaging environment.
- Manorhamilton Library welcomed storyteller and illustrator Wayne O'Connor for a lively Storytime session attended by students from St. Clare's and Masterson National Schools. Wayne also visited Mohill and Drumshanbo Libraries as part of the festival celebrations, bringing his unique storytelling style to children across the region.
- Ballinamore Library hosted two highly successful Children's Book Festival events, welcoming approximately 80 children from two local schools. The young attendees enjoyed energetic and engaging Storytime sessions led by Wayne O'Connor and Senior Library Assistant Sarah Garden.

Healthy Leitrim

The Friends of Breastfeeding Support Group hosted a special Halloween event in collaboration with Healthy Ireland, marking the launch of their new fortnightly meet-up in Ballinamore Library.

As part of the Healthy Ireland initiative, Maj Cunningham delivered an informative talk on Healthy Bones, which drew a highly engaged audience. Many attendees are also participants in "Build a Stronger, More Mobile You", a weekly course led by Dillon Keane, making Maj's talk a perfect complement by providing the theory behind the practice. Build a stronger more mobile you Chair Exercises with Dillon Kane continue in Drumshanbo and are very well intended.

Ciorcal Comhrá/ Irish Language

Irish Language session continues to attract strong attendance and enthusiasm in Ballinamore, Mohill and Dromahair library.

Local studies

The Local Studies Librarian hosted an interesting talk by Liam McNiffe about the 1852 Leitrim Election. 30 people attended and it was a very engaging event between the presenter and the audience. A digital version of the talk and PowerPoint presentation will be hosted on www.leitrimdoc.ie

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Digital Placemaking Strategy

The strategy “Digital Placemaking: A Strategy for a Connected Leitrim” was launched by Minister Dara Calleary for at the Reimagining Rural Ireland (Smart Towns and Villages) National Conference held at Lough Rinn Castle on 13th October.

STEM Passport for Inclusion- Maynooth University & ATU

4 Secondary Schools in Leitrim have been approved to take part in the STEM Passport for Inclusion programme Level 6 Award for TY students. Maynooth and ATU have scheduled workshop dates for each of the schools and will deliver the workshops in the County; some are taking place in the schools, and some sessions are in hubs adjacent to the schools.

Broadband Connection Points – Upgrade of BCP equipment

The upgrade of the BCP equipment for the 12 BCP sites is almost complete with one to be finalised.

Carrick on Shannon Business Campus

Building on the completed feasibility study for a proposed Enterprise Hub at Carrick on Shannon Business Campus, work advanced on planning for a tender for consultancy services to develop a suite of work packages to move the project from concept validation to implementation readiness, through the development of a comprehensive business, design and governance framework. The tender was published on the eTenders platform on 31st October and closes on 8th December.

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.

Plans are being advanced to host a breakfast meeting with Leitrim Diaspora in London on Nov 28th. Attended by Minister Dara Calleary, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, the Smart Towns and Village Conference 2025 ‘Reimagining Rural Ireland’, was held on 13th October 2025.

The “Powering Up – Scaling for Impact” event at Carrick Campus, hosted by Norah Casey and involving two panel discussions of entrepreneurs and advisors, took place on 3rd October.

Leitrim Diaspora

Works continues on the development of the framework for the Leitrim Diaspora Strategy, 2026-2030. Meetings of both the Diaspora Working Group and Steering Groups are planned for November.

Leitrim Economic Forum and Global Business Network

There were no meetings of the above groups in October, the next meetings of the groups are on the 5th and 10th December, respectively.

DRCD Funded Schemes

The Department hosted a national conference in Athlone during October with speakers giving presentations on all the schemes. The Island Theatre were the only community group to be selected by the Department to give a presentation on their project.

The RRDF funding announcements were made during October, a total of 30 approvals were made throughout the country, of one which was The Arroo Centre, Kinlough, who received funding of €572,334.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training, Mentoring & Export

A large number of people received training in October as we ran a series of courses such as a 1:1 Marketing Review Clinic, How to Save Your Business Money on Energy Bills; Intellectual Property Office of Ireland Information Session; CapCut App Training as well as a Start Your Own Business training course. We also commenced a Management Development Training Programme for the Creative Sector called 'Preparing for Retail and Trade Shows' and this course will conclude in the new year. LEO Leitrim also supported our Council colleagues in preparing for the Powering Up – Scaling For Impact event which took place in Carrick Business Campus on the 3rd October.

On the 1st of October we ran an in-person training event aimed at Creating Inclusive Workplaces That Help Attract and Keep Great People and a separate session looking at How Self-Employed People in the Creative Sector Can Work on Their Terms, in Their Way. We were incredible lucky to have secured an international speaker, Pete Wharmby, to facilitate these sessions and the feedback from both were very positive.

National Women's Enterprise Day 2025

Nearly 100 female entrepreneurs, business owners, and managers from across the Northwest gathered at Lough Rynn Castle Estate in Mohill on October 16th. The event, hosted by the Local Enterprise Offices of Leitrim and Sligo, carried the inspiring theme "*Rebel Minds: Women Redefining Enterprise.*" The evening featured a keynote address by Miriam Simon, an award-winning Business Strategist and Peak Performance Mentor with three decades of experience spanning both corporate and entrepreneurial sectors. Joining Miriam for a panel discussion were Joanna Frivet, Lawyer and Founder of LegalMoov, an Irish legal tech platform and Anna Mannion, Founder of Tri Moon Films Ltd. The event also featured a dynamic networking session led by writer and producer Maeve McCormack, who served as M.C. for the evening and brought great energy to the discussions.

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:

Smart Towns & Villages Conference: Re-imaging Rural Ireland- Smart Over 120 people attended the conference 2025 at Lough Rynn Castle, Mohill on 13th October. Hosted by Leitrim County Council, the event explored how digital innovation and local leadership can transform rural Ireland. Keynotes, expert panels, and interactive sessions inspired ideas and stronger community connections.

Interreg Europe Digital Rural: Leitrim continues its partnership under Interreg Europe. The Digital Rural Project empowers rural communities through smart technologies and collaborative policymaking to foster sustainable regional development. In October 2025 Leitrim hosted over 50 project partners and stakeholders from Estonia, Latvia, Crete, The Netherlands, Poland and Slovenia.

PEACE Plus – DS3 Project

The DS3 Project under PEACE Plus (Smart Towns & Villages) launches in November 2025, running until January 2028. It promotes cross-border collaboration through ICT in community services and economic activity. Leitrim County Council leads Work Package 2, with one contract awarded for a mobile fab lab and another tender currently live.

Creative Heartlands

Screen Ireland funding has been secured and a new programme of training and mentoring for the screen sector has been developed. The programme launched in October and will run until May 2026. This will cover Leitrim, Sligo, and Roscommon.

Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation

Northwest Vision 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. There has been a number of working groups with hypotheses presented to the working group. Leitrim CoCo is represented on the project by Director of Economic Development and the NW Programme Manager. The outcome will be refined towards Christmas with an output event in January.

Energy working group

A multi-agency supported project is underway 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. This package was kicked off in October. Leitrim CoCo is represented on the project by Director of Economic Development and the NW Programme Manager.

10xNW 2026

Following a very successful event in 2025, a collaborative course of multiple agencies in the Northwest region are coming together to host the 10xNW entrepreneurship exchange in February 2026 in Leitrim. The working group have convened and are planning this.

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 Q1 2026.

TOURISM

Autumn Campaign

The Autumn Campaign ran successfully throughout September and October, culminating in the Halloween break. It achieved excellent engagement across all platforms through a strategic mix of media channels, including radio, video-on-demand, digital advertising, and press coverage. The campaign's central call to action directed audiences to www.enjoyleitrim.com.

Influencer Marketing

In October, travel influencer Chris Connolly, known as 'ExploreWithCriostoir', visited Leitrim and showcased some of the county's standout experiences. His itinerary included scenic walking trails, Glencar Waterfall, Glenview Museum, and a variety of food and accommodation options. His content will help to amplify Leitrim's appeal to a wider audience.

Irish Stew Podcast Collaboration

Leitrim County Council hosted John Lee and Martin Nutty, co-founders of the US-based *Irish Stew* podcast, which has a global audience across the US, UK, and Australia. During their visit, they conducted interviews with local tourism businesses. The resulting podcast series, sponsored by Tourism Ireland US. The podcast is currently airing and highlights Leitrim's unique offerings.

Interreg Europe Presentation

The Tourism Team presented at the Interreg Europe Digitisation Conference, showcasing the new Leitrim Visitor App. Over 45 participants from partner countries across Europe attended. The presentation highlighted the app's benefits for local businesses, visitors, and communities, reinforcing Leitrim's commitment to digital innovation in tourism.

Visitor App Promotion

A soft launch of the Visit Leitrim App is currently underway. Businesses across the county received branded merchandise and training materials to support the rollout. Social media and digital advertising campaigns have begun, and user insights will be monitored over the coming weeks to guide further refinements.

Festival & Event Grants

Claims for festival and event grants are actively being processed. Promotional support for upcoming events continues, with efforts focused on increasing visibility and driving attendance.

Tourism Officers Network

Leitrim's Tourism Officer attended the Tourism Officers Networking event in Monaghan, engaging with colleagues from other counties. The meeting focused on festival funding strategies and collaborative research, with valuable exchanges on current marketing initiatives.

Social Media Engagement

Throughout October, the Tourism Team maintained active engagement across Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The final phase of the county-wide photography competition was hosted, with winning entries to be featured in the upcoming Leitrim Calendar. These efforts boosted online interaction and strengthened connections with both visitors and the local community.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active Travel Schemes completed by Direct Labour:

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

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

- Aughnasheelin Active Travel Link.
- Pedestrian Crossing – Hilly Road, Drumshanbo.

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.

Section 38 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.

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

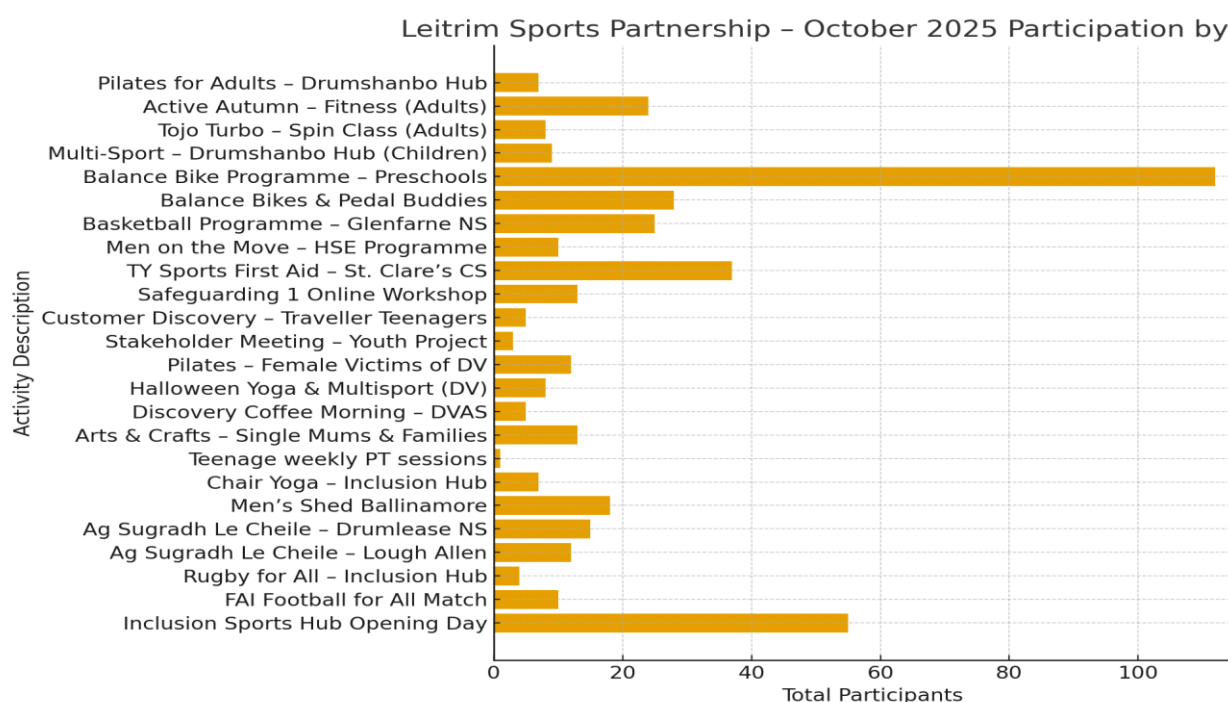
- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Re-Tendering to achieve Value for Money.
- Preliminary Design received from NTA:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumeela NS.
- Delivery Plan received and Design and Part 8 necessary for the following:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Ballinamore Scoill Chlann Naofa.
- Delivery Plan received and Design ongoing:
 - SRTS Rd 3 – Drumshanbo VS.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Bus Shelter Enhancement Programme at Kinlough, Co. Leitrim – Section 38 passed and Contractor appointed to commence construction in November 2025.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

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



Category	Activity Description	Total Participants	Male	Female
Disability	Inclusion Sports Hub Opening Day	55		
Disability	FAI Football for All Match in Showgrounds	10	8	2
Disability	Rugby for All at Leitrim Sports Inclusion Hub	4	4	0
Ag Sugradh Le Cheile	Ag Sugradh Le Cheile at Lough Allen	12	6	6
Ag Sugradh Le Cheile	Ag Sugradh Le Cheile at Drumlease NS	15		
Active Age	Men's Shed Ballinamore	18	18	0
Active Age	Chair Yoga at Leitrim Sports Inclusion Hub	7	0	7
ESF + Social	Teenage weekly PT sessions	1	1	0
ESF + Social	Arts & Crafts for Single Mums and Families – Leitrim School of Art	13	4	9
ESF + Social	Discovery Coffee Morning with DVAS	5	0	5
ESF + Social	Halloween Yoga & Multisport for Female Victims of DV	8	2	6
ESF + Social	Pilates for Female Victims of DV	12	0	12

ESF + Social	Stakeholder Meeting – Leitrim Youth Project	3	0	3
ESF + Social	Customer Discovery Session – Traveller Teenagers	5	0	5
CSDO	Safeguarding 1 Online Workshop	13	6	7
CSDO	TY Sports First Aid Workshop @St. Clare's CS Manorhamilton	37	18	19
CSDO	Men on the Move (HSE Programme)	10	10	0
CSDO	Basketball Programme @Glenfarne NS	25		
CSDO	Balance Bikes & Pedal Buddies	28	15	13
CSDO	Balance Bike Programme – Leitrim Preschools	112	56	56
Drumshanbo Hub	Multi-Sport Programme for Children (8–10 years)	9	9	0
Drumshanbo Hub	Tojo Turbo – Adult Mixed Spin Class	8	7	1
Drumshanbo Hub	Active Autumn – Active Age Fitness	24	1	23
Drumshanbo Hub	Pilates for Adults	7	0	7
Totals		441	165	181

HOUSING

Social Housing Applications and Assessments

To date in 2025, the Housing Department has received a total of **150** new applications for social housing support. Of these, **126** have been assessed – with **97** approved and **29** refused/closed. **2** applications are currently undergoing assessment, while **22** have been deemed invalid and require further information. There are currently **509** approved applicants on the housing waiting list.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029, which commenced on 1st January 2025, sets out a target to deliver 20 accommodation units over a five-year period.

As of 31st October 2025, a total of 6 units has been delivered through the Standard Local Authority Housing Scheme, representing 30% progress toward the overall target. Three of these units were completed during the month of September.

The Housing Department remains focused on progressing delivery in line with the programme's objectives for the remainder of the term.

Housing Grants

Grants Allocation and Expenditure Report – 2025

1. Overview

- Total Allocation for 2025: **€1,368,174**
- Total Expenditure to Date: **€734,685.85**
- Total Number of Grants Paid to Date: **147**

2. Expenditure to Date - Breakdown by Grant Category

2025 Allocation = €1,368,174	Expenditure to Date in 2025	No. of Grants Paid to date under each Grant Category
HOP	€381,162.41	96
HGD	€271,725.60	33
MAG	€81,797.84	18
Totals	€734,685.85	147

3. Estimated Expected Expenditure to End of 2025

Projected expenditure under the programme, covering activity through December 2025 and into January 2026, is currently estimated at €559,208.85. This figure includes:

- €222,539.05 for 44 Housing Aid for Older People Grants (HOP)

- €272,041.80 for 20 Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability Grant (HGD)
- €64,628.00 for 9 Mobility Aids Grants (MAG)

These estimates reflect anticipated costs based on current commitments and expected completions within the reporting period.

4. Housing Grants Under Assessment

As of the date of this report, the following grants are under assessment at the end of October 2025:

Grant Category	No. of Grants	Estimated Value of Grants On Hand (at Old Unit Rates)
HOP	24	€121,384
HGD	15	€204,030
MAG	13	€93,351
Totals	52	€418,765

Social Housing Rent Review 2025

Rent reviews have taken place for tenants who have returned rent review documents that were issued earlier in the year. New rents will be applied to all social housing tenants from the first week in November 2025.

For tenants that did not submit the required documentation or failed to reply, a penalty rent will apply to their account from the first week in November. Housing will then commence the process of assessing all RAS and Leasing Tenants rents for application to their accounts in Mid-November 2025.

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

Acquisitions Programme – October Update

Progress under the Acquisitions Programme continued steadily throughout October. Although no purchases were completed during the month, agreements were reached on four properties with a combined estimated value of €770,000. These properties are in various parts of the county, including Drumkeeran, Manorhamilton, and Ballinamore.

When added to commitments carried forward from previous years (€976,957), the total value of committed acquisitions now stands at €1,746,957. This leaves a remaining budget of €253,043 from the €2 million allocation provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for 2025. It is expected that the agreed purchases will be finalised by the end of December 2025. The programme continues to prioritise the identification of suitable properties to address housing needs across the county.

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 31 st October 2025	% Complete on 31 st October 2025 out of the overall target
326*	310	95.09%

Note: Previous Report showed inspection figures rather than dwellings inspected.

There are 310 dwellings inspected, and 335 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). The revised target is 252.

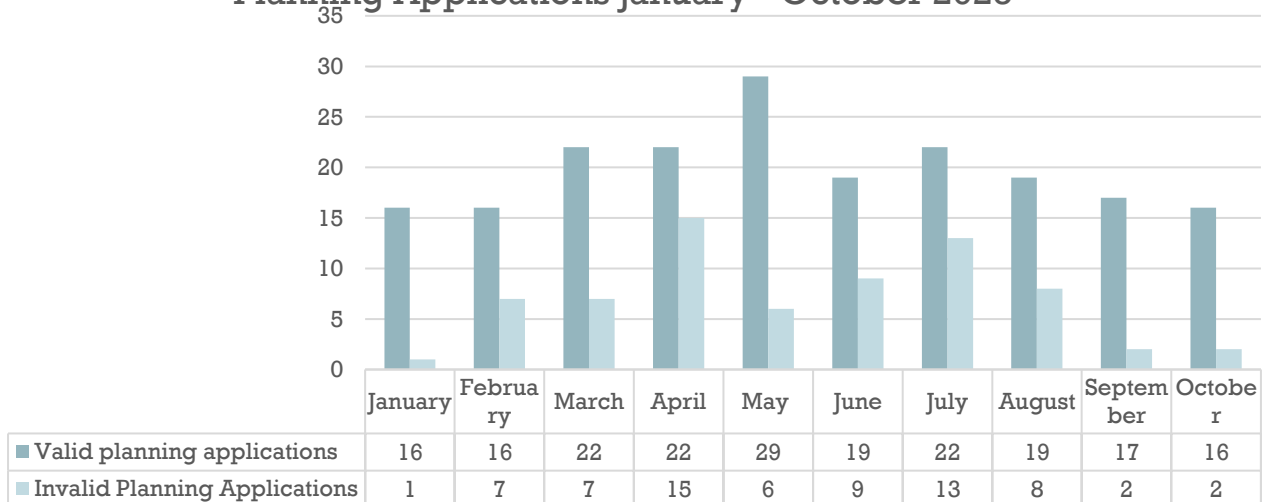
2025 Target for Surveys	No. of surveys completed on 31 st October 2025	% Complete on 31 st October 2025 out of the overall target.
252*	209	82.93%

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.

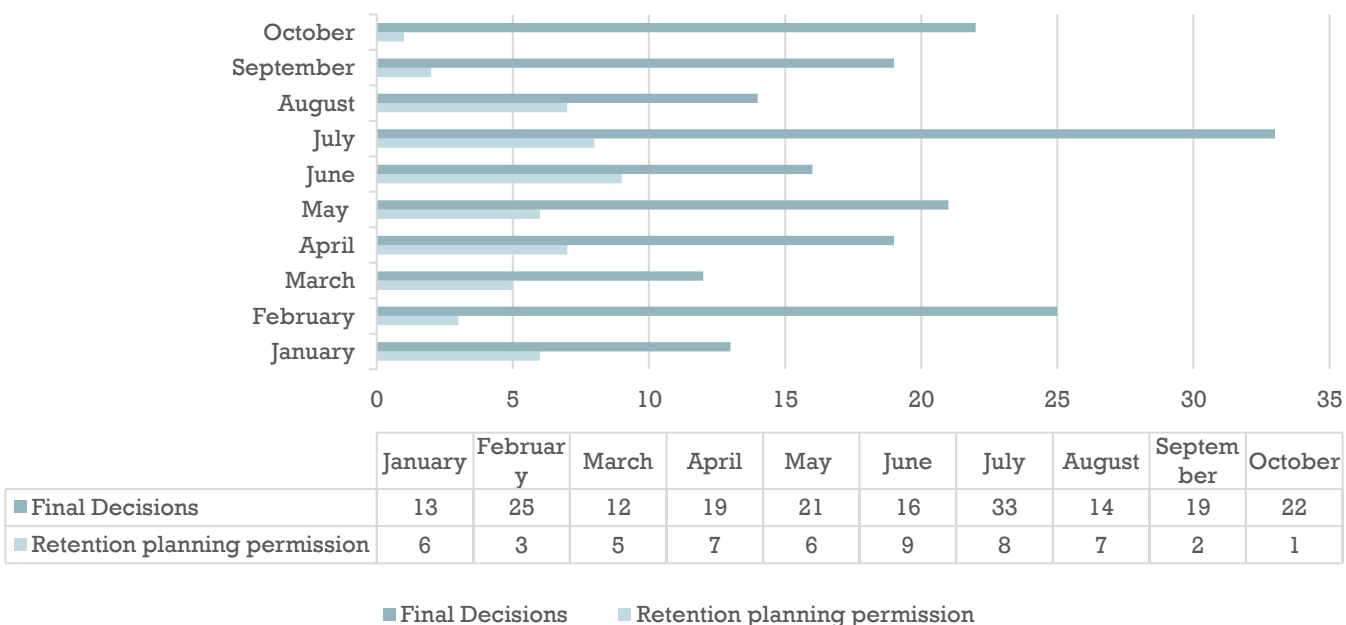
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning Applications January - October 2025



Of the 16 planning applications received in October 14 were made via e-planning.

Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - October 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
September	14	12	6
October	10	14	7

Forward Planning

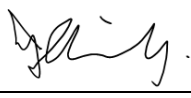
Variation to County Development Plan 2023-2029

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. Ministerial Guidelines instructing Local Authorities to update housing targets in line with the revised National Planning Framework issued at the end of July. A report on the development capacity of existing zoned residential lands as required pursuant to the Section 28 Guidelines '*National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation – Housing Growth Requirements*' issued to the Members in late October for consideration at the November Council meeting.

Heritage

- A draft *O'Rourke's of Leitrim* Website has been produced, with a launch scheduled for November.
- To promote the *O'Rourke's of Leitrim Education Packs*, free primary school visits by an historian have been arranged through the Heritage in Schools scheme.
- The new podcast series of *Leitrim Memory Meitheals* is progressing with 3 no. new episodes completed. A launch of the series when complete is scheduled for early December.
- A draft of the *Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2031* has been produced and sent for review to the Senior Management Team.
- Community Monument Fund grant recoupment is being processed for the Old Church of Ireland, Manorhamilton Conservation Plan.
- A new video has been produced as part of the Connecting Through Heritage YouTube series entitled '*A Celebration of The O'Rourke's of Leitrim at The Glens Centre*'.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive

Date: October 2025