



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma  
Leitrim County Council

# Chief Executive Monthly Management Report

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## ENVIRONMENT

### Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) is a scheme whereby the Department of Environment, Climate and communications provide funding to local authorities with the aim of reducing the number of incidents of illegal dumping nationally. The initiative is co-ordinated through the WERLAs (Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authorities).

Illegal dumping is particularly problematic for LCC. In September 2025 ADI funding enabled LCC to carry out a number of clean ups at sites which were the focus of ongoing dumping at:

- Tarmon Bring Banks, Drumkeeran
- on the Miners Trail at Greaghnaslieve, Drumkeeran

In addition, projects which aim to eliminate the potential for dumping, such as the bulky waste and mattress amnesties were also held. The events were advertised on the local paper, local radio stations, LCC website and on social media. Visual display signs were strategically placed for maximum exposure. On both entrance roads in Manorhamilton [Sligo Rd and Carrick Rd] and at Paric Sean MacDiarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon. The involvement and co-operation of the area staff was key to the smooth running of both events.

- Two Bulky Waste & Mattress Collection Events. – One in North Leitrim and one in South Leitrim. **250** mattresses were collected in Manorhamilton for recycling and **55.56** tonnes of Bulky Waste was collected by Donegal Waste for disposal. **497** mattresses were collected in Mohill for recycling and **86.48** tonnes of waste were Collected by Barna Waste for disposal.

## CLIMATE ACTION

### Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. Leitrim CC partnered on EU HORIZON climate adaptation funding (4 September 2025) and REACT-EU (Renewable Energy Activation Communities for Transition in Europe) to support community Energy in Mohill (Momentum Consulting).
2. Meeting with Longford CC Roads section on fleet management software (8 September 2025)
3. Saolta training for Leitrim PPN on Sustainable Development Goals extended to Leitrim CC staff (9 September 2025)
4. LGMA launch of Climate Action KPI Report 2024 (9 September 2025)
5. Border Climate Action Operational Team meeting (12 September 2025)
6. Meeting of the whole-of-Council CA Committee (18 September 2025), minutes available.
7. Pre-feasibility study on District Heating for Co. Leitrim concluded by AECOM Ireland with Carrick-on-Shannon defined as the highest-ranking opportunity for further study. Presentation made to the SPC on Physical Environment (18 September 2025)
8. Organisation of public events for Climate Action Week, in partnership with An Taisce (13 – 19 October 2025) and staff events internally, is ongoing.
9. Meeting with new section representatives on the CA Committee is ongoing on responsibilities under terms of reference and actions required in the Climate Action Plan.

## 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. There was a window for reclaim with the Department in September for recovery of claims made to date. There following claims made

- Ballinamore Area Community Council - (Solar Panels) (S1a)
- Fenagh St. Caillin's GAA Club (Lighting) (S1a)
- Gortletteragh GAA (Lighting) (S1a)

Phase 2 will formally be launched by the Department on 28 October 2025, though LAs may open the call earlier. Strand 1 will be rolled out only, €300,000 available for community climate action projects. A number of information events planned for Climate Action Week (13 – 19 October 2025).

## Biodiversity

### LBAF funded projects:

**Return to Nature:** Continuation of the Return to Nature project working with 4 different parishes/communities in Co. Leitrim. The aim of the project is to create biodiversity-friendly spaces on church grounds.

**North Leitrim Habitat Restoration:** Continuation of the project in North Leitrim in partnership with “*Our Native Glens*” Community Group

**National Hedgerows Week:** Organised and delivered farm biodiversity walk in partnership with Leitrim Sustainable Agriculture Group and Ulster Wildlife. (6 Sept 2025)

**Biodiversity Working Group:** The third meeting of 2025 took place in Carrick on Shannon with 15 members in attendance. The working group received a presentation from the project coordinator of the EU WATERlands project. The members reviewed and approved the Objectives and Actions for the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2025 – 2030. (15 Sept 2025)

**Physical Environment SPC:** Delivered presentation on the programme for the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan process (18 Sept 2025)

**Carrick Flood Relief Scheme:** Attended and participated in the environmental consultation delivered by Ryan Hanley & Leitrim County Council (23 Sept 2025)

**ACRES Breifne Steering Group:** Attended steering group meeting as a representative of the regional Biodiversity Officers and Leitrim County Council (24 Sept 2025)

**River Parks Masterplan:** Attended and participated in the LCC internal consultation delivered by consultants Helena McElmeel Architects (26 Sept 2025)

## ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Stray Dogs	3
Surrendered Dogs	4
Seized Dogs	0
Dogs Re-Homed	5
Dogs Reclaimed	1
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	0
Dog Fouling Complaints	0
Barking Complaints	1

Livestock Attacks	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	7
Dog Licence Inspections	59
Dogs Neutered	3
Neutering Vouchers Issued	1
Dogs Micro-Chipped	4
Fines Issued – Dogs	3
Newspaper Articles/ Radio	4
School/ Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	17
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	3200
Equines Seized	0
Animal Carcasses Removed	3

## COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATION

### Local Enhancement Programme 2025

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

Groups have completed the Acceptance of Offer under the Capital stream with 35 drawdown submissions received to date.

### Age Friendly Programme

‘Musical Memories’ was held in The Ballroom of Romance in Glenfarne on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. This dementia themed event was attended by close to 180 people. Mike Hanrahan, Sandy Kelly and The Choir of ages performed for guests. The Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland and the HSE’s Understand Together were both represented at the event along with other service providers for Older Persons.

### Healthy Ireland

On October 1<sup>st</sup> Healthy Ireland along with The HSE, The Alzheimers Society of Ireland and the Carrick working group presented an information evening that was very well attended in The Landmark Hotel. Following the success of the event two community training events have been organised. Collaboration continues with Age Friendly Ireland and the HSE to amalgamate Age Friendly Business and Dementia Friendly Business training.

Healthy Leitrim have identified Mohill FRC as an implementing partner to help roll out ‘We’re Breastfeeding Friendly Leitrim’ which will be relaunched in November. This project will include an audit of current breastfeeding friendly businesses, grow the number of businesses, collaborate with Leitrim LGFA to roll out workshops in conjunction with the Period Dignity project, and launch a series of Breastfeeding Friendly books across the libraries.

Healthy Leitrim continues to collaborate with Lifestart in an attempt to gain match funding for We’re Breastfeeding Friendly Leitrim and Sligo for 2027, with funding secured for Leitrim through Healthy Ireland for 2026.

### Community Recognition Fund

Leitrim has been allocated over €2.2 million under this funding programme, which will be invested across 16 capital projects throughout the county. All 16 capital projects have now commenced.

## **Love Where You Live**

Final preparations are underway for the Love Where You Live Awards night due to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## **PEACEPLUS**

### **Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan (1.1)**

#### **Local Community Regeneration & Transformation**

- Davitt Design & Plan have been appointed for Project Management services for the Play & Art Therapy Facility in Drumkeeran and Michael Maguire Architects have been appointed for Project Management services for the MUGA in Ballinamore. We are progressing with preparing tender packages for both.
- Construction tenders for Coleman's have been assessed and we are in the process of appointing a contractor – currently going through the standstill period
- We are currently preparing Request for Quotations for projects in Kinlough & Lurganboy

#### **Thriving & Peaceful Communities**

- Philip Farrelly & Co. Ltd have been appointed to deliver the Environmental Awareness and Biodiversity tender which had to be re-advertised in July.
- Tenders for a Practical Skills Training Programme have been assessed and we are in the process of appointing a contractor – currently going through the standstill period
- We are in the process of appointed a supplier for the Volunteer Support Programme to deliver training to those using volunteers and volunteers themselves.

#### **Celebrating Cultural Diversity**

- The Traveller Community Development Programme is currently recruiting a resource worker and a project launch has been scheduled as part of Social Inclusion week (22<sup>nd</sup> October)

### **PEACEPLUS Shannonside Peace Arena (1.4)**

McAdam Design are continuing to work on the Design of the Shannonside Peace Arena. A number of meetings have taken place with funders, stakeholders & council staff to align the design with the requirements of our application.

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

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

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

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

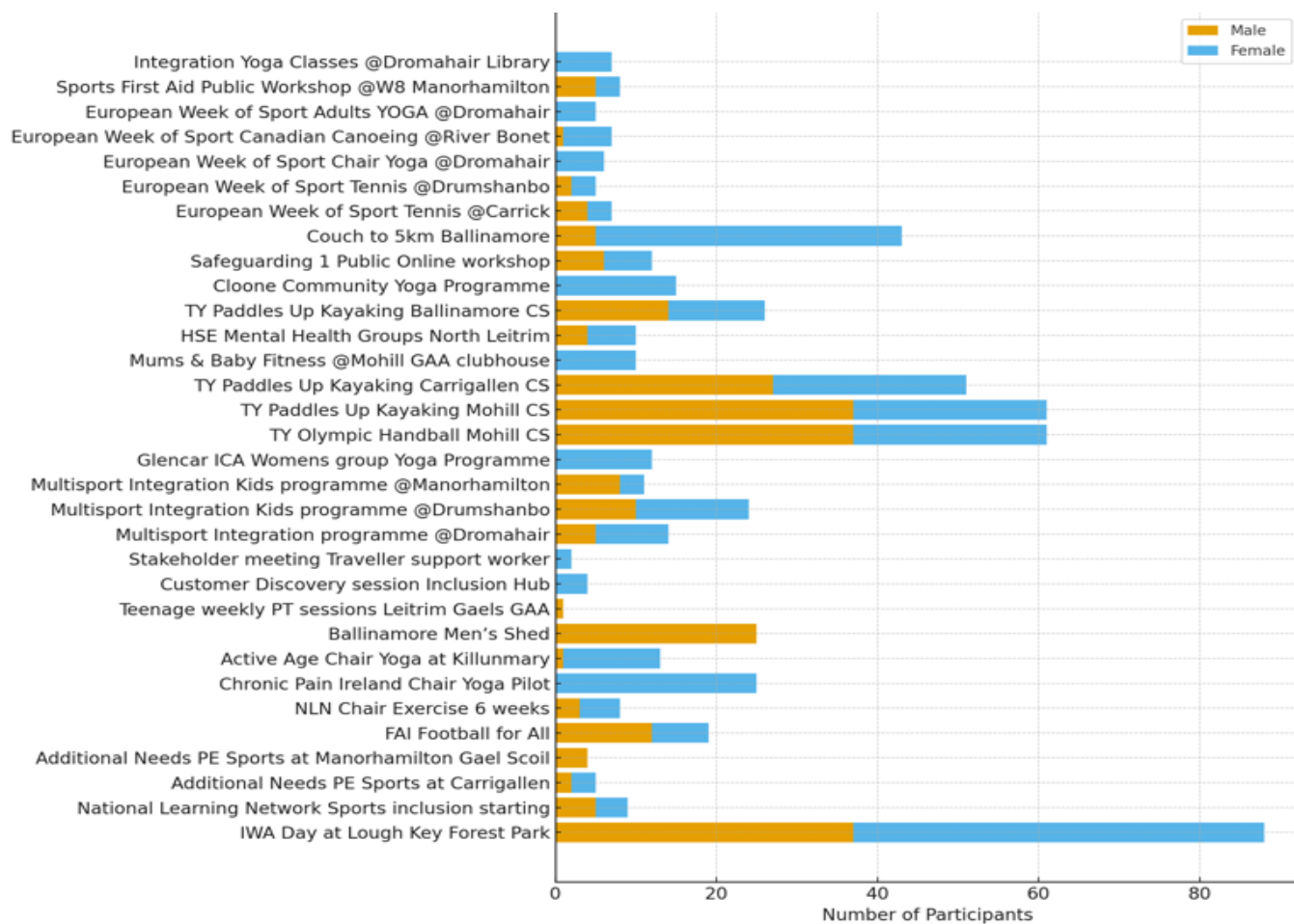
In September, the Integration Team conducted six clinics aimed at identifying the needs of residents and families. Two of these clinics focused specifically on Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, while the remaining four were held across the two International Protection Accommodation Centres in Leitrim. Two "Offer a Home" activations were successfully completed in September, providing accommodation for two families consisting of four adults and four children.

In September, the Integration Team collaborated with a range of agencies across Leitrim to design and initiate the rollout of three targeted programmes, scheduled to commence in October. These programmes will place particular emphasis on supporting residents at the Abbey Manor Hotel.

The programmes were developed to support various age cohorts within the community, informed by emerging needs and feedback from residents.

- Children not currently availing of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme – This programme aims to engage children who are not participating in ECCE, providing opportunities for early learning and development.
- Young People aged 12–17: “Finding the Balance” – This initiative will explore themes such as culture, diversity, and integration. It will support young people in navigating their new environment, flourishing within it, and actively engaging with their peers and the wider community.
- Parents: “Parenting Then and Now” – This programme will provide a space for parents to reflect on their experiences of parenting prior to arriving in Ireland, discuss their current parenting journey, and identify any supports that may help ease their transition and strengthen their family life.

## Leitrim Sports Partnership – September 2025 Participation Report



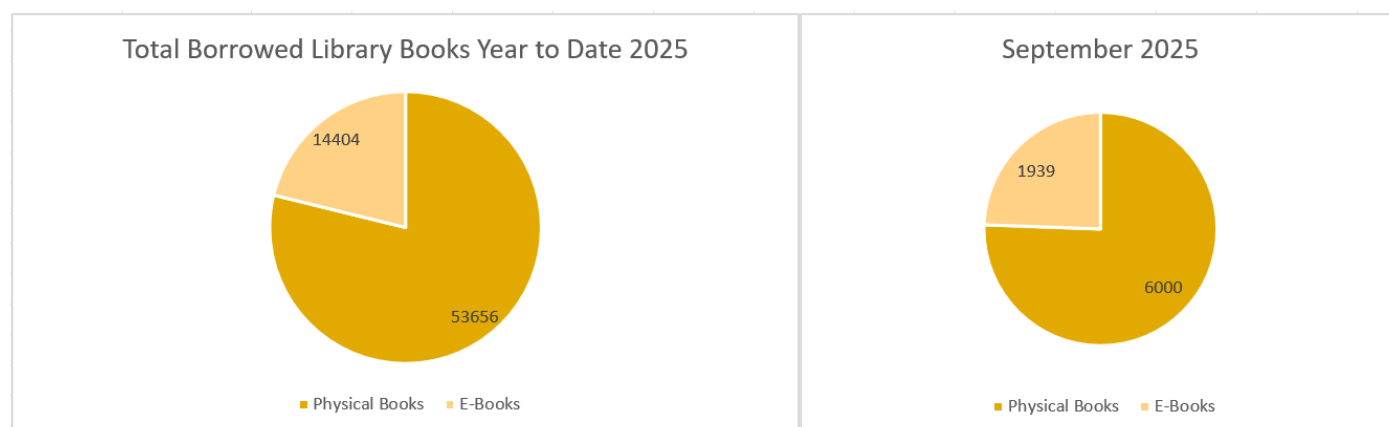
	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Disability	IWA Day at Lough Key Forest Park	88	37	51
Disability	National Learning Network Sports inclusion starting	9	5	4
Disability	Additional Needs PE Sports at Carrigallen	5	2	3
Disability	Additional Needs PE Sports at Manorhamilton Gael Scoil	4	4	0
Disability	FAI Football for All	19	12	7
Disability	NLN Chair Exercise 6 weeks from	8	3	5
Active Age	Chronic Pain Ireland Chair Yoga Pilot	25	0	25
Active Age	Active Age Chair Yoga at Killunmary (6 weeks)	13	1	12
Active Age	Ballinamore Men's Shed (6 weeks)	25	25	0
ESF + Social	Teenage weekly PT sessions Leitrim Gaels GAA	1	1	0
ESF + Social	Customer Discovery session Inclusion Hub (10 Sep)	4	0	4
ESF + Social	Stakeholder meeting Traveller support worker (Shannonside)	2	0	2
CSDO	Multisport Integration programme @Dromahair Sports Park	14	5	9
CSDO	Multisport Integration Kids programme @Drumshanbo Mayflower	24	10	14
CSDO	Multisport Integration Kids programme @Manorhamilton BEE park	11	8	3
CSDO	Glencar ICA Womens group Yoga Programme (6 weeks)	12	0	12
CSDO	TY Olympic Handball Mohill CS (6 weeks)	61	37	24
CSDO	TY Paddles Up Kayaking Mohill CS @Lough Rynn Hub	61	37	24
CSDO	TY Paddles Up Kayaking Carrigallen CS @Town Lake	51	27	24
CSDO	Mums & Baby Fitness @Mohill GAA clubhouse (6 weeks)	10	0	10
CSDO	HSE Mental Health Groups North Leitrim (5 weeks)	10	4	6
CSDO	TY Paddles Up Kayaking Ballinamore CS @Canal	26	14	12
CSDO	Cloone Community Yoga Programme (6 weeks)	15	0	15
CSDO	Safeguarding 1 Public Online workshop	12	6	6
CSDO	Couch to 5km Ballinamore (8 weeks + Finale Park Run)	43	5	38



CSDO	European Week of Sport Tennis @Carrick on Shannon	7	4	3
CSDO	European Week of Sport Tennis @Drumshanbo	5	2	3
CSDO	European Week of Sport Chair Yoga @Dromahair Library	6	0	6
CSDO	European Week of Sport Canadian Canoeing @River Bonet	7	1	6
CSDO	European Week of Sport Adults YOGA @Dromahair Library	5	0	5
CSDO	Sports First Aid Public Workshop @W8 Manorhamilton	8	5	3
CSDO	Integration Yoga Classes @Dromahair Library (5 weeks)	7	0	7
Totals		598	255	343

## LIBRARY SERVICES

There were over 7,500 visitors to the libraries across the county and there were 202 new members who joined Leitrim library Service in September.



### National Public Libraries Open Day

National public Libraries Open Day took place on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a children's story-time with Treasa Nealon in Manorhamilton Library. Ballinamore Library hosted a Family Storytime Event. Dromahair library held a Maker Space event facilitated by Staff member Aoife Walshe with free laser cutting and hydrodipping workshops, while a sensory story time was provided for younger children.

### Culture Night

Culture night was celebrated in a number of libraries on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Dromahair Library hosted a special culture night event for the community called 'Folklore and Fairy Doors' where children and adults were invited to decorate fairy doors while exploring folklore and storytelling. Drumshanbo Library hosted Know Your Place Leitrim Women in Music & Song with Fionnula Maxwell

### Healthy Ireland

As part of the Healthy Ireland initiative, Maj Cunningham leads the *Women's Heart Health* programme, focusing on empowering women to take proactive steps in maintaining cardiovascular wellness.

Among the other ongoing programmes under this initiative is *Build a Stronger and More Mobile You*, which supports the health and wellbeing of older adults, activities include chair yoga classes facilitated by Dillon

Kean, designed to enhance mobility, flexibility, and overall physical health in a gentle and accessible way. All funded under Healthy Leitrim.

### **Digital Skills Classes**

As part of our Skills for Life programme and in conjunction with Healthy Leitrim initiative Digital skills classes have resumed in Branch Libraries promoting lifelong learning and digital inclusion within our communities. Skills for Life is a new nationwide programme delivered through Ireland's public libraries, offering people across the country access to practical learning opportunities to support everyday life

### **Conversation on books**

Leitrim Library Service and The Reading Room Bookshop held the very popular 'conversation on books'. The featured book was The Safekeep by Yael Van der Wouden. This initiative continues to attract readers from around the county and beyond.

### **Book Launch**

'Shouldering the Tradition' traditional music book launch was held in Ballinamore Library on 12th September. It was an evening of lively traditional music and song, with 7 performers on various instruments and 38 members of the public attended the event.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Digital Strategy

A presentation on the new Digital Strategy was given to elected members at the Council meeting on Sept 1st. The consultant attended the SPC meeting on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and gave an overview on the new Digital Strategy. The Designer is working on a printed version for launch at the Smart Towns and Villages Conference.

### 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 will deliver the workshops either in the schools or in hubs adjacent to the schools in the County.

### Broadband Connection Points – Upgrade of BCP equipment

The upgrade of the BCP equipment for the 12 BCP sites in Leitrim commenced in August 2025, with some sites being delivered in Sept 2025.

### Carrick Business Campus

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

### County Promotion

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

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

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

### Leitrim Diaspora

Works continues on the development of the framework for the Leitrim Diaspora Strategy, 2026-2030.

### Leitrim Economic Forum and Global Business Network

A meeting of the Leitrim Economic Forum took place on 24<sup>th</sup> September. There were no meetings of the Economic Forum working groups during Sept 2025. A meeting of the Leitrim Global Business Network Group took place on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### DRCD Funded Schemes

The official opening of The Barracks in Dromahair took place during September.

Public Consultations took place during September on The Carrick on Shannon Parks Masterplan.

A series of Funding Information Briefings were delivered during September in Mohill, Drumshanbo and Dromahair on DRCDG schemes including CLÁR, ORIS and Town and Village.

### **Training, Mentoring & Export**

A large number of people received training in September as we ran a series of courses such as a Start Your Own Business Course; Microfinance Ireland Loans Information Session; a Food Starter Programme; Small Business Accounts, How To Develop a Winning Business Plan; A Laymans Guide to Income Tax and Revenue Online Services; The EU AI Act is Live – Get Your Business Ready; Canva for Beginners and a Marketing Review Clinic. We also ran two information sessions in conjunction with the MSLETB called ‘Shaping Retail’s Future Developing Leadership & Management Excellence’ and ‘Developing Leaders for Hospitality & Tourism’.

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: Smart Towns & Villages Conference**

A national conference on *Smart Towns and Villages: Reimagining Rural Ireland* will take place on Monday 13th October at Lough Rynn Castle. Speakers include Minister Dara Calleary, Justin Gleeson (AIRO), John Daly (NWRA), and Dr Karen Keavney (UCD).

Following the event, Interreg Europe Digital Rural partners will visit Leitrim for presentations and site visits.

### **European Engagement Programme**

In September, the AEC Officer joined a WDC-led European Engagement Programme with representatives from local authorities, NW REP, ATU, DRC DG, DETE. The initiative aims to boost regional capacity for EU funding and policy engagement.

### **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**

Training, workshops, and events continue for the Design and Film sectors in Leitrim, Sligo, and Roscommon. Programme development under Screen Ireland funding is ongoing.

## **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 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. This package was awarded to GDG in late August and will kick off in October. Leitrim CoCo is represented on the project by Director of Economic Development and the NW Programme Manager.

### **Next REP development**

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

### **European Engagement Programme**

In September, the NW REP programme manager joined a WDC-led European Engagement Programme with representatives from local authorities, AEC, ATU, DRCDG, DETE. The initiative aims to boost regional capacity for EU funding and policy engagement.

## **TOURISM**

### **Autumn Campaign**

The Autumn Campaign has been successfully implemented and is scheduled to run from September through October. It features a strategic mix of media channels including radio, video-on-demand, digital platforms, and press. The campaign aims to maximise visibility and engagement across key audience segments, with tailored messaging designed to resonate throughout the season. All creative assets and scheduling are currently being finalised to ensure a strong and coordinated launch.

### **TBEX – Travel Bloggers Exchange**

The Tourism Team attended and exhibited at TBEX, hosted by Donegal County Council in Letterkenny. The event welcomed over 300 travel writers, bloggers, and influencers. Across two days of presentations and networking, the team participated in the speed networking session, engaging directly with over 60 participants to promote County Leitrim's tourism offering.

### **TBEX Familiarisation Trip**

As part of the TBEX conference, we hosted six travel writers and bloggers on a familiarisation visit to County Leitrim. Highlights included:

- Hag's Leap and Glencar Waterfall
- Accommodation at Drumhierny Woodland Hideaway and Lough Rynn Castle
- Visits to The Shed Distillery and Moon River
- Sampling Leitrim's finest cuisine
- A Slow Adventure basket-weaving workshop

The visit resulted in a wide range of social media posts and stories, generating positive coverage and increased visibility for Leitrim as a travel destination.

## **USSEB Working Group**

The Upper Shannon Shannon–Erne and Border Destination Development Experience Plan working group convened to review progress and update members on ongoing projects. Each county shared updates on their respective initiatives and discussed the status of key actions.

## **Festival & Event Grants**

Claims for festival and event grants are currently being processed. Promotional support for upcoming festivals and events is ongoing, with efforts focused on maximising visibility and attendance.

## **ROADS**

### **N4 Carrick on Shannon By-pass & Traffic Management Project**

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

- Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation is progressing.
- The Phase 3 Environmental Impact Assessment Report is currently being finalised with draft chapters currently under TII review
- Ground Investigation field work has concluded on site in the Material Deposition/Reuse area east of the River Shannon
- Surveys ongoing in 2025 include: Ground Investigation Contract, Hydrology Monitoring, Topographical Survey Contract, Ecology Survey Contract and 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 and 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. A small section of the pavement scheme in Manorhamilton was excluded and is to be completed under the Manorhamilton Safe Routes to School Programme.
- **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 early 2026.
- **N4 Pavement Overlay Scheme – Carrick on Shannon** – Consultants are currently working on the design and tender documents for this Pavement Overlay Scheme. This Pavement Overlay Scheme overlaps with the N4 Carrick on Shannon Road Safety Improvement Scheme currently under development. It is anticipated that both schemes will be completed in two phases, with the first phase incorporating a Pavement scheme to be completed in 2026 with the second phase incorporating the remaining pavement and safety scheme in 2027.
- **N16 Pavement Overlay Scheme - Stradrine to Esky Bridge** – Consultants have been appointed, topographical survey to be procured. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed in two phases, one of which will overlap with the N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements.

### **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 have completed Stage 4 Road Safety Audit and 2 minor items to be rectified to close out 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. Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed and there are some minor works to be completed before close out.
- **N15 Tullaghan Traffic Calming** – A revised preliminary design has been submitted to TII and has been approved. Documentation for Part 8 Planning Approval is currently with the Planning Department for review.
- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Leitrim County Council to procure a consultant to complete Preliminary design report & detailed design as feasibility and options report has been approved by TII. This scheme overlaps with the N16 Stradrine to Esky Bridge Pavement Overlay Scheme and it is anticipated that the scheme will be completed in conjunction with the pavement scheme.

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

- **N4 Carrick on Shannon Road Safety Improvement Scheme** – Scheme has been approved by the TII and is under development, to be developed and completed in conjunction with the N4 Carrick on Shannon Pavement Overlay Scheme.

### **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**

- Works on the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2025 are progressing well

### **Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:**

- **R289 Kilcoon** – Design Consultant appointed. Report on Options approved by Department. Ground Investigations and Topographical survey complete and under review. Detailed design is almost completed and will go to tender asap. Land owner negotiations ongoing.
- **R280 Killarga** – Design Consultant appointed, and Topographical survey completed. Options Report has been completed and approved by the Department. GI contractor appointed and it is anticipated that works will be complete in October 2025. Preparation of Draft Part 8 documents almost complete. Detailed design process is ongoing. Landowner discussions ongoing.
- **R280 Loughmurran Realignment** – Design Consultant was retendered, however, tender cancelled as only one tender received and was not value for money. The consultancy contract has been retendered and is due back 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- **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. Ground investigation works to commence in October 2025, Landowner negotiations ongoing.

### **Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)**

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

### **Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)**

A supplementary allocation of €528,098 for Local Improvement Schemes was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht. This allocation will allow 11 additional LIS's to be completed in 2025. This money along with the initial funding for 2025 of €373,459 means that the total number of LIS's that will be completed in 2025 is 16. The LIS Programme has now been updated and finalised – The 16 is

broken down by MD as follows – 4 No. in Carrick on Shannon MD, 9 No. in Manorhamilton MD and 3 No. in Ballinamore MD.

### Roads in Charge Queries

Roads in Charge Queries processed this month	YTD Roads in Charge Queries processed
56	293

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
0	22

### Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2025/2026

The Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for the Hedge Cutting season 2025/2026 has been launched. The Hedge Cutting Grant is €75 per km of public roadside hedges and an additional grant of €50 per km to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches. This gives applicants a potential grant claim of €125 per km.

**Closing date is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** An information pack has issued to almost 400 Landowners/Occupiers regarding the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme.

### Road Safety

A Meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) was held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025. This Working Group brings together all of the main stakeholders involved in road safety in the County. A review of the Road Safety Action Plan was completed and road safety initiatives discussed. A Road Safety Education event is planned for Carrigallen Vocational School on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

## 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.

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.



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.
- 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 Scoil 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.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

### **Carrick on Shannon Flood Relief Scheme**

Following a recent Environmental Opportunities Workshop which took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the project team are currently progressing environmental assessments required to support a planning application for the scheme. The workshop focused on enhancing the environment where possible whilst also achieving robust flood protection. The workshop was attended by members of various departments in Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils, OPW, NMS and the Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO).

A design freeze has been achieved having identified a preferred scheme. Archeology Slit trenching in the surrounds of the old castle are scheduled are complete, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) is well underway. Full details of the project are available on the project website [www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie](http://www.carrickonshannonfrs.ie).

### **Leitrim Village Flood Relief Scheme**

Following the Public Consultation Day which took place on the Wednesday 19<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, following submission from various stakeholders following the recent PCD the program was updated accordingly with certainty looking toward lodging a planning application. A design freeze is becoming more and more critical at this stage having identified a preferred scheme. Archeology Slit trenching in the surrounds of the old castle are complete, The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIAR) is well underway. Full details of the project are available on the project website Full details of the project are available on website [www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie`](http://www.leitrimvillagefrs.ie)

### **Mohill Flood Relief Scheme**

The hydraulic analysis and economic feasibility on this project to determine the need/extent for flood defenses have been substantially complete in Mohill by OPW in partnership with LCC Capital Projects Office. We await OPW's determination, following a recent meeting with OPW they are potentially looking into pursuing the Mohill FRS under the Minor Works Scheme on the Scheme progressing to Planning Consent & Construction.

## **OPW Minor Flood Schemes**

### **Dromahair Scheme**

The Capital Projects Team received planning consent from An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q2 of 2025, we are preparing a Tender package, on assessing the most economic Tender later this year we will request approval from OPW to go to construction of the scheme in 2026.

### **Leitrim Village (Keadue Road Scheme) Scheme**

The Minor works scheme is substantially complete, with some outstanding accommodation works in the adjacent Drumhierny Housing Estate.

### **Manorhamilton Minor Works Scheme**

This Minor works scheme is substantially complete.

### **Carrick on Shannon Urban Regeneration Scheme**

The only outstanding element to the works is the Boardwalk lighting contract. The Specialist Lighting Contractor Thermal Image has lighting fixtures and fittings for the damaged handrails on the Marina Boardwalk ordered. Due to personal unforeseen circumstances there has been delays in getting this complete, this final element is now due to be completed in October 2025.

### **Manorhamilton Public Realm Scheme**

Contract No 1 for public realm works on Main Street has been completed. Contract No 2 for works at Enterprise lands has been published on e-tenders and tenders returned. A contractor is in the process of being appointed with works set to begin on site in the coming weeks.

### **Mohill Public Realm Scheme**

Works have been completed. Snagging list was issued and almost all snags are complete. Substantial Completion to be issued this week and the Substantial Completion Certificate issued to the Contractor.

### **Drumshanbo ExChange.**

Detailed Design and Tender has been advertised on etenders and returned. It would be expected that a contractor will be appointed for the scheme before the end of Q4 2025, subject to funding. An application for increased funding for the scheme has been submitted to the Department and we are awaiting feedback.

### **Carrick Business Campus**

Our Design Team – DHB Architects have completed the detailed design and tender documents for the current project. The Tender Docs/BOQ is split into 2 separate elements for the scheme, Element 1 relates to the fit out of the Ground floor of Phase 2 with full mechanical and electrical upgrade and installation – this works mainly relates to the RRDF funding approved for the project. Element 2 relates to Phase 2 Ground floor and First Floor Energy reduction works (fabric upgrade) and the completion of M&E works to shell and core standard – this works mainly relates to SEAI funding approved for the project. Additional funding is needed to proceed with the upgrade proposals as only partial funding for the current Scheme has been received from SEAI and the RRDF. An application for an increase in funding is currently with the RRDF, and we await their decision on approval.

### **Drumshanbo Food Innovation & Knowledge Hub**

Collins Boyd Engineers and Architects have been appointed as designers, ER and PSDP. They are currently compiling developing the detailed design for the scheme.

### **Shannonside Recreational Campus**

McAdam Design have been working on modelling final design over the past 2 months. The tendering process for the construction phase will be a 2-part process, with QW1 (SAQ, Pre-Qual) document to be published on eTenders this week. A panel of 5 to 8 contractors will be created, to which an invitation to tender on the project will follow. The construction phase is expected to commence in May 2026 with a 14-month programme.

### **Carrick Arts and Community Centre (Colemans Building along Main Street)**

Works have been published on eTenders. Sean Quigley Construction Ltd. have been identified as the MEAT and are currently in the process of been appointed. Works are due to commence on site on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a programme of works set at 140 days, with handover expected before end Q3 2026.

### **Manorhamilton NCYS Building**

Works are nearing completion with 2<sup>nd</sup> Fix M&E, fitout and decoration outstanding. Works are due to be completed by mid-November.

### **Leitrim Village Community Facility**

Davitt Plan and Design & Associates has documents and drawings ready to submit for planning, waiting on approvals from community group.

### **SLNCR Greenway – Sligo to Enniskillen**

Arup Consulting Engineers have been appointed as Design consultant for the project. Phase I Concept and Feasibility of the project is complete. TII approved Phase II – Options Selection Stage on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 and gave approval to commence Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation. The Preferred Route was made public on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and meetings have taken place with the PMG, CLG, Elected representative and other Statutory Bodies on Week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October announcing the Preferred Corridor and giving update on the Project. Cross border Meeting took place with DFI/TII/FODC regards the funding of service contract in Fermanagh and FODC have submitted a detailed Business case to DFI for the 50% Match funding allocated through the DOT Shared Island Fund. DFI approval is awaited for funding approval. Phase 2 deliverables and reports will be uploaded to the SLNCR dedicated web site from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Full details on web site [www.sln-cr-greenway.com](http://www.sln-cr-greenway.com). Our Consultant Arup have commenced Phase 3 Design & Environmental Phase and we got a full season Environmental/Ecology surveys completed in Phase 2 which was advanced and agreed before we got formal Phase 3 approval. The PLO's are meeting Landowner/Property owners since March 2025 to facilitate Ecologist access for on the ground surveys. This work will continue in Phase 3. LiDAR/Drone Surveys (RoI) will take place later this year and Topographical & Hydrographical Surveys (RoI only) will that place later this year and in Q1 of 2026.

### **Carrick on Shannon to Battlebridge Blueway**

Jennings O'Donovan Consultants have been appointed as Design Consultant for this Scheme. Phase 3, Detailed Design and Environmental evaluation is nearing completion on the preferred route. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), NIS and AA screening report were reviewed by Legal

Counsel. Further Aquatic surveys have to be completed as per IFI Scoping response Opinion from An Bord Pleanála submission and it is hoped that these will be completed this year but are dependant on Water Levels as pointed out by the Aquatic Ecologist. JOD Consultants are committed to ensuring that all documentation are submitted for EIAR. It is expected following Legal Review that a Planning application will be lodged to An Coimisiún Pleanála by year end.

### **South Leitrim Greenway**

We Have sought approval of Phase 0 through Phase 0 Gate Review Statement and submission of POD and sought approval to commence Phase 1 “Concept & Feasibility” stage and appoint a Consultant Engineer for Phases 1 to 4 inclusive as per TII Project Management Guidelines.

We expect now to get TII Approval as notified from them which is subject to their Funding Budgets for 2026. We await written Formal Approval from TII for Phase 0 and to Proceed with Phases 1 to Phase 4 inclusive.

### **Hartley Bridge**

Following Planning approval from an Bord Pleanála in Dec 2023. Funding received from Dept of Transport to advance this project. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed and are working on detailed design and tender documents. It is expected that the tender will be published in Q4 2025 subject to funding approval. Site vegetation was complete in Q1 of 2025 with the help of Carrick on Shannon MD.

### **Cavan Leitrim Greenway – Corgar to Aghawillin**

The Corgar to Aghawillin Greenway has been successfully complete by the contractor with all snags being rectified before opening to the public.

The trail has been inspected by Sport Ireland and features on their website, It now provides an additional 2.9km greenway to the community.

In total the greenway now extends the amenity of Ballinamore to Corgar and onwards to Aghawillin a total distance of 5.9km.

### **Dromod Roosky Greyway**

Part 8 planning consent was obtained at the September 2024 MD meeting. Funding options for the construction stage and currently been investigated. ORIS measure 3 application sent in awaiting results.

### **Acres Lake Facility Centre**

Sammon Developments Ltd has been appointed to construct the scheme. Due to procurement issues, the contractor did not commence on site until October 2024. The structural envelope of the building is completed with the fitout and internal works ongoing on site. There is a slight delay in the programme due to specification changes from Failte Ireland, but it is hoped that the building will be complete by Q4 2025.

### **Narrow Gauge Trail Drumshanbo**

Construction works by Stephen Reynolds Plant Hire are substantially complete and it is hoped to be open to the public in the coming month.

### **Fenagh Abbey Trail**

The Department have announced extension to this project & Anu Heritage are now appointed to take the project to planning stage, Earthsound have been appointed to carry out a geophysical survey of the site.

### **Parkes Castle**

Works are 85% complete on this project. Signage is outstanding. The car park was sealed / surface dressed early in July and line marking will be completed in the coming weeks.

### **Carrick Public Parks upgrade**

Consultants are working on the design of the Carrick Public Parks Upgrade, it is envisaged that it go to Part VIII in the coming weeks.

### **Glencar Amenity**

Funding was received from ORIS to allow the assessment of the provision of an additional walking route and extension of the carparking facility at Glencar amenity. An options assessment report was compiled by the Capital Projects Office team for a potential scheme. An Economic appraisal of these options was completed by an external Consultant. Ecological impact assessment surveys and a traffic impact survey are have now being completed.

### **Drumkeeran NW Stop Play and Therapy Centre**

Following an RFQ competition, Davitt Planning & Design have been appointed and have begun final design and preparation of a tender package for publication before end of October. A contractor will be appointed early December.

### **Ballinamore M.U.G.A.**

Maguire Architects have been identified as the MEAT as design team for the project and are currently in the process of being appointed. It is expected that works will commence in early 2026.

### **Lurganboy Church of Ireland Community Centre**

Quotations are currently been sought to carry out refurbishment works to the roof and floor of the building. Works will commence in early 2026, as the building will be in use over the Christmas period.

### **Kinlough Community Garden**

Following site meetings with solar providers, it is clear that a ground mounted PV system is the only viable option to deliver Solar Power to the Men's Shed project. Members of the Men's Shed are currently in discussions with the community group who own the property to seek permission to construct ground mounted PV system on the grounds.

## HOUSING

### Social Housing Applications and Assessments

To date in 2025, the Housing Department has received a total of 136 new applications for social housing support. Of these, 109 have been assessed – with 86 accepted and 23 refused. 3 applications are currently undergoing assessment, while 24 have been deemed invalid and require further information. There are currently 504 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 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

#### Housing Grant Approvals and Payments

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

#### Expenditure to Date

To date in 2025, a total of €530,139 has been paid out under the Housing Grants Programme, covering 98 individual grants. This expenditure reflects:

- 28 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability (HGD),
- 12 Mobility Aids Grants (MAG), and
- 58 Housing Aid for Older People (HOP).

#### Committed Expenditure

At present, a total of €845,048 has been approved under the Housing Grants Programme but has not yet been drawn down by applicants. This covers 141 individual grants, broken down as follows:

- 39 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability (HGD),
- 16 Mobility Aids Grants (MAG), and
- 86 Housing Aid for Older People (HOP).

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

## Housing Grant Applications Under Assessment

In addition to the approvals already issued, we also have a pipeline of new applications currently under assessment. These include 23 Housing Aid for Older People applications, 8 Mobility Aids applications and 9 Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability.

## Housing Grants Workshop and Implementation of Revised Unit Rates

During September, the Council held a workshop with Council Officials and Elected Members. During this session, Elected Members were informed of the revised unit rates for eligible works under the three grant schemes: the Mobility Aids Grant, the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with Disabilities, and the Housing Aid for Older People Grant. These revised rates came into effect on 23 September 2025.

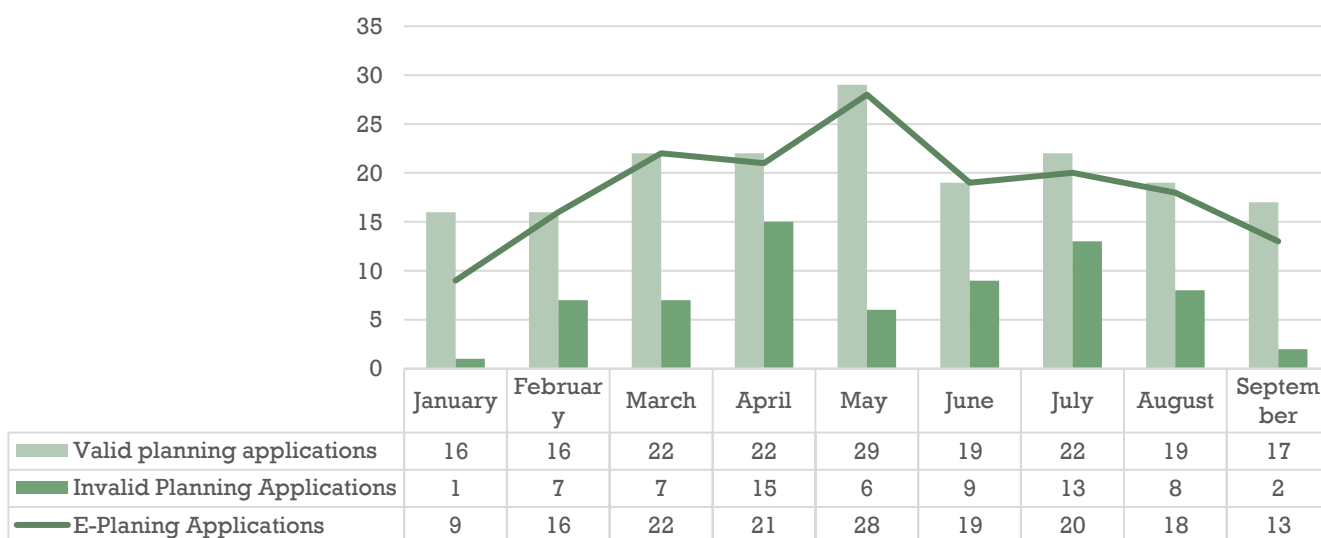
All eligible applications that were on hand but had not been issued an approval letter by 23 September will be assessed using the revised unit rates. However, applications that were assessed and received approval prior to this date under the previous unit rates will not be eligible to have the new rates applied retrospectively.

## Social Housing Rent Review 2025

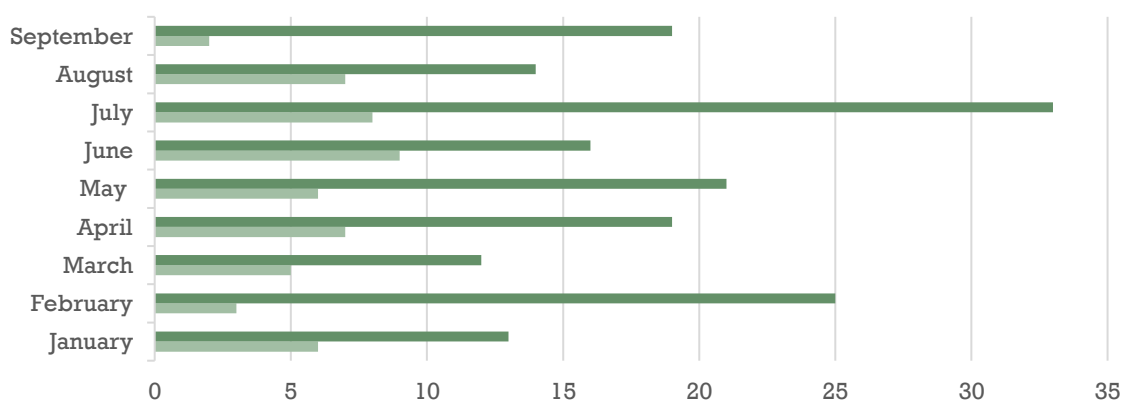
The rent review process for approximately 1,600 local authority and leasing tenancies remains ongoing. Further updates will be provided as the review advances toward completion.

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Planning applications January - September 2025



## Breakdown of Planning Decisions January - September 2025



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
■ Final Decisions	13	25	12	19	21	16	33	14	19
■ Retention planning permission	6	3	5	7	6	9	8	7	2

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## Further Information Requests

	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
<b>January</b>	12	12	9
<b>February</b>	10	7	4
<b>March</b>	9	9	4
<b>April</b>	12	6	21
<b>May</b>	7	6	7
<b>June</b>	14	7	7
<b>July</b>	18	12	2
<b>August</b>	13	8	4
<b>September</b>	14	12	6

## Forward Planning

### Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

### Variation to County Development Plan 2023-2029

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



## Heritage

- The *O'Rourke's of Leitrim* website is being developed and will display all project outputs including the trail map, booklet, education pack, Storymap and videos.
- The Leitrim Heritage Forum meet to formulate actions for the Leitrim Heritage Plan 2026 – 2030. The plan is progressing and is now at draft stage.
- A Creative Ireland funded project is being developed which will focus on engaging people with traditional knitting practices from Leitrim.
- The new podcast series of *Leitrim Memory Meitheals* is progressing. This forms part of the Connecting Through Heritage Podcast Series. Five interviews have taken place, and episodes are being edited.

### SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 

Joseph Gilhooly Chief Executive

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025