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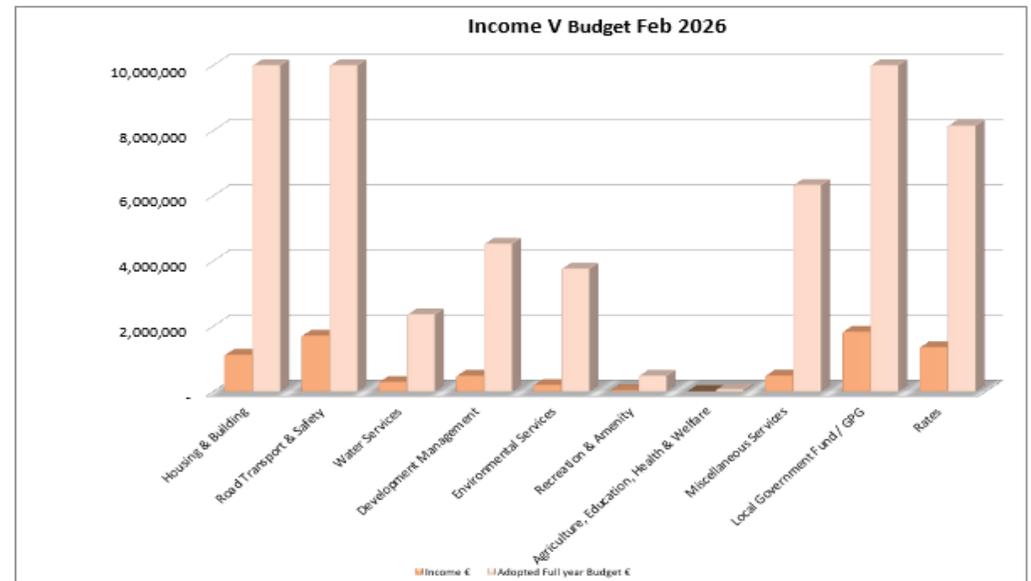
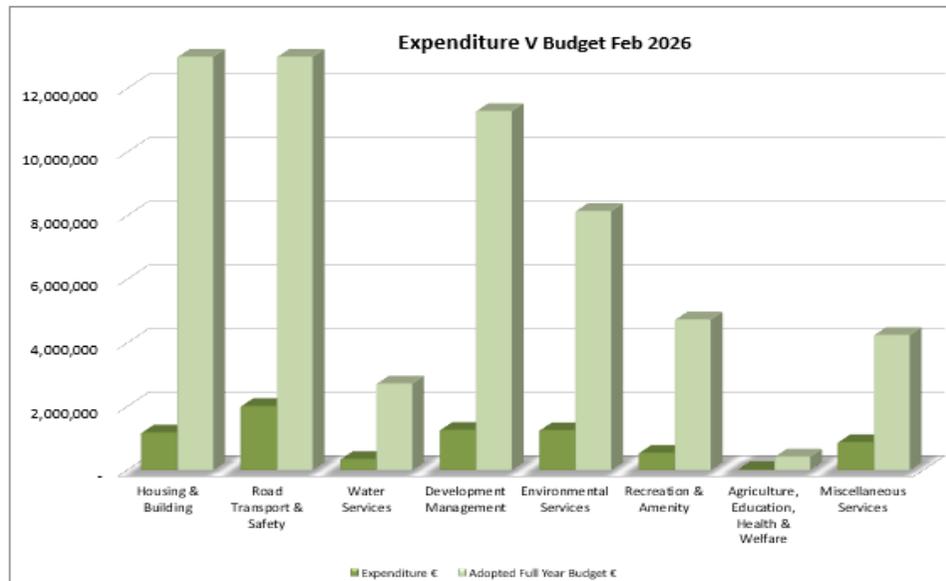
Feb 2026 - Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

(PRELIMINARY February, 2026 - FIGURES)

		EXPENDITURE			
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent	Budget Remaining €
A	Housing & Building	1,182,421	13,234,760	9%	12,052,339
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,016,715	19,314,283	10%	17,297,568
C	Water Services	349,520	2,721,921	13%	2,372,401
D	Development Management	1,265,530	11,293,097	11%	10,027,567
E	Environmental Services	1,253,542	8,147,280	15%	6,893,738
F	Recreation & Amenity	543,521	4,737,454	11%	4,193,933
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	22,665	426,673	5%	404,008
H	Miscellaneous Services	879,709	4,251,309	21%	3,371,600
LG	Local Government Fund / GPG	0	0	0%	0
RA	Rates			0%	0
		€7,513,623	€64,126,777	12%	56,613,154

		INCOME			
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €
		1,120,716	12,840,667	9%	11,719,951
		1,708,235	14,628,645	12%	12,920,410
		290,025	2,361,229	12%	2,071,204
		478,525	4,527,880	11%	4,049,355
		197,755	3,765,175	5%	3,567,420
		40,490	480,440	8%	439,950
		1,112	65,185	2%	64,073
		484,197	6,332,092	8%	5,847,895
		1,829,677	10,978,059	17%	9,148,383
		1,357,901	8,147,405	17%	6,789,504
		€7,508,632	€64,126,777	12%	56,618,145

		NET	
		Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €	Fav/(Unfav) €
		(61,704)	332,389
		(308,481)	4,377,157
		(59,496)	301,196
		(787,005)	5,978,212
		(1,055,787)	3,326,318
		(503,030)	3,753,984
		(21,553)	339,935
		(395,512)	(2,476,295)
		1,829,677	(9,148,383)
		1,357,901	(6,789,504)
		(4,991)	(4,991)



MAIN POINTS AS AT END OF Feb, 2026

- The preparation of 2025 AFS is currently ongoing.
- 2025 collection figures are not finalised and remain provisional
- The 2026 Rates Invoices were issued in Jan 2026

Feb 2026 - Recourse to Overdraft

No. of Days in Overdraft during Jan 2026

0

Interest Incurred

€0

2026 - Collection Rates

YTD

	€ Feb-26	€ Feb-25	€ FY 2025
Housing Rents	€643,504	€508,339	€3,029,862
Commercial Rates	€785,892	€593,208	€7,276,537
Housing Loans	€60,984	€56,083	€374,688

YTD

% Feb-26	% Feb-25	% FY 2025
82%	92%	98%
8%	6%	81%
93%	60%	98%

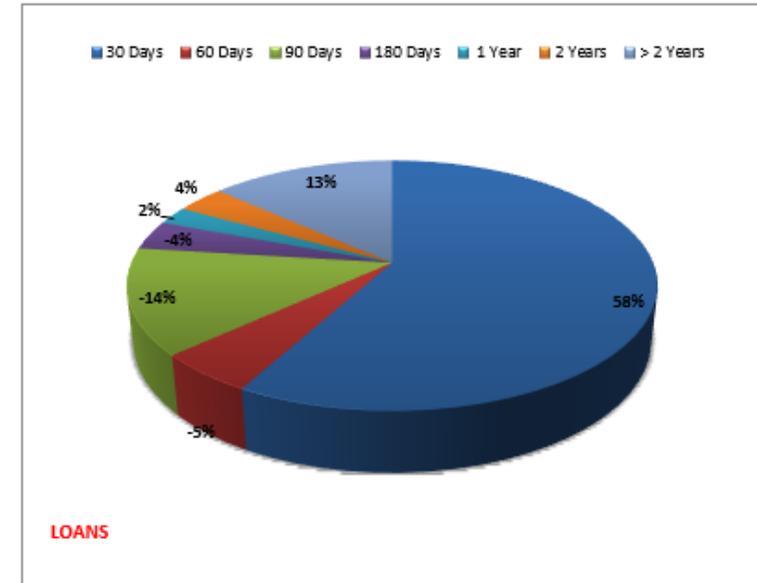
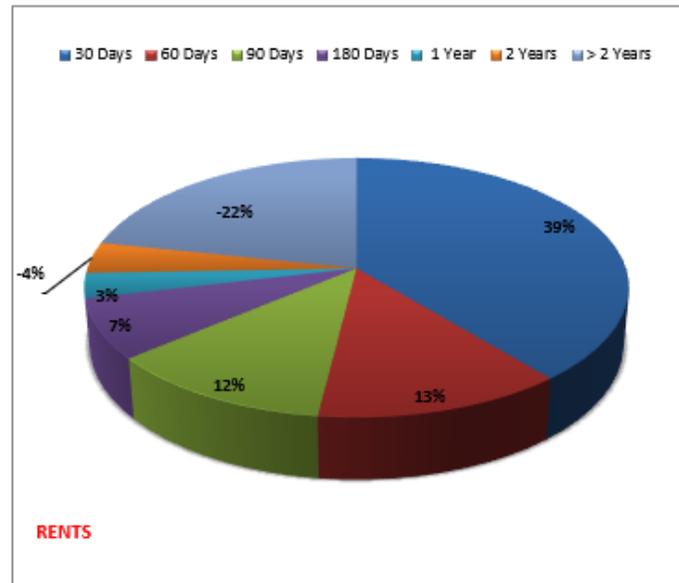
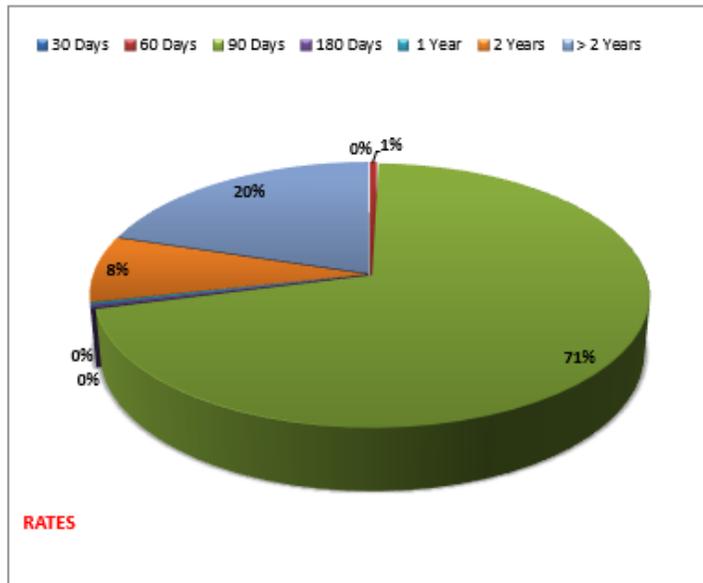
COMMENTARY

Rents collection remains consistent. 2025 accounts not yet finalised

Rates collection % ahead of Feb 2025. The 2025 accounts not yet finalised

Loans collection % ahead of Feb 2025. The 2025 accounts not yet finalised

Feb 2026 - Aged Debt Analysis



	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	180 Days	1 Year	2 Years	> 2 Years
RATES	€0	€46,769	€7,359,851	€41,695	€31,254	€848,145	€2,112,031
RENTS	€132,575	€44,089	€40,465	€25,265	€10,641	-€13,305	-€73,662
LOANS	€64,640	-€5,800	-€15,242	-€4,211	€2,625	€3,927	€14,925

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan (CAP)

1. Progression of feasibility study for District Heating in Carrick-on-Shannon with consultant AECOM Ireland is ongoing. Stakeholder engagement frozen, model of preferred locations / heat source. Final report expected, April 2026
2. Met Jacinta Barrins with Community Development (10 February 2026) about roll out of an 11-week course for Over-55s (Sept – Dec '26) along with Sligo and Donegal LAs.
3. DCEE Webinar on Horizon funding (11 February '26), open to end of 2027. A new fund of €1.5m in 2026 for climate action across all local authorities (detail TBC)
4. Support for Fair Trade month in Carrick-on-Shannon, launch (4 February 2026) and parade (24 February 26)
5. Met LDC on seed library (11 February '26), Library to facilitate subject to appropriate protocol. To meet Kildare CC on their experience. Caillin Reynolds (LDC) presented on Leitrim Community Garden Network, CA lunch and learn (27 February '26).
6. Carrick-on-Shannon Climate Action DZ taskforce meeting (24 February '26), minutes available
7. Discussion and preparation of potential projects within the Decarbonising Zone for funding application(s) to NWRA ERDF DZ Scheme under Climate Adaptation and Green Infrastructure themes. Potential for €50k for Project type 1 (plans / studies) or €250k (shovel ready implementation). Deadline moved to 6 March 2026
8. Support Arts on lead for application to Creative Climate fund, open until 15 April 2026. Shared Island element, requirement for partnerships. Potential €400,000 - €750,000 available

Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) Fund

<u>CCAP Strand 1 Phase 1 & Strand 1a</u>	<u>CCAP Strand 1 Phase 2</u>
The closing date for completion of works under Strand 1 Phase 1 & Strand 1a has had a blanket extension to 1 May 2026 (all projects to be completed).	Evaluation process completed (12 February 2026) and recommendation sent to Department (DCEE).

Biodiversity

1. Successful launch of Biodiversity Action Plan (2026 – 2031) at the Barn, Drumhierny Woods, Leitrim Village 5 March 2026
2. Heritage Council Local Biodiversity Action Plan Fund 2025 applications submitted for funding to support the development of our Biodiversity Action Plan
3. Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) submitted funding applications for projects to NPWS
4. Lead on an application for project under the NWRA ERDF fund under theme for Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity related to Tree and Hedgerow management in Carrick-on-Shannon

ENVIRONMENT

Animal Control Services Activity

Intake & Outcomes	
Stray Dogs	3
Surrendered Dogs	10
Seized Dogs	0
Equines Seized	0
Stray Dogs	3

Dogs Re-Homed	14
Dogs Reclaimed	0
Dog Deaths	0
Dogs Euthanised	1
Dogs Re-Homed	14

Complaints, Enforcement & Licensing	
Dog Fouling Complaints	2
Barking Complaints	0
Livestock Attacks/Worrying	0
Dog Control & Roaming Complaints	10
Dog Licence Inspections	200
Fines Issued – Dogs	0

Animal Welfare Services	
Dogs Neutered	8
Neutering Vouchers Issued	8
Dogs Micro-Chipped	4
Animal Carcasses Removed	3
Dog Waste Station Service Visits	57
Dog Waste Bags Dispensed	2500

Communication & Engagement	
Newspaper Articles / Radio	8
School / Community Workshops	0
Social Media Posts	27

COMMUNITY AND INTERGATION

Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Applications for LEP 2026 closed on the 27th February, with 177 applications received. Leitrim's allocation for 2026 is €119,043.40.

Age Friendly Programme

Leitrim's Age Friendly Programme Manager, Technical Advisor and Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator attended the Age Friendly Ireland National Residential Meeting. This was the first time all Age Friendly job roles attended a residential meeting together and the event provided an opportunity for enhanced networking and learning.

The National Older People's Convention takes place in Athlone in 2026 with rooms reserved for Leitrim's representatives.

Healthy Ireland

The 2025 report for Healthy Ireland has now been completed and submitted to Pobal. All expressions of interest have been circulated to implementing partners for 2026 and budget has been agreed. Service level agreements are being signed and all programme funding will be allocated to implementing partners by March 13th. The period dignity report has been submitted to the Department of Health and funding for 2026 has been applied for.

Community Recognition Fund

Leitrim has been allocated over €2.2 million under this funding programme, which is being 16 capital projects throughout the county. As at the end of January 2026, 6 of these projects have been completed.

Love Where You Live

The Love Where You Live Primary Schools competition is now open for all Primary Schools in Leitrim to enter part by submitting a project inspired by this year's theme, Climate Action. The deadline for submissions is Friday, 24th April 2026.

Leitrim PEACEPLUS Action Plan (1.1)

Local Community Regeneration & Transformation

- Play & Art Therapy Centre, Drumkeeran - Contractor Paul Gallagher formally appointed and works have commenced onsite.
- Construction works proceeding on schedule at Coleman's (Carrick Youth Arts & Community Space)
- Maguire Architects have been appointed to Project Manage MUGA in Ballinamore. Tender package currently being prepared.

Thriving & Peaceful Communities

- QQI Level 7 - 25 progressing with programme. Two online session & a 2-day residential on NUI Maynooth Campus have been completed to date
- Volunteer Support Programme - Tender awarded to Leitrim Volunteer Centre, contract signed & project initiation meeting held 16.02.26. Will be working with Joe Mooney Summer School on Youth Volunteer element - 4 weeks of summer camps in The Junction & Dromahair Court House
- Digital Camps for Young People - Feb Mid-Term - Kinlough - 3 days delivered by the Fab lab 12 & 13th Feb. 2 days in The Junction with Foróige Youth Scape Group & Youth Reach
- 24.02.25 - YSI Scratch Trip to DCU with 20 students from Mohill CS

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

- Practical Skills Training Programme - Ballinamore Area Community Council to roll out training opportunities in tractor skills, ATV (quad bike), LANTRA-F – Bespoke agricultural First Aid, Safe Pass Certification, Abrasive Wheel & Safety Awareness/Physical Awareness.
- Diversity Through the Arts – Planning 1 week summer camp in 2026 for drama project with young people with Downs Syndrome & their parents/guardians
- Technical Training Camps for Young People - 30 Mar – 3 April – Film Camp planned for The Junction, Ballinamore.

PEACEPLUS Shannonside Peace Arena (1.4)

- The second Project Board meeting of 2026 was held in February, with representation from SEUPB, the Department for Communities (NI), DRCDG, McAdam Design, and SRC.
- The Large-Scale Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) application has entered its final review stage ahead of resubmission, incorporating updated financial projections and business costings, with submission targeted for the end of the month.
- LCC's PEACEPLUS Co-ordinator and Development Officer met with a representative of the SRC Accounts Committee to refine and streamline reporting processes and timelines.
- McAdam Design supplied LCC with the project's environmental compliance requirements through a BREEAM checklist, which is currently being progressed.
- LCC released an updated project timeline video and accompanying press release across council websites, local media, and social media platforms to showcase progress on the SRC project and outline forthcoming milestones.

Management

- Crowleys DFK auditors have been working on certifying our claims. Under the Council Action Plan we have 6 Claims up on the Jems Portal from Oct 2023 to June 2025. Claim periods are quarterly and our first 2 claims have been certified with no deductions.
 - Claim 1 - €24,176.94
 - Claim 2 - €30,411.42
 - We have responded to detailed queries on Claims 3, 4 & 5 are awaiting certification on these.
- The Shannonside Peace Arena Letter of Offer dates from Nov 2024 and there are 3 Claims on the portal. LCC have zero expenditure for first 2 claim periods and Claim 3, amounting to €19, 553.61 is currently under verification by Crowleys.

Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

- Inaugural Meeting for Leitrim LCSP held. Pat Forde elected as Chairperson, Cllr Maeve Reynolds elected as Vice Chair.
- Attendance at National Office of Community Safety Network Meeting
- Meeting held of Youth Drug and Alcohol Education Awareness Working Group, Consultation Survey with Post Primary School Principals/Coordinator around the County commended to establish status of education delivery to young people at present
- Development of Community & Integration Operating Procedure for Humanitarian Response developed, training programme for Emergency Helpline being developed.
- 8 Primary CSC's now have generator switches installed and testing carried out in each MD by Civil Defence and Facilities
- Funding recoupment from Dept has commenced for both Generators and Switch installations
- 11 satellite CSC's identified with EOI, inspection and quotation process ongoing.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

In February, the IRPP Working Group held its first meeting. The Integration Team delivered nine clinics to assess needs and connect participants with appropriate supports—two for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) and seven in IPAS Centres. A consultation evening was also held in an IPAS Centre to gather resident feedback and promote community engagement.

Additionally, two information sessions took place:

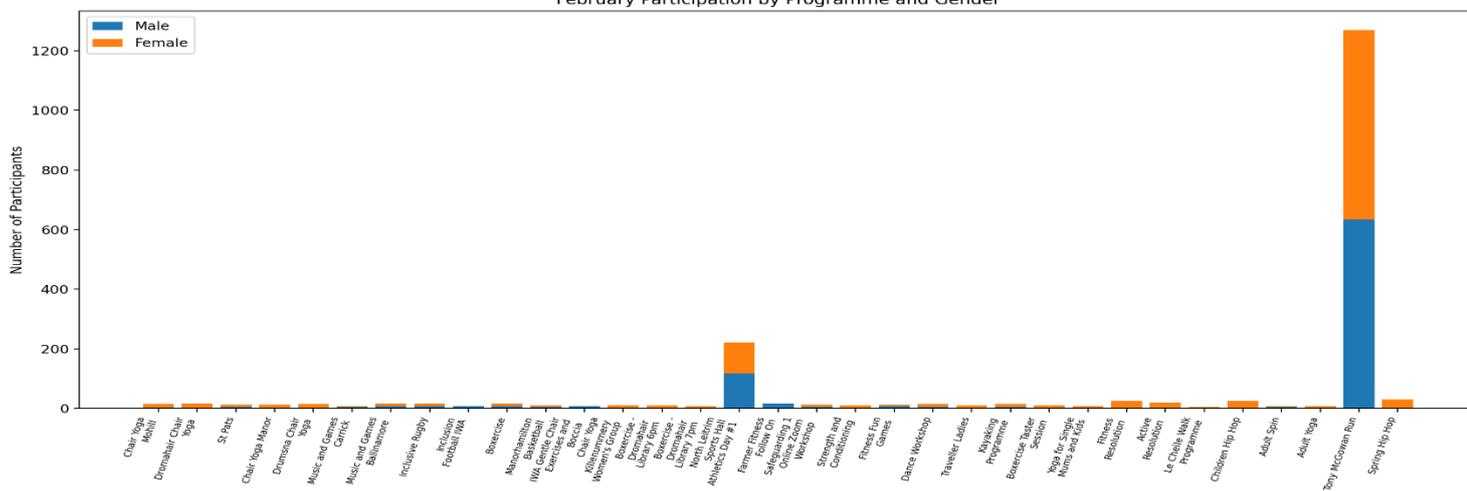
- Community Volunteering Session - Open to all community members, highlighting the value of volunteering and attended by both BOTP and IPA participants.
- Housing Information Session for IPAs - Delivered by DePaul, covering documentation requirements, social housing and HAP applications, and preparation for entering the private rental market.

There were no activations for Offer a Home in February.

LEITRIM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Leitrim Sports Partnership - February 2026 Participation Summary

February Participation by Programme and Gender

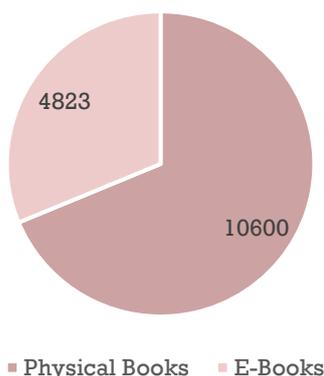


Category	Activity Description	Total Participants	Male	Female
Active Age	Chair Yoga Mohill 03.02.26 - 6 weeks	15	3	12
Active Age	Dromahair Chair Yoga 4th - 6 weeks	17	0	17
Active Age	St Pats Feb 19th - March 26th	12	5	7
Active Age	Chair Yoga Manor Thursday 26th - 4 weeks	12	0	12
Active Age	Drumsna Chair Yoga 05/02/26	15	0	15
Active Age	Music and Games Carrick 17.02.26	7	4	3
Active Age	Music and Games Ballinamore 16.02.26	16	7	9
Disability	Inclusive Rugby 14.02.26	16	7	9
Disability	Inclusion Football IWA 11.02.26	7	7	0
Disability	Boxercise 24.02.26 - 6 weeks	16	7	9
Disability	Manorhamilton Basketball 6 weeks 24.02.26	10	5	5
Disability	Irish Wheelchair Association - Gentle Chair Exercises, Games and Boccia 17.02.26	7	7	0
Community Sports Development Officer	Chair Yoga Killenummery Women's Group - 4-week programme @ Killenummery Community Hall - 7th February	11	0	11
Community Sports Development Officer	Boxercise Fitness Classes - 4-week programme @ Dromahair Library - 12th February 6pm - 7pm	10	0	10
Community Sports Development Officer	Boxercise Fitness Classes - 4-week programme @ Dromahair Library - 12th February 7pm - 8pm	9	0	9
Community Sports Development Officer	North Leitrim Sports Hall Athletics Day #1 @ St. Clares Sports Complex Manorhamilton - 7 schools from North Leitrim - February 18th	221	117	104
Community Sports Development Officer	Farmer Fitness follow on 6-week Programme @ Canon Donohue Hall Mohill - February 18th	16	16	0
Community Sports Development Officer	Safeguarding 1 Online Zoom Workshop - February 24th	13	6	7
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	Strength and Conditioning class for female victims of domestic violence - Inclusion Hub Leitrim Village	10	0	10

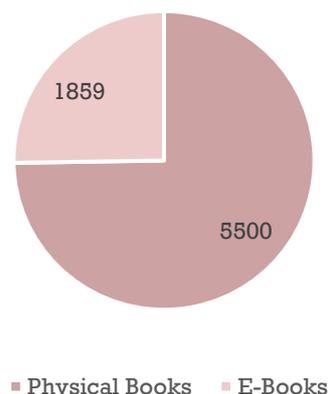
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	Fitness fun games for children from disadvantaged backgrounds - Ballinamore	12	9	3
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	Dance workshop for early school leavers aged 16-19 - Inclusion Hub Leitrim Village	15	4	11
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	Traveller Ladies 3-month Aqua Aerobics and Gym programme with Aura Leisure	10	0	10
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	4-week Kayaking programme for early school leavers	15	4	11
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	Boxercise Taster session for female victims of DV - Inclusion Hub Leitrim Village	10	0	10
ESF+ Social Innovation in Sport Officer	Yoga for Single Mums and their Kids - Mayflower Drumshanbo	8	1	7
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Fitness Resolution - Mayflower - 4 Weeks - 07 Jan 2026	25	0	25
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Active Resolution - Mayflower - 4 Weeks - 12 Jan 2026	19	0	19
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Le Cheile Walk Programme - Mayflower - 6 Weeks - 12 Jan 2026	6	1	5
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Children Hip Hop - Mayflower - 5 Weeks - 16 Jan 2026	25	0	25
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Adult Spin - Mayflower - 5 Weeks - 15 Jan 2026	7	5	2
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Adult Yoga - Mayflower - 4 Weeks - 05 Feb 2026	7	0	7
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Tony McGowan Run - Drumshanbo - 1 Day - 15 Feb 2026	1270	635	635
Drumshanbo Community Sports Hub	Spring Hip Hop - Mayflower - 5 Weeks - 27 Feb 2026	30	0	30
Totals		1899	850	1049

LIBRARY SERVICES

Total Borrowed Library Books Year to Date 2026



February 2026



During the month of February, the usual events such as book club and writer group meetings as well as craft groups, scrabble, bridge and language sessions took place. Creative writing for Young Adults continued in Dromahair Library. Women's Wellbeing Talk by Maj Cunningham was hosted in Dromahair, Carrick, Drumshanbo and Mohill Libraries. OurKidz Coding Workshop continued in Drumshanbo Library and was well received. There was good usage of the Sensory Room at Mohill Library and Cubbie at Manorhamilton Library.

Ireland Reads Campaign

Ireland Reads day took place on Saturday 28th February. The Ireland Reads Campaign which encourages everybody to rediscover the joy of reading and 'to get lost in a good book' ran throughout the month of February. Staff from all branch libraries in the county posted personal recommendations and encouraged local ambassadors to promote reading and library services via social media video clips.

Branches held events in the lead up to the Ireland Reading Day and on the day itself. Events included - Author Joe Nestor facilitating an event in Carrick-on-Shannon and Dromahair library while Manorhamilton Library hosted an event by author Brian Leydon.

Dementia Inclusive Club

A new bi-weekly Dementia Inclusive Social Club has commenced in Carrick on-Shannon Library. The club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people and exchange ideas and experiences.

Shannon Waters Flow Project

Shannon water flows was launched at Ballinamore Library on Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm. This project explores the songs, stories and cultural change of 1920s Leitrim. The project, Shannon Waters Flow, led by traditional singer and researcher Fionnuala Maxwell was funded by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport

A major strand of Shannon Waters Flow involves making archive material accessible to new audiences. Digitised audio, historical notes and curated resources are being shared through library platforms and the Rakes of Music collection. The launch event in Ballinamore Library featured an illustrated talk, live performances of songs from the period, projected archival material and a demonstration of newly created digital resources.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGENERATION, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STEM Passport for Inclusion- Maynooth University & ATU

Engagement with employers on supporting the STEM passport for inclusion Programme with work placements was carried out in February 2026.

STEMtacular 2026

This event took place on February 25th & 26th, support in the form of staff time across the two days and sponsorship were given given.

Carrick on Shannon Community CCTV Scheme Extension

Engaged J&N Security consulting to prepare revised costings for phase 2 of the Carrick Community CCTV Scheme.

Carrick on Shannon Business Campus

Meetings with BABLE GmbH and the working group commenced in February to progress the consultancy services for the priming phase of the proposed Enterprise Hub at the Carrick-on-Shannon Business Campus. Stakeholder consultations are scheduled to take place in early March.

Leitrim Economic Forum

The Leitrim Economic Forum meeting took place on February 6th; a significant part of this meeting was dedicated to a consultation workshop with members on the the upcoming Economic and Skills Strategy. The next meeting of the Economic Forum will take place on May 8th, 2026.

Global Business Network

A meeting of the Leitrim Global Business Network took place on 24 February 2026. Work is progressing on the planning for the Leitrim Ambassadors Summit, which is set to take place on 24th and 25th of September 2026. The Working Group are continuing to meet on a regular basis to progress matters.

Remote Working Marketing Campaign

The evaluation of submissions for the tender to appoint consultants for a social media marketing campaign was completed in February, and the successful consultant will be appointed in early March.

DRCF Funded Schemes

The Town and Village letter of offer has been issued by the Department and letters have now been issued to successful projects funded under Town and Village scheme 2025.

Information Briefing sessions took place in the three MD's during February in the following locations Drumshanbo, Manorhamilton and Mohill. The sessions covered CLÁR, Town and Village and ORIS funding schemes.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has announced the Sixth Call for Category 1 proposals for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) was open on Friday 27th February, with a closing date of 28th July 2026

TOURISM

Marketing

The first phase of the LEADER funded 2026 marketing campaign was successfully launched, delivering a broad and coordinated media presence. The campaign combined TV advertising, radio broadcasts, video on demand placements, and podcast advertising to ensure comprehensive audience coverage.

Engagement was further strengthened through prize giveaways on RTÉ 2FM and RTÉ Lyric FM, helping to drive listener participation and brand recall. Performance data is being reviewed continuously, with early results indicating strong reach, high visibility, and positive engagement trends across all channels. The central call to action directed audiences to the website - www.enjoyleitrim.ie, where businesses from across the county submitted special offers designed to encourage visit and local spend.

Presentations

The Tourism Team delivered a presentation to the Rural Development Coordination Group outlining progress on current initiatives and introducing several new projects in development. The update also included an overview of Failte Ireland's regional Destination Experience Development Plans highlighting how national priorities align with local tourism objectives and upcoming opportunities for collaboration.

Support Initiatives

Applications for the St. Patrick's Day Events were received and evaluated and 12 towns and villages across the County have received funding support. All events will be promoted across all the social media channels. Festival and Community Grants Scheme was also live with a closing date of the 1st March.

Meetings

Attendance at the initial preparation meeting for the EU Presidency twinning arrangement with Cyprus marked the beginning of Leitrim's involvement in the programme. As part of Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency, Leitrim has been formally twinned with Cyprus for the duration of the term. The meeting focused on outlining the objectives of the twinning initiative, early planning requirements, and opportunities for tourism, cultural, civic, and community exchange between both regions.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE (LEO)

Training, Mentoring & Export

A number of people received training in February as we ran a series of courses such as Canva for Beginners; How to Develop a Winning Business Plan and a Marketing Advice Clinic.

Demand for one-to-one mentoring continues to remain high. Assistance is also available on Export related issues and can be booked online free of charge to discuss any issues facing businesses or identifying and managing opportunities available for exporting.

All In A Days Work Programmes & Associated Financial Supports

The "All In A Days Work" campaign continues to be rolled out on the areas of Lean, Green and Digital supports. There is significant growth in demand for all three supports, in particular the Energy Efficiency Grant (EEG) and Grow Digital (GD) Voucher. The EEG, with up to 75% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €10,000 can be supported following the completion of a Green for Business, Green Start or a SEAI Energy Audit. The GD voucher is a grant covering 50% of eligible costs (minimum grant of €500 up to a maximum grant of €5,000) limited to new software subscriptions for a period of 12 and training and configuration of the software.

Atlantic Economic Corridor Update:

Interreg Europe Digital Rural: 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.

PEACE Plus – DS3 Project

As part of the DS3 Project under PEACE Plus (Smart Towns & Villages) workshops and clinics with the Mobile Fab Lab have commenced. The project will run until July 2028 and offers free digital mentoring, skills development and community-focused digital inclusion activities. This programme will be of interest to SMEs, micro businesses, community/voluntary groups and individuals located in rural towns and villages.

Creative Heartlands

The programme ‘Creative Heartlands on Screen’ continues with training and mentoring for the screen sector in Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon with funding from Screen Ireland. Training and networking events have commenced and will run until May 2026. A comprehensive mentorship programme is being established.

Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan Implementation

Northwest Vision Development

The 3 Chief Executives from Leitrim/Sligo/Donegal are collaborating to develop a Northwest Region Vision which will feed into the REP development in 2026. Leitrim CoCo is represented on the project by Director of Economic Development and the NW Programme Manager. A presentation from the consultants OCO was made to group in late January. The draft document will be considered by the group in early February with direction given to OCO for final document.

Energy Working Group

A multi-agency supported project is underway which will explore the opportunities available to both the Northwest and West Regions with available unused energy from our renewable energy sources e.g. onshore wind energy. Opportunities being explored are green energy parks, marketing, hydrogen etc. Leitrim CoCo is represented on the project by Director of Economic Development and the NW Programme Manager. The West REP is taking the lead on this project with next steps include finalizing report, securing buy-in and hosting regional/online seminars on findings.

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. A half day workshop was held in late January with 11 entrepreneurs in preparation for the two-day event in February.

Next REP development

The final report of the Northwest Regional Enterprise Plan 2022-2025 is currently in draft form and was submitted to DETE in mid-January. Once approved by DETE will be published on DETE website. Currently DETE are undergoing a review of the REPs with the intention of taking recommendations from the review towards the next REP development which is due to kick off Q1 2026.

TOWN REGENERATION

Croí Conaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

February 2026, 8 new applications were received, total number of applications in 2026 is 19. During this reporting period, 2 grant payments were processed, relating to applications submitted in 2023,2024 and early 2025.

Leitrim County Council have been notified that the Vacant Above the Shop Grant will be launch in the coming months with details to follow.

Town Team Meeting

There was 1 town meeting that occurred in February, Dromahair Town Team, which was attended by Leitrim County Council staff on the 12th of February.

Dromahair	Kinlough	Manorhamilton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a public meeting to explain their role and share progress to date Expression of interest will be published for anyone who would like to join their wider town team. 	The Kinlough Town Team in partnership with Leitrim County Council has recently secured funding under the RRDF to progress detailed design work and plans in support of a potential future Category 1 funding application for a community facility on Barrack Street, Kinlough.	The Manorhamilton Town Team has finalised its Town Centre First Plan and are currently preparing to launch the plan.

ROADS

Annual Area Programme 2026 & Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026

The Annual Area Programme 2026 and Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026 have been prepared and were approved at the Municipal District Meetings in February 2026.

Non National Road Allocation 2026

A total Allocation of €15,777,075 was received in February 2026 from the Department of Transport in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on Regional and Local Roads in County Leitrim in 2026. This can be broken down as follows:

Restoration Improvement Grant	€7,850,000
Restoration Maintenance Grant	€1,783,500
Discretionary Maintenance Grant	€1,832,000
Bridge Rehabilitation Grant	€571,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€360,000
Community Involvement Scheme	€407,075
Safety Improvement Works	€371,000
Specific Improvement Grant	€725,000
Training Grant	€51,500
PSCI: Survey Support	€16,000
Drainage Works Grant	€410,000
Former National Road Grant	€200,000
Strategic Regional and Local Road (Hartley Bridge)	€1,200,000
Total Non National Road Grants Allocation for 2026	€15,777,075

National Road Grant Allocations 2026

A total Allocation of €3,103,219 has been received for 2026 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), in respect of Improvement and Maintenance Works on the National Roads Network in County Leitrim in 2026. This can be broken down between Improvement and Maintenance Works as follows: -

Grant Allocation towards Improvement Works on National Roads	€1,948,000
Grant Allocation towards Maintenance Works on National Roads	€355,219
Major Schemes - N4 Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod	€800,000
Total Improvement & Maintenance Grant Allocation for National Roads	€3,103,219

Pavement Overlays

N16 HD17 Road Safety Inspections – Works include:

- **N16 Glenfarne VRU improvements** – Leitrim County Council have appointed consultants RoadPlan to develop the safety scheme in conjunction with the N16 Stradrine to Esky Bridge Pavement Overlay Scheme.

Leitrim Greenways & Active Travel Severance Scheme

- **The N16 Manorhamilton VRU Improvement scheme** - Leitrim County Council developed a Feasibility and Options Report for submission to TII but there is no allocation for 2026.

Bridge Rehabilitation Programme

- **Shesknan Bridge Emergency Works** – Bridge Failure at Shesknan in North Leitrim with Local Road L-6100-0 closed to through traffic. Consultancy contract extended to assess and recommend bridge design options while Leitrim County Council develop funding options with the Department. The consultant engineers are progressing topographical surveying, ecological screening and ground investigation works.
- **De-Vegetation Contract on 18 No. Bridges** – This contract has been completed for the de-vegetation of 18 Bridges around the County in preparation for the 2026 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme. Quotation requests have been issued to ecologists for surveying of the bridges for rehabilitation.

Specific Improvement Grants – Works include:

- **R280 Loughmurrin Realignment** – A new consultant engineer has been appointed for the scheme and is developing initial stages.
- **R280 Erriff Retaining wall Rehabilitation** –. A retender is required for the Ground investigation works

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The CIS allocation for 2026 is €407,075. This will be divided between the three municipal districts.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The 2026 LIS allocation has been received. It is €434,040. An updated prioritised LIS Waiting List is being prepared. Letters of offer based on this allocation will be issued in the next couple of weeks.

Roads in Charge (RIC) Queries

Processed This Month

Processed Year To Date

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

Abnormal Load Permits

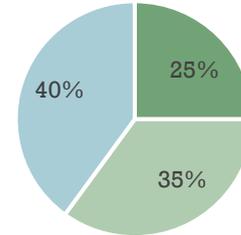
Permits Processed This month	Permits Issued Year to Date
02	06

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2025/2026

The closing date for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2025/2026 was Friday 30th January 2026. A total of 89 Applications were received.

- Previous/Repeat Applicants 81
- New Applicants 08

Hedge Cutting Grants - MD Breakdown



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ACTIVE TRAVEL

Safe Routes to School Project Updates



Under Construction (Completion Q1 2026)

- Mohill Community College – Works in Progress



Tender Stage

- St. Clare's NS, Manorhamilton – Tender Assessment



Awaiting Road Safety Audit

- Drumeela NS (SRTS Rd 3) – RSA Report Pending



Design Underway (Delivery Plan Received)

- Ballinamore Scoil Chlann Naofa (SRTS Rd 3) – Design & Part 8 Prep.



Design Ongoing

- Drumshanbo VS (SRTS Rd 3) – Design in Progress



Awaiting Delivery Plans from An Taisce

- Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen NS (SRTS Rd 4)
- St. Patrick's NS, Drumshanbo (SRTS Rd 4)

HOUSING

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029

- Target over 5 years 20 units of accommodation
- As of 28th February 2026, there was 6 No. Outputs achieved.
- This represents a **30%** completion of the overall 5-year target.

Social Housing Applications & Allocations

- **15** – Applications received for Social Housing Support
- **575** – Social Housing Waitlist
- **7** – New Tenancies

Housing Maintenance

Private Rented Inspection Programme 2026

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 2026, the Department has set a target of **313**.

2026 Target for Inspection	No. of Dwelling inspections completed on 28th February 2026	% Complete on 28th February 2026 out of the overall target
313	46	14.69%

There are **46** dwellings inspected, and **46** inspections carried out to date.

Stock Condition Surveys on Local Authority Houses 2026

The Housing Department have an annual target to inspect 20% of the Local Authority Housing Stock. (*The indicative target for the number of inspections in 2026 is **250** and this may be subject to change at a later date).

2026 Target for Surveys	No. of surveys completed on 28th February 2026	% Complete on 28th February 2026 out of the overall target.
250	50	20%

Private House Grants

At the end of February, the following table outlines the progress and status of Private House Grant applications, which are at various stages of completion.

At the end of February, the allocation for 2026 had not yet been announced by the Department; however, applications continue to be assessed and progressed while awaiting confirmation of this year's allocation.

	Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	Housing Adaptation for People with a Disability (HGD)	Mobility Aid Grant (MAG)

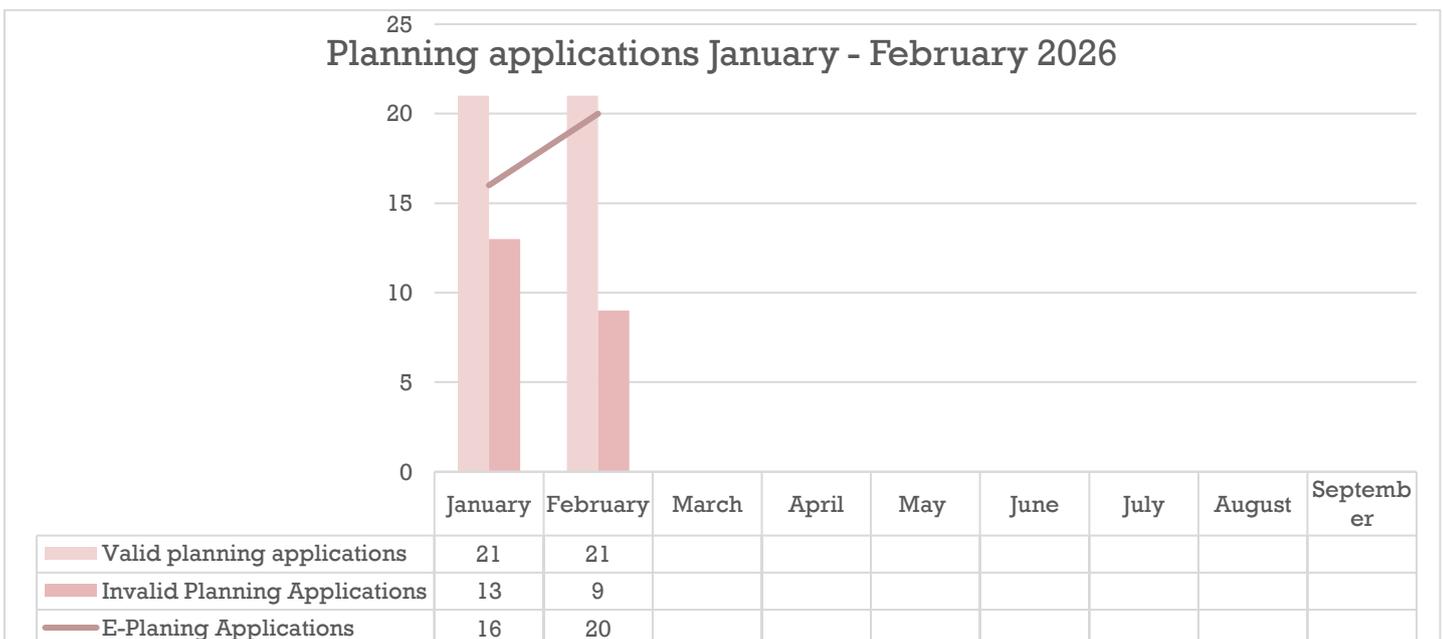
Number of Applications on Hand currently Under Assessment	24	21	9
Number of Approved Grants to Be Paid Following Completion and Final Inspection	56	27	12
Value of Approved Grants to Be Paid Following Completion and Final Inspection	€300,001.50	€350,353.55	€53,739.00

Housing Capital

The Housing Capital Team continue to progress the delivery of the annual targets under ‘Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 – 2030’. Details on the social housing (new housing construction dwellings pipelined for delivery) are as outlined in the table below:

2026 Pipeline Delivery Projects		
Location	Number of Units	Delivery Mechanism
Newtowngore	7	Direct Build
Sean McDermott Street	4	Direct Build
Dromahair	2	Turnkey
Drumkeerin	3	Turnkey
Kinlough	2	Turnkey
Drumshanbo	1	Part V
Kinlough	1	Part V
Dromod	2	Part V
Total No. of Units projected for delivery in 2026	22	

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT



	Further Information Requests Issued	Further Information Responses Received	Formal Pre-Planning Enquiries
January	8	14	7
February	17	10	3



A Part 8 Public Consultation process was underway with respect to the remodelling of the existing hard-standing plaza area to the front and side of the Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon. Submissions were invited before 4th February 2026. It is intended to bring a recommendation to the March Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District meeting. A further Part 8 Public Consultation process is underway with respect to an Active Travel project consisting of junction tightening and pedestrian priority upgrades at six locations within Drumshanbo. Submissions are invited before 20th April 2026.

Forward Planning

Variation to County Development Plan 2023-2029

We are presently at the stage of consultation on SEA scoping with designated environmental authorities which issued on 25th February last. We intend to publish our draft Variation on 15th April.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Draft RZLT maps were published on Friday 30th January and public consultation will run until April 1st. All of the information relating to the RZLT and the manner in which affected landowners can make submissions is on our website.

Heritage

- Funding applications have been submitted to the Heritage Council for 3 no. heritage projects. These are a *Heritage Public Awareness Project*, a *Community Holy Well Project* and a *Community Fieldnames Project*. Terms of reference have also been developed for the Holy Well and Fieldnames projects.
- The Draft Leitrim Heritage Plan public consultation has been launched. This will run for four weeks and invites the public to comment on the draft heritage plan.

- The Community Monument Fund 2026 applications have been assessed and four applications for conservation works and conservation plans have been forwarded to the Department for their consideration.
- *A Year of the Normans Project* is being developed to tell the story of the Norman influence in Leitrim and the northwest. This will be a joint project with Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon County Councils.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Signed: 
Mary Quinn Deputy Chief Executive

Date: 11th March 2026